



# Building Bridges Between Women and Girls: Preventing and Responding to Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo

## Photo Exhibit and Reception

Despite facing the reality of ongoing and unspeakable violence, women and girls in Eastern Congo demonstrate remarkable courage and resilience. Many of these women lead strong and supportive community-based programs, including those that prevent and respond to violence against women and girls.

Please join the International Rescue Committee (IRC), the Congressional African Staff Association, and Congolese women leaders for a networking reception from 5:00-7:00pm on Wednesday October 28, to learn more about the role of community-based organizations in responding to violence against women and girls in Eastern Congo.

The reception will take place in conjunction with *Vision not Victim*, a special exhibit of photographs featuring Congolese girls' visions of their future selves.

### Remarks:

#### **Lukogho Kasomo**

Vice President, Congressional African Staff Association

#### **Joelle Bisimwa,**

Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator,  
International Rescue Committee-DRC

#### **Meredith Hutchison,**

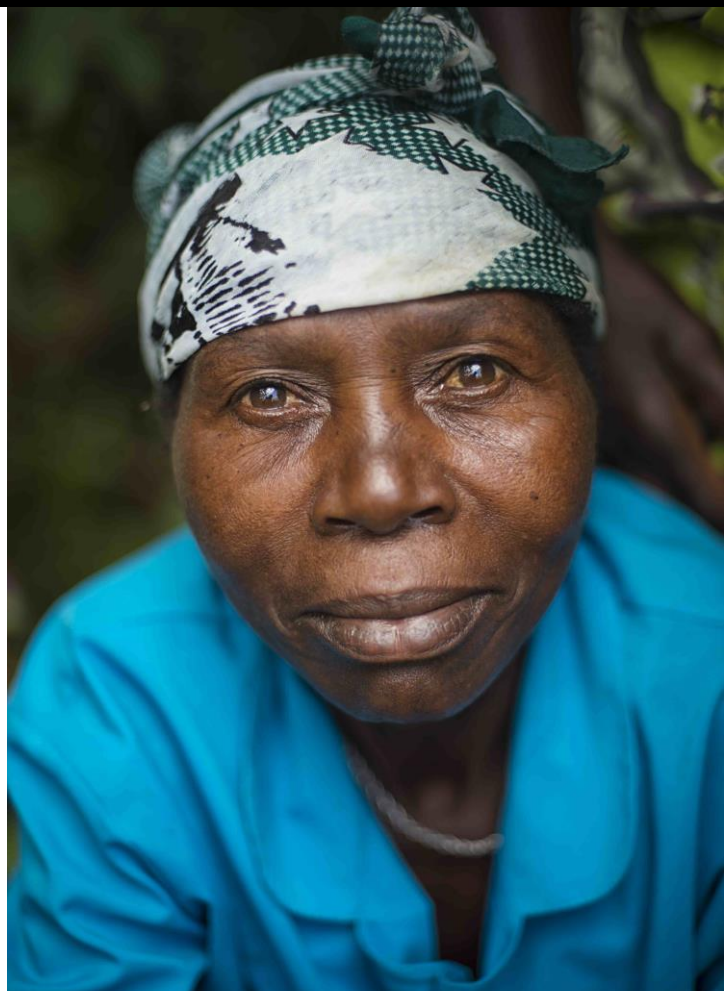
Voice and Visibility Coordinator,  
International Rescue Committee

#### **Bageni Yaeli Mukeshimana,**

Congolese Women's Leader

#### **Jacqueline Cibalonza,**

Congolese Women's Leader



**October 28, 2015**

**5:00-7:00pm**

**Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Room G11**



**Please RSVP by Oct 26 to Janine Kossen at [Janine.Kossen@rescue.org](mailto:Janine.Kossen@rescue.org)**