



Building Bridges Between Women and Girls Internationally and in the US: Preventing and Responding to Violence in the DRC and Beyond

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. As more Congolese women and girls are resettled to the US, they continue to demonstrate strength in the face of challenges in a new country.

Please join the International Rescue Committee for a dynamic panel presentation on the role of community-based organizations in responding to violence against women and girls in Eastern Congo, and new research findings on providing continued support for Congolese and other refugee women resettled in the US.

Opening Remarks:

Anne C. Richard
Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

Panelists:

Bageni Yaeli Mukeshimana
Congolese Women's Leader

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2:00-4:00pm**

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