Good Practices in the Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls Through Addressing Gender-Based Violence

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13:15-14:30
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Gender-based violence is a universal problem rooted in the underlying inequality between men and women, boys and girls, and is a major barrier to women and girls’ social and economic empowerment. Violence against women and girls creates barriers to their participation in economic, political and social spheres and limits the potential for their development, as well as for the development of society as a whole. Global prevalence indicates that while 30% of women worldwide have experienced some form of GBV in their relationships, higher rates are evidenced in rural than in urban areas. Levels of GBV against women and girls also increase at times of crises, for example during conflict and displacement, thereby further undermining women and girls’ safety and wellbeing.

This side event will showcase good practice programming in achieving empowerment of women and girls in rural areas, including displaced women and girls, and will make the case for interventions which address harmful social norms and gender-based violence.

Opening Remarks:

Moderator:
Kayce Freed Jennings, Co-Founder of The Documentary Group

Speakers include:
Brid Kennedy, Concern Worldwide, Regional Director
Steven Impani, Trócaire (Malawi), Gender Equality Technical Adviser
Nicole Benham, International Rescue Committee, Head of Violence Prevention & Response Unit
Esther Karnley, International Rescue Committee (Liberia), Women’s Empowerment and Protection Coordinator

Closing Remarks:
Dominic MacSorley, Chair, Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence and CEO, Concern Worldwide

If you wish to attend this event, please RSVP through the following link: https://goo.gl/forms/wWJU0jcoVuBBZHg22

Registration for this event closes on Friday 16 March or once maximum capacity has been reached. As this event will be held in the main UN building any attendees without a badge will be required to obtain a Special Event Ticket (SET) and RSVP is mandatory. Kindly note that registration is not a guarantee of entry. Seating is first come, first served. Please plan to arrive early.

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