

# **Survivors' Voices:**

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## **Survivors of GBV as Global Catalysts for UNSCR 1325 Implementation**

**UNSRC1325 Impact on Middle East**

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# What is UNSCR 1325?

United Nations Security Council (SC) adopted 4 resolutions on “Women, Peace and Security.”  
UNSCR 1325; 1820; 1888; and 1889

**SCR1325** - unanimously adopted by United Nations Security Council 31 October 2000.

- Addresses disproportionate + unique impact of armed conflict on women
- **Recognizes the under-valued /under-utilized contributions women make to conflict prevention peacekeeping, conflict resolution and peace-building.**
- Stresses importance of women’s equal and full participation in peace and security.

## **2008 - Resolution 1820**

Focused on **sexual violence** as a weapon of war.

## **2009 - Resolution 1888 and Resolution 1889**

Strengthen elements of the previous resolutions.

**SCR 1888** builds on SCR 1820 -  
calls for appointment of Special Representatives on sexual violence in conflict, Women Protection Advisors (WPAs) + Team of experts re: sexual violence.

**SCR 1889** focuses on *post-conflict peace-building*,  
development of indicators for 1325

# Additional Info on UNSCR1325+, Norway

UN-INSTRAW (part of UN Women) Gender, Peace and Security

UNSCR 1325 National Action Plan Map.

Info on development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of National Action Plans on UNSCR 1325.

## Norwegian National Action Plan

- **Date of adoption:** March 2006

**Priorities/focus:** The action plan has three main focuses:

- International efforts and peace operations
- Conflict prevention, mediation and peace building
- Protection and human rights

**Timeframe:** No

**Budget:** No

<http://www.un-instraw.org/peace-and-security/knowledge-management/unscr-1325-national-action-plan-map.html>

**WILPF Norway**

<http://www.ikff.no/>

**Forum Norway 1325**

<http://www.fn1325.no/English>

# Networking of GBV Survivors



- Can benefit from **empowering, bridge-building** nationally and internationally
- Can *stans* humiliation and marginalization to **avoid future armed conflicts**
- Create **solidarity** for **political engagement, empowerment + conflict prevention**
- Exchange legal, medical, human rights info to other survivors for **capacity building + empowerment.**
- Provide testimonials for legal bodies, ie. **ICC International Criminal Courts, Tribunals, etc.**

# **An Effective Survivors + 1325 Network Can Prevent Marginalization + Future Conflicts:**

## **Survivors' Groups**

We will never be able to be healthy, succeed, have dignity, be respected, be financially secure, be able to security for our families...

## **The Public, etc.**

"These people will never be able to succeed, be trusted, empowered, capable of running countries, be ambitious enough to overcome their traumas, etc. ..."

## **Empowerment of Survivors + 1325 Network:**

- Survivors = "competence centers" in their own rights..  
Help toward empowerment + integration –  
socially, politically, economically
- Network + working group = platform to *openly discuss* stories or being anonymous. The "conspiracy of silence" + Gender Based Violence.
- Enhance skill-sets toward *1325 global bridge building between North and South regions. Norway and the "south" for competency exchange.*
- Create politically active persons for *working committees* for 1325 implementation globally
- Interact *directly* with UN working committees on 1325+ , UN Women in New York, Geneva, ICC, international tribunals, etc. Work with NAP's national action-plans globally.
- Strengthen Article 19 freedom of expression for women - work directly with *media/journalists* for 1325 awareness!

# **A Powerful Survivors + 1325 Net-Work Can:**

- Help direct input on UNSCR 1325, 1880, 1889 – implementation, bench-marking and *evaluation*.
- Engage lawyers, doctors and other professionals on international competence-building - add resources to working groups in post-conflict and unstable areas.
- Prevent re-marginalization, i.e. from economic hardship and loss of families. *Minimizes risks of human trafficking/prostitution, degradation*
- Strengthen ties with global state actors on 1325. Observe cluster munitions, landmine conventions.

**Can catalyze State Heads, ministries, NGOs +decision makers  
*to walk their talk on National Action Plans...!!***



# Survivors + UNSCR 1325 Engagement+Support:

Corp. Social Responsibility sectors of companies with Gender + Human Rights Interests

Hospitals, trauma research centers, WHO, etc.

International Government Ministries, i.e. Ministry of Health, Foreign Affairs, Defense, Justice etc.

Financial Institutions "Green" banks, IMF, World Bank, etc.

Faith-based groups Pax Christi, etc.

Foundations, i.e. W. and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Fritt Ord, OAK Foundation, Bill Gates, Heinrich Bolls, Ford, etc.

Private contributions

Women's NGOs and agencies, UN Women, YWCA, WILPF, Red Cross, etc.

Media groups, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, Dart Centre for Journalism, Trauma, etc.

Acknowledgement by key political figures, Parliaments globally, armed forces

Endorsement by recognized leaders and **survivors** in gender + human rights work: Nobel Peace Laureates, State Heads leading gender initiatives, etc.

**Support Required:**  
Resources, administrative, political, endorsements, + in-kind services ...

# Bertha Von Suttner, Nobel Lecture 1906

“One of the eternal truths is that happiness is created and developed in peace, and one of the eternal rights is the individual’s right to live. The strongest of all instincts, that of self-preservation, is an assertion of this right, affirmed and sanctified by the ancient commandment: **"Thou shalt not kill."** – It is unnecessary for me to point out how little this right and this commandment are respected in the present state of civilization. Up to the present time, the military organization of our society has been founded upon a denial of the possibility of peace, a contempt for the value of human life, and an acceptance of the urge to kill.”

**Bertha Von Suttner**  
**18th April 1906, Norway**

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