

Use of Sexual Violence in Conflict: Gaps in Research to Inform More Effective Interventions

26 June 2008 from 9:00 – 17:30 in Conference Room A

United Nations – New York - OCHA Policy Development and Studies Branch

Provisional Agenda

Purpose of the Meeting:

To review current research undertaken on the following two topics:

1. Sexual violence in armed conflict: understanding the motivations
2. The nature, scope and motivation for sexual violence against men and boys in conflict

Expected Outputs:

- ✓ Identification of research priorities for the two topics where improved understanding would facilitate the design of better informed and more effective strategies for responding to and, in particular, preventing sexual violence in armed conflict.
- ✓ Identification and agreement on next steps to build the knowledge-base and communities of practice around the two areas.
- ✓ Identification of other significant gap areas in the research on sexual violence.

8:00 – 9:00 Participants needing UN passes are requested to come to the Visitor's Entrance of the UN – First Avenue and 45th Street

9:00 – 9:30 Opening Session

- Opening Remarks: Catherine Bragg, Assistant Secretary-General – OCHA
- Review of Meeting Outputs and Agenda
- Participant Introductions

9:30 – 13:00 With Coffee from 10:45 – 11:15

Topic 1 - Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: Understanding the Motivation:

Presentations by Maria Stern and Jennifer Leaning followed by an open plenary to:

- Review the Discussion Paper and Presentations
- Discuss research gaps for Topic 1

13:15 – 14:30 There will be an open *Brown Bag* lunch seminar focusing on Sexual Violence in DRC: Lunch will be provided to meeting participants. Venue: Room S/3627

15:00 – 17:00 Topic 2: Nature, scope and motivation for sexual violence against men and boys in conflict: Presentations by Wynne Russell and Sandesh Sivakumaran followed by an open plenary to:

- Review the Discussion Paper and Presentations
- Discuss research gaps for Topic 2

17:00 – 17:30 Closing and Next Steps

