



PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT
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Gender-based Violence Local Partnership Project

ARC International is currently in its second year of the Partnership Project focusing on strengthening community driven responses among communities affected by armed conflict or disaster. Building on ARC's existing links and partnerships with organizations working on the problem of gender-based violence (GBV) in these settings, the *GBV Local Partnership Project* aims to:

- Strengthen partnerships with national and local organizations in order to actively address identified gaps in GBV prevention and response interventions
- Build sustainable GBV interventions at the local level
- Strengthen local, national, and regional networks of people involved in GBV prevention and response in humanitarian settings

Where

- Liberia
- Rwanda (Congolese refugees)
- South Sudan
- Pakistan (Afghan refugees)
- Thailand (Burmese refugees)
- Uganda

Project Activities

- ▶ **Capacity building** for individual/technical skill building, organizational skill building and network development to encourage south to south communication.
- ▶ **Encourage/support GBV Network** development at the local, regional, and global levels.
- ▶ **Advisory group** in each country of key organizations committed to supporting local initiatives.

Entire ARC GBV Portfolio

- **Liberia-** The Liberia program works with returnees, internally displaced, and the host population within Liberia. The focus of the program is on protection, legal, and psycho-social programming.
- **Pakistan-** The Pakistan program works with Afghani refugees in Pakistan and is greatly focused on providing health care to survivors. Due to cultural sensitivities, all psycho-social support, protection, and prevention activities are done within the health program or in close connection to the health program.
- **Rwanda-** The Rwanda program implements GBV programs with Congolese refugees in two refugee camps. ARC implements a wide range of multi-sectoral programming including health care, psycho-social support, protection, camp management, and economic opportunities.
- **South Sudan-** The Sudan program works with returnees, internally displaced, and host communities in South Sudan. The program strongly integrates HIV/AIDS and GBV activities since both issues are so intricately linked. The program also implements health, psycho-social, and protection activities with an emphasis on building local organizations and institutions.
- **Thailand-** The Thailand program works with refugees from Myanmar (Burma). In five camps, ARC provides an array of psycho-social and health services as well as legal information, economic opportunities, and behavior change/prevention activities.
- **Uganda-** The Uganda program is one of the leading GBV programs in northern Uganda, working with internally displaced persons in dozens of internally displaced persons camps. The focus of the program is psycho-social support, with an emphasis on referrals to health and legal providers.