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# Reproductive health in wars and conflicts

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## The „new“ UN-Resolution 2467 on sexual violence in war from 23 April 2019:

*“Reaffirming its commitment to the continuing and full implementation of resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013), 2122 (2013), and 2242 (2015) on women, peace and security, and relevant statements  
.....”*

## UN waters down rape resolution to appease US's hardline abortion stance

**Measure on sexual violence in conflict passes after Trump administration threatened to veto document over references to reproductive health**



▲ 'This is your Nuremberg moment': Amal Clooney urges UN to adopt sexual violence resolution - video

The UN has backed a resolution on combatting rape in conflict but excluded references in the text to sexual and reproductive health, after vehement opposition from the US.

# An incomplete list of systematic use of rape as weapon of war

## Place and time

Guatemala 1960ies - 1996

Ruanda 1994

Syria 2014 -

Myanmar 2017 -

Congo, South Sudan

## Main groups of victims

Indigenous population

Ethnic Minority Tutsi

Yazidis, other religious minorities

Rohingya Muslims

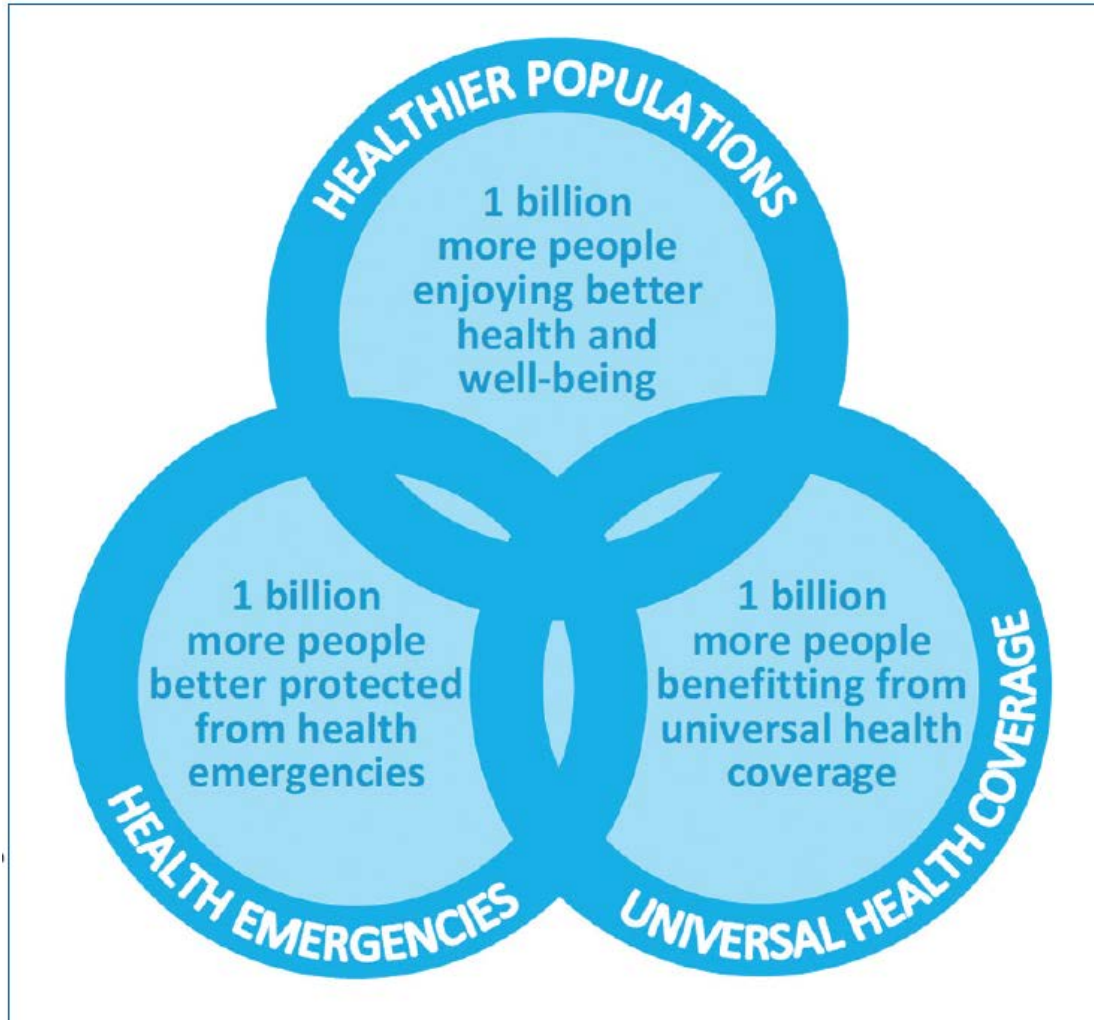
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# Health Care for survivors of sexual violence: The least we can do

- Empathy and respect
- Postexposure prophylaxis for HIV
- Emergency contraception
- Presumptive treatment of STIs
- Abortion services if needed
- Pregnancy and other health care if needed
- Psychosocial support
- Documentation for legal follow up

# Sexual violence in warfare in the Global Health Agenda

The *Lancet* Commission on synergies between **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**, **Global Health Security (GHS)** and health promotion



Adapted from WHO's Global Programme of Work 2019-2023  
(Ooms, Ottersen, Jahn, Agyepong. Lancet 2018)



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Where is security for girls and women?

# Conclusions

- Stop stigmatizing and dehumanising minorities and those how are perceived to be different
- Stop acceptancing that sexual violence is an unavoidable side-effect of conflict and war
- Reinforce international law institutions
- Provide all care needed to survivors
- Highlight and frame sexual violence also as a global health security issue



Women take part in World March of Women in Bukavu, South Kivu Province, DRC