# WOMEN & ARMED CONFLICT

"Women are the best drivers of growth, the best hope for reconciliation in conflict and the best buffer against the radicalization of youth and the repetition of cycles of violence."



- Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Women Executive Director

## The destructive effects of conflict on women and girls: A snapshot



Women and girls bear the brunt of many of the harmful consequences of armed violence.

In the last two decades, the use of violence against women and girls during conflicts, and especially sexual violence, has become more visible.

But aside from increased sexual violence, conflict exacerbates many inequalities that can last well after a war ends.

Here are just a few examples.

### MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths per 100,000 live births, 2013 Conflict & Global



# Percentage of women with legal titles to land, 2014 Conflict & Global Rate 9%

LAND RIGHTS

### EDUCATION

Adjusted net enrolment ratio in primary school for girls, 2013 Conflict & Global Rate Post-conflict 91% 76%

### CHILD MARRIAGE

Child marriage rates are among the world's high in many conflict countries.

Somalia





# Powerful women, powerful peace

### Women must be full participants in:

- ✓ Peace negotiations
- Monitoring & implementation of peace agreements
- ✓ Recovery programmes
- Sovernments & parliaments
- Security & justice sectors

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### decision-making.

Sustainable peace needs women's

leadership and

representation

at all levels of

Post-conflict planning

Peacekeeping missions

Administration of public services
 Transitional justice

NGO

"Protecting and empowering women during and after conflicts is one of the most important challenges of our time."

- Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General







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