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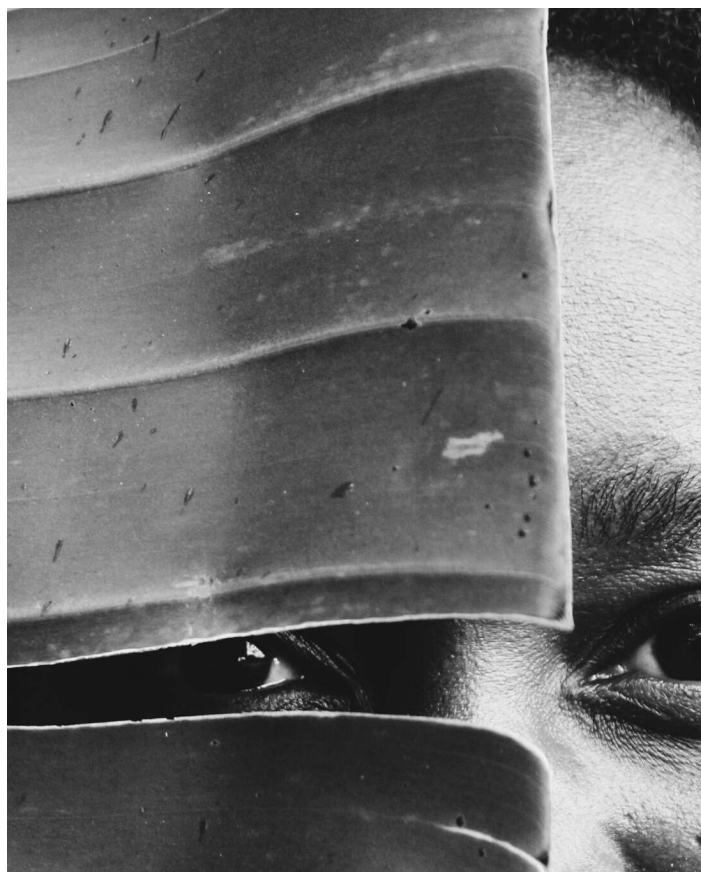
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P R E F A C E

Dr. Eefje de Volder (left)
Dr. Anne-Marie de Brouwer
(right)

In 2019 we entered into our third year of IMPACT: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict.

For us it was an exciting year in which we continued to work on the nexus between human trafficking and sexual violence in conflict. We organised the third edition of our Tilburg University Summer School and launched a special issue on the nexus. Also, in cooperation with Paris Legal Publishers, we set the first steps towards setting up the very first journal on this important theme!

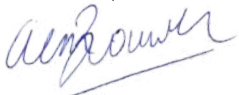
We can also look back at some other important projects that underscore the impact we always intend to have, including on the impacts of litigation in relation to crimes committed by the Dutch military forces in the former colony the Dutch East Indies and on combatting abuses/exploitation of labour migrants in the Province North Brabant.

The book project "And I Live On" deserves some separate attention. At the Peace Palace, during an academic conference organised by the Rwandan Embassy in light of the 25th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi, we were given the opportunity to launch the book "And I Live On: The Resilience of Rwandan Genocide Survivors of Sexual Violence", completing 1,5 years of work with a wonderful team from Toronto University. The voices of survivors about their own empowerment and resilience is the most powerful way of learning about the impact of support first-hand. Many activities followed to promote their resilience.

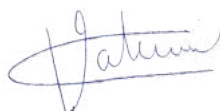
Our next move will be to have a book launch in Rwanda, with some of the survivors involved, and to set up an online educational platform on sexual violence in conflict.

We also took some initial steps to venture into the pressing theme of sexual terrorism, where terrorism, human trafficking and sexual violence in conflict meet. A topic which we will continue to work on in the coming years. So, there is still enough work ahead of us. For now, we wish to thank everyone who has supported our work for making it possible to make an IMPACT together!

Best wishes,



Dr. Anne-Marie de Brouwer



Dr. Eefje de Volder





PART 1

**IMPACT:
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Vision

A world in which people live together respectfully and understand that we are dependent on each other to create a better world, a world free of violence. A world in which human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence do no longer take place by addressing and looking at these crimes separately and in combination.



Mission

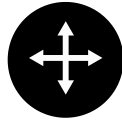
As an independent and trusted expertise center we positively contribute (IMPACT) to preventing and addressing human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence, and therewith we play a part in advancing a world free of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence.



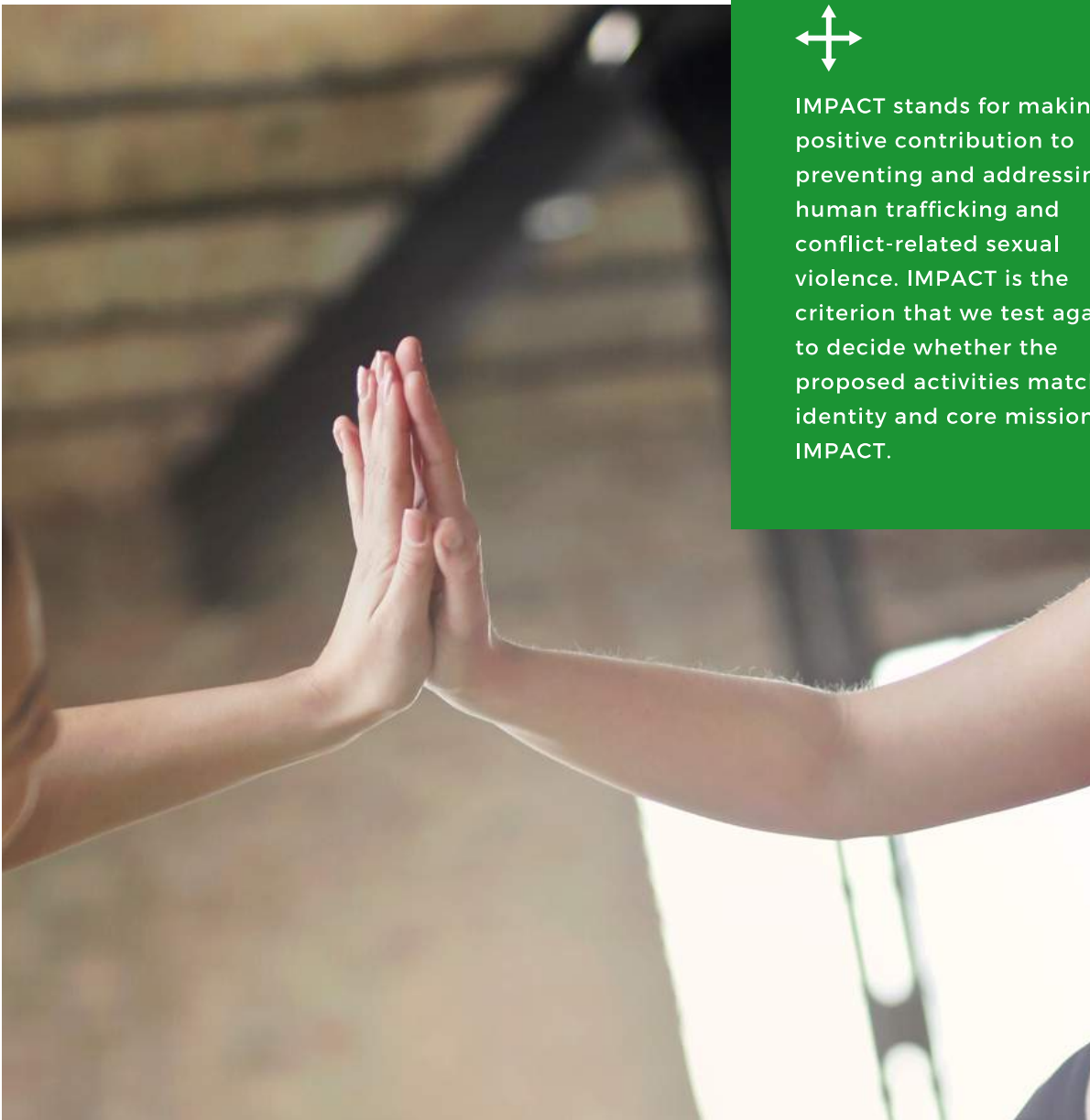
Values

We undertake this work based on a common passion for the topics human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence, a commitment to make a contribution to a better world where people have heart for each other, and a conviction that this approach reflects our norms, values and vision.





Impact Criterion



IMPACT stands for making a positive contribution to preventing and addressing human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence. IMPACT is the criterion that we test against to decide whether the proposed activities match the identity and core mission of IMPACT.



TEAM

In 2019, IMPACT's team consisted of two board members (Eefje de Volder and Anne-Marie de Brouwer) and two volunteers (spread over the year) supporting with research and social media (Chiun Min Seah en Orsi Szabó). More information about our current team members can be found on our website: www.impact-now.org/who-we-are/team

Research & Advice

Target groups:
organizations,
governments,
institutions

We conduct (interdisciplinary) research into and give advice about the phenomena of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence. The results from research are used to change policy and practice in the field of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence, where needed.

W O R K

M E T H O D S

By informing people and educating them on human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence we raise awareness on these two phenomena and inspire them to take action.

Education & Awareness

Target groups:
society, youth,
students

Training & Capacity Building

Target group:
professionals

By training professionals who work in the field of human trafficking and/or conflict-related sexual violence, we contribute to deepening their knowledge and skills in this area, building capacity, and a better approach to dealing with these crimes. One can think of: lawyers, social workers, psychologists, medics, academics, NGO staff and policy makers.

Empowerment & Advocacy

Target groups:
victims/survivors,
politicians, policy
makers

We contribute to the empowerment of victims/survivors of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence by putting their interests and wishes first. We do this in so-called 'empowerment projects' and by advocating on their behalf on the national, regional and international level. Our aim is for victims/survivors to regain their dignity and to find recognition in what has happened to them.

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Achievements

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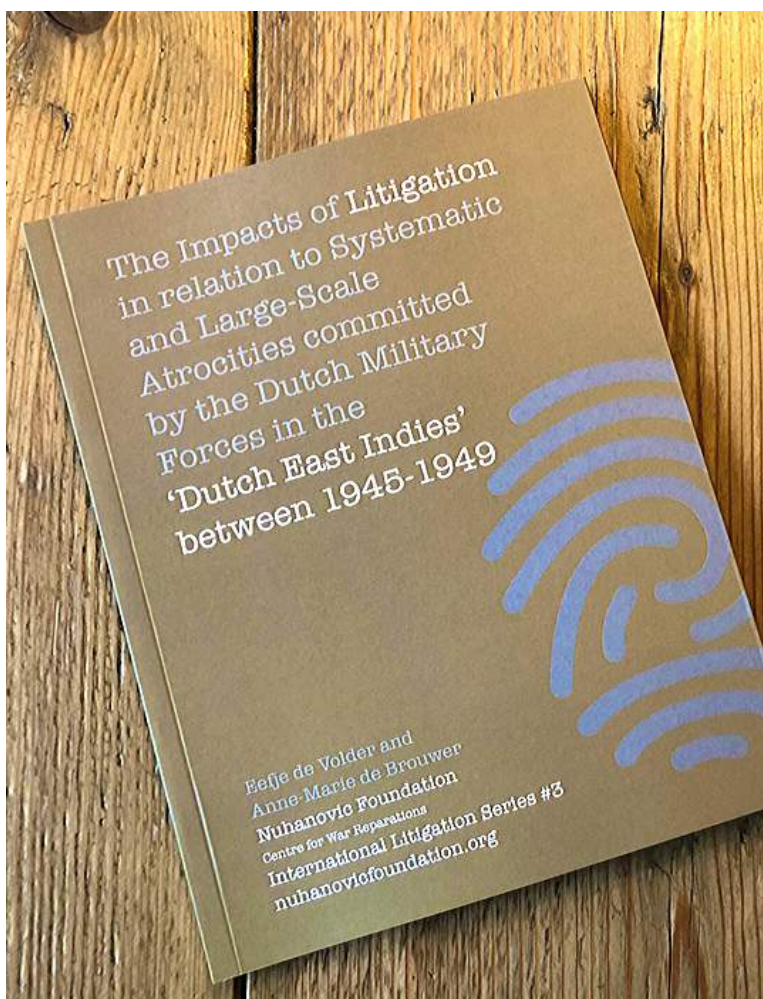
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Media & Publications

Research and advice

COLONIAL CRIMES

In 2018, we conducted research, on behalf of the Nuhanovic foundation, on the impact of litigation before Dutch civil courts in relation to the systematic and large-scale atrocities committed by the Dutch military forces in the former colony the Dutch East Indies between 1945-1949. On 12 November 2019, the report was finalized and presented by IMPACT during a seminar at the University of Amsterdam. Other presenters included Liesbeth Zegveld, Jeffry Pondaag, Wouter Veraart and Frederiek de Vlaming.





OSCE Hospitality and Tourism

In 2019, we conducted, on behalf of the OSCE, a background study on policies and practices regarding the travel and hospitality industry and combating trafficking in human beings. As one of the largest worldwide industries, it is paramount to take measures to end human trafficking that are designed specifically for the sector. The background study consists of public initiatives (government, international organisations, non-governmental or non-profit organisations), private initiatives (business and associations) and a mixture of both.





PROVINCE NORTH BRABANT ON EXPLOITATION OF MIGRANTS

In 2019, IMPACT, CoMensha and Tilburg University conducted a research on behalf of the Province of North Brabant, in order to increase the attention for abuses and exploitation among labour migrants in regional and local labour migration policies. It consists of a labour market analysis and the current policy approach to tackle abuse and exploitation among labour migrants. It resulted in several recommendations/steps for municipalities and other local partners to be taken to prevent and tackle abuses/exploitation.

Journal of Human Trafficking, Enslavement and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

ISZW 2019 – Decent Work

In 2019, we started with the preparations – together with Paris Legal Publishers – to set up a new multi- and interdisciplinary journal on the nexus between human trafficking, enslavement and conflict-related sexual violence; themes which are up until now still largely underexplored, as also recognized by the United Nations. The Journal of Human Trafficking, Enslavement and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (JHEC) aims to fill this gap by researching both the nexus between these crimes and studying the crimes individually. JHEC will become operational as of early 2020.

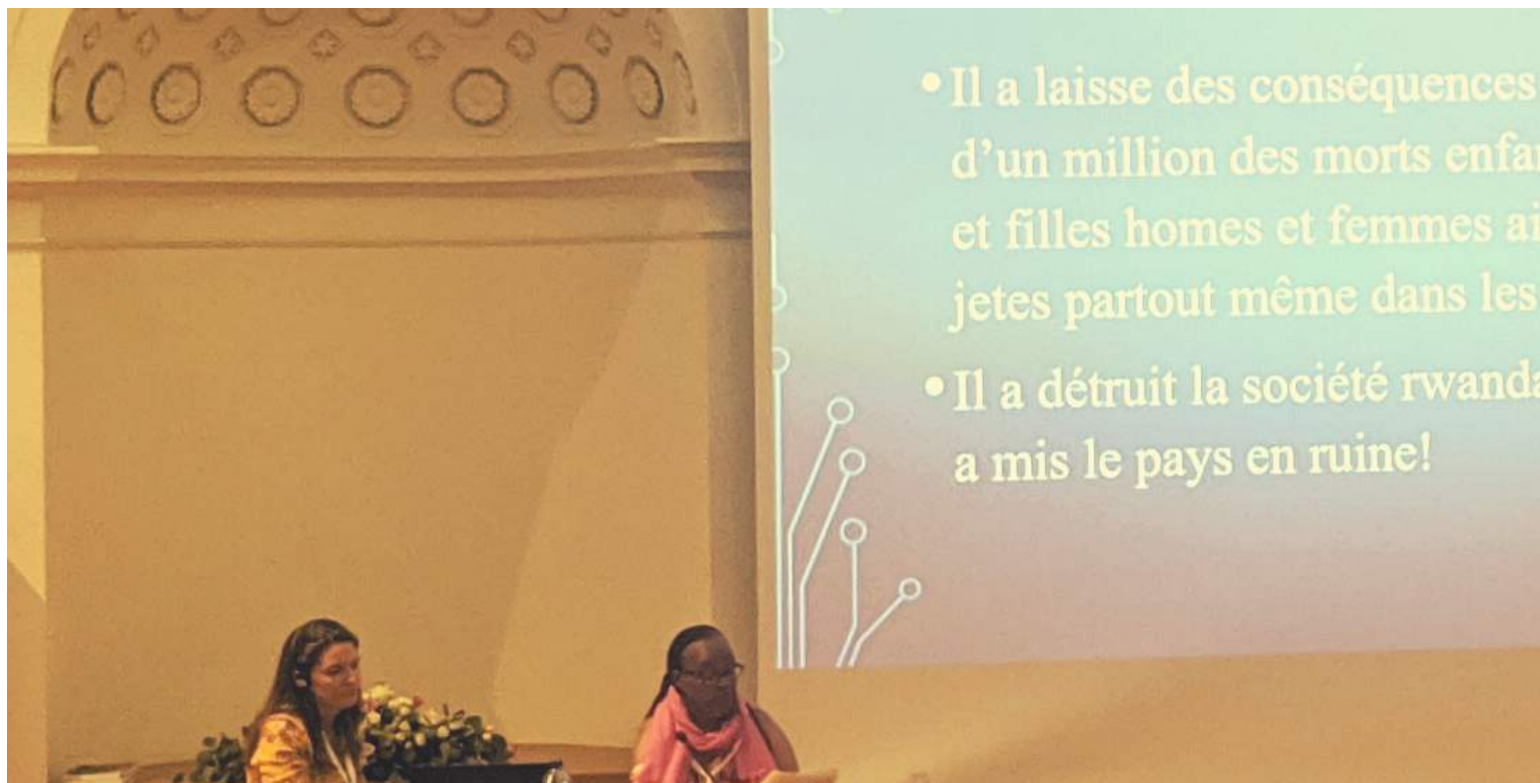
At the end of 2019 we started with the implementation of several activities to contribute to realizing decent work in the Netherlands, as a way of preventing and responding to labour exploitation of migrant workers. This includes drafting a code of conduct about decent work to be used when guiding migrant workers to decent work, sensitizing the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands (SER) to speak out for decent work as the norm in the Netherlands, and experiment with mediation of former victims of trafficking to recruitment agencies/businesses under these decent work conditions. This project is executed on behalf of and in cooperation with the Dutch Coordination Center against Human Trafficking (CoMensha), that had received funding from the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SZW).



Several Research Projects

In 2019, we participated in several research projects, including: (1) writing an article (with C. Paulussen) on the nexus between terrorism, conflict-related sexual violence and human trafficking for sexual exploitation (“sexual terrorism”) with case studies on Boko Haram and Al-Shabaab for the Journal of International Criminal Justice (with publication in 2020); (2) writing an article (with Mama Lambert) on the resilience of Rwandan Genocide Survivors of Sexual Violence based on the book *And I Live On*

(with publication in 2020); (3) publication of our guest-edited special issue on “the nexus between conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) and trafficking in human beings (THB) for sexual exploitation in times of conflict” for the Journal of Trafficking and Human Exploitation (Paris Legal Publishers), including our own article on “the nexus between conflict-related sexual violence and trafficking for sexual exploitation in times of conflict (with R. Ghafoerkhan and W. Scholte); and (4) supervising students from Strathmore University (Nairobi) in writing their theses.



Presentations and Participations in Conferences

In 2019, we held several presentations and participated in events, including during: (1) a panel discussion for the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict at Leiden University, Campus The Hague, presenting on the experiences of Rwandan genocide survivors of sexual violence during the “Call it what it is: Translating the lived experience of sexual violence survivors into law” panel, organized by the Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice (19 June 2019); (2) the International Conference on “Mental health and psychosocial support in crisis situations”, organized by the Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade

and Development Cooperation, in Amsterdam (7-8 October 2019); (3) the 1st Congress of the International Mukwege Chair, presenting (with Mama Lambert, counselor of genocide survivors in Rwanda with Solace Ministries) on “Children born of genocidal sexual violence: The Impact of counselling – A case study from Rwanda”, in Liège, Belgium (13-15 November 2019), (4) the Global Convening on Trafficking in Women in the Context of Global Migration organized by International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWEAW Asia Pacific), the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) and FEMNET, in Nairobi, Kenya, presenting on “Improving access to justice with a particular focus on compensation within Europe” in the “access to justice” panel (2-4 December 2019).



ADVICE TO INSTITUTIONS

In 2019, we provided advice to several organizations on human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence, including the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice (on 'The Hague Principles on Sexual Violence').

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Accreditation of IMPACT as Certified Educational Institute

In 2019, we were accredited as CRKBO-Institute (“Centraal Register Kort Beroepsonderwijs”). This means that we are officially recognized as an institute that qualifies for providing a certain standard of quality with regard to education.

Course ‘Criminal Justice Systems’ at University of Amsterdam

In the first half of 2019, we taught the course ‘Criminal Justice Systems’ for Amsterdam University College (University of Amsterdam). The course dealt with the similarities and differences among the different criminal justice systems worldwide, in particular across countries, regions and international criminal tribunals.

Webinar on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

In May 2019 we gave a webinar on the topic of conflict-related sexual violence and its international criminal prosecution to students from Tehran University, Iran.



Summer School at Tilburg University

In July 2019, we taught for the third time our two-week Summer School course at Tilburg University on preventing and addressing conflict-related sexual violence and human trafficking for bachelor/master students from all over the world and of any discipline. During these two weeks the opportunities and challenges in addressing both crimes were discussed from both a theoretical and practical perspective. The course also included group assignments and visits to the International Criminal Court and the Utrecht Military Base for an interactive seminar on human trafficking and human smuggling in relation to the current EU migration crisis.



"Attending Tilburg Summer School was a life-changing opportunity for me. The course 'Justice for victims of conflict related sexual violence and human trafficking' completely altered my career path, the facilitators were spectacular!"

—
MUTHONI MUCHIRI
KENYAN, LAW STUDENT

TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Workshop Group Dynamics

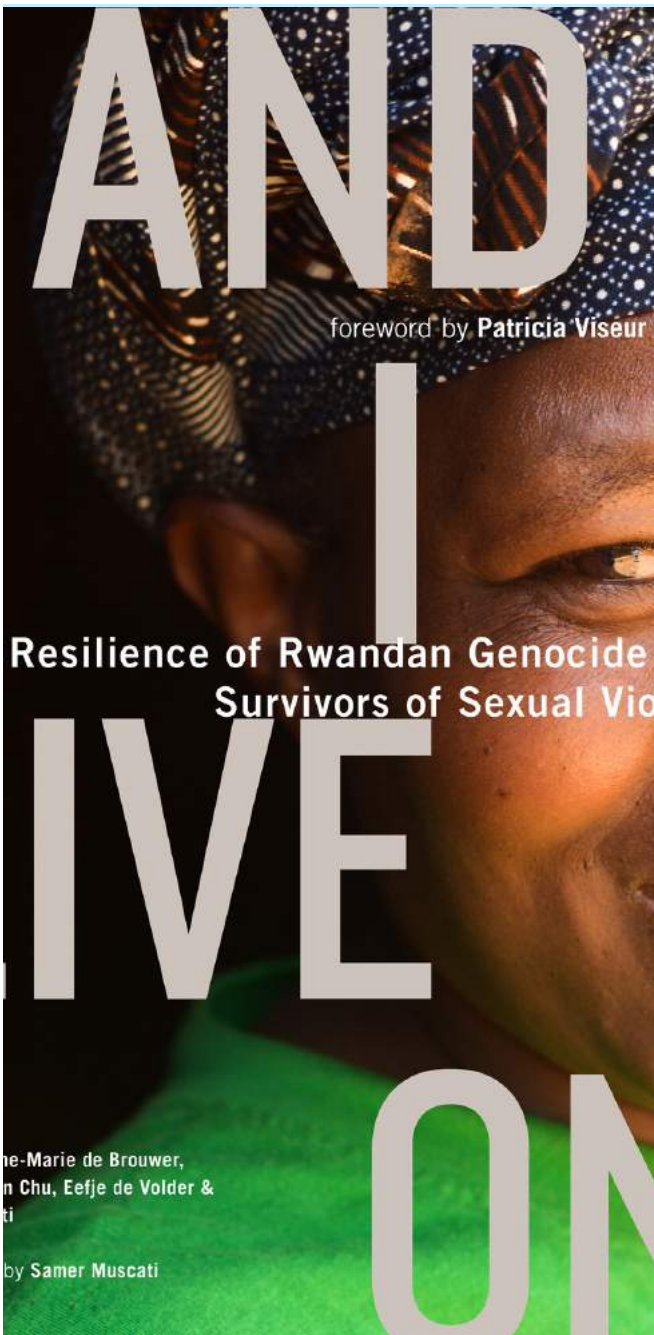
In 2019, we organized for professionals (Public Prosecution's Office, Labour Inspectorate, Care and Support Organisations) a workshop on how to influence group dynamics among groups of victims of (labour) exploitation, together with group dynamics expert Monique Bekker. This workshop was the result of the research conducted in 2017 and published in 2018. The objective of the workshop was for the participants to experience group dynamics, while at the same time discuss the feasibility and implementation of the recommendations in the report. This workshop was executed on behalf of the Coordination Center against Human Trafficking (CoMensha), that had received funding from the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SZW).





Empowerment & advocacy

Book: "And I live On"



In April 2019, we published the book "And I Live On: The Resilience of Rwandan Genocide Survivors of Sexual Violence" with Wolf Legal Publishers. The book includes testimonials of 15 women and men (including children of deceased mothers) about their lives 15 and 25 years after the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The book was launched, together with a photo-exhibition, on 17 April 2019 at the Peace Palace in The Hague during the conference "The Genocide Against the Tutsi 25 Years On: What Lessons Has the World Learned from Rwanda in Prevention and Responses to Genocides Worldwide?", organized by the Rwandan Embassy in the Netherlands.

During this meeting we (together with Mama Lambert, the counselor of the women and men in the book) had also the opportunity to hand over the first copy of the book to Adama Dieng, the United Nations Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide. In Canada, where co-editors Samer Muscati and Sandra Ka Hon Chu are based, events and photo-exhibitions also took place. A special website dedicated to the book was furthermore launched: www.and-i-live-on.com. In addition, we spoke at several venues about the book, including for a group of students from Penn State University (US) at the Hogeschool of Amsterdam, organized by Edu Travel.



CRSV Network NL

In 2018, we set up the CRSV Network NL to provide NGOs based in the Netherlands (NL) and working on conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) the opportunity to get an insight on each other's work and share knowledge on various issues related to sexual violence in conflict. The aim is to strengthening communication and cooperation between NGOs in the Netherlands working on the issue of CRSV. In 2019, the members of the CRSV Network NL included: (1) The Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights; (2) Civitas Maxima; (3) Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation; (4) Equator Foundation; (5) IMPACT: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict; (6) Mukomeze Foundation; (7) Sterk Huis; (8) Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice; (9) IFHHRO: Medical Human Rights Network; and (10) Redress. The latter two organizations joined in 2019. The members meet twice a year and the meeting is hosted by one of the members. In 2019, we held the first meeting (18 April) at the Equator Foundation and War Trauma Foundation (Diemen) and the second meeting (7 November) at, again, the Equator Foundation (Diemen). During the second meeting we discussed a specific theme, which was introduced by some of the members, namely self-care for humanitarians.



Network

In 2019, we sustained our Network. One of IMPACT's board members continued to be on the board of La Strada International (LSI), a leading European NGO Platform of NGOs that support trafficked persons at the local level throughout Europe. Further, we chair, on behalf of CoMensha, the quarterly Dutch Strategic meetings on Human Trafficking (SOM), which is a strategic meeting of NGOs in the Netherlands who provide support to victims of trafficking.



Media & Publications

Rina Charfoerkan, Pim Scholte, Eefje de Volder and Anne-Marie de Brouwer, 'The Nexus Between Conflict-related Sexual Violence and Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation in Times of Conflict' (2019) (1) *Journal of Trafficking and Human Exploitation*, 9-34.

Anne-Marie de Brouwer, Eefje de Volder and Min Chin Seah (eds.), Special Issue on the Nexus Between Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (*Journal of Trafficking and Human Exploitation* 2019/1).

Anne-Marie de Brouwer and Laetitia Ruiz, 'Male Victims and Female Perpetrators of Sexual Violence in Conflict', in: Solange Mouthaan and Olga Jurasz (eds.), *Gender and War: International and Transitional Justice Perspectives* (Intersentia, 2019).

Anne-Marie de Brouwer, Sandra Ka Hon Chu, Eefje de Volder and Samer Muscati (eds.), *And I Live On: The Resilience of Rwandan Genocide Survivors of Sexual Violence* (Wolf Legal Publishers, 2019).

Romi Levine, 'And I Live On': U of T Law Students, Researchers Mark 25 Years since Rwanda Genocide with Stories of Resilience (*University of Toronto News*, 29 March 2019).



India Annamanthadoo, Reflections on Rwanda (University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, International Human Rights Law Program Blog, 2019).

IHRP, IHRP Book Launch and Photo Exhibition Showcase Resilience of Survivors of Sexual Violence (3 April 2019).

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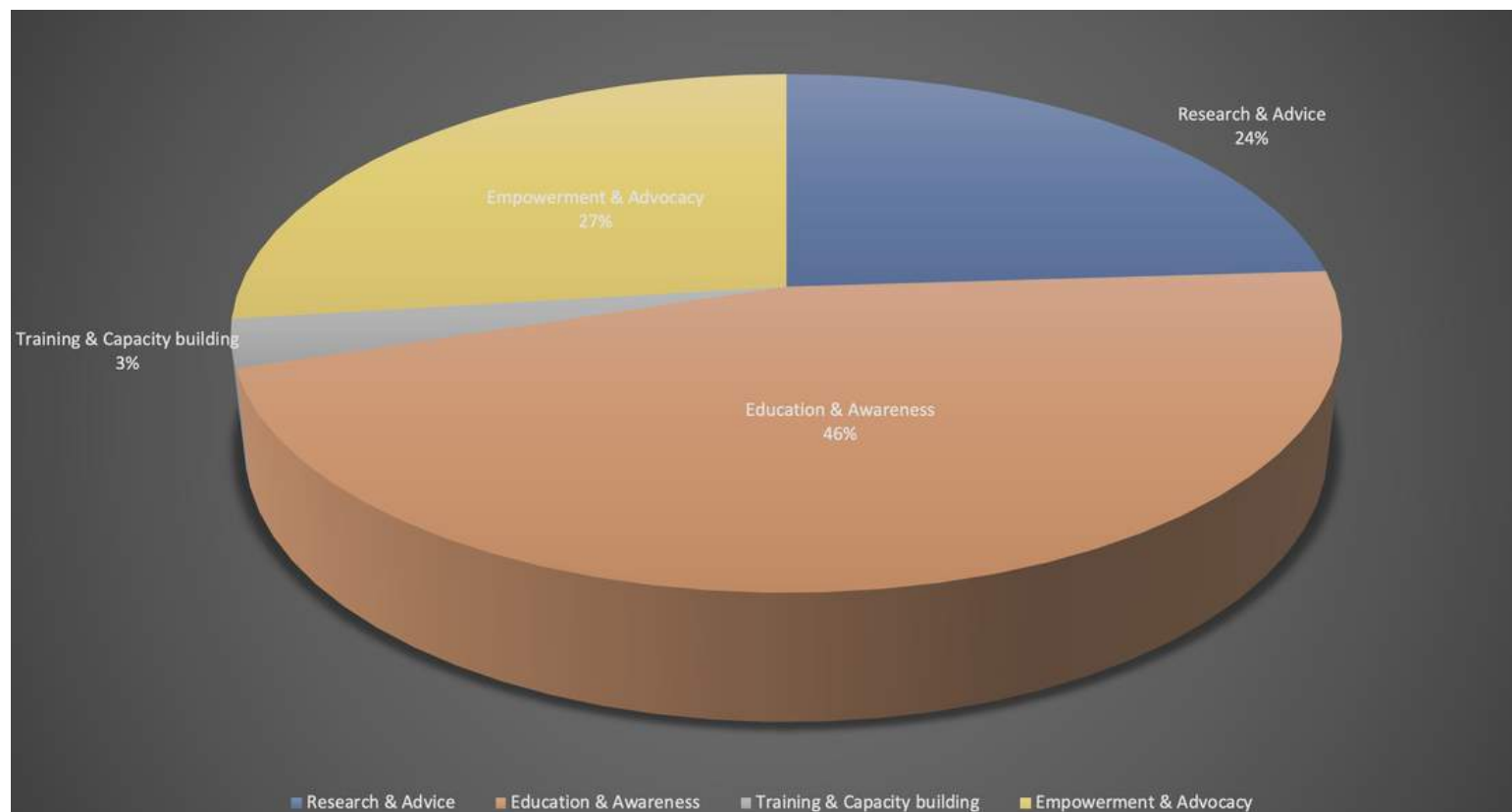
Samer Muscati and Sandra Ka Hon Chu, Opinion: Rwanda's Resilient Women: 25 Years after Genocide, The Healing Goes On (The Globe and Mail, 5 April 2019).

Yolanda Song, "And I Live On": Shining Light on Rwandan Genocide Survivors' Resilience (University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, International Human Rights Law Program Blog, April 2019).

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Sarah Terberg, Kun je conflict-gerelateerd seksueel geweld en mensenhandel voorkomen?, 31 oktober 2019 (based on interview with Anne-Marie de Brouwer on contributing to UN Sustainable Development Goal 16 'Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions' for VSNU (association of universities in the Netherlands)).

Jan Cremers en Eefje de Volder, Arbeidsmigratie in Noord-Brabant: De markt en de mensen(handel) (CoMensha, IMPACT & TiU, 2019).



Revenues 2019

At IMPACT, 10% of all income is set aside for 'empowerment projects'. In 2019, we supported the International Red Cross with a donation for victims/survivors of human trafficking (3FM Serious Request), CoMensha's annual day for victims/survivors of human trafficking, and the Mukomeze Foundation with a ongoing contribution, in support of three Rwandan children who lost their mothers as a consequence of the genocidal sexual violence committed against them and one male survivor of genocidal sexual violence, in basic needs and/or education in university.



Internal organizational issues:

- Set up a board
- Allow for (personal) coaching in support of IMPACT's mandate
- Improve our volunteers' policy
- Obtain an ANBI-status

Communication:

- Elaborate an effective and regular communication strategy via social media and our website

Funding:

- Draft annual (and financial) report and the company policy plan
- Draft a strategy plan for funding and invest in certain funding opportunities each year

OBJECTIVES FOR 2020

Projects/content-related:

- Continue to invest, as a knowledge center, in content-related issues (e.g. our blogs, participation in articles, interviews for radio, newspapers and magazines)
- Set up our own journal on the nexus between human trafficking and sexual violence in conflict
- Invest in projects on sexual terrorism
- Work out the meaning of the 'impact-criterion'



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