**Fact Sheet**

**Key findings:**

The emergence of sexual violence as a tactic of terror by extremist groups, particularly in Iraq, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and Syria.

Sexual violence perpetrated by non-state actors in the vast majority of incidents, although violations perpetrated by state actors, or armed groups associated with the state, also remain of grave concern.

Sexual violence used to induce displacement.

Sexual violence, including forced marriage, used against women and girls in refugee and displacement settings.

The targeting of ethnic and other minorities, including LGBTI individuals, by armed groups, to exert social control and impose morality.

The under-reporting of sexual violence perpetrated against men and boys in detention, as a means of extracting information and to humiliate and torture.

An acute lack of appropriate comprehensive services for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence, including livelihood support and reparations.

**Key Recommendations:**

Mitigate the political and operational challenges related to engaging with non-state actors, including extremist groups, for specific commitments and measures by them.

Fight impunity and increase accountability for sexual violence in conflict as a means of prevention and deterrence.

Strengthen the commitment and engagement of the security sector for prevention and response.

Foster national ownership so that real change is driven on the ground.

Promote women’s empowerment and women’s participation in all peace processes, and ensure sexual violence is reflected explicitly in peace agreements and ceasefires.

Accelerate the deployment of Women Protection Advisors and Gender Advisors in priority settings to ensure Security Council resolutions are implemented on the ground.

Increase medical, psychosocial, legal, economic support and services for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence.

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