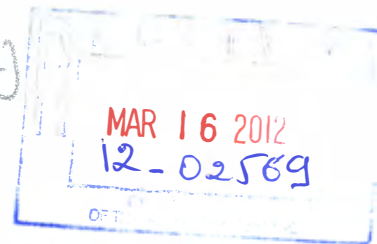


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Dear Colleagues,

The Women's Refugee Commission (WRC) is pleased to be sharing the enclosed report, *Preventing Gender-based Violence, Building Livelihoods: Guidance and Tools for Improving Programming*, with you. The report builds on learning generated from the research and field assessments that the WRC has undertaken over the past two years. The report provides practical guidance on conducting protection assessments, designing programs to address identified protection risks, and highlights implementation concerns.

Annex 1 of the report details the various vulnerabilities to gender-based violence in conflict settings and Annex 2 provides tools for conducting a protection assessment including a safety mapping tool and a decision chart that uses the information gleaned during the safety mapping to guide program practice.

We hope you will find the report and tools informative and helpful. Please note that we have also developed a 70-minute e-learning tool on preventing gender-based violence, building livelihoods. The e-learning tool complements the enclosed report but is not duplicative, it synthesizes some of the key messages and lessons from the three-day mitigating risks workshops we facilitated over the past two years in Nairobi, Bangkok, Amman, Addis Ababa, Juba, Kampala, and N'djamena which some of you attended. The e-learning tool can be found at: <http://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/elearning>.

We would welcome your feedback on this report, the annex tools – especially your experience using them, and on the e-learning tool.

Thank you.

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