Innovative Cross-sectoral Curriculum to Improve the Collection, Documentation, and Preservation of Sexual Violence Evidence in Conflict and Post-conflict Zones

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Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) uses medicine and science to document and call attention to mass atrocities and severe human rights violations. PHR was founded on the idea that physicians, scientists, and other health professionals possess unique skills that lend significant credibility to the investigation and documentation of human rights abuses.
Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones

A capacity development and advocacy program that empowers professionals with the technical skill and excellence to collect and document forensic evidence of sexual violence to bolster accountability and effective local prosecutions of these crimes.
The Challenge

- Forensic medical exams are rarely conducted
- Medical charts fail to document findings
- Lack of clarification of roles
- Absence of a shared language
- Poor coordination across legal, medical, and law enforcement sectors
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Approach

- Law Enforcement
- Medical
- Legal
- Other

Survivor
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PHR Capacity Development Overview

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- Pediatric Examinations
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Multisectoral Training Modules

- Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones
- Impact of Sexual Violence
- Cross-Sectoral Response to Sexual Violence
- Vulnerable Populations
- Role of the Clinician and Clinical Elements of Medical Evaluations
- Role of the Judge
- Role of the Lawyer
- Role of the Law Enforcement
- Documentation Skills and the Sexual Assault Medical Certificate
- Interviewing Skills and Techniques
- Domestic and International Law on Sexual Violence
- Testifying in Court
- Evidence Collection, Documentation and Preservation
- Network of Accountability
- Professional Self-Care, Secondary Trauma and Resilience Strategies
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Crime Scene Investigation, Evidence Collection, and Packaging
Documentation
Forensic Photography
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TRAINING VIDEOS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

CHAIN OF CUSTODY FORM

CURRICULUM COMPANION

LEXICON
Impact

“...The last beneficiary is the survivor. When we learn how to work on them, how to listen to them, how to conduct examinations, collect evidence, send to the court, the court understanding all the whole process and then, there is prosecution of the perpetrator. All this is done for the benefit of the survivor.”

-Physician, DRC
Thank You!

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