

The background of the slide is the flag of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which features a blue field with a yellow five-pointed star in the upper left corner and a diagonal red band with yellow borders running from the bottom left to the top right.

**The KAMUVU Case –
Sexual violence on
children and forensic
medicine in the DRC**

Forensic medicine



Western world

- Trained Health Care Professionals
- Trained police and judges
- 'one stop shop' : forensic examination, medical care, psycho-social support, complainant interview

Forensic examination- sexual assault -1

- Documentation :
 - 📁 History of assault : what/when/who/ where
 - 📁 Circumstances surrounding the assault
 - 📁 Medical / surgical history
 - 📁 Details about the suspect
 - 📁 Injuries

Forensic examination sexual assault -2

- Collection of evidence
 - 📁 Swabs : DNA – sperm
 - 📁 Clothes
 - 📁 Blood / urine : toxicology



Forensic examination sexual assault- 3

- Calm, private place
- At the complainant's pace
- Empathy and respect

DRC- Sexual Violence clinic

Dr. Mukwege



- ▶ 40-50 patients/ day
- ▶ 2 doctors
- ▶ 60% sexual assault
- ▶ 40% fistula / prolapses

DRC- Documentation

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Medical Certificate

SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE
Confidential Document

Today's Date / / Time : Location of medical exam

A. PATIENT INFORMATION

1. Last name 2. Post-name 3. First name
4. Address 5. Gender Female Male
6. Age Not known 7. Date of birth / / 8. Place of birth Not known
9. Marital status Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated Not applicable
Note: If the patient is male, skip to question 14.
10. Date of last menstrual period / / Premenarchal Post-menopausal Not known
11. Number of pregnancies 12. Number of live births 13. Currently pregnant Yes No Not known
14. Patient had consensual intercourse within 7 days before the exam Yes No
15. Patient had anal/vaginal wounds, lacerations, diagnostic procedures or medical treatments within 60 days before the assault that could affect the interpretations of the current medical exam Yes No
If "yes," explain: / /
16. Date and time of the assault / / : Not known 17. Place of the assault Not known
18. Use of force, threats or weapons (check all that apply)
 Physical force Use of weapons Threats to the patient Threats to others No force Not known
19. Type of force/weapons (check all that apply)
 Sticks/batons Knives Blindfold Hands Not known Other (such as knotted ruffly, suspension, electrical tortures, whips or participation in tortures of others, etc.): / /
 Guns Restraints Gag Feet
20. Forced chemical intoxication of patient (check all that apply)
 No Drugs Alcohol Not known Other: / /

B. SUSPECT INFORMATION

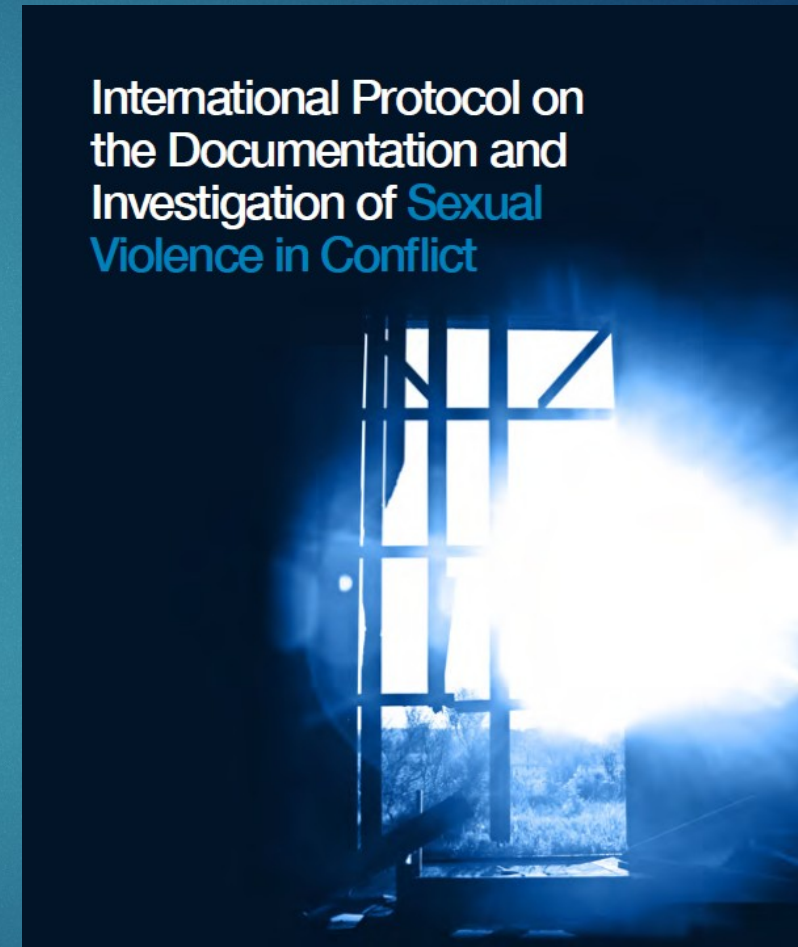
1. Number of suspects One (1) Two (2) Three (3) More than three If "more than three," specify the number: / / Not known
First suspect: answer questions 2 through 6. Second suspect: answer questions 7 through 11.
2. Relationship of suspect to patient (check all that apply)
 Acquaintance Family member
 Stranger Intimate partner / ex-partner
 Not known Other: / /
3. Suspect gender Female Male Not known
4. Approximate age of suspect Not known
5. Suspect is Civilian Police Military Militia Not known
6. Language(s) spoken by suspect Not known
7. Relationship of suspect to patient (check all that apply)
 Acquaintance Family member
 Stranger Intimate partner / ex-partner
 Not known Other: / /
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If three or more suspects, answer question 12.
12. Describe the suspects in detail (including relationships to patient, genders, approximate ages, whether suspects are police/military/rebels, languages spoken, etc.)
/ /
/ /
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Name of clinician _____ N.C.N.O.M. _____
Signature of clinician _____ Date _____

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International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence in Conflict



Best Practice on the Documentation of Sexual Violence as a Crime or Violation of International Law

SECOND EDITION: MARCH 2017

DRC – trainings

- ▶ Multidisciplinary : police, judges, healthcare
- ▶ Medical :
 - ↪ Lectures
 - ↪ Role plays
 - ↪ One to one clinical



The Kavumu cases : 42 children

- ▶ Case 0 : 5 years old girl, serious genital injuries – June 2013

Modus operandi : child kidnapped from home at night and SA near home

- ▶ July 2013 -March 2014 : 8 cases
- ▶ April 2014 : 7 cases
- ▶ **Creation of a working group** : UNPOL, MONUSCO, NGO's, Panzi
- ▶ Review of medical notes
- ▶ Crime Scene Investigation

Classification des lésions génito-urinaires et digestives après pénétration d'enfants de moins de 5 ans de sexe féminin

Type I

Lésions superficielles cutanéo-muqueuses à type d'ecchymose et abrasions sans atteinte musculo-sphinctérienne.



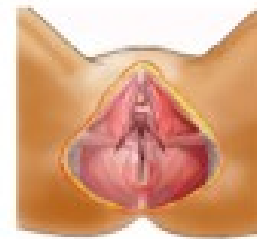
Type II

Déchirure cutanéo-musculo-muqueuse unilatérale ou bilatérale. Il n'existe pas d'incontinence fécale ou urinaire.



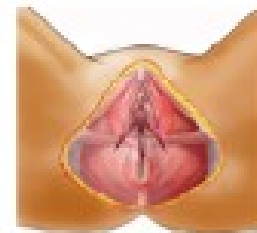
Type III

Déchirure cutanéo-musculo-muqueuse. Déchirure du sphincter anal avec incontinence fécale.



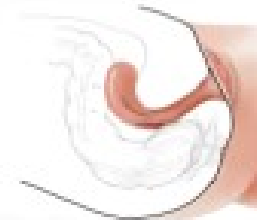
Type IV

Déchirure en étoile cutanéo-musculo-muqueuse. Déchirure des sphincters vésical et anal avec incontinence urinaire et fécale.



Type V

Type IV + Effraction du cul-de-sac de Douglas avec protrusion des organes de la cavité abdominale.



VOICE: A Miserable Mystery in Congo

A Miserable Mystery in Congo

Dozens of female infants and girls in a single town have been abducted and raped in the middle of the night. Could witchcraft be to blame?

BY LAUREN WOLFE | APRIL 9, 2015, 1:33 PM



Opinion » Will justice come to Kavumu?

Will justice come to Kavumu?

By Susannah Sirkin

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Arrestation June 2016

- ▶ MP Batumike
- ▶ 53 militia members

December 2016 – 6 special days

5 experts 36 children

- ▶ One psychologist (Senegal/France)
- ▶ One psychologist (DRC / Belgium)
- ▶ One paediatric surgeon (DRC)
- ▶ One forensic doctor (UK/France)
- ▶ Expert police (France)

- ▶ DRC police



TRIAL
International



Filmed interview psychologist : hx of assault



Medical consultation : healing / sequellae



Psychological impact





Trial November 2017







Verdict : 11 life sentences



Thank you for your attention