

Supporting Women and Girls Raped During Conflict

Dear [Your MPs Name],

As a member of your constituency, I am writing to ask you to sign the letter that Tom Brake MP has drafted to be sent to President Obama.

I am concerned that despite the published UK DFID policy, full medical care is not being provided to women and girls raped in conflict who become pregnant. In the field, funds from different donors are co-mingled. Even if DFID policy states that abortion should be provided to girls and women who become pregnant as a result of rape, it is not provided because of the US AID prohibition to even mention abortion as an option.

President Obama can easily issue an Executive Order to lift this restriction for this specific group of people. He would then be ensuring that the US were complying with the Geneva Convention. As a country interested in ensuring compliance to international law, the UK should do its utmost to ensure that law such as the Geneva Convention is upheld.

Please add your signature to the letter to the President and support this campaign to offer women and girls their rights under UK and international law.

The more awareness we can raise about the use of rape as a weapon of war and its consequences, the more we will be working towards a world where the disease of rape as a weapon of war is obliterated.

I look forward to hearing your response and urge you to support this campaign. In addition, if you could write to the Foreign Secretary calling for his support this would also be of great influence. It is clear that the current US Administration is minded to take this action and would welcome UK support. It is a most timely action and I ask you to please add your signature and support as soon as possible.

Your support is much appreciated.

All good wishes,

[Your Name]

[Your Email]