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March 8, 2015

This International Women's Day, Stand Up for Women and Girls

Dear Friends,

Today is International Women's Day, and around the world thousands of women and girls are being used as a weapon of war in places like Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria and Iraq. Terrorist groups like Boko Haram and ISIS kidnap, rape and forcibly impregnate female members of minority groups in order to demoralize, destroy, and perpetuate genocide of those communities. Despite pledges by the international community to end rape in conflict, rape is still not recognized as an unlawful tactic of war and prosecuted as such. Without this recognition, perpetrators may continue to rape entire villages with impunity, and justice for survivors will remain elusive.

GJC is committed to holding groups and states that use rape as a weapon of war accountable. We advocate at the United Nations and governmental levels to ensure the international community fulfills its obligation to find war criminals and bring them to justice. [Watch](#) my keynote address at New York University School of Law's Third Annual Law Women Summit just last month to learn more.

Rape is often used for ethnic cleansing and genocide by forcibly impregnating victims. Many girls and women die from forced pregnancies. That is why GJC wants the United States to end its abortion restrictions on humanitarian aid given to war rape victims, and ensure that survivors of war rape are given all the medical care they need and are entitled to under the Geneva Conventions, including access to safe abortion services.



This International Women's Day we need your help to make change happen for women and girls around the world. Your support of GJC's work helps give voice to the most marginalized groups in war zones - women and children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Benshoof".

Janet Benshoof, President
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