CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: SURVIVING THE LOSSES

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RESEARCH QUESTION

“What is the experience of women who have survived sexual gender-based violence in conflict affected countries”? 
LITERATURE REVIEW

- Social Justice
- SGBV
- Conflict-related SGBV
- PTSD
PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS

- Social justice
- Rawls
- Powers & Faden
METHODOLOGY

- Data Collection
  - Researcher as instrument
  - Translation
- Data Analysis
  - Narrative analysis
  - Analysis of narrative
- Trustworthiness
14 women in North Kivu area of eastern Congo
- 9 from Alimbongo
- 5 from Lubero
Nande tribe
Age range 18-63
Languages-Nande & Swahili
Selected for invitation by counselors
# FINDINGS

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<td>Experiencing powerlessness and demoralization with the rape</td>
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<td>Feeling the stigma and discrimination of others</td>
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<td>Feeling valued and grateful for assistance and compassion</td>
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<td>Awareness and desire to seek care despite fearing stigma and discrimination</td>
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Six Dimensions of Well-being

- Reasoning
- Health
- Personal security
- Self-determination
- Attachment
- Respect
SIGNIFICANCE TO NURSING

- Science & Research
- Education
- Practice
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Conflict-related SGBV in other countries
- Participatory research on nursing interventions for conflict-related SGBV
- Study on conflict-related sexual violence against men
- Study to test educational strategies to increase student nurses and other healthcare providers understanding/awareness of conflict-related SGBV
THANK YOU