# 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"?

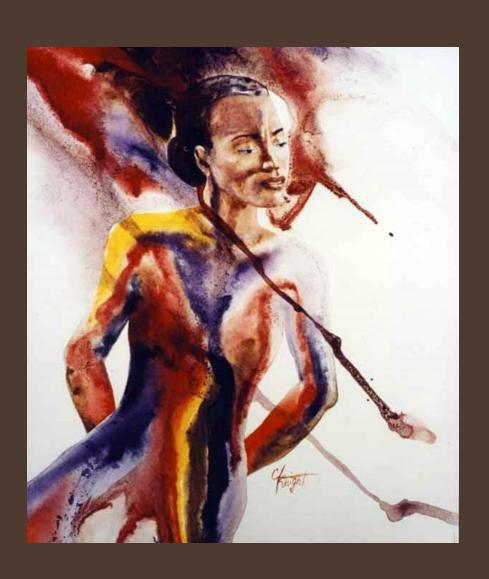


### LITERATURE REVIEW

- 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





#### SAMPLE

- 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

Themes	Subthemes
Experiencing powerlessness and demoralization with the rape	
Feeling the stigma and discrimination of others	Living with the response from husbands Living with the community response
Struggling with persistent overwhelming consequences	Experiencing a life of loneliness Living with economic challenges Living with long-term sequelae
Feeling valued and grateful for assistance and compassion	
Awareness and desire to seek care despite fearing stigma and discrimination	



Reasoning



Health



Selfdetermination Six Dimensions of Well-being

Personal security



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