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PREFACE



In 2017 we finally did it. From a joint passion, vision and mission we have started our own organisation: IMPACT: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Finding your true passion is not an easy task, finding a partner with a similar passion and vision is nearly impossible to realise. We have been lucky to cross each other's paths and to be able to put to practice our common believe that if we all contribute, we can make this world a better place for everyone.



In 2018 we entered into our second year of IMPACT: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict.

While human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence may, at first glance, appear to be very distinct wrongdoings, in practice the underlying issues are often the same. One can think of the sexual nature that can be found in both crimes, the taboos and stigmas surrounding both crimes, the difficulty in defining the crimes, the focus on law enforcement (prosecution) rather than on prevention, prosecutorial challenges (e.g. protection, secondary victimization, reliance on victims' testimonies), lack of comprehensibly understanding victims' rights and needs, misconceptions about perpetrators and victims, and the fluidity of victim- and perpetrator roles, the consequences of both crimes (e.g. trauma, children born as a result), the causes and purposes of the crimes, to name a few.

By combining the knowledge of two separate fields, we believe to be able to contribute in a distinct way to the quest to combat both crimes and to offer justice to victims.

2018 was the year in which we continued our journey to contribute to eradicating human trafficking and sexual violence in conflict. We have set up some new projects, concluded others, and made ourselves better known to our network.

For all of us who have supported our work: thank you for making it possible to make an IMPACT together!

Best wishes,

Dr. Anne-Marie de Brouwer

Dr. Eefje de Volder

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PART 1

**IMPACT:
CENTER AGAINST HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL
VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT**

Vision

A world in which people live together respectfully and understand that we are dependent on each other to create a better world, a world free of violence. A world in which human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence do no longer take place by addressing and looking at these crimes separately and in combination.



Mission

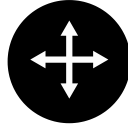
As an independent and trusted expertise center we positively contribute (IMPACT) to preventing and addressing human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence, and therewith we play a part in advancing a world free of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence.



Values

We undertake this work based on a common passion for the topics human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence, a commitment to make a contribution to a better world where people have heart for each other, and a conviction that this approach reflects our norms, values and vision.





Impact Criterion

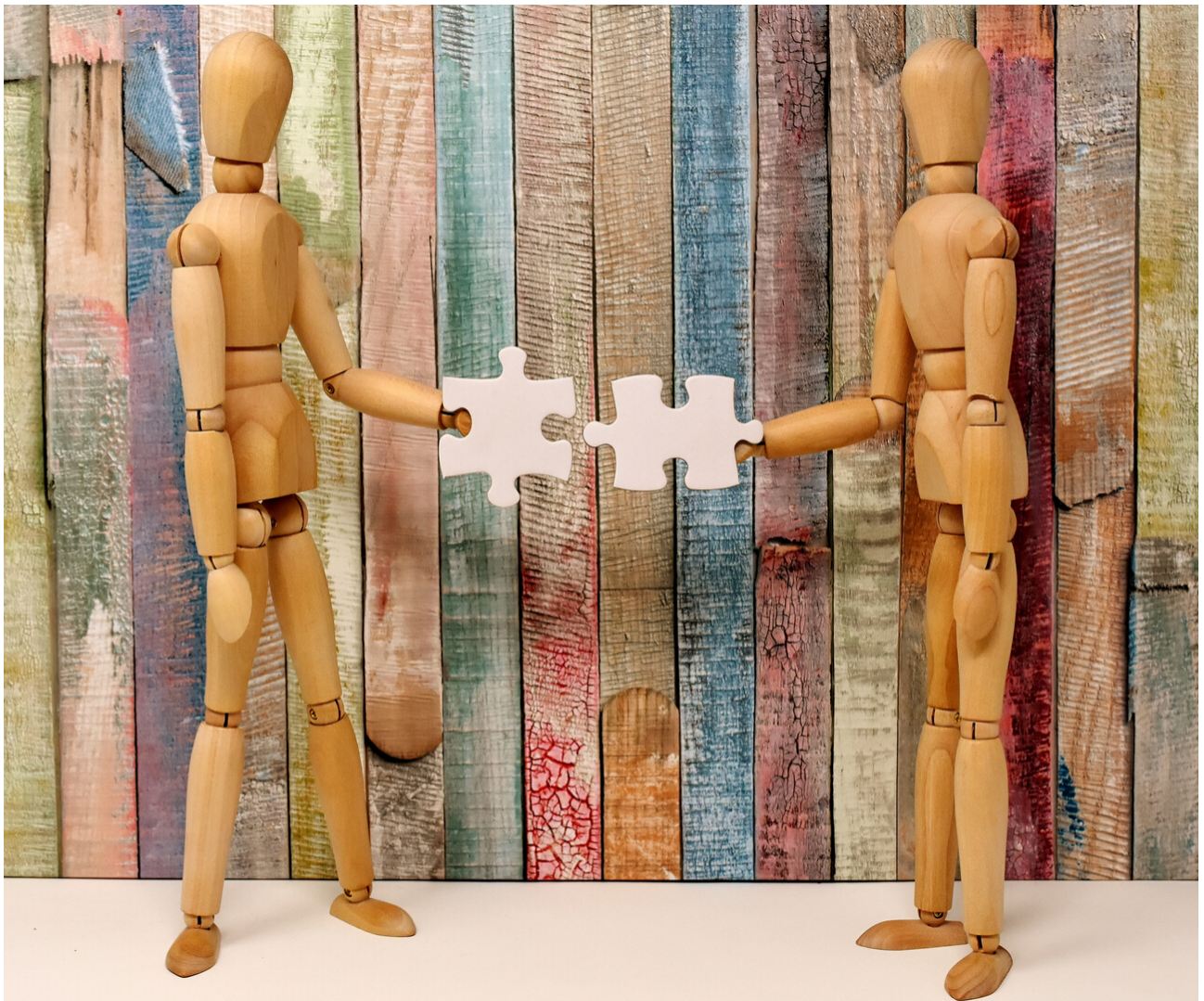


IMPACT stands for making a positive contribution to preventing and addressing human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence. IMPACT is the criterion that we test against to decide whether the proposed activities match the identity and core mission of IMPACT.

Team

In 2018, IMPACT's team consisted of two board members (Eefje de Volder and Anne-Marie de Brouwer) and five volunteers (spread over the year) supporting with research and social media (Sofia Kriempardi, Milena Adamczewska, Floris de Meijer, Josh Ryan and Chiun Min Seah).

More information about our current team members can be found on our website: <https://www.impact-now.org/who-we-are/team>



Work Methods

Research & Advice

Target groups:
organizations,
governments,
institutions

We conduct (interdisciplinary) research into and give advice about the phenomena of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence. The results from research are used to change policy and practice in the field of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence, where needed.

By informing people and educating them on human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence we raise awareness on these two phenomena and inspire them to take action.

Education & Awareness

Target groups:
society, youth,
students

Work Methods



By training professionals who work in the field of human trafficking and/or conflict-related sexual violence, we contribute to deepening their knowledge and skills in this area, building capacity, and a better approach to dealing with these crimes. One can think of: lawyers, social workers, psychologists, medics, academics, NGO staff and policy makers.

Training & Capacity Building

Target group: professionals

Empowerment & Advocacy

Target groups: victims/survivors, politicians, policy makers

We contribute to the empowerment of victims/survivors of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence by putting their interests and wishes first. We do this in so-called 'empowerment projects' and by advocating on their behalf on the national, regional and international level. Our aim is for victims/survivors to regain their dignity and to find recognition in what has happened to them.

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Achievements 2018

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Media & Publications

RESEARCH & ADVICE

In 2018, we participated in several research projects, such as:

(1) guest-editing a special issue on “the nexus between conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) and trafficking in human beings (THB) for sexual exploitation in times of conflict” for the *Journal of Trafficking and Human Exploitation* (Paris Legal Publishers); (2) reviewing several articles/PhD and book manuscripts on conflict-related sexual violence; (3) writing several articles ourselves, including “the nexus between conflict-related sexual violence and trafficking for sexual exploitation in times of conflict (Paris Legal Publishers, with R. Ghaforkhan and W. Scholte)” and “the ICTR (Oxford Bibliographies, Oxford University Press)”; and (4) supervising students from Strathmore University in writing their theses. Some of these contributions were published in 2019.

Colonial crimes

In 2018, we conducted research, on behalf of the Nuhanovic foundation, on the impact of litigation before Dutch civil courts in relation to the systematic and large-scale atrocities committed by the Dutch military forces in the former colony the Dutch East Indies between 1945–1949.



Sexual Crimes in Conflict Database

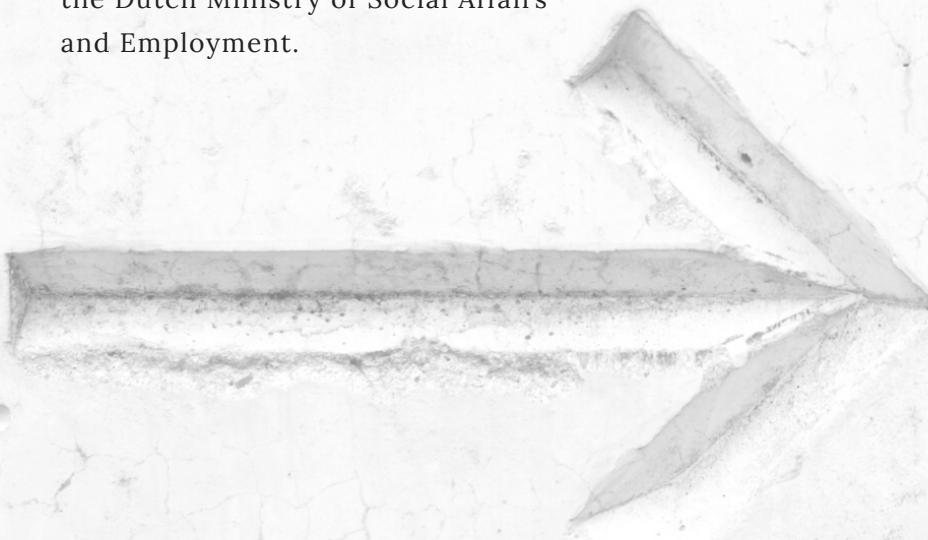
In 2018, we advised the Nuremberg Academy on the sustainability of their Sexual Crimes in Conflict Database, which includes case law and literature on CRSV and that we helped to set up in previous years. This project was executed for the International Nuremberg Principles Academy in Nuremberg, Germany.

Fair recruitment of trafficked persons in the Netherlands

In 2018, together with Dutch stakeholders, we looked into the possibilities and obstacles to fair recruitment for victims of human trafficking in the Netherlands. Trafficked persons, particularly labour migrants, wish to start work again as soon as possible. Support organisations are hesitant to mediate to work because of the many mal-practices that exist in low-skilled jobs. At the same time, there are recruitment agencies and employers who offer decent work conditions. The research offered recommendations what is needed for support organisations to work together with recruitment agencies and employers to mediate trafficked persons to decent work, without running the risk of being re-victimised again. This project was executed for the Coordination Center against Human Trafficking (CoMensha), that received funding for this project from the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

Advice to institutions

In 2018, we provided advice to several institutions on human trafficking, conflict-related sexual violence and social entrepreneurship, including the Korea Future Initiative (People's Tribunal); CUNY Law School (Crimes against Humanity expert meeting); Berkeley School of Law - Sexual Violence Program (Sexual and Gender-based Violence under Customary International Law Timeline Project); Tilburg University (Bachelor Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation accreditation), and ABN AMRO Stakeholders meeting (ABN AMRO's human trafficking/human rights' policy).



EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Summer School at Tilburg University

In July 2018, we taught for the second time our two-week Summer School course at Tilburg University on preventing and addressing conflict-related sexual violence and human trafficking for bachelor/master students from all over the world and of any discipline. During these two weeks the opportunities and challenges in addressing both crimes were discussed from both a theoretical and practical perspective. The course also included group assignments and visits to the International Criminal Court, Kosovo Specialist Chambers & Specialist Prosecutor's Office, Bureau of the Nationaal Rapporteur Mensenhandel en Seksueel Geweld tegen Kinderen (Bureau of the National Rapporteur against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence against Children) and Centrum tegen Kinderhandel en Mensenhandel (Center against Trafficking and Children and Human Beings).



Name: Sjors van de Ven
Country: the Netherlands
Field of study: law student



“The Summer School is an altogether great experience.

Name: Lia Kleuskens
Country: the Netherlands
Field of study: psychology student

The two-week program enabled me to meet international students and to experience the field of practice by visits to institutions.”



“This summer school was an inspirational and eye-opening course that I very much enjoyed.

Taught by two teachers who are very passionate about their discipline.”

Summer School at Maastricht University

In July/August 2018, we taught an intensive one-week Summer School at Maastricht University on human trafficking and sexual violence in conflict to participants from all over the world and with different backgrounds.





Course on Sexual and Gender Based Violence at Strathmore University

In October 2018, we taught an intensive one-week course on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (as part of the LLM on International Criminal Justice) at Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya.

Guest lectures



In 2018, we gave several guest lectures, including at:

- (1) the symposium on “Sexual Violence: The Male Perspective” (organized by the Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights, University of Applied Sciences, The Hague);
- (2) the symposium on “Entrepreneurship in the 21st century” (organized by Tilburg University, Tilburg);
- (3) INTERVICT’s master program on victimology and international criminal justice;
- (4) the screening of “The Uncondemned: Sexual Violence in Rwanda” (organized by the Mukomeze Foundation, Humanity House, The Hague);
- (5) a masterclass on human trafficking for high school students (organized by Pepptalx, Abbey Koningshoeven, Berkel-Enschot).

Educational modules on trafficking for teachers in middle and higher education

In 2018, we drafted several basic and advanced modules for teachers in middle and higher education to make it easier to include the topic of human trafficking in their education. The topics of the basic modules are: (i) the definition of trafficking in the Netherlands; (ii) the institutional approach to combat trafficking in the Netherlands; (iii) how to recognize trafficking; (iv) what to do in case of trafficking (professionals). The topics of the advanced models are: (i) Article 273f Dutch Criminal Code; (ii) sex work and human trafficking; and (iii) labour exploitation. This project was executed for the Coordination Center against Human Trafficking (CoMensha), that received funding for this project from the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

EU TAIEX Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

In 2018, we joined a group of experts to Bosnia to assess the performance by BiH authorities in the fight against trafficking in human beings (THB) in the context of BiH application for EU membership and the Post-Visa Liberalization Monitoring Mechanism (PVLMM). TAIEX is the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission. TAIEX supports public administrations with regard to the approximation, application and enforcement of EU legislation as well as facilitating the sharing of EU best practices.

EMPOWERMENT & ADVOCACY

Book “And I Live On”

End 2018, we visited Rwanda to re-interview the women and man (and some of their children) whose testimonials and portraits are included in “The Men Who Killed Me”. The latter book was to be updated to include the new stories of these women, man and children. The book was published with Wolf Legal Publishers in April 2019 under the title “And I Live On: The Resilience of Rwandan Genocide Survivors of Sexual Violence”. For this project we set up a crowdfunding campaign on our website. The book project was implemented in close collaboration with Solace Ministries (Rwanda) and the Human Rights Clinic of Toronto University (Canada).





CRSV Network NL

In 2018, we set up the CRSV Network NL to provide NGOs based in the Netherlands (NL) and working on conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) the opportunity to get an insight on each other's work and share knowledge on various issues related to sexual violence in conflict. The aim is to strengthening communication and cooperation between NGOs in the Netherlands working on the issue of CRSV.

In 2018, the members of the CRSV Network NL included: (1) The Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights; (2) Civitas Maxima; (3) Dr. Denis Mukwege; (4) Equator Foundation; (5) Impact: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict; (6) Mukomeze Foundation; (7) Sterk Huis; and (8) Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice.

The members meet twice a year. In 2018, we held the first meeting at Impact (Rijen) and the second meeting at the Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation (The Hague).

Network

In 2018, we broadened our network by becoming a member of WO=MEN (Dutch Gender Platform) and by providing input on advocacy issues within our field of expertise. Also, one of IMPACT's board members joined the intermediate board of La Strada International (LSI), a leading European NGO Platform of NGO's that support trafficked persons at the local level throughout Europe. Further, we chair, on behalf of CoMensha, the Dutch Strategic meeting on Human Trafficking (SOM), which is a strategic meeting of NGO's in the Netherlands that provides support to victims of trafficking.





MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

International Justice Tribune, by Janet H. Anderson, [The Sexual and Gender-Based Crime that Few Talk About](#), 18 February 2018 (with reference to our presentation/blog on Faustin, a male survivor of sexual violence).

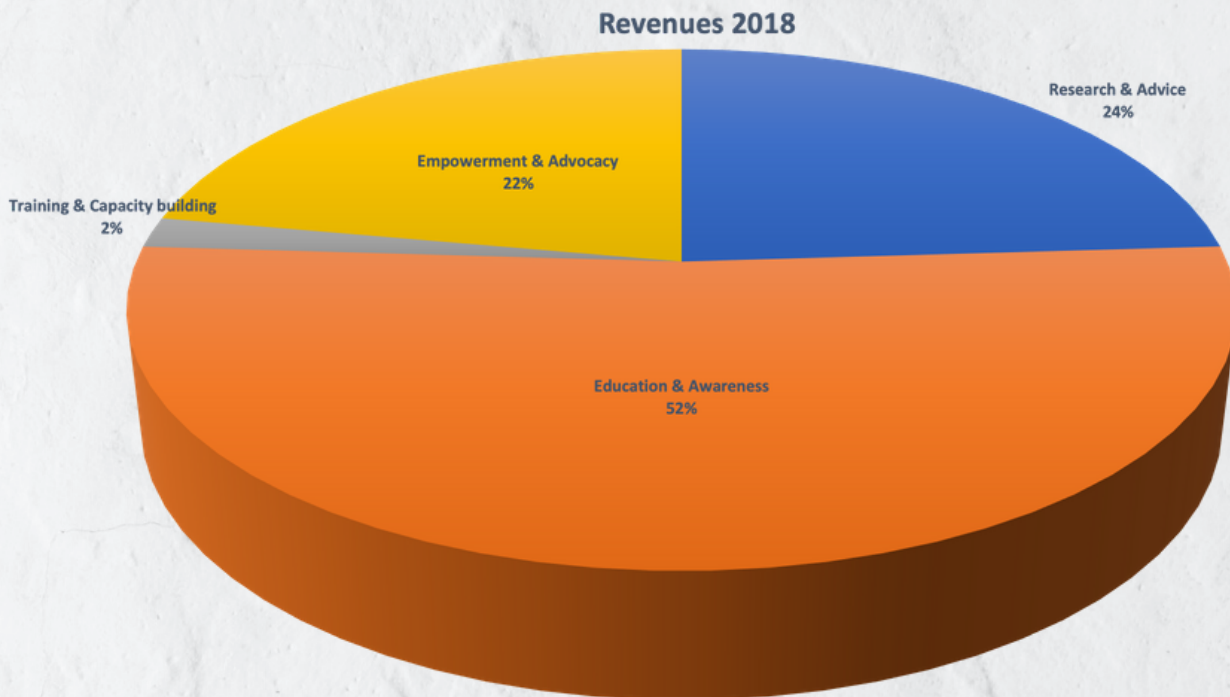
Justice Hub, by Anne-Marie de Brouwer, Eefje de Volder and Milena Adamczewska, [“The Men Who Killed Me” 2.0 project: Understanding sexual violence in conflict and empowering its survivors](#), 7 July 2018.

E. de Volder & A. de Brouwer, [Beïnvloeding van groepsdynamiek onder slachtoffers van arbeidsuitbuiting: een verkenning](#) (CoMensha, december 2018), available via: <https://www.comensha.nl/over-ons/publicaties/rapporten/beinvloeding-van-groepsdynamiek-onder-slachtoffers-van-arbeidsuitbuiting>

Several [blogs by Impact](#) on: (1) male victims of conflict-related sexual violence (January 2018); (2) international women’s day (March 2018); (3) social entrepreneurship (March 2018); (4) colonial slavery and human trafficking (March 2018); (5) commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda (April 2018); (6) world humanitarian day (May 2018); (7) Summer School 2018 (September 2018, by Antoinette van der Kaa); and (8) universal children’s day (November 2018).



REVENUES 2018



At Impact, 10% of all income is set aside for 'empowerment projects'. In 2018, we made it possible for a group of female survivors of human trafficking to have a nice day in a spa, zoo and/or cinema. Furthermore, we set aside an amount for the development of 'The Men Who Killed Me 2.0./And I Live On project'.

Objectives for 2019

Communication:

Elaborate an effective and regular communication strategy via social media, website, newsletter

Projects/content-related:

- Have brown bag lunches discussing content-related issues
- Continue to invest, as a knowledge center, in content-related issues (e.g. our blogs, participation in articles, guest editing journals, set up our own journal)
- Work out the meaning of the 'impact-criterion'

Internal organizational issues:

- Obtain an ANBI-status
- Set up a board
- Start with internal strategy days annually and throughout the year
- Allow for (personal) coaching in support of Impact's mandate
- Improve internal communication on the work to be done

Networking:

- Invest in broadening our network and making connections
- Explore existing and new networks and invest time in meeting up with them
- Become a member of interesting networks

Funding:

- Draft annual (and financial) reports and the company policy plan
- Draft a strategy plan for funding



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