International Women's Day 2018

HRWF (08.03.2018) — Today we're celebrating International Women's Day by highlighting some women's organisations around the world who are working to help empower women and #Pressforprogress.

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Women for Women International works to support women affected by war. They work in eight countries "offering support, tools, and access to life-changing skills to move from crisis and poverty to stability and economic self-sufficiency." They offer individual sponsorships that provide women with a monthly stipend, training opportunities, and education.

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<u>SB OverSeas</u> is an NGO based in Brussels, Belgium working to help refugees by providing services focused on education, empowerment, and emergency aid. HRWF is currently working with SB OverSeas on the issue of child marriage in refugee camps in Lebanon by telling the stories of girls in the camps. Read past stories: <u>Girls are a worry until death</u>, <u>Chasing a childhood in Shatila</u>, <u>A cup of tea served by child brides</u>, and <u>A firsthand account of child marriage in a Lebanese refugee camp</u>.

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The <u>Mongolian Gender Equality Center</u> establishes din 2002 works to protect women and girls from human trafficking, in addition to also promoting women's rights and striving for gender equality. They have been honoured as a US State Department <u>TIP Report Hero</u> for excellence in their work.

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<u>Kuna Mbarete</u> (which means strong woman) is a women's empowerment movement started in Bolivia in 2017. Initiated as a protest against the government the group grew quickly overnight to be more that <u>165,000 women strong</u>.

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<u>SAYFTY</u> is an NGO in India that working on preventing violence against women by fostering more dialogue and open communication to make "fundamental shift" in how the VAW is perceived.

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