

**One** out of every **three** women worldwide experiences violence in her lifetime...

The I-VAWA focuses on reducing women's vulnerability to violence by improving their economic status and educational opportunities.



Kavira Muraulu, in Democratic Republic of Congo, complained about rape by a soldier and was raped again and bayoneted in the stomach in revenge for the complaint. The I-VAWA enables the U.S. government to identify and take emergency measures in cases of mass violence against women in conflict and calls for prosecution of perpetrators.

A young woman at a BRAC Microfinance Village Organization meeting in Tangail, Bangladesh. In rural Bangladesh, a female client of another microcredit program explained that before she received a loan and learned a trade, her husband didn't value her and often beat her, but now she has found the power to change her life. "He gives me more value since the loan... Before, my husband used to beat me when I asked him for money, now, even if he doesn't earn enough every day, I can work, we don't have to suffer." (Kabeer, 202).

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**CO-Sponsor the International  
Violence Against Women Act**

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_

As your constituent, I urge you to co-sponsor the International Violence Against Women Act (HR 5927) to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls around the world.

At least one out of every three women globally will be beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime, with rates reaching 70 percent in some countries. The I-VAWA will coordinate and improve U.S. government efforts to stop the global crisis of violence against women and girls. The I-VAWA will significantly reduce violence against women and girls globally by integrating anti-violence work across U.S. foreign assistance and across US diplomatic efforts. I-VAWA is designed to give victims of violence more assistance, hold perpetrators accountable, and improve women's economic status and educational opportunities.

As my Representative, you have the power to make a real difference in the lives of millions of women and girls around the world by co-sponsoring the International violence Against Women Act.

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