

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Greetings from Refugee Law Project! While COVID-19 obliges many to work from home and practice our virtual skills, it also offers an opportunity to step back from our usual routines and reflect on what we think we do well, and what could do with some polishing. After all, the day will hopefully come, sooner rather than later, when we can resume using our professional skills-sets, perhaps enhanced by some new insights gathered.

From Refugee Law Project, we are therefore pleased to share with you a thought-provoking blog piece written by Wokorach Mogi, our SGBVP Officer – Kampala Office. In his piece, titled *“The Loud Silence: The plight of refugee male survivors of conflict-related sexual violence”* Mogi brings out his extensive experience in the complex field of working with refugee male survivors of Conflict-related Sexual Violence (CRSV) in Kampala, Gulu and Nakivale. He explicates key challenges male survivors grapple with, especially focusing on dilemmas in seeking and uptaking services so as to (re)gain their full functionality as well as lead dignified lives.

We request that you ponder further on the blog and reflect on what more can be done to support all survivors of sexual violence, be they male, female, heterosexual or sexual and gender non-conforming. Also, we request that you take this moment, using the blog, to support people working on issues related to sexual violence.

We welcome your thoughts, comments, questions and suggestions for partnership in the struggle against sexual violence in conflict.

Thank you.