

Adolescent Girls in Fragile and Conflict-affected Countries QSD on 8 January 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support adolescent girls in fragile and conflict-affected countries.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- HM Government, [UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2018–2022: Annual Report to Parliament 2018](#), 19 December 2018

Report on the UK Government's five-year strategy on the implementation of its women, peace and security commitments under UN security council resolution 1325 to reduce the impact of conflict on women and girls and to promote their inclusion in conflict resolution.

- UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict, [Annual Report of the Secretary General on Children and Armed Conflict](#), 16 May 2018, pp 1–4 and 35–6

Report highlighting recent global trends regarding the impact of armed conflict on children and provides information on violations committed in 2017, as well as related protection concerns.

- House of Lords Library, [International Women's Day: Steps Being Taken to Press for Gender Equality Globally](#), 28 February 2018, pp 7–12

Summary of UK Government policies regarding the implementation of the UN's sustainable development goal to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

- G7 and Government of Canada, [Charlevoix Declaration on Quality Education for Girls, Adolescent Girls and Women in Developing Countries](#), 13 June 2018

Declaration by the G7 countries—including the UK—to improve the education of girls and women in developing countries, particularly those living in conflict-affected and fragile states.

- Overseas Development Institute, ['How to Deliver the G7's Ambitious Commitments to Gender Equality and Girls' Education'](#), 13 June 2018

Comment on how the G7's 2018 declaration might be implemented.

- Department for International Development, [DFID Education Policy: Get Children Learning](#), February 2018, pp 3–4

Information on the Government's Get Children Learning policy which is intended to support the improvement of schools in developing countries.

- United Nations Population Fund, [Adolescent Girls in Disaster and Conflict: Interventions for Improving Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services](#), August 2016, pp 4–10

Summary of adolescent sexual and reproductive health issues in the context of humanitarian crises.

- House of Lords Library, [Work of the Ad Hoc Committees in 2015–16: House of Lords Sexual Violence in Conflict Committee](#), 20 April 2018, pp 19–22

Summary of the findings of the House of Lords Sexual Violence in Conflict Committee, which reported in April 2016, and an overview of recent developments which have occurred since the report was published.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Debate on 'Protecting Children in Conflict Areas'](#), HC Hansard, 25 April 2018, cols 359–81WH
- House of Commons, ['Written Statement: Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict'](#), 19 June 2018, HLWS748
- House of Commons, ['Written Question: Developing Countries: Schools'](#), 19 December 2018, 202072

Further Information

- HM Government, [UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2018–2022](#), January 2018
- House of Lords Committee on Sexual Violence in Conflict, [Sexual Violence in Conflict: A War Crime](#), 12 April 2016, HL Paper 123 of session 2015–16; and [Government Response](#), 30 June 2016, Cm 9277
- [Debate on 'Sexual Violence in Conflict \(Select Committee Report\)'](#), HL Hansard, 10 October 2016, cols 1740–78
- House of Lords Library, [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women: 25 November 2018](#), 23 November 2018
- House of Lords Library, [International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: 19 June](#), 14 June 2018
- House of Lords Library, [Displaced Children](#), 15 November 2018
- House of Commons Library, [Protecting Children in Conflict Areas](#), 23 April 2018
- [Debate on 'Conflict in Fragile States'](#), HL Hansard, 15 September 2016, cols 1636–62
- Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, [Closing the Gap: Adolescent Girls' Access to Education in Conflict-affected Settings](#), 2016

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