

CAMPAIGN FOR HOPE, HEALING AND JUSTICE Forensic Nursing Care for All

CASE FOR SUPPORT

THE PROBLEM



A GLOBAL

PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Violence is present everywhere. It has a lasting, devastating impact on individuals and communities.

Violence is a public health crisis that leaves people of all ages with lasting health impacts, including physical injuries, emotional trauma, and more.

But tens of millions of these victims do not receive the healthcare they deserve, worsening the long-term effects of violence.



THE PROBLEM



People experience violence at home, in their communities, online, and across international borders.



The violence may include:

- domestic or intimate partner violence
- sexual assault and rape
- dating violence and abuse
- peer violence
- physical and mental abuse
- sexual coercion
- stalking
- child and elder maltreatment
- human trafficking,
- and more



THE IMPACT IN NUMBERS



736M WOMEN

globally experience physical or sexual abuse in their lifetime



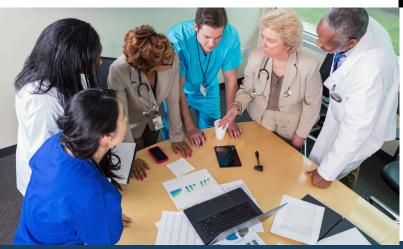
400M CHILDREN

under 5 around the world suffered abuse at home



worldwide were trafficked or forced into marriages

PEOPLE





\$14M THE PRICE

the global economy pays due to violence

ONE VICTIM'S **REALIT**



A survivor recounted her own personal experience of being held captive for five years.

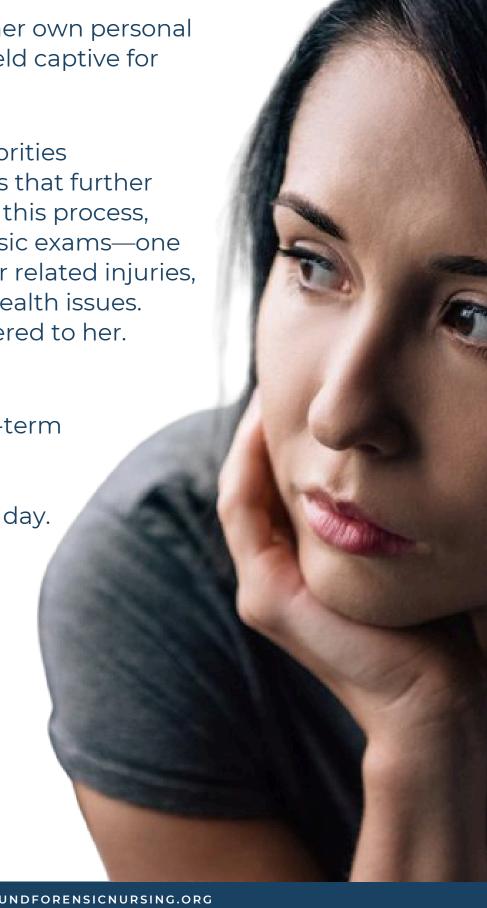
After her escape, authorities questioned her in ways that further victimized her. During this process, she heard about forensic exams—one that would address her related injuries, diseases and mental health issues. But one was never offered to her.

Five years later, she is experiencing the long-term impacts of her injuries and struggles to cope with the trauma every day.

Her healthcare needs were never addressed.

Her captors are walking free.

Her access to justice has been denied.





People who experience violence have both immediate and long-term health problems caused by the violence.

Immediate healthcare needs may include physical and emotional trauma such as injury, sexually-transmitted infections, unwanted pregnancy, and more.



Victims of violence everywhere deserve access to high-quality care.

But millions who seek healthcare in the aftermath of violence do not receive it.

Some describe that inadequate care as revictimizing.

Many more still go without access to *any* form of healthcare.

WE KNOW THAT...



Forensic nurses are specially trained to provide healthcare for patients who have experienced violence – and they can gather evidence so that it is admissible in court.

Forensic nurses provide compassionate and specialized care to patients who experience violence.

Forensic nursing care reduces the likelihood of a victim being retraumatized and puts patients on the road to healing.



WE KNOW THAT FORENSIC NURSING IS THE SOLUTION.

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Having access to a trained forensic nurse can improve a victim's short- and long-term health problems associated with the violence.





Forensic nurses are also a critical resource for making communities safer.





PUTTING THE SOLUTION TO WORK

We work every day toward a world where everyone has access to forensic nursing care.

But there is an urgent shortage of forensic nurses globally.

Worldwide, the highest concentration of forensic nurses is in the United States, but only 25% of hospitals in the U.S. have forensic nurses.

The IAFN Foundation is determined to change this reality so that people who experience violence can access the healthcare they deserve.





As the charitable arm of the world's premier forensic nursing organization, the International Association of Forensic Nurses, we are poised to facilitate this global change!



That can happen only if we expand our financial foundation.

Then, we can invest the necessary resources to move the needle on expanding access to forensic nursing in more communities, more countries – and to more of the millions of people who go without the care they deserve.



Join us in our commitment to improving the lives of those we experience violence, no matter their location or circumstance.

DONATE NOW

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