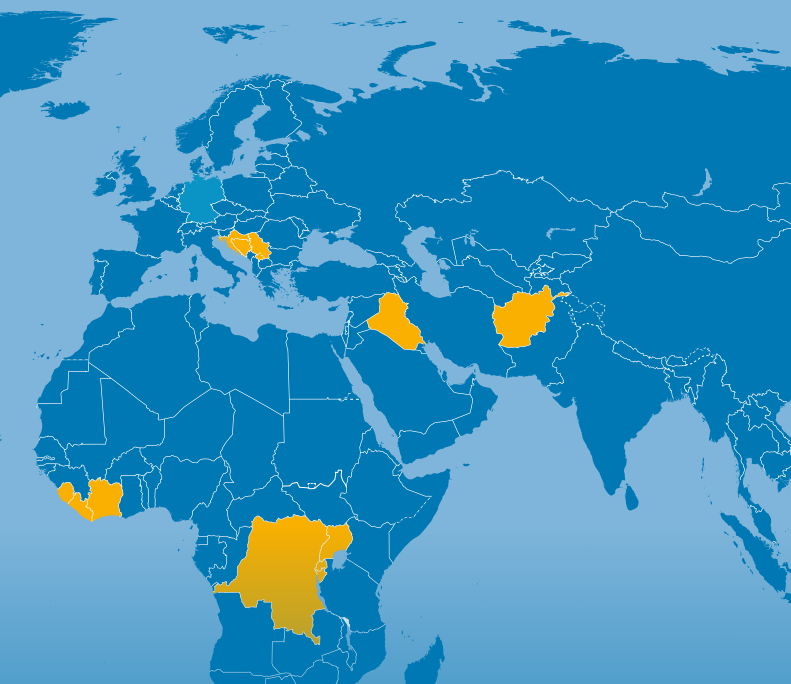


## WHERE WE WORK

Armed conflict knows no borders. So in our international programme work we set **regional priorities** and strengthen movements which work across borders to end violence against women.



- **Southeast Europe:** Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia
- Afghanistan, Iraq
- **West Africa:** Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone
- **Great Lakes Region:** Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Uganda

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## IN ACTION FOR WOMEN



## WHO WE ARE

*medica mondiale* is a **feminist women's rights organisation**. Since 1993 we have been actively supporting women and girls in war zones and crisis areas who were affected by sexualised violence. Together with local women's organisations, we support survivors and advocate politically for gender justice and an end to the violence.

In 2008, the founder of *medica mondiale*, Monika Hauser, was awarded the Right Livelihood Award – also known as the “Alternative Nobel Prize”.

**Our Vision: Women and girls are living in a world free of violence; they live in dignity and justice.**

## SEXUALISED WARTIME VIOLENCE –

### WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

*Women and girls are raped, kidnapped and enslaved in all wars. Many of them are left pregnant, HIV-positive and scarred both physically and psychologically. Often they face accusations of being to blame for the rape and/or social exclusion from their community.*

## WHAT WE DO

### We empower women locally

*medica mondiale* supports women and girls affected by violence in war and post-war regions. For this, we work together with local activists, organisations and governmental authorities to implement joint programmes.

Our Grants Program also offers organisations funding for smaller projects of limited duration.

### Our work is integrated

In cooperation with local partners, *medica mondiale* provides support at all levels of society:

- medical and psychosocial counselling, legal assistance, and income-generating measures for survivors
- awareness raising among families and communities
- establishing points of contact for women within their communities
- training measures for psychosocial counsellors, healthcare professionals and staff in the judicial system
- support and training for women's rights organisations
- women's rights work at a political level



### Our work is trauma-sensitive

In order to provide the best possible assistance to women and girls affected by violence, *medica mondiale* developed the **STA – Stress- and Trauma-sensitive Approach**. This takes into account certain basic principles for dealing with people who have experienced violence. The aim is to strengthen and stabilise both the affected persons and the specialists working with them.

### Our work is networked

*medica mondiale* promotes **cooperation with and between its partner organisations**, and helps to network them with other relevant organisations and authorities. Networking is important to overcome the isolation of women when it comes to sexualised wartime violence. Joining forces also enhances the political and societal pressure that can be exerted.