



# Violence against women & girls: Widows in refugee camps & migration

**Wednesday 19 June**

**12.00 - 13.00**

**Palais Nations, UN Geneva  
Room XXV**

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Conflict and climate crisis results in insecurity for all. Female headed households are most vulnerable. With the increase of child marriage, child widowhood is an inevitable outcome. In insecure times, girls are increasingly vulnerable to all forms of abuse. The aim of this event is to highlight the situation for widows especially in migration and refugee camps, including older widows, widows with children and child widows. The situation of widows is dire yet their potential is huge. It is time to raise awareness on this human rights issue and for Member States and Civil Society to include widows in all discussions on violence against women & girls

