

**9 February 2023 @12:15pm CET**  
**How Women and Girls are Affected by  
Conflict and Displacement**

As the migrant population has grown tragically to over 100 million globally, Giving Women has decided to invite a panel of experts to take a deep dive in to understanding what is forcing women to migrate and how migration effects the lives of women and girls. We have invited panelists to talk to us about the situation in Afghanistan, Ukraine and Latin America, with the purpose sharing knowledge and best practices from different parts of the world.

We wish to extend our warm appreciation to [Heba Aly](#), CEO of [The New Humanitarian](#) for moderating this panel and to our three panellists:

- [Isabella Rolz](#) - Freelance Journalist with a focus on Latin America
- [Zuhra Dadgar-Shafiq](#) - Founder and director, Action for Development
- [Heather Komenda](#): Migrant Protection and Assistance Specialist at IOM - UN Migration

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From GW - Kathleen Holmlund : We are here in Geneva

From Lorena Moser : Joining from Copenhagen, Denmark

From GW - Kathleen Holmlund : Hello everyone! We'll be starting in a minute. Welcome to the "Panel Conversation: How Women and Girls are Affected by Conflict and Displacement"

From Flora Ndoci : Hi everybody! I am calling from work so I will be quiet!

From Atalanti Moquette : Please let us know where you are calling from

From Fernanda Torresi : Hi from Hungary

From Flora Ndoci : Zürich

From Tet : Hi from Scotland

From kamala poudel, NEPAL ,CSO-KOSHISH : KAMALA POUDEL FROM NEPAL

From Nhi : Hello from Switzerland!

From Shermeen Zeidan : Hi I live in Geneva. I come from Lebanon

From Sanela Music : Montreux Switzerland, but originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina

**From GW - Kathleen Holmlund :** Welcome all!

**From GW - Kathleen Holmlund :** It would help us if participants can put their full names if possible

**From Heba Aly : Thanks Atalanti -** you can subscribe to The New Humanitarian here: <https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/subscribe>

**From Shermeen Zeidan :** Hi my name is Shermeen Zeidan, I am Lebanese and live in Geneva.

**From GW - Kathleen Holmlund :** Please also make sure you are on mute, but feel free to leave your video on. We love to see your faces, and are only recording in speaker mode.

**From GW - Kathleen Holmlund :** For any questions or comments, please put them in the chatbox. We do share the chatbox as well as the recording of the panel after the event.

**From Nhi :** That would be great Heba, thank you!

**From Heba Aly :** She Said series: <https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/tags/she-said>

**From Nhi Corcoran (She/They) :** Zuhra, what sort of institutional support or otherwise do these women have to alleviate them from this oppression due to displacement/cultural enforcements?

**From Nhi Corcoran (She/They) :** From your experience, what sort of support could be established to support them? And how can the communities outside of Afghanistan contribute to help? Are there initiatives that are creating any impact at all for women freedom in this case?

**From Wakanyi Hoffman :** I see this tapping into the issue of the digital gender divide (lack of gender-specific information). What are the digital spaces where women can gather information curated specifically for them? In Afghanistan and other places? Do the women have individual access to information or is that also controlled by the men in their lives?

**From Heba Aly :** Here's a series of stories from The New Humanitarian on the mental health impacts of war and crisis: <https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/feature/2019/07/12/mental-health-crisis-war-conflict>

**From Nhi Corcoran (She/They) :** +1 to Wakanyi's comment/question

**From Heba Aly :** More on the risky migration journey through Central America: <https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/migration/risky-journeys>

**From Nhi Corcoran (She/They) :** My name is pronounced: Ñi, Heba :)

**From Heba Aly :** Sorry, and thanks!

**From Atalanti Moquette :** Do you think sanctions are effective?

**From GW - Kathleen Holmlund :** Thanks for joining us today. If you missed the beginning of this session or would like to watch it again, or share it with others, we are pleased to inform you that that all our sessions are recorded and will be made available after the event.

**From Heba Aly :** yes, coming!

**From Nhi Corcoran (She/They) :** Heather, do you think private org action can be more rapid to act versus NGOs actions where procedures to enact, may get lost in bureaucracy?

**From Alexandra HW :** Another illuminating, illuminated and important panel-thank you! Much to ponder and process.

**From Heba Aly :** On the racism question (ie. different treatment of African asylum seekers than others): <https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/first-person/2022/03/15/ukraine-poland-syria-refugee-welcome-forest>

**From Nhi Corcoran (She/They) :** Thanks Heather!

**From Nhi Corcoran (She/They) :** Heather, do you have the link for IOM's book?

**From Isabelle Pendeza :** Bonjour à toutes et à tous, je suis Isabelle PENDEZA coordinatrice de la coopérative des femmes vivant autours et dans les sites miniers COFEVAM en sigle. Je suis une congolais de la RDC, je suis à Goma dans la province du Nord Kivu. Merci

**From Wakanyi Hoffman :** Thanks Heather. Echoing Nhi's thoughts- if government priority is not the women on the streets (in Afghanistan), is that an opportunity for agencies such as IOM to argue to take over the "burden" of legal protection (from a human rights standpoint) and from there provide specific information that these women can use to avoid some of these dangers they are exposed to on the streets?

**From Aryan :** Thanks a lot for organising this panel discussion and thanks to all speakers. Special thanks to Zohra for speaking out about Afghan women. 🙏

**From Nhi Corcoran (She/They) :** Thank you everyone, this has been immensely insightful and thought provoking!

**From Zuhra Shafiq :** Reacted to "Thanks a lot for org..." with ❤️

**From Wakanyi Hoffman :** Thanks for raising the hope-meter!

**From GW - Kathleen Holmlund :** Big thank you to Heba and all our speakers

**From Shermeen Zeidan :** Thank you!

**From GW - Kathleen Holmlund :** Thank you for joining us today on this online session. Visit our page and sign up to our Mailing list and be the first to receive information regarding the upcoming events here: <https://givingwomen.ch/events>

**From Zuhra Shafiq :** Reacted to "Thank you everyone, ..." with ❤️

**From Flora Ndoci/Florika Ntotsi :** Thank you!

13:32:54 From Fernanda Torresi : Thank you everyone

13:32:57 From Heather Komenda : <https://publications.iom.int/books/iom-handbook-migrants-vulnerable-violence-exploitation-and-abuse>

From daniela.krisova : Thank you to organizers and all the speakers <3

From Lorena Moser : Thank you very much! This has been very insightful!

From kamala poudel,NEPAL ,CSO-KOSHISH : THANKS IT HAS BEEN VERY INFORMATIVE

From Ruth Szabo : Thank you so much to all, excellent panel discussion!