

**Enforced Disappearance in Armed Conflict:
The Wives of the Disappeared Men
During the Lord's Resistance Army
Civil War in Northern Uganda**

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Enforced or involuntary disappearance is a crime and a global problem. While men are usually the primary targets of enforced disappearance, women and relatives also suffer diverse, lasting consequences and often human rights violations as a result of the crime. This has been evident in Northern Uganda where civilians suffered massive disappearance during the armed conflict between the Lord's Resistance Army and the Government of Uganda, which started in the mid-1980s and lasted for over two decades. This study examines the impact of disappearance on the wives of the disappeared men. Drawing upon in-depth narrative interviews with the wives, findings show that disappearance has got lasting psychological, economic and physical health effects on them. It as well exposes the wives to various forms of violence and property grabbing. Their vulnerability and outstanding needs call for immediate actions.