

UN Special Representative and BSF Founder Announce Global Partnership on Curbing Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones

Bibliothèques Sans Frontières and Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict Announce Global Partnership to Combat Conflict-Related Sexual Violence



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of the Secretary-General on
Sexual Violence in Conflict

Paris, France Oct 16, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, and Patrick Weil, President and Founder of the NGO Bibliothèques Sans Frontières (BSF), today announced a breakthrough global partnership, deploying modern technologies in support of survivors of conflict-related sexual violence, their families, and their communities.

Through a Framework of Cooperation, the partnership will focus on Bibliothèques Sans Frontières' innovative Ideas Box, a transformational mobile multimedia center that can serve as a safe space for creativity, innovation, and healing. The Ideas Box, when properly equipped, has the potential to provide a wide range of support services encompassing holistic care for survivors and communities ranging from mental health services and psychosocial support to legal support, educational activities, and vocational training.

"This partnership honors and commits us," said Patrick Weil, President, and Founder of BSF. "It is intolerable to see the extent to which sexual violence persists in conflicts around the world. We are determined to put all of our expertise at the service of this urgent and necessary fight."

"Bibliothèques Sans Frontières, will, through its innovative tools, support the Office of the Special Representative in our efforts to prevent and respond to conflict-related sexual violence with a survivor-centered approach," said Pramila Patten, UN Special Representative.

The Office of the UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Bibliothèques Sans Frontières look forward to bringing together their respective knowledge and expertise to collaborate on targeted solutions for war's oldest crime.

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