

War time rape as a complex societal problem handled by the Compram methodology

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War time rape is unfortunately a frequent behavior of the conquerors to express their dominance and their power over the conquered and to celebrate their victory. By raping members of a population conquerors emphasize their superiority over the conquered by humiliating them. This abuse is very traumatic for the victims. The situation becomes worse as women become pregnant due to rape. Children born out of this situation, children born of war, are often not treated optimally by their mother, other members of the nuclear and extended family and, as well, by members of their local community. This results in a reduction of the quality of life for these children. War time rape can be considered as a complex societal problem in which many phenomena and parties are involved. Like all complex societal problems the phenomena are complicated, interrelated and intertwined with each other. In order to create sustainable goals and viable interventions into this problem, one has to analyze the situation carefully in a scientific way. This can be done by applying the Compram methodology through which one can analyze the problem scientifically in order to produce sustainable interventions. The Compram methodology is a framework methodology that handles a complex societal problem in six major steps. First the problem will be analyzed by a group of experts, then by the different actors, both powerful and non-powerful actors. In step three, mutually acceptable interventions will be generated, after which, the societal reactions towards these interventions will be analyzed, as the fourth step. In step five, the interventions will be implemented and the outcomes will be evaluated as the sixth step. Handling complex societal problems through the Compram methodology supports defining and changing a problem from awareness of the situation to the evaluation of the outcomes of the problem handling process. This process utilizes all kinds of methods and tools to facilitate the problem handling process. The methodology incorporates the three basic elements in handling complex societal problems: knowledge, power and emotion.

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