
Deodatte

from the Democratic Republic of the Congo

My husband was killed by rebels. They forced their way into my home and raped me. I thank God for bringing Women for Women International here. The training is like a new door has opened for me to rebuild my life. Despite what has happened to me, I think being in this program will help me to regain my dignity. It's like you have brought a light to those of us who have been marginalized and excluded – who had lost hope and a purpose to live. I have been welcomed here by this office and the people here have expressed an interest in me. Me, who thought that I had no value! But here you were interested in me and I didn't understand why. For this reason, I encourage Women for Women to be interested in other women who suffer, to give them hope to live.

Sponsor a Woman like *Deodatte*

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Rezagul

from Afghanistan

I lost my husband and my home during the war. A rocket hit my house, destroying my house and killing my husband. After this war, I want to learn about peace. We were under the pressure of other people who came to Afghanistan and created war. I don't want war anymore. I don't want to hear the name of war anymore. I don't want my children to suffer anymore after losing their father. We have peace now. We can leave our home. Under the Taliban, women couldn't learn anything. During the Taliban, our country was like a jail – we imagined we were in a jail. People who left and went to another country – it was like they escaped from jail.

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Shekeba

from Afghanistan

I am married and have three children. My husband suffers from health problems and cannot help me raise our children. My family lives in a small shop with no bathroom or kitchen. Before I came to Women for Women International I had no opportunities to earn an income. I came to this program in order to escape from the darkness of being uneducated and to learn something from the trainings. I feel that the classes are very useful. I'm usually busy with housework but now I also sew clothes, read books and write. I have a lot of hope for my future. I want to solve all my problems with knowledge and send my children to school.

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Dedovica

from Bosnia and Herzegovina

I am 42 years old and I am displaced from Foca. I have two children. My husband was killed in the war and I was left alone with my children. I heard about Women for Women International from my friends. I decided to join and do something with my life. Joining the organization was a recovery for me. With the support of Women for Women International and other sisters in the program, I realize I am in the right place. I feel like a new woman. I started to think differently, positively, to talk more and establish more contacts with people. I chose to learn to weave. It was a skill I had practiced in the past. I have started to weave small carpets on the weaving loom I borrowed from Women for Women International. Very soon I hope to sell the carpets and earn a significant amount of money. Very, very soon I hope to be completely recovered, to not have any doubt to go on, and to believe in myself as I get my life in my own hands.

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Gloría
from Colombia

When I was 12, my rural village was ravaged by guerilla soldiers. I fled with my family to an urban area, where we lived in extreme poverty. I later married but my husband was killed in the fighting. Now, I have to care for my four children alone. I cannot remember a time when my life was not in chaos. But Women for Women International is helping me learn what I need to know to make money. Thank you.

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Lumnije

from Kosovo

I watched the murder of most of my family. During the war, I became a refugee and lived in a tent. I depended on humanitarian aid for food. There was no privacy. It was dirty, dusty, crowded, and at all times I could hear the sounds of others crying. I was vulnerable to everyone and everything. After joining Women for Women International, I am a trained carpenter, and I fill orders for kitchen cabinets and office furniture. I hope to stand for myself.

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Fadila

from Iraq

The streets are unsafe in Iraq, but as a widowed mother of four I do not want my children to miss school. So, I walk them to and from school every day, each way taking two hours. I cannot afford bus fare, because I am dependent upon daily wages and there is no work at the moment. I do not want my children to lose a year of school, so I do what I can to help them finish. I have lived through several wars in my life. I want my children to have a better future. With Women for Women International, I know I can give that to them.

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Honorata

from the Democratic Republic of the Congo

My memory goes back and stops at a time when I was rejoicing from a better life. I was a teacher, a professional woman. I made a living. I had a family. I had a life. But that was before the war started in my dear country that took everything from me. The war in Congo has engulfed and annihilated everything. For one year, they held me captive in the forests. I was a captive and a slave to torture, rape and severe violence. With Women for Women International, hope reappears and gives me another image in my head. I am proud to have a friend, a sister, in America, who despite her status reduces herself to my rank to hold me by the hand and support me for one year and, who knows, perhaps more, so I can once more become an honest businesswoman for my progress and a better life.

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Josephine

from Nigeria

During the war in Nigeria my husband was killed. Following his death I had to endure a degrading widowhood practice of mourning for six months while struggling to feed my three sons. The Women for Women International program has taught us to be productive and self-reliant. Now, I am a woman with the experience of being able to produce soap, pomade and weaving of cloth. We are now women with prospects and vision. The program has given us anticipation and belonging in our community, we are no longer a liability. Our family and people around us have also benefitted from what we learn at the program.

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Nyria

from Rwanda

When my village was attacked during the genocide, I sought refuge inside a church. As it turned out, the churches were targets for our attackers. Around here, the genocide is actually known as the “church massacres.” Militiamen stormed churches, swinging machetes until every man, woman and child was dead. I only survived because so many dead bodies – including those of my seven children – fell on top of me. Shortly after the massacre, I moved to a “peace village” – a safe haven for survivors of war. There, I adopted several children who were orphaned by the atrocities. I joined Women for Women International and got the support and training I needed to start my own small business. Now, I support myself and I am giving my new children a better future.

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Zilka

from Bosnia and Herzegovina

There was only one road into and out of Gorazde and we called it the Road of Salvation, because it led elsewhere. I found one woman frozen on this Road of Salvation. Other people had to step over her. Can you forget this? No, never. I can never be liberated from this. The river was full of killed people. To be dead was normal. I found many dead people with wire around their throats from concentration camps. They put landmines near the bodies so people would blow up when they came to bury their dead relatives and friends.

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Angelina

from Nigeria

I am a 34 year-old woman with three young children. When my husband died, I was raped by members of my husband's family and forced to stay inside one room and sleep on a bare floor for an entire month. These treacherous acts are known as "widowhood practices." When I was allowed to emerge, my brother-in-law had taken everything my husband and I owned – even our children. With the help of Women for Women International, I purchased a few chickens and began selling fried bean balls and corn pudding. Women for Women International has taught me that you don't need to know someone before showing her kindness.

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