

Front Lines

News from the global fight
for reproductive rights

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A study released this month by the Center for Reproductive Rights and partners documents the alarming impact of multiple intersecting barriers to sexual and reproductive health care access experienced by refugees from Ukraine living in Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. In a new series, Let's Talk Repro, we introduce you to the Center's leading experts in our global fight for reproductive rights. And the Center files a new lawsuit to protect access to medication abortion in three U.S. states.

Europe



New Study: Refugees Fleeing Ukraine are Returning to Obtain Health Care

The Center and eight partner organizations documented the gaps and barriers in access to sexual and reproductive health care and gender-based violence support services that are faced by refugees from Ukraine in Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia in a new in-depth, multi-country fact-finding [report](#). The report highlights legal restrictions, burdensome costs, information shortfalls and other barriers to reproductive health care. Because of this, some refugees are facing a harrowing choice between returning to Ukraine to access essential reproductive health care, accessing care outside legal pathways in their host countries, or going without much-needed care.

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Asia

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**Let's Talk Repro:
Abortion Rights Ripple Across Asia**

—Prabina Bajracharya
Senior Manager, Asia

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Let's Talk Repro is a series where we introduce you to the Center's leading experts in our global fight for reproductive rights, taking you behind the scenes of our work, and sharing stories of the powerful moments that shape our movement. In this interview, we talk with Prabina Bajracharya, Senior Manager for Asia, about advancing laws and standards on reproductive rights issues in Asia.

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United States



Center Files New Lawsuit to Protect Access to Medication Abortion in Three States

The Center filed a lawsuit on behalf of independent abortion providers in Virginia, Montana, and Kansas seeking to preserve long-term access to mifepristone – one of two drugs used in medication abortion. This safe and effective medication has been subject to unnecessary restrictions that have been used as a tool by the anti-abortion movement to stigmatize and undermine access to medication abortion.

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"The health and wellbeing of some refugees from Ukraine is being placed at risk because of failures to guarantee access to essential and time-sensitive health care and support services, compounding the harm they have endured as a result of the invasion of Ukraine."

—LEAH HOCTOR, SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE FOR THE
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