

Plight of Women in the Congo

We recently screened the film “The Greatest Silence” that exposed the issue of rape in the Congo. Group discussion afterward focused on how we can respond as individuals and as a group to this great injustice.

Further research found that conflict minerals mined in the Congo are used in many electronic products available in North America (cell phones, computers, etc.). The following links provide a good explanation of this process.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aF-sJgcoY20>

<http://www.enoughproject.org/multimedia/conflict-minerals-stories-mouth-mine>

One response discovered to the use of conflict minerals was to e-mail major electronic companies urging them to produce conflict-free products. This can be done easily through the link below.

http://www2.americanprogress.org/t/1659/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=6265

For further information visit the links below.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coltan>

<http://www.un.int/drcongo/war/coltan.htm>

<http://towardfreedom.com/home/content/view/1352/1>