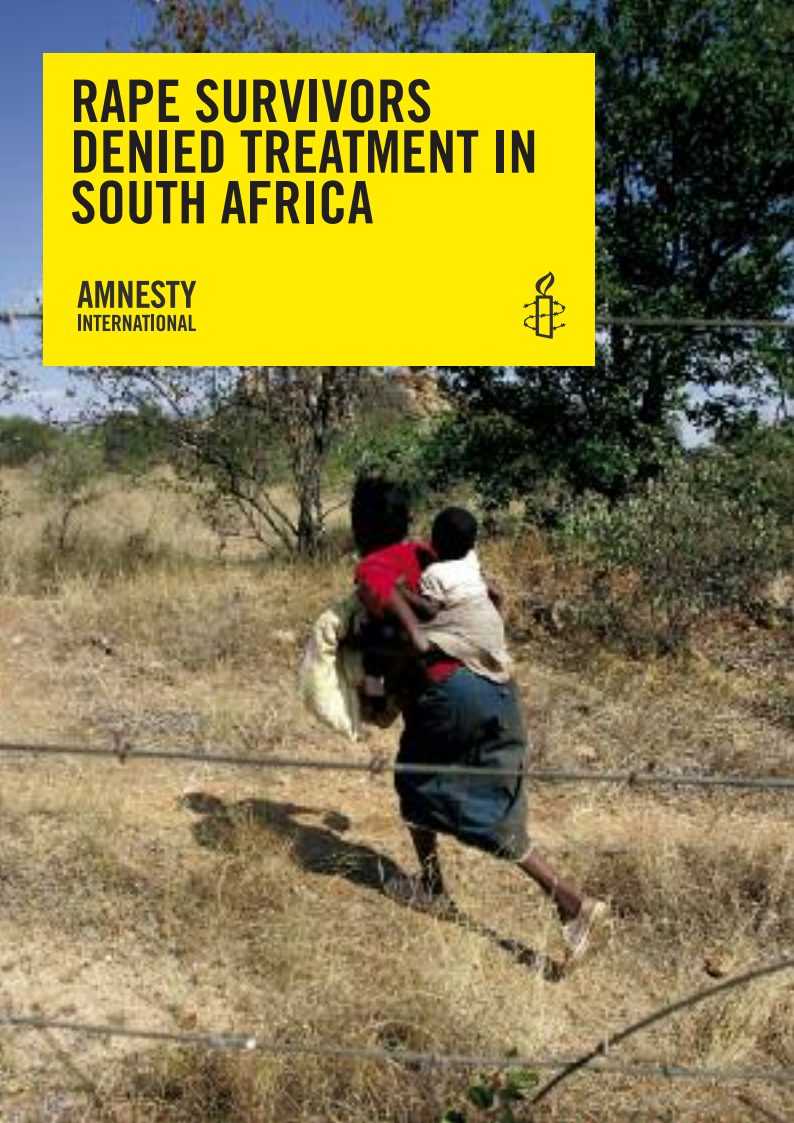


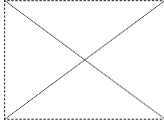
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Dear Minister,

I am concerned that rape survivors are being denied treatment at Musina Hospital if they fail to report their case to the police. South African women and women who are asylum-seekers and migrants are being turned away on this basis. They are vulnerable and too afraid or discouraged to approach the police. Some are at risk of HIV infection if they do not receive prevention treatment within 72 hours of the rape.

As the provincial minister responsible for health, I urge you to ensure that women's right to health is respected, protected and fulfilled at Musina Hospital. Human rights treaties and national law and policy require that priority must be given to meeting the urgent health needs of rape survivors, irrespective of whether they open a criminal case at a police station or report the incident to the police.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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