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Five stories: women human rights defenders

Fighting injustice on the frontlines, many women around the world stand up for human rights.



Gégé Katana lives in Uvira, South Kivu province where she set up an organization that trains women activists. In the DRC, where sexual violence is a taboo, Gégé teaches women how to stand up for their rights.



Bhawani Rana lives in Nepalgunj, Nepal, where she founded the organisation "Saathi Banke". She helps women by providing training, microfinance, psycho-social counselling and outreach to make them independent.



Laura Rebeca Lirrayes lives in Guatemala City. As part of the Grupo Guatemalteco de Mujeres (Guatemalan Women's Group), she helps women who have survived domestic violence.



Dina Goor lives and works not far from the West Bank. As part of Yes-din, a small group of women, she goes to the West Bank to visit victims, collect evidence, and file complaints.



Now that I know what is going on in the West Bank, how can I stop?



Alicia Narcisso lives in Madrid. At Miriadas Mujer, she works with other women in self-help groups to understand and break the mechanisms of machismo and violence. Miriadas Mujer was set-up in 2002 and runs projects all over Spain.