



women are not always perceived as human right violations.

It is also important and critical to emphasize that women engaged within the NGO arena are not all women human rights defenders, but part of the global bureaucracy that serves a specific agenda. In the Horn of Africa where I am working, women human rights defenders are mostly invisible, they struggle with lack of recognition. They struggle with lack of protection mechanisms available for their work and the violations committed against them. They have limited knowledge of how to connect to avenues of support and solidarity. And finally, grassroots women human rights defenders have limited analytical capacity to anticipate risks. And I think the poor investment on women human rights defenders' capacity is one of the core challenges that