

## October 2020 Sustained Grantee Spotlight: HealthRight International

COVID-19 has put HealthRight International's DFW project – as is the case with virtually all the organization's projects – on hold, but HRI is still working with its government partners to support pandemic response work as much as possible. Kenya and Uganda are a special focus for HRI because health systems there are weaker and there is a greater likelihood of co-morbidities such as TB, malaria, HIV, and pneumonia.

The pandemic continues, but HRI's work does as well.



- In Ukraine, HRI's mobile teams have been providing remote assistance via telephone or Skype to women and girls who are at risk for gender-based violence. In fact, since stay-at-home orders were issued, requests for that support have increased more than threefold. The teams transitioned seamlessly to this new system, continuing to provide essential services to their clients throughout the pandemic. When conducting necessary home visits, for example for emergency support, the teams use all available safety measures. The Ukraine program was featured in a brief from The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), [\*COVID-19: A Gender Lens – Protecting sexual and reproductive health and rights, and promoting gender equality\*](#).
- HRI continues to educate and inspire through free webinars. In July, Halyna Skipalska and Ariadna Capasso presented the findings of their research on sexual violence in conflict-affected Ukraine, where internally displaced women experience sexual violence at 3 times the rate of non-displaced women. View the recording of that panel [here](#).
- Throughout 2020, HRI is celebrating 30 years of operation. View a timeline of events, as well as stories of their work at <https://healthright.org/30years/>.