



*Girl Soldier by Grace Akallo : As Victim of Civil War*



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**ABSTRACT**

*War studies say that main victims of wars are children and women. Children are especially helpless among civilians. Indirectly, cause of incapacity of adults to protect them from the consequences of armed conflicts, loss of education, displacement, etc. Directly, as victims of warfare, bombing or war crimes and participation in armed conflicts. Children have different reasons to join armed groups, but they also have different post-war experiences. Some of them will return to their families and continue with the childhood they used to have. Society will accept them as victims or even heroes. One part of children, former soldiers is more*

*respected by parents, peers, teachers or whole because of their participation in hostilities. Others will have no family, community will reject them, and only identity they would have will be one of the combatants. Majority of children affected by armed conflicts are traumatized with some bad happenings. They may be physically injured, have big loss and problems of displacement, loss of families, friends and loved ones. A lot of them will express some difficulties in later life, and majority develops severe psychosocial problems or even psychiatric disorders.*

**KEYWORDS**

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