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Protecting female refugees against sexual and gender-based violence while in transit and in holding camps has proved an impossible mission. Many are repeatedly raped, sexually abused, coerced into prostitution and work, and held to ransom in squalid, overcrowded detention centers. Mothers are separated from their children.

According to the United Nations children's agency, Unicef, unofficial detention centers controlled by militia serve as lucrative businesses that profit from trafficking, and are "no more than forced labor camps and makeshift prisons." For the thousands of migrant women and children incarcerated these centers are living hellholes with no secure release date in sight.