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Sample tweets:

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“I love the fact that every day, I make a difference in the life of a person in need,” says LWF community worker Sarah Ewoi from Kenya on #WHD2019 #WomenHumanitarians @UNOCHA @LWF_Ken #LWFWorldService

Quotes:

Sarah Ewoi, LWF staff at Nadapal transit centre, Kenya

I am a firm believer that refugees need care and support so that they can start their lives again. My role is to provide hope and a future. Here at Nadapal we are often caught in the crossfire between cattle raiders and security agencies. This scares me a lot and I always think of my children. It however does not stop me from serving refugees because if the roles were changed and we were the ones fleeing from war I would also want someone else to go out of their way to receive us, protect us and help us rebuild our lives.

Maria Immonen, World Service director

Women working in humanitarian and development organizations bring special talents, but need good organizational support to exercise their full potential in more traditional environments.

In many conflict areas we see drastic violations of humanitarian law, the targeting of humanitarian workers, disrespect for civilians caught in the middle of active warfare.

The need to uphold the Geneva Conventions and International Humanitarian Law has never been more evident.

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