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### Screening & Panel Discussion of Award Winning Documentary, *LUMO*

(Seattle, WA) – Sunday, May 2, at 11:00 am, Exiled Voices for Justice will screen the celebrated documentary, *LUMO: One Woman's Struggle to Heal in a Nation Beset by War*. "LUMO" is a painfully intimate look into a young woman's tragedy and healing process, and, by extension, into the scourge of rape that marks the war-torn politics of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Held at Seattle University's Pigott Auditorium, this one-time screening will be followed by a very special panel discussion and organization fair.

Eastern D.R. Congo has been called the most dangerous place in the world to be a woman or a girl. Recently, columnist Nicholas Kristof of the *New York Times* introduced us to Jeanne, a 19-year-old rape survivor: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/07/opinion/07kristof.html> "...so far the brutal war here in eastern D.R. Congo has not only lasted longer than the Holocaust but also appears to have claimed more lives," Kristoff writes. "What those numbers don't capture is the way Congo has become the world capital of rape, torture and mutilation."

Like Jeanne, 20-year-old Lumo fell victim to eastern D.R. Congo's epidemic of rape. On the road to her village, Lumo was gang-raped by a group of soldiers vying for control of eastern D.R. Congo in the wake of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

After the screening, our panelists and moderator will discuss issues raised by "LUMO" and ways in which those issues are being addressed. The panelists include BJ Perlmutter, Director and Producer of "LUMO"; Judy Anderson, Director of HEAL Africa, the hospital in D.R. Congo that treated Lumo; and "Mama" Muliri, who works with the women and girls at HEAL Africa.

Before and after the screening/discussion, organizations working in D.R. Congo and on behalf of Congolese refugees will exhibit literature about their programs and opportunities for attendees to get involved on a local, national, and global level.

Admittance is free; first come, first served. For details: [www.exiledvoicesforjustice.org](http://www.exiledvoicesforjustice.org)

This event is sponsored by Refugee and Immigrant Children's Program, Lutheran Community Services Northwest; Academic Salons, Seattle University; Center for Global Justice, Seattle University School of Law; Global Washington; and Seeds of Compassion.

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