

Madeleine Laming, ACHRE public Officer/Secretary is attending the 58th session of [United Nations Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW\)](#) that has started today at UNHQ in New York! It brings together governments and civil society from around the world to discuss challenges and achievements in the implementation of the MDGs for women and girls.

Check out [UN Women's #CSW58 In Focus](#) page with all information, videos, stories and more on the topic of the MDGs! <http://owl.li/uf0EK>



Madeleine reported on the Facebook:

*"I queued for 40 minutes to get my documentation and security pass and made it inside just in time to hear Ban Ki Moon's opening address. To be honest, I'm in the "overflow" room watching on CCTV, but here nevertheless. So far all speakers have addressed economic benefits of gender equality & identified violence against women as a major problem. Not just in terms of morality, but the social & economic damage arising from it: sick, injured & dead women can't support their families."*