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Ann Hollingsworth joined Refugees International in January 2014. In her role as Senior Advocate for Government Relations, Ann leads RI's advocacy efforts within the U.S. foreign policy community. Prior to working with Refugees International, Ann represented International Crisis Group as Senior Analyst for U.S. Advocacy and Research, participating in targeted advocacy with leading Washington policy audiences, including the State Department, the White House, the Department of Defense, USAID, and Congress, as well as think-tanks and other international organizations. She provided political and strategic analysis and covered all Crisis Group areas of reporting, with primary responsibility for advocacy and research for the Africa portfolio. Ann has been a featured panelist in a variety of foreign policy events, most notably with the State Department, the Brookings Institution, and the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. Ann has participated in field research on conflict minerals in Burundi and disaster relief management in Sri Lanka, which included working with IDP's in tsunami-affected areas. She also served in the office of U.S. Senator Ernest F. Hollings, then Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee. She earned a Master's degree in International Development from Tulane University and a B.A. in Communications from the College of Charleston, South Carolina.