

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

RACISM & SEXISM: NO MORE VIOLENCE

NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10, 2001

International Calendar of Campaign Activities

This year marks the 11th year of the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign**. Stemming from the Global Center's first Women's Global Leadership Institute, the Campaign links issues concerning violence against women and human rights and emphasizes that all forms of violence, whether perpetrated in the public or private sphere, are a violation of human rights. The dates chosen for the campaign symbolically make this link: November 25 marks the International Day Against Violence Against Women and December 10 is International Human Rights Day. The sixteen-day period also highlights other significant dates, including December 1 (World Aids Day) and December 6 (the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre).

For the past 10 years, activities have been organized around the world during the **16 Days of Activism**, drawing participation from hundreds of thousands of individuals. The purpose of the *International Calendar of Campaign Activities*, developed annually, is multifold: to highlight these organizing efforts as part of a broader movement for women's human rights; to provide others with examples of activities and strategies used by individuals and organizations during the Campaign; and to provide an opportunity for individuals to join and support plans already in existence. Past calendars can be accessed via the Global Center's web site, <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu>, by selecting a year under the category, "Calendars from Past Campaigns," in the left-hand column of the 16 Days home page. The information contained in this calendar concerns the current 2001 *International Calendar of Campaign Activities*.

The Center asks that all participants of the **16 Days Campaign** - past as well as present - send documentation from their events, i.e., posters, pictures, t-shirts, video footage, poems, songs, statements, reports, etc., to the Center.

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Africa

This year the African women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) has mobilized men to men groups to form a strong male force to support the 2001 Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and to create teams of male supporters to participate in the on-going campaign in various countries in Africa. The presence of men in the struggle to combat gender-based violence is gradually creating new voices aimed at addressing other men and encouraging them to re-think their attitudes and behavior, tackling critical issues about masculinity and male responsibility. (FEMNET – E-mail: femnet@africaonline.co.ke).

Albania

Women have worked to spread the message of the Sixteen Days Campaign to the entire country: rural and urban, women and children. Essays were published in local newspapers to raise awareness. Young girls participated in discussions about violence on television. They have created numerous leaflets, posters, violet ribbons, and other publications for distribution throughout the country, and held a peaceful protest at the start of the campaign. A group of counselors from the Counseling Centre for Women and Girls drove from town to town during the entire campaign, from November 25th through December 10th, distributing publications and also over 2,000 questionnaires to assess how much the population knows about gender-based violence. Contests were held for drawings of "a world without violence." (Women's Rights Center – E-mail: WRC wrcarm@rci.rutgers.edu, Counseling Center for Abused Women and Girls in Pogradec, phone: 00 355 832 2140, fax: 00 355 832 2745, email: viti@adanet.com.al Social Club in Korca, "Mother, Children, the Future" Association in Korca, Reflection Association in Pogradec, the local newspaper "Nositi")

Argentina

The Municipal Advisory on Women in the city of Villa Constitucion organized a campaign to focus on providing psychological attention, judicial and social services to female victims of violence. Diversified activities were held that began on November 12th and lasted through December 10th. A publication was created and distributed entitled "Consideraciones del Sida en barrios de la ciudad," a public document about the rights of women in cities. (Consejo Municipal de la Mujer, phone: 54 3400-474608/9, fax: 54 3400-474435, email: cmm_mvc@arnet.com.ar)

Australia

The Domestic Violence Resource Centre (DVRC) has launched a sticker campaign entitled, "You can't beat a woman no matter her colour, creed or culture," the intent of which is to stimulate thoughts and discussion around racism and sexism. The DVRC hopes that the stickers will be popular and widely displayed. The DVRC has also organized two library displays in Queensland and plans to hold a forum on "Women, Violence and Disability." (DVRC – Phone: 07 3217 2544; E-mail: projects@dvrc.org.au; Website: www.dvrc.org.au).

Austria

The Women's Emergency Accommodation Dornbirn displayed posters in regional trains in the province of Vorarlberg. Also, panel discussions were held on domestic violence by the Women's Counselling Centre "Wendepunkt" and Intervention Centre Wr. Neustadt.

Azerbaijan

The Azerbaijan Feminist Group of Humanitarian Center YUVA organized a multimedia campaign and the creation of a National Coordination Committee for the 16 Days Campaign. The Azeri Coordination Committee was formed with the help of WomenAid International. Their campaign will open with a press conference and include video

presentations, air time on local television and radio stations, press coverage in area newspapers, public service announcements, round table dialogues on gender violence issues, free psychological and legal counseling for victims of gender-based violence, the distribution of promotional materials such as posters and copies of relevant United Nations documents, and a concluding conference in which the "Joint Declaration Against Gender Violence" will be presented. (Azerbaijan Feminist Group, phone: (994 50) 313 16 18, fax: (99412) 957047 Email: tamilla@azeurotel.com)

Bolivia, Tarija

Centro Integral de la Mujer conducted a media campaign from November 20th through December 10th, publishing articles in local presses, handing out stickers, playing jingles on the radio, and showing spots on the television networks to raise awareness and support for the Sixteen Days Campaign to end violence against women. Workshops were held for parents, teachers, and young girls centering around the theme, "Sexual Violence: Recognize it to Prevent it, Denounce it to Stop it." In addition, people were encouraged to write and contribute personal accounts of violence in boxes provided at local schools. Centro Integral de la Mujer has also produced a sticker for distribution stating "Silence is the eternal accomplice of Violence. Don't keep silent. Denounce violence to stop it". (Centro Integral de la Mujer -- Phone: 591 4 6643032; Fax: 591 4 6633610; E-mail: bubyh@cosett.com.bo).

Bulgaria

200 packages were brought to the Bulgarian Parliament, so that every male-MP has a book, a declaration, a leaflet and a pin! Press conferences were held and three posters were prepared for the campaign bearing the slogans: "Wake up! For somebody this is a nightmare, for others - everyday life! Domestic violence is a crime," "Stop, what is the life that they (the babies) are waiting for?" and "I am voting against violence! AND YOU?" (For more information contact – BGRF bgrf_jiv@inet.org)

Bulgaria

The Gender Project for Bulgaria Foundation (GPF) has produced clips on violence against women that will be aired on national television. They have also produced 18,000 calendars for 2002 that were distributed at the end of the campaign to MP's, the general public, and women's NGOs in the countries from the network working against violence who will also be provided with some to distribute locally and to students in 40 schools. GPF and VELA (Vratsa Consultative Center for Helping Women Who Have Suffered Violence) also coordinated two seminars around the theme of "Domestic Violence and Ethnic Minorities" in Vratsa and Oryahovo where the documentary "Unspoken Silence," produced by GPF, was shown and discussed. Each female MP received a domestic violence documentary co-produced by Bulgaria National Television and GPF entitled "Him and Her - Two Roles in One Play," encouraging them to consider domestic violence a criminal offense. (For more information contact gender@bulnet.bg) Also, the Association for Psychological Help created a service to support women victims of violence and participated in the dissemination of promotional campaign materials such as stickers and posters and provided information to local radio stations and newspapers. (Association for Psychological Help pavlina_radeva@hotmail.com)

Bulgaria, Sofia and other Regions

The Nadja Centre Foundation collaborated with three other NGOs in Bulgaria to coordinate a media campaign for the Sixteen Days Campaign whose theme was, "Stop Domestic Violence! Break the Silence!" Among various campaign activities, the Foundation held press conferences and round-table discussions, contributed articles to magazines and newspapers, showed documentary films and printed campaign materials such as posters and stickers to distribute to supporters. A white ribbon campaign was organized to sensitize young people to issues of gender-based violence. An official letter was prepared and sent to the government, urging it to enact legislation to protect women from domestic violence. They hope to also organize an educational manual for the police department on domestic violence. (Association Animus, Association Demetra – Phone: 35956843591, E-mail: demetra@unacs.bg, Nadja Centre Foundation, Phone: 359 2 981 93 00; Fax: 359 2 989 41 74; E-mail nadja@mbox.cit.bg, also Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation, Open Door Centre, SOS Families at Risk Association, and various media partners)

Croatia, Zagreb

B.a.B.e – Be active Be Emancipated – a Women's Human Rights Group distributed two 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Stickers: "Violence Free Space, 16 Days of Activism, 25 November – 10 December" and "STOP Violence Against Women." B.a.B.e., Autonomous Women's House Zagreb and Centre for Women War Victims worked together to organize a media campaign, which included the production and distribution of a video clip, a radio jingle, stickers, a billboard, and street action that was shown on Croatian TV. (Autonomous Women's House Zagreb, Center for Women War Victims, and B.a.B.e – Be Active Be Emancipated – Women's Human Rights Group – Phone/Fax: 385 1 46 11 686; E-mail: babe@zamir.net; Website: www.babe.hr/eng)

Fiji, Suva

In a continued effort to bring peace to the west, a blue ribbon campaign was held by Women's Action for Democracy and Peace Initiative and a "peace bus" was sent to Nadi where the women will host a series of events and activities such as films, vigils, and a peace rally. (NCWFiji – Women's Action for Democracy and Peace Initiative – E-mail: Femlinkpac@is.com.fj)

Georgia

The Georgian 16 Days Coordination Committee, WomenAid Media Advocacy Group and various NGOs in Azerbaijan collaborated to form a 16 Days media campaign. The campaign included a press conference at the launch of 16 Days, round table dialogues on gender violence issues, the printing and distribution of 16 Days newsletters and posters, radio and television programs (including news) devoted to the campaign, public service announcements, dissemination of an educational video on gender violence, video presentations and corresponding discussions in various regions, free training and information seminars on gender violence issues, special exhibitions, free legal and psychological counseling for victims of gender violence, and a concluding conference. The organizations hope that their efforts will lead to sensitization of the public to violations of women's rights, as well as generate public and political support for the passage of new laws that protect women from gender-based violence. (WomenAid International, Phone: 995 32 379270, fax: 995 32 379 270, email: wageo@access.sanet.ge, 16 Days Coordination Committee website: <http://www.womenaid.org/16days/russian/geo16dayscs.html>, along with various NGOs, television and radio stations and newspapers)

Ghana, Accra

A Sixteen Days exhibition with materials, books, reports, and posters on violence against women was displayed at The British Council. A radio talk show and a workshop in the Western part of the country were also scheduled. (The British Council – Phone: 233 21244744; Fax: 233 21 240330; E-mail: chri@britishcouncil.org.gh).

India

Swadhina has distributed 100 blue ribbon badges with accompanying leaflets in English and Bengali explaining the significance of the 16 Days Campaign and activism. In the village units of Rayagada (Orissa) and Midnappore (Bengal) rallies were organized and followed by discussions on the issue of gender violence. A library organized an essay-writing contest for women living in slums to find out what they think about gender violence and discrimination. Another library organized a street play highlighting the issues relating to Dowry in India. (Swadhina – Phone: 2477944; E-mail: <mainoffice@swadhina.org>; Website: www.swadhina.org) Also, in South Central Tamil Nadu, WOMANKIND and several partner NGOs participated in cultural training to prepare them to organize cultural days on the specific forms of violence against women. Mass public programs were held in Chingleput. (ekta@md5.vsnl.net.in, guide@xlweb.com) In Andhra Pradesh, a Hyderabad mass meeting and rally were organized, as well as a children's discussion on violence. (uambati@yahoo.com)

Indonesia

Indonesia Advocacy Network for Policy on Anti-Violence Against Women (Jangka-PKTP), a women's movement for legal reform in Indonesia, organized a public campaign through radio and TV programs on issues of violence against women both in terms of legal reform (Domestic Violence Act, revision of Indonesian Criminal Code) and awareness

raising. In addition, the East Indonesian Women's Health Network (JKPIT) organized a media campaign focused on domestic violence, rape, and military violence. (JKPIT, phone/fax: 62 380 822 720, email: jkpit@kupang.wasantara.net.id, UNIFEM EAST and Southeast Asia EAW Program). The organization eLPeKa organized a campaign aimed specifically at the elimination of the trafficking of women in West Kalimantan. They organized awareness-raising efforts through local newspapers, posters placed in strategic places and distributed to local members of legislative bodies and police, educational booklets, and seminars on gender-based violence aimed at influencing decisions of lawmakers. (aLPeKa, phone: 62 561 886 373, fax: 62 561 736 607, email: asmaniar@yahoo.com)

Ireland, Letterkenny

Local school students and other contributors submitted art and poetry that was displayed to highlight the Sixteen Days Campaign. Information on the Sixteen Days of Activism Campaign and Domestic Violence Services available in Co. Donegal was distributed. 'Women's Voices,' a dramatization detailing true stories of Donegal women who have suffered domestic violence was performed. (Donegal Domestic Violence Service and Balor Theatre Group – Phone: 003 537427591; E-mail: ddvs@eircom.net)

Kazakhstan

Organizations in Kazakhstan hope to increase support and rehabilitation to victims of violence, increase public awareness of gender-based violence, and push for governmental reforms in laws preventing and punishing violence against women. People were continuously informed of the Sixteen Days Campaign by public service announcements and newspaper articles. The Union of Crisis Centers of Kazakhstan held a radio call-in show that presented a lawyer advising women of their rights, and other radio and television programs were focused on the Campaign as well. A "hot board" activity appeared in public places in Almaty to collect signatures on banners in support of the Campaign. Round table conferences were held with representatives of Parliament as well as NGOs present in Astana City. Journalists were trained to write effectively and accurately about gender-based violence in Astana City. Volunteers held workshops and activities in schools on various topics of violence, including understanding violence, preventing violence, and soliciting help. An exhibit displaying the art of young people was held around the theme, "With Violence There is No Future – Society Against Violence Against Women." Throughout the various activities, posters, leaflets, and calendars were distributed. (Crisis Center Podrugy, phone: 3272 28 33 37, fax: 3272 68 62 73, email: podrugy@alnet.kz; Women's Association Zharia, phone: 7 317 2 36 66 34, fax: 7 317 2 36 66 34, email: zharia@nursat.kz; B.a.B.e. – Women's Human Rights Group – E-mail: babe@zamir.net; Website: www.babe.hr, The Union of Crisis Centers of Kazakhstan, Zheskazgan Center of Women Initiatives Support, Senim Crisis Center in Uralsk City, and Umit Crisis Center in Aktobe City).

Kosova

A media and cultural campaign countering violence against women was launched to increase public awareness of the problems of violence against women with regard to violence against women in the community, domestic violence, rape in war, date rape, and trafficking of Kosvars. (Motrat Qirazi – E-mail: motratqirazi@ipko.org).

Kyrgyzstan

The Sezim Center used at least six billboards and radio announcements to share facts and personal stories and to publicize the campaign. Debates and discussions held at various universities were shown on local television networks during the campaign along with films and documentaries that focused on domestic violence. Internews and Sezim produced a 30-minute film on gender violence especially for this year's action. It was shown on independent television stations countrywide during the Campaign. A special Sixteen Days Campaign leaflet stating its purpose, statistics on domestic violence within Kyrgyzstan, and actions that the public can take to stop the violence was created and distributed. Essay contests for children and seminars were held in over eighty-eight Bishkek schools, providing education about the Sixteen Days Campaign and domestic violence for the month or two prior to the Campaign. In addition, field trips were taken to all regions of Kyrgyzstan where seminars, roundtable discussions, and meetings were held. A massive media campaign that involved six major national, regional and

district newspapers was also undertaken. (Internews and the Public Organization Crisis Psychological Center for Women and Families Sezim, phone: 996 312 28 14 55, E-mail: sezim@FREUNET.KG).

Laos

In cooperation with the Ministry of Information and Culture, the Laos Women Union launched their Sixteen Days campaign activities by organizing a televised song, drama, and poster contest to reflect the issues surrounding violence against women. The contest was advertised on both television and radio, and attended by hundreds of government officers and people from the private sector. (Laos Women Union, Ministry of Information and Culture, UNIFEM EAST, and Southeast Asia EAW Programme)

Lithuania

The Lithuania Women's Society organized a mass media campaign. They coordinated a radio clip aired everyday of the Sixteen Days Campaign on the largest radio stations in the country. Posters and other informational materials were distributed throughout the campaign, and television clips were also aired. Their slogan was, "Let's protect women from violence," and they chose to target various segments of the population, including men and women, government officials, and law enforcement agencies. Many lectures were also given by law enforcement officials, organization representatives, and government officials. (The Lithuania Women's Society, Phone: 3702 779 106, Fax: 370 2 623 123, email: abf@takas.lt; The Women's Issues Information Centre, Phone: 3702 652801, Fax: 37026 52524, Email: wiiic@undp.lt; the Lithuanian Journalists' Association in coordination with the BNS News Agency, and local radio, television, and print media outlets)

Moldova

The Women Journalists' Club "Ten Plus" has collaborated with other NGOs to put together a campaign for this year's 16 Days that seeks to inform a large number of citizens about the phenomenon of violence against women and pressure lawmakers to turn their attention towards gender-based violence. To achieve these ends, the organizations involved have prepared a video clip entitled "No Violence Against Women" to be aired on national television stations as well as other informative television programs, printed an informational pamphlet dedicated to the problem, designed a poster entitled "No Violence Against Women," visited and met with employers from area crisis centers, and aired special radio programs as well. (Women Journalists' Club "Ten Plus," phone: 373 2 23 31 64, fax: 373 2 23 34 19, email: zeceplus@mdl.net)

Mongolia

In cooperation with the National Network of Mongolian Women NGOs, the National Center Against Violence launched the Sixteen Days Campaign through radio and television programs. The focus of the campaign included lobbying for the passage of the Domestic Violence Bill, and Ending Violence Against Women. Billboards, posters, postcards, and brochures were produced for use in the campaign in both the capital and ten local branches. In each region of the country, radio and television broadcasts informed the public of the Campaign. Training sessions were held for journalists on how to portray gender violence in the mass media. Press conferences were held. A newspaper was published by the NCAV about gender violence for distribution to parliament members, government organizations, and other NGOs. The goal of their campaign is to increase public awareness of gender-based violence and lobby parliament members and decision makers to improve government policy and to support domestic violence legislation. (National Center Against Violence in cooperation with the National Network of Mongolian Women NGOs, phone: 327345/318086, fax 976 11 318087, email: mongolcav@magicnet.mn, UNIFEM EAST, and Southeast Asia EAW Programme)

Montenegro

The Campaign's theme was "Let's Build Family Harmony" and publicity throughout the campaign and its activities were carried out through radio, television, and newspaper articles. Various press conferences and lectures were held. The Chair of the Montenegro Parliament received the organizers and participants of the campaign. Material for the Sixteen Days Campaign was distributed to all of the members of the Montenegro Parliament and also

parliamentary services. Players from both the leading national basketball team and volleyball team began each of their matches by walking around the court and carrying a banner that read, "Show your strength but not on women." The postal service has agreed to publish a postal stamp in conjunction with the Sixteen Days Campaign at its close. (NGO MediaLink and NGO League for Family - Phone: 381 69 24; E-mail: melania@cg.yu).

Nigeria, Lagos

The video on the tribunal organized by BAOBAB and CIRDDOC from March 2001 was screened at various schools in Lagos. In addition, campaign stickers were distributed at bus stops and schools. (BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights – e-mail: baobab@baobabwomen.org)

Pakistan

The theme and priority this year in Pakistan was the ending of honor killings and culturally justified violence. Shirkat Gah published a special bulletin containing the frequency of honor killings in both the Urdu and English languages. They also published a pamphlet providing suggestions on how to deal with such an event in one's locality; for example, how to formally register with the police. They launched their publications in November at a seminar that involved human rights activists working at various levels with concerned officials. Shirkat Gah and Women's Resource Center National printed posters and badges (in Urdu and English) that were distributed to grassroots NGOs with selected material from the Sixteen Days ideas sent in Urdu. (Shirkat Gah -- Phone: 91 42 583 6554; E-mail: sgah@lhr.comsats.net.pk)

Peru, San Juan de Lurigancho, Rimac, Lima, Paucartambo

In high school around the nation, programs of music, dance, and theater about domestic and sexual violence were organized. Many white ribbons, pins, stickers, and leaflets were distributed to NGOs and local authorities and displayed in the windows of taxi cab drivers. At the local parliament, a solemn ceremony was held to commemorate the WRD. A public festival of music and dance was also held by the Council Committee for Women, Children, and Family. In addition, a media campaign was launched that included the distribution of leaflets denouncing the deaths of women by their spouses and partners and the dissemination of radio spots on local stations. (DEMUS, Email: myc@demus.org.pe) In Paucartambo, men and women leaders of organizations in neighboring areas gathered at the CESA office. A public march and festival were held that included shows of local indigenous dances and music, socio-dramas, and the opportunity for local officials to speak with organization leaders. (CESA)

Philippines, Quezon City

The Institute of Human Rights of the University of Philippines College of Law held panel discussions on the topic of violence against women. Papers were presented at the panels, and the Institute of Human Rights hopes to publish a book compiling the papers from the discussions following the campaign. (Institute of Human Rights -- Fax: 632 434 9525).

Poland

The Women's Rights Center launched a "Zero Tolerance Against Violence Against Women Campaign." They created a media campaign encouraging television stations to broadcast films developed by the WRC such as "Before the Tribunal" as well as other related documentary films and encouraging journalists to prepare special programs about violence against women with their help. The WRC also worked to organize the fourth Tribunal on Violence against Women where stories of women who killed their partners as well as testimonies of family members of women who were murdered by their partners will be presented. WRC continued its postcard campaign aimed at demanding from the parliament introduction of the restraining order into Polish legislation. A press conference was organized, and an exhibition based on the Tribunal was presented. Tours of the country were held by the WRC entitled "Women's Rights Center On the Move." A street demonstration was organized in front of the Parliament building to demand adoption of the legal provisions aimed at immediately expelling violent men from homes. Leaflets, posters, postcards, and stickers were produced, displayed in public places and disseminated during the campaign. The organizations involved hope the Campaign will result in increased social awareness of violence

against women as a serious crime in Poland, a change in people's attitudes toward gender-based violence, and formal changes in Polish law to prevent and combat violence against women. (For more information visit <http://www.osi.hu/vaw/Projects/Poland.htm> or contact the Women's Rights Center via e-mail at ola@eac.com.pl)

Romania

The Romania Association for the Promotion of Women developed the "Break the Silence!" Campaign in order to raise public awareness about violence against women as a factor of discrimination and violation of human rights. The Association organized two public awareness campaigns in ten high schools and ten private institutions from Timisoara for nearly 10,000 people. The public awareness campaigns included a film about women victims of violence, debates, and information for young people about how to get involved. A Sixteen Days media awareness campaign was created and used on local television stations, radio stations and within publications that reached over 100,000 people from Timis County. A one-day international conference was organized for fifty women leaders from Romania, and Central and Eastern Europe to discuss building a network of women NGOs working together to eliminate gender violence. An animated advertising clip also aired on local and national television and in movie theaters, and a short film was produced and screened in institutions such as high schools. In addition, the Association produced promotional materials such as posters, folders, leaflets, buttons, T-shirts, bags, agendas and pens. (The Association for the Promotion of Women in Romania, phone: 0040 56 182 576 293 183, fax: 0040 56 182 576, email: office@ikon.dnttm.ro)

Russia

Internews Russia invited Russian regional television stations to participate in the international campaign "16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence." Through its electronic mailing list that reaches more than 700 regional television stations, Internews announced the chance for stations to request and broadcast materials created under the auspices of two Internews projects: the Media Campaign Against Domestic Violence and the Media Campaign Against Sex-Trafficking. Stations could request any or all of the ten 30-second Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on domestic violence and sex trafficking. Many smaller municipal and rural stations also participated in the campaign. Leaflets and posters were distributed, and speaking engagements were held with members of the media, domestic violence experts, medical personnel, and police and government officials. Finally, Internews distributed a list of the television stations that are taking part in the campaign to women's NGOs with the hope that they will offer their assistance and expertise to the local stations. (Project Keshet Women's Group, phone: 809 331 214 28, fax: 809 331 343 40, email: tanyakesher@kineshma.tpi.ru, the Jewish Religious Community, the Kineshman Women's Council, and Internews – Phone: 095-956-22-48; Fax: 095-291-21-74; Website: www.internews.ru)

Slovak Republic

The Women's Interest Association Fenestra (Zájmové združenie žien Fenestra) organized two press conferences in Bratislava at the beginning and the end of the first part of campaign (on the eve of The International Day Against Gender Violence and The International Human Rights Day). They presented declarations and appeals for these days as well as text on the situation in the Slovak Republic, held press conferences, issued daily articles in prominent periodicals, launched their website, opened victim support hotlines, distributed printed materials and stickers and participated in television and radio discussions. (For more information visit <http://www.osi.hu/vaw/Projects/Slovakia.htm> or contact Fenestra via e-mail at Laco@fenestra.sk or fenestra@fenestra.sk)

South Africa

In the Western Cape Province, white ribbons were distributed, a men's march and women's rally were held, and the Clothesline Project, a display of survivors' artwork on T-shirts, was set up. In addition, a white ribbon award ceremony was organized to honor people's commitment to ending violence against women. (Western Cape Network on Violence Against Women, Email: Cheryl@womenscenter.c; Rape Crisis Cape Town, website: www.rapecrisis.org.za)

Sri Lanka

The American Center for International Labor Solidarity in collaboration with other partners organized radio discussions on violence against women, printed and distributed information about violence against women,

organized campaigns in buses against sexual harassment in public transport, published newspaper articles and organized a seminar on migrant returnees and domestic violence. (American Center for International Labor Solidarity – Phone: 94-1-580080; Fax: 94-1-593123; E-mail: manori@acils.lk)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

The goal of this year's campaign in Bachtovar was to assess how much men know and understand about violence against women, therefore, interviews were conducted among various portions of the population throughout the campaign so that an assessment can be conducted at its end. Throughout the Sixteen Days Campaign, leaflets, calendars, and other informational materials were distributed to raise awareness of violence against women, especially within the male population. Video clips were shown on Dushanbe television on the subject with audiocassettes available in translation. (Bachtovar). In addition, other NGOs in Tajikistan organized a series of public service announcements, television programs, radio programs, newspaper articles, training workshops on violence against women in four large rural districts, and interactive classes entitled "We Choose Life Without Violence" for secondary and high schools. (National Association of Independent Media of Tajikistan, Information and Education Center "Manizha," phone: 992 372 213 711, email: iec_manizha@tojikistan.com; NGO Bahtovar, phone: 992 372 35 20 56, email: nigora@ac.tajik.net; Women NGO "Munis," and Women NGO "Ma'rifat")

Tanzania, Mwanza City

For this year's campaign, working sessions and public forums were scheduled to raise awareness and education about Violence Against Women. The project worked closely with the local network members, Gender, Children and Health and Women Councilors from Mwanza City. Discussions were based on The Law of Marriage Act of 1971, and the issue of inheritance and its relationship to violence against women. Posters and t-shirts with messages addressing violence against women were distributed to project beneficiaries. (E-mail: amrefmza@africaonline.co.tz).

Thailand

The National Commission on Women's Affairs (NCWA) together with more than 30 women NGOs organized an Ending Violence Against Women campaign concert. The concert was televised on channel 7 and covered an audience of millions, both in Thailand and in the nearby neighboring countries of Laos, Cambodia, and Burma. The purpose of the concert was to raise public awareness of the violence women face and to make the public recognize November 25 as the International Day Against Violence Against Women. (National Commission on Women's Affairs, email: ncwa@netserv.chula.ac.th or tncaw@ksc15.th.com, website: <http://www.inet.co.th/org/tncwa/>)

Ukraine

Over nineteen organizations in eighteen out of the twenty-four regions of the Ukraine planned events which included press conferences, trainings, round-table dialogues, and publications. (Women for Women Center, Nadiya Center, Women in Business Association, Women's Club "Nation's Revival," Kirovohrad Regional Agency on Women's Actual Problems, Union of Women "Spilka Zhinok," Democratic Initiatives Foundation, the Ukraine Market Reform Education Program, Winrock International - Website: <http://www.winrock.org/>). Contact information for the various regions of the Ukraine is as follows: **Rivne** (Women for Women Center with Women's Informational Crisis Prevention Center "Berehyna") @ 0362 23 7007 or beregina@ukrwest.com; **Lviv** (Women for Women Center with Western Ukrainian Women's Perspectives Center) @ 0322 97 1829 or www.women.lviv.ua; **Kharkiv** (Nadiya Center) @ 0572 43 0713 or kovtun@wfound.kharkov.ua; **Chernivtsy** (Women for Women Center with Chernivtsy City Women's Center) @ 03722 2 2445 or olga@utel.ua, elya@utel.ua; **Dnipropetrovsk** (Women for Women Center with Women's Informational Coordination Center) @ 0562 37 2535 or anna@fregat.com, helen@fregat.com; **Zhytomyr** (Women for Women Center with Women's Informational Consultative Center/Violence Prevention and Resistance Coalition) @ 0412 37 3012 or wicc_nat@zt.ukrtel.net, wicc_ir@zt.ukrtel.net, gender@iot.kiev.ua; **Kherson** (Women for Women Center with "Successful Woman") @ 0522 42 3765 or w_uspix@selen.kherson.ua; **Donetsk** (Women for Women Center

with Regional League of Business and Professional Women) @ 062 334 3443 or postmaster@liga.donetsr.ua; **Khmelnysky** (Women in Business Association) @ 0382 70 2393 or woomendz@ic.km.ua; **Simpheropol** (Women's Center "Concord") @ 0652 25 5411 or yana@mail.strace.net; **Poltava** @ 044 269 2062; **Odesa** (Winrock International) @ 044 238 6292 or natalka@winrock.kiev.ua; **Sumy** (Winrock International) @ 044 238 6292 or ellie@winrock.kiev.ua; **Chernihiv** (Union of Women "Spilka Zhinok" with "50/50" League of Women Voters) @ 0462 17 3697 or sgu@ingr.cn.ua, larysa@gib.kiev.ua; **Vinnysya** (Winrock International) @ 044 238 6292 or nadin@winrock.kiev.ua; **Kirovohrad** (Regional Agency on Women's Actual Problems) @ 0522 22 6579 or omh@library.kr.ua; Kyiv (Ukraine Market Reform Education Program) @ 38 044 490 69 88 or skorbun@office.umrep.kiev.ua; **Ternopil** (Women's Club Nation's Revival) @ 0352 260 382 or kravets01@yahoo.com)

United Kingdom

The UK planned many activities to commemorate this year's 16 Days Campaign. Awareness raising events including banner making, distributing posters and leaflets, and movie screenings were held. In memory of the Mirabal sisters, white ribbons were sold as symbols of hope for a world where women can live without violence. (WOMANKIND, Broadmoor Prison Hospital, Carmarthenshire County Domestic Abuse Forum, Dyfed/Powys Police, North Durham Domestic Violence Forum, Vera Productions, Merseyside Zero Tolerance Initiative for Women and Children, YWCA Parr Young Women's Centre, Southampton Domestic Violence Forum, Southampton Women's Aid, South Essex Rape and Domestic Crisis Center, Stockport Youth Service, YWCA Young Women's Project, ST. Mary's Church of Barnes, Greater London Authority, YWCA Scotland)

United States

Across the United States, Amnesty International Women's Human Rights Action Network groups planned a variety of events that will take place throughout the Sixteen Days of activism. Events from public radio programs and clothesline projects to ribbon campaigns and informational sessions occurred to highlight women's human rights issues and call for an end to gender-based violence.

United States, Brooklyn

Dwa Fanm was the first Haitian women's organization to sponsor the Sixteen Days Campaign activities in the U. S. The activities done by this group can be found on their website: <http://www.HAVHI16daysagainstviolence.com>. (Dwa Fanm -- Phone: 718 230 4027; E-mail: dwafanm@aol.com).

United States, Fairfax

The online magazine, [Black Women Today](http://www.tbwt.com/blackwomentoday), featured a section dedicated to the Sixteen Days Campaign to end violence against women. Among other items, a copy of the Take Action Kit for Sixteen Days of Activism could be found on their website, www.tbwt.com/blackwomentoday. (Black Women Today -- Phone: (703) 246 9458; Fax: (703) 218 8437; E-mail: Iddeen@tbwt.net).

United States, Hattiesburg

The clothesline project was displayed throughout the Sixteen Days Campaign. (University of Southern Mississippi).

United States, Laramie

Amnesty International of Laramie, Wyoming, Women's Human Rights Action Team organized a collaborative art show to address issues of women's human rights entitled "Expression for Humanity: Opposing Gender Violence in Support of Women's Human Rights" held in the month of December. Artists, students, children, and community members provided the work for this show, which also provided the opportunity for artists to address feminism and for feminists to create art. In addition to the opening night reception, planned events included musical performances and a painting workshop.

Uzbekistan, Samarkand

Women's Crisis Center 'SABR' planned many activities for the Sixteen Days Campaign, including the production and distribution of two informational booklets dedicated to domestic violence and the protection of women's rights issues, the production and distribution of posters, a series of roundtable discussions in Samarkand, Djizak, and Karshy devoted to violence against women with participation of local authorities, representatives from the police, mass media, and NGOs, and a final conference was held assessing the results of the mass media campaign against violence in Samarkand. (Women's Crisis Center 'SABR,' E-mail: SABR sabr@aonline.ru).

Uzbekistan

The Center for Trust conducted a roundtable discussion on television with representatives of Centers of Trust, law-enforcement bodies, Minister of Health, Minister of Education, NGOs, mass media, and Makhalya committees on the theme: "To a society without violence." (For more information contact the Center of Trust, phone: 223 69 46, fax 222 06 03, email: Gulnarad@nukus.silk.org or visit <http://www.osi.hu/vaw/Projects/Uzbekistan.htm>)

Vietnam

Posters for various meetings about violence against women were printed. Articles on gender violence were also published in newspapers including the Vietnam Women's, People's, People's Police, Ho Chi Minh City Women's, Capital Women's, Sai Gon Liberation's, Foreign Relations News (in English), and Television of Vietnam. These articles were released before, during, and after the Sixteen Days Campaign. In addition, the Vietnam Women's Union together with Central Women's Union, Hanoi Women's Union, and Communal Women's Union, launched a campaign in Hanoi City as well as in some communes by organizing a march on the street with banners, posters, cars, and motorbikes. The campaign included public speaking about violence against women through loud speakers during the street marching. A mass-media meeting and field trip exposure for mass media were included as part of the campaign.

Yugoslavia

The NGO Nandi – art research station organized a media campaign to combat violence against women. Through promotional television videos and radio jingles, Nandi hopes to improve women's and children's human rights, initiate and organize art and research projects dealing with the human rights of women and children, improve networks of women's organizations both within Serbia and internationally, organize workshops, seminars, lectures, and exhibitions around the topics of human rights, civil society, transition, social change, tradition and modernity, and to improve awareness and protection of the Earth. The media campaign included video spots, jingles and posters distributed in five towns in Vojvodina. They also organized public roundtable discussions in five towns dealing with violence against women. (For more information visit <http://www.osi.hu/vaw/Projects/Yugoslavia.htm> or contact NANDI -art research station, phone: 381 64 1284 193, e-mail: nandi@eunet.yu)

October 27

Vietnam, Yen Dung District

A meeting was held to discuss violence against women. Also, a mass-media campaign was launched for the International Day against Violence Against Women. (Local Authority; Youth Union; Party Executive Committee; Frontier of Fatherland; Women's Executive; and Peasant's Union).

November 5-12

Kenya

Campaign activities began in Dadaab Refugee Camp (Kenya/ Somali border). Activities took place earlier since the camps are predominantly Muslim and the Ramadhan (fasting) period was to take place during the campaign period. (Coalition on Violence Against Women – Kenya (COVAW(K) – Phone: 254-2-574357/9; Fax: 254-2-574357; Email: covaw@iconnect.co.ke)

November 10

Albania, Pogradec

Today was the deadline for submissions to the essay contest entitled "Domestic Violence – I Know It, I Want to Prevent It." Winners were published in the newspaper "Nositi." (Counseling Center for Women and Girls in Association with the Social Club of Korca, the Mother, Children, the Future Association in Korca, Reflection Association in Pogradec and "Nositi".)

November 15-17

United States, Oneonta

The "Stop! Kiss" play was performed and followed by a community discussion on hate crimes. (Hartwick College, Phone: 607 431 4894).

November 15 – 25

Indonesia

Discussions on violence against women were held throughout villages to raise awareness of domestic violence. Also, jingles and campaign information were aired on the radio stations to reach various regions of Indonesia. (JKPIT Network).

November 17

United States, New Brunswick

A March Against Domestic Violence was held to raise awareness about the issue and also to collect money to donate to Women Aware, a domestic violence shelter in New Jersey.

November 19

Austria

Experts met to discuss the results of twenty years of shelter work in Austria. (Women's Shelter Tirol).

Israel, Jerusalem

The film "Lulu," which follows a day in the life of a prostitute, directed by Keren Yedaya, was screened. The film was followed by a discussion about prostitution, sex work and violence against women with Esther Elam, member of the Israel Coalition against Traffic in Women. (Kol Ha-Isha Women's Center and the Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center – E-mail: msadik@mscc.huki.ac.il. For more information about Kol Ha-Isha Women's Center - Phone: 972-622-2455, Fax: 972-2-625-6187; E-mail: kolisha@netmedia.net.il)

November 19-21

United Kingdom, Durham

Pledge boards were signed and white ribbons were sold in the Civic Centre. (North Durham Domestic Violence Forum)

November 20

United Kingdom, Carmarthenshire

A publicity campaign for the 16 Days of Activism was launched. (Carmarthenshire County Domestic Abuse Forum, Dyfed/Powys Police)

November 20-21

Fiji

Sessions with the YWCA were held on domestic violence, sexual assault, and basic counseling skills. Also a session on lobbying and advocacy skills around the issue of violence against women was conducted. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre -- Phone: 679 313 300; Fax: 679 313 650; Website: www.fijiwomen.com)

November 22

Fiji, Labasa

Experts from the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre spoke to the police in Labasa (Vanua Levu) on sexual assault legislation and sentencing. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre).

Indonesia

The Indonesian Commission on Violence Against Women launched a website on which will post all of their activities.

Nigeria, Lagos

BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights prepared a press statement and coordinated a press conference where a video on the tribunal organized by BAOBAB and CIRDDOC (March 2001) was shown. (BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights – E-mail: baobab@baobabwomen.org)

United Kingdom, Westminster

The domestic violence strategy plan of action was launched. (Greater London Authority)

November 22 - 29

Austria

An exhibition was held entitled, "Familiar Violence – Abused Trust." (Women's Shelter Tirol; for more information, contact: Austrian Women's Shelter Network, Centre Against Violence Against Women – Phone: 43 1 544 08 20; Fax: 43 1 544 08 24; E-mail: aoef@xpoint.at; Website: <http://www.xpoint.at/users/aoef/>).

November 23

Austria

Women's Forum Linz organized an event where video clips were shown, followed by a discussion of facts and figures concerning violence against women. (Sponsored by Women's Shelter, Intervention Centre, Autonomous Women's Centre a. o., and the Women's Office of the City of Linz). There were also interviews with experts of the Women's Forum Linz and an informational display. (Women's Shelter Linz; for more information, contact: Austrian Women's Shelter Network).

Croatia, Zagreb

Representatives from B.a.B.e. and The Autonomous Women's House presented the following information at a press conference: A statement made by B.a.B.e. and sent to all catholic bishops and religious leaders in Croatia calling on

them to promote the eradication of violence against women during the holy seasons and asking Catholic bishops to add domestic violence into their liturgy when they speak of Peace during advent; a news brief asking for stronger laws in regard to domestic violence; a radio jingle (which is the same as the cartoon made for TV); letters to thirty radio stations across Croatia asking them to play our short jingle. They received twenty-six out of thirty affirmative replies, with a promise that it will be played more than twenty times during the 16 Days. For the first time ever, Croatian National Television agreed to air their cartoon. The TV show, "Good Morning Croatia," dedicated air time for a full report on the 16 days and violence against women, emphasizing the global reach of the campaign. They distributed the Center for Women's Global Leadership's calendar of events for the 16 Days and the Autonomous Women's House presented vital points on what are the needs of their shelter. (B.a.B.e and Autonomous Women's House (Shelter) azkz@zamir.net)

Fiji

Anti-war movement marches were held calling for an end to wars around the world. (For more information, contact: Fiji Women's Crisis Centre).

Kazakhstan

An informational radio program was aired on local stations. (Crisis Center Podrugi, Email: podrugi@alnet.kz)

Swaziland, Manzini

This year's theme for activities in Swaziland was "Let's have Zero Tolerance to Gender Violence: Sexism and Racism. It was launched at the Mayaluka stadium in Big Bend. Activities on the launch day included traditional dances, drama, drum majorettes and poems. The guest speaker was the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Dr Sibusiso B. Dlamini. The event was sponsored by Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse, Swaziland Conference of Churches, Lutheran Development Services, Family Life Association of Swaziland, Imbita Women's Finance Trust, Save the Children, Council of Swaziland Churches, World University Service, Fundza, Women and Law in Southern Africa, United Nations Development Programme, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ubombo Ranches, Mcimbi Promotions, Coordinating Assembly of Non Governmental Organizations and the Women's Resource Centre. (For more information contact: the Women's Resource Centre at wrcumtapo@Africaonline.co.sz)

United Kingdom, Liverpool

A new interagency project was launched. (Merseyside Zero Tolerance Initiative for Women and Children)

November 23 - 27

Finland, Oulu and Rovaniemi

Dialogue took place across the East-West and North-South divides. A Network for Crisis Centres for Women in the Barents Region (NCRB) conducted "Twin Seminars:" "Oulu" and "Rovaniemi." In Oulu there was a seminar held to explore the impacts of the variable economic and social gaps and the feminization of poverty on the increase of gender-based violence, including prostitution and trafficking. The seminar was meant to be part of the global community working for respect for human rights and for the further development of social justice, welfare, and political democracy worldwide. In Rovaniemi, there was a seminar held to approach problems concerning violence against women and children from the perspective of women's empowerment and agency. The issues of power, femininity/masculinity, gender-based school violence, and anti-sexist pedagogy were discussed. (For more information, contact Crisis Centres, Violence Against Women, NCRB A Network for Crisis Centres for Women in the Barents Region: Phone/Fax: 358 8 5566 092/5472 253; E-mail: aino.saarinen@oulu.fi).

November 24

Costa Rica

A rally was held at the Plaza de la Democracia to denounce all forms of violence against women. The hope was that this rally will create unity among women and sister organizations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The

rally had music, theater, women's artwork, and publications on Sixteen Days information. The grand finale of the rally was a concert by Guadelupe Urbina at the Caida del Sol. (NGOs in Costa Rica – E-mail: analuna@racsa.co.cr).

Croatia, Zagreb

B.a.B.e. invited the media to witness the installation of their huge billboard poster in the city. (B.a.B.e)

Fiji

An advertisement was placed in the Fiji Times newspaper calling for parents not to buy violent toys for their children at Christmas. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre).

Fiji, Sigatoka

A workshop on setting up programs to assist survivors of violence was held for various agencies in Sigatoka. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre).

Israel, Tel Aviv

The Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality sponsored a March of Solidarity and a Rally, in cooperation with many other organizations. At the march, twenty-six mock coffins were carried in memory of the twenty-six women killed by their partners/husbands in Israel since the last International Day Against Violence Against Women. At the rally, torches were lit for each woman upon reading her name and the circumstances of her death. There were testimonies by survivors of abuse and family members of the women killed, and speeches by feminist activists. Several well-known musicians played as well. (Israel Women's Network -- Phone: 03 6123990; Fax: 03 6123991; E-mail: iwn@netvision.net.il).

Kenya, Nairobi

The 16 Days 2001 Campaign was launched with a procession and public talk. (Coalition on Violence Against Women – Kenya, email: covaw@iconnect.co.ke, website: <http://www.nbnet.co.ke/covaw>)

South Africa, Cape Town

The National Network on Violence Against Women organized a women's café at Newlands Mall during which they will officially launch their Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. This was followed by a session with local journalists. (The National Network on Violence Against Women -- Phone: 27 12 348 1231 4; Fax: 27 12 348 1235).

Sri Lanka

Mothers and Daughters of Lanka, a coalition of twenty-five women's groups, spearheaded this campaign. The campaign was mounted on the streets of the Capital Colombo and in an area just on its outskirts in which Sri Lanka's oldest Export Processing Zone is located - the town of Katunayake. The campaign was launched in the EPZ area, on the 24th of November with teams of women distributing leaflets and pasting stickers on vehicles in the area. The campaign used street theatre and loud hailers with music and dramatized messages during the distribution of the leaflets and stickers. (Mothers and Daughters of Lanka – E-mail: Women & Media Collective womedi@sri.lanka.net)

November 24 – 25

Pakistan, Karachi

A two-day exhibition was organized to celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Students of local art schools displayed their paintings, which showed their view of gender-based violence. The famed artist Gulgee inaugurated the occasion. The paintings speak of real circumstances in Pakistani society and

are meant to raise awareness about issues that are seldom discussed. (War Against Rape – WAR, Karachi, in collaboration with Alliance Francaise)

November 24 - 26

Bolivia, Tarija

The Centro Integral de la Mujer will be held a campaign on the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls. They distributed white ribbons in public places during the campaign. (Centro Integral de la Mujer).

November 24 - December 1

Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres worked with peer counselors to organize road campaigns. This included the distribution of leaflets, a survey revealing public attitude towards domestic violence, and a demand for services and policy protection for women. This initiative aimed at raising the public's awareness on domestic violence against women and their rights to protect and study the public's attitude toward domestic violence. (The Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres – Phone: 852 23866256; Fax: 852 27280617; E-mail: womenhk@pacific.net.hk).

November 24 - December 5

Kyrgyzstan

Sezim sponsored field trips to every region for individuals interested in participating in round-table discussions, panels, meetings, and leaflet distribution. At least six major newspapers and a number of regional television networks covered the 16 days. (Sezim – E-mail: sezim@freenet.kg).

November 25

Albania, Korca

A peaceful protest took place to kick off the Sixteen Days Campaign in Korca, organized by the Counseling Centre for Women and Girls. Posters, leaflets, ribbons, and other propaganda were distributed. Media representation was there along with children, students, parents, teachers, and other members of the community who wished to participate. (Counseling Centre for Women and Girls).

Armenia

Throughout the country trainings on domestic violence were held as well as meetings with district militia officers in the departments of MIA about the trafficking of women. Informational materials were distributed, seminars and trainings took place in higher educational institutions, psychological therapy and legal advice were given to survivors of domestic violence, and a drawing competition was held among schoolchildren on the theme “A World Without Violence.” (Women's Rights Center Armenia) (Women's Rights Center - Phone: 374 1 54 28 28; Fax: 374 1 58 28 05; E-mail: wrcarm@arminco.com).

Cambodia, Phnom Penh

White ribbons were distributed in five markets in Phnom Penh. (Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com and GADnet)

Fiji

Television advertisement targeting men was aired by using a young man as a role model calling for non-violence

against women. Radio spots focused on domestic violence began. Also, daily teasers with non-violence messages targeted at men and anti-war began in two daily newspapers. These appeared each day of the 16 Days campaign. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

Finland

A demonstration for women's peace was held. (The NCRB - A Network for Crisis Centres for Women in the Barents Region)

Indonesia

A rally and a public dialogue on "Violence Against Domestic Workers" was held. Posters, leaflets and fact sheets were produced and used for the campaign. (UNIFEM EAST and Southeast Asia EAW Program)

Indonesia

Focus discussions on domestic violence and striving for equalitarian relationships between men and women were held today with religious leaders. (JKPIT network)

Israel

A special television show was broadcasted featuring Nashim Medabrot from Women Speak. The subject ranged from the trafficking of women to prevention programs for family violence. (Women Speak – 03 5605917, 050 938475)

Israel, Haifa

An exhibit entitled "Against Violence that is Against Women" opened at the Haifa Assembly. The event was sponsored by "Isha L'Isha-Haifa Feminist Center" and the Haifa Center for Assistance to Rape Victims.

Israel, Jerusalem

A day of street protests was organized. The first is "Women for Sale" - street theater by a feminist theatrical group, took place in the busy crafts and jewelry bazaar known as Cats' Circus in downtown Jerusalem. The performance was intended to draw attention to the violent and cynical way women's bodies are exploited in the sex industry. During the performance flyers were distributed with information about the sex industry and the horrifying numbers of women sold to Israel and within the country as well. The second performance, organized by the same group, was held at a well-established shopping center and focused on the subject of whether women choose to be prostitutes, a popular myth regarding sex workers. This performance was followed by a protest rally, the theme of which was "Traffic In Women: Modern-day Slavery" and included the participation of activists from members of parliament, NGO's and the feminist movement. During the rally testimonies and stories of trafficked women were presented. (Kol Ha-Isha Women's Center and the Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center)

Israel, Jerusalem

A meeting of the Jerusalem Assembly discussed trafficking in women and was followed by street performances on the same subject. ("Kol Ha'Isha" ("Women's Voice") and the Jerusalem Center for Assistance to Rape Victims)

Kazakhstan

A "Day of Calling," a hotline, was held to kick off the campaign. Announcements were published in newspapers that also invited all women to call the hotline in support of the campaign.

Lithuania

The BNS News Agency heralded the start of the Sixteen Days Campaign by making an announcement and informing listeners of incident statistics of violence against women. In addition, sponsors of the Campaign began to disseminate information. (The Lithuanian Women's Society)

Malaysia, Selangor

Women's Aid Organisation (WAO), Malaysia, organizes public education campaigns on violence against women (VAW) annually for the 16 Days Activism Against Gender Violence. This year, they printed out Helpline Cards that had the phone numbers of crisis intervention centers and information centers on VAW; including various women's organizations and NGOs, the welfare department and the Legal Aid Bureau. These Helpline Cards were distributed on public transport system (LRT) stations throughout the city, together with an informational brochure on VAW & HIV/AIDS, to the public on two days: 25th November (International Day Against VAW) & 1st Dec (World AIDS Day). They were distributed to commuters as well as to the public who were in the vicinity. WAO also coordinated a series of public education radio programmes, news articles and television shows throughout the 16 days, with the help and cooperation of local media network, including: Radio 6 (national Tamil radio station), WOWfm (national English radio station), Radio 4 (national English radio station), TV3 (national TV station), NTV7 (national TV station), RTM2 (national TV station) and various national English and Malay newspaper. The topics ranged from information and discussion on the 16 Days Activism Against Gender Violence, VAW, the plight of single mothers who have decided to live independent lives free from violence, and human rights of women. www.malysiakini.com also ran a series of articles during the 16 days to highlight the issue of VAW and to inform the public about the dates and venues where they can obtain informational brochures on VAW from WAO. WAO ran our own articles in our website: www.wao.org.my. (Women's Aid Organization - Phone: 03 7956 3488; Fax: 03 7956 3237; Email: Jaclyn@WAO.ORG.MY)

Mauritius

Matilda Malamamfumu performed a one-woman play on gender and women's empowerment entitled "Secrets of the Owl." (S.O.S. Femmes- Email: sos.femmes@INTNET.MU)

Montenegro

Posters and stickers were distributed throughout all major towns and street billboards were erected in Podgorica in support of the 16 days campaign. A press conference was also held to kick off the various activities during the 16 days and video clips began their broadcasts. The three various videos each focused on a different portion of the population; one for women, "I don't want to suffer," one for men, "Show your strength, but not on women," and one for youth, "Building family peace." (NGO League for Family)

Montenegro

The Safe Women's House organized a national media campaign, "Building Peace." Over twenty NGOs participated in the activities. The information campaign raised awareness on gender violence and sent concrete messages to women victims of violence. They organized for a basketball team to promote non-violence by carrying a banner saying "Show your power, but not against women". (Safe Women's House – E-mail: shelter@cg.yu)

Pakistan, Lahore

A national seminar entitled "There is no Honour in Killing" was conducted and sponsored by Shirkat Gah. The seminar included short readings of the stories of at least two women from Sindh, Punjab and NWFP based on field research. There were also presentations of research findings by joint teams and the launching of publications on the issue. The Federal Minister for Women's Development (chief guest) and a retired chief justice (who headed the National Commission of Inquiry on Women) responded for judiciary, a police officer responded for state agencies and an NGO responded for civil society. (Shirkat Gah - Phone: (91-42)5836554; E-mail: sgah@lhr.comsats.net.pk)

Philippines, Quezon City

An ecumenical mass addressing violence against women and militarization was held. (Gabriela – E-mail: gabwomen@yahoo.com) In addition, Workshops on Sexuality and Reproductive Rights were held for a general assembly of violence against women survivors. (Women's Crisis Center)

Romania

The 16 days campaign was launched with an activity called "The night in the candlelight". Members of the campaign presented activities and ideas at the Opera House in Timisoara, each with a candle in their hands. (Romania)

Association for the Promotion of Women)

Russia, Kineshma

A concert was held and an exhibition entitled "The World Without Violence" featuring works by children and young people opened. Badges and posters were distributed throughout the city. The campaign began with the release of a thematic leaflet "Women against violence." There were lectures for teachers and parents as well as a roundtable discussion for representatives of the mass media. A hotline was established for domestic violence. A medical doctor prepared statistics on domestic violence. There were many TV broadcasts on violence against women. (The Project Keshet Women's Group "Podrug")

Russia, Voronezh

A roundtable discussion entitled "Let Us Stop Violence Together" was held for women from different religious communities and congregations. The publication of an informational bulletin entitled "Violence and Children" was released for social workers, teachers, doctors and police officers. (Defense of Women and Crisis Center- Phone: 0732-77-74-79; Fax: 0732-73-83-19; E-mail: aida@odw.org.vm.ru)

South Africa, Cape Town

A women's rally and a men's march to end violence against women at the Cape Town stadium was organized. (The National Network on Violence Against Women) Also, Women Demand Dignity is a coalition of women's groups in Cape Town dedicated to the eradication of violence towards women and children. This year's aim was to raise public awareness about the International Day Against Violence Against Women, and the issues behind it. Women Demand Dignity is affiliated with other organizations nationally and internationally that also organized events for this day and for the subsequent 16 Days of Activism. (National Network on Violence Against Women phone: 27 12 348 1231 4; Women Demand Dignity).

Sri Lanka, Colombo

A film about sexual harassment was screened at the workplace followed by a seminar on violence against women. (American Center for International Labor Solidarity)

Tajikistan

A press conference announcing the launch of the Sixteen Days Campaign was held.

Turkey

Mor Cati Kadin Siginagi Vakfi (Purple Roof Battered Women's Shelter Foundation) is brought together forty-six women NGOs throughout Turkey for a congress that lasted two or three days. The main topic for this year was the battered women's shelters; the first demand was gaining financial support to keep shelters open and create more shelters. Other topics for this year included an evaluation of previous years' work, discussions on virginity and honor crimes, and the resistance of governmental regulations that control women. At the end of the congress a declaration was published. (Mor Cati Kadin Siginagi Vakfi (Purple Roof Women's Shelter and Foundation) - E-mail: morcati@superonline.com; Website : <http://www.welcome.to/morcati>)

Ukraine, Lviv

Children's painting contests entitled "For a World Without Violence" and "Art and Youth Against Violence" began.

United Kingdom, Westminster, Durham, Southampton, Stockport, Barnes, Camden

WOMANKIND coordinated two UK activities that can be found in entirety on their website, www.womankind.org.uk. One activity was "Blow the whistle on Violence," a coordination of action across the UK at midday on November 25th. Some of the whistle-blowing activities were followed by conferences, such as one on "Rights and Equality" held in Stockport. Informational posters, cinema ads, and postcards with powerful images were published and distributed to a wide audience. WOMANKIND sold white ribbons and encouraged celebrities to wear them throughout the 16 days. (WOMANKIND- Phone: 44 020 7588 6099; Fax: 44 020 7588 6101; Email:

ilana@womankind.org.uk, Stockport Youth Service) In Southhampton, a "Speak Out Safely" Campaign was launched with the mayor, and a party that included a white balloon launch was held. (Southhampton Domestic Violence Forum, Southhampton Women's Aid)

United Kingdom, London

Church members symbolically smashed plates in recognition of the International Day of Action Against Violence Against Women and created crosses from the broken pieces. (the Methodist Church Women's Network)

United States, Madison

A Live call-in show on the 16 Days campaign was scheduled on the local radio station WORT 89.9FM. (The Dane County 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Coalition: Community Action on Latin America (CALA), Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), East Timor Action Network (ETAN), Havens Center for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change, Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), Madison General Membership Branch, Jews for Equal Justice, Latinos United for Change and Advancement (LUChA), Madison-Arcatao Sister City Project (MASCP), Madison Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Men Opposing Sexual Assault (MOSA), Men Stopping Rape (MSR), National Organization for Women (NOW), Wisconsin Chapter Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment (PAVE), Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative, Rape Crisis Center (RCC), Sisters Meeting Sisters, UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence, US Out Now, UW Greens, Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV), Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (WCCN) For more information contact Judith Siers-Poisson, Phone: 608-251-1237 ex 120; E-mail: judiths@abuseintervention.org)

Uruguay

Signatures from a petition by Men in Support of Gender Equality (a group in Uruguay that collected signatures denouncing the silence that surrounds men's abuse of women and the "silent war against women") were presented to the Uruguayan Parliamentary Commission on Gender Equality. (Varones por la Equidad de Genero [Men in Support of Gender Equality], website: www.hombresigualdad.com)

Zimbabwe

A radio talk show was scheduled to disseminate information about the history and aims of the 16 days of activism against gender violence. (S.O.S. Femmes- Email: sos.femmes@INTNET.MU)

November 25 to November 27

Mauritius

In the context of combating violence against women and children at a regional level, S.O.S Femmes organized a three-day regional workshop aimed at launching a Southern African regional network that will work specifically at eliminating all forms of violence against women and children. Twenty-two delegates and observers from the SADC countries, including Madagascar, Reunion Island, and Seychelles participated at the workshop. The objectives, constitution, and the plans of actions of the network were finalized and approved. The network officially launched on November 27, 2001 and is now known under the name of Southern African Network on Violence Against Women and Children, (SANVAWC). Mrs. Rada Gungaloo, president of S.O.S Femmes Mauritius, was elected Chair of the Executive Board and president of the general assembly of the network. The Secretariat of the Board is situated at 286A, Royal Road, Rose Hill, MAURITIUS. (SOS FEMMES sos.femmes@INTNET.MU)

November 25 to November 29

Ukraine, Lviv, Chernivtsi, Zhytomyr, Kherson

The Press Club market reformers met to discuss the prevention of violence against women.

November 25 to December 10

Albania

Newspapers, posters, leaflets, ribbons and cards from the Counseling Centre for Women and Girls were distributed in Progradec to governmental agencies and nongovernmental groups, police, schools, hospitals and rural villages etc. (The Counseling Centre for Women and Girls) A poster entitled "Break the Silence" was distributed to women's centers and family planning centers. In addition, national radio programmes were broadcast with the help of a popular female journalist, and phone lines were established for women to share their experiences on the air (Albanian Family Planning Association – AFPA, Email: afpa@albaniaonline.net)

Armenia

The Women's Rights Center carried out a series of broadcasts on both the television and radio addressing the problems of violence against women. (Women's Rights Center)

Indonesia

Interactive television and radio programs were held on local stations. A local newspaper, NTT Ekspres, dedicated free space for opinions on violence against women for the entire duration of the campaign. Group discussions were held to spread information and inform the public and also as a space for women to speak of their experiences. Target group discussions were held with members of the police department, lawyers, and all people involved in the handling of domestic violence and rape cases, and midwives, doctors, and all those involved with victims of violence. JKPIIT and other NGOs visited the People's Representative House/Region Legislative (DPRD) to try to disseminate information and influence policymakers. Banners, t-shirts, buttons, and other printed media were distributed. (the East Asian Women's Health Network (JKPIIT) in association with other area NGOs)

Kazakhstan

Call-in days were designated in many cities to increase knowledge of violence against women. Radio broadcasts were also aired in support of the Campaign. On local television stations, short movies were shown including "Podrugi is Always Next to You" and "Make Your Own Choice." The mass media campaign disseminated a "Message to the Strong Half of Mankind: Your Power is Not in Your Fist" aimed at aggressors of violence against women. Events aimed at the youth population were held as well, including drawing competitions, and open lessons about domestic violence for schoolchildren. A social survey of policemen was conducted. The network of crisis centers within the country was strengthened. Round table discussions around the theme "The Look of Woman in Mass Media" were held with representatives of the media. (The Union of Crisis Centers of Kazakhstan, Zheskazgan Center of Women Initiatives Support, Senim Crisis Center in Uralsk City, and Umit Crisis Center in Aktobe City) In addition, information was distributed to local police stations to be displayed in honor of women victims of violence, and a ribbon campaign was initiated amongst youth. (Crisis Center Podrugi, Email: podrugi@alnet.kz)

Lithuania

The radio program "The Morning Sounds" included short reports about the Campaign every day. Information was also broadcasted by "News Radio" in their programs "The Issues of the Day," and "The Issues of the Week." In addition, the weekly magazine "Ekstra" and the newspaper "The Guard" will print articles following the events of the Campaign, as well as interviews with victims of violence. (The Lithuanian Women's Society)

Malawi

A march, a panel, and outreach education programs in rural communities were organized. (Women in Law in Southern Africa, Email: wlsa@sdp.org.mw)

Philippines, Cebu City

Two specially produced radio spots on the elimination of violence against women, along with two radio interviews.

were aired on the significance of men in the campaign. (UNIFEM EVAW, The Cebu City Chapter of the National Association of Broadcasters; the concerned radio stations; Men on e-VAW Movement; PSPI)

Spain, Jerez

Men's signatures were collected to support the White Ribbon Campaign. (Jerez Council and Parliament; Hombres Por La Igualdad [Men for Equality], website: varones@adinet.com.uy, Hombres Contra la Violencia [Men Against violence], Email: hombres@arrakis.es)

Sri Lanka

A film about sexual harassment at the workplace was screened at at least fifty various locations during lunch hour break. (American Center for International Labor Solidarity – Phone: 94-1-580080; Fax: 94-1-593123; E-mail: maori@acils.lk)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

Informational materials, calendars and leaflets were distributed in public places. Promotional video clips and radio jingles were aired on local stations. Discussions were held following some of the video screenings. Interviews of the male population were conducted to assess the level of knowledge of violence against women among men. Groups of interviewees included military units, demobilized military units, men with higher education, top-level officials, chairmen of the states undertaking and civil services, unorganized and unemployed men, and students. Round table discussions aimed at men were also held. A hot line offering free legal counseling to victims of gender violence was open throughout the Campaign. An exhibition of women's publications was held in the Gender Center for Open Society Institute for Mass Media. Acting games were used in local public schools to teach children and teachers about gender violence. Additional press conferences were held with mass media, scientists, and journalists. (NGO - Bachtovar)

Ukraine, Donetsk, Chernihiv, Dnepropetrovsk, Kherson, Lviv

The television program "16 Days Against Violence in Ukraine" was aired on local stations. Promotional materials such as lilac ribbons, booklets and posters were disseminated throughout the country.

Ukraine, Lviv

The Lviv Institute of Internal Affairs held two trainings programs on "Human Rights and Violence prevention" and a multidisciplinary training program on "Domestic Violence Prevention" (Lviv Institute of Internal Affairs attached to National Academy of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Western-Ukrainian Center "Women's Perspectives", for information contact Western-Ukrainian Center at root@women.lviv.ua, luba@women.lviv.ua, or lilya@women.lviv.ua or visit www.women.lviv.ua)

Ukraine, Luhansk, Rivne, Chernihiv, Dnepropetrovsk, Kherson, Lviv, Kyviv, Zhytomyr

Interactive discussions, lectures, and training sessions were held on the prevention of violence, the prevention of domestic violence, and the prevention of the trafficking of women. Sponsoring organizations included the Women for Women Center and The International Public Organization School for Equal Opportunities. (Women for Women Center beregina@ukrwest.com, phone: 0362 23 7007, website at www.women.lviv.ua)

Ukraine, Donetsk, Zhytomyr, Rivne, Kherson, Lviv, Pervomaysk of Nickolaev region

(Women's Informational Crisis Center "Berehynya", Women for Women Center, Chernivtsy City Women's Center, Institute of Teachers Perfection and Successful Woman, Women's Informational Consultative Center - Phone: (0412) 37-3012; Email: wicc_nat@zt.ukrtel.net or wicc_ir@zt.ukrtel.net, Women's Informational Consultative Center)

United States, Falmouth

An exhibition was displayed at the Falmouth Public Library. There were bibliographic materials and suggested actions provided for those who visited. (Task Force on Gender Violence at Bethel Woods Hole - bethelwh@cape.com>)

Yugoslavia

Films including "Twenty five years of feminist groups in Yugoslavia," "On the Margins," dedicated to marginalized women in Serbia, and "Voices of Difference," about women's public opinion of Serbian politics, were shown on local television stations. In addition, radio jingles were played and promotional posters distributed to many towns and cities. Round table discussions around the topic of gender-based violence were organized in five different towns. (Nandi – art research station in coordination with the Women's Alternative Workshop in Kikinda, The Mila Center for Girls in Novi Sad, Smile in Vrbas, Femina Creativa in Subotica, and the Center for Women's Rights in Vrsac)

Zimbabwe

Traveling drama groups visited various communities to enact short plays about gender violence. Radio phone-ins were also scheduled, and white ribbons and informational materials were widely distributed. (Musasa, email: musasa@telco.co.zw, website: www.musasa.org)

November 25 - December 12

Armenia

The book Legal Protection From Violence Against Women aimed at raising consciousness of strategies to end gender violence was distributed. The Women's Rights Center also published a manual on domestic violence written by Sergey Arakelyan. (Women's Rights Center)

Russia, Voronezh

Materials about the Crisis Center and its activities were distributed. Consultations with lawyers and psychologists for women who have been targets of domestic violence were organized. A hotline was available for women who have been targets of domestic violence. Social workers and police officers were surveyed and a report will be compiled and published at a later date based on the findings (Defense of Women and Crisis Center)

November 26

Armenia

Materials were distributed about the crisis center and its services and about domestic violence. The materials were distributed in the streets, to organizations dealing with domestic violence. (Women's Rights Center)

Australia, Melbourne

A forum for sexual assault victims/survivors entitled Reclaiming Voices was held to create a space to break the silence permanently to inform public opinion around the issue of sexual assault. It served to empower the victims/survivors and to challenge public beliefs of sexual assault in a safe setting. (CASA House - Phone: (63) 93473066; Fax: (63) 93471505; E-mail: casa@cryptic.rch.unimelb.edu.au)

Austria, Vienna

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Information Centre Against Violence there was a party and video showing. (Autonomous Women's Shelter Network)

Bulgaria, Bourgas

A round table discussion was organized by Association Demetra to bring together representatives of the court, the municipality of Bourgas, members of the police force, NGOs, prosecutors, journalists, and the Department of Social Work from Bourgas University to discuss issues of gender-based violence. (Association Demetra, phone: 35956843591, email: demetra@unacs.bg)

Canada, Nova Scotia

Purple Ribbons were sold in memory of all women that died in violence, including those who died in the Montreal Massacre. The ribbons were sold in front of City Hall in Halifax and all the proceeds were given to women's centers and transitional housing centers. (Saint Mary's University, Phone: 902 420 5886)

Costa Rica, Ciudad Colon

The Feminist International Radio Endeavor held a 24-hour broadcast marathon on Internet Radio at www.fire.org.cr. The marathon was available in Spanish, Portuguese, English, French, and other languages. The marathon featured women's radio productions from local radios, reports about issues of femicide and gender violence, live interviews via phone line with women globally, and re-broadcasts of Women's PEACECASTS programs with women globally in the aftermath of September 11th. (Feminist International Radio Endeavor- Phone: (506) 249-18-21 Fax: (506) 249-10-95; E-mail: rpicr@nicarao.apc.org)

Czech Republic

There was a conference in the Czech Parliament about all aspects of the domestic violence problem. The conference was the first public discussion on violence against women in the Czech Parliament and the first online broadcast on <http://www.feminismus.cz/>.

Israel, Jerusalem

Discussions were held about Jewish women and divorce.

Kazakstan

An informal discussion with journalists was held about the problem of violence against women. (Crisis Center Podrugi, Email: podrugi@alnet.kz)

Lithuania

The radio programme "The Morning Sounds" focused on violence against women. Representatives of organizations participating in the Campaign as well as lecturers participated in the discussion. The audience was encouraged to voice their opinions as well. (The Lithuanian Women's Society)

South Africa, Cape Town

The National Network on Violence Against Women launched the Justice For Women Campaign on Robben Island. The Justice for Women Campaign was initiated by the Centre for the Study on Violence and Reconciliation (CSV) and is supported by the National Network on Violence Against Women. Its aim is to secure the early release of women imprisoned for killing their abusive partners. The very lengthy sentences some women have received, as well as comments made by some judicial officers indicate that the effect of the abuse upon the women was not understood or adequately taken into account. The organization has produced 10,000 posters and 10,000 calendars portraying women behind bars. (The National Network on Violence Against Women, phone 27 12 348 1231 4, fax:27 12 348 1235)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

Interviews by volunteers with military units, men of higher education, students of Dushanbe, and men in unemployed mahallas' councils of housing estates began. The total number of interviews obtained for this day was four hundred units. (NGO Bachtovar)

United Kingdom, St. Helen's

A White Ribbon Day lunch was followed by informational sessions where campaign materials, whistles, and ribbons were distributed. (YWCA Parr Young Women's Centre)

United States, San Francisco

A rally and a poetry slam on the theme of "Raising Voices to Raise Consciousness - Women's Rights are Human Rights" was organized by the Associated Students Inc. Women Center at San Francisco State University. (Associated Students Inc. Women Center at San Francisco State University - Phone: (415) 338-2486)

November 26-27

Philippines, Cebu City

Gender training for policemen and male village heads was conducted. (UNIFEM EVAW, Philippine National Police, Regional Command 7, Cebu Provincial Police Command, Cebu and Mandaue Cities Police Forces; Barangays (local governments) in the cities of Mandaue and Cebu in the Philippines (Population Services Pilipinas Incorporated).

November 26-28

China, Beijing

A UNIFEM Trust Fund Project Orientation Workshop and International Elimination of Violence Against Women Campaign was launched, with representatives from the three project pilot provinces, government agencies, research institutes, international organizations and the media in attendance. (All China Women's Organization)

Mauritius

SOS Femmes held a conference that included twenty-five delegates from **SADC** countries, including Madagascar. Aims and objectives of the conference were many including coordination of actions to end violence against women, to undertake campaigns within the media to raise the awareness of ending violence against women and to set up the Southern African Network of Women against Violence against women and girls. S.O.S Femmes also organized and sponsored a play, "Secrets of Owl", which was performed by Ms. Matilda (TUTU) Malamafumu of Zambia. While exposing the daily problems of domestic violence, incest, and HIV/AIDS, the play also proffered a message of hope and empowerment for women. The play was performed on the first day of activism for a group of 150 women and then performed for the Mauritian Public on the 26th of November. The response was very positive and women's empowerment could be felt. The play and the workshop gained significant press coverage by the local Mauritian and regional media. There were two television shows and interviews on the conference that were aired in English, French, and Hindi. Information about the conference, the purpose and history of the 16 days of activism, and the message of the play were widely published in the media.

(SOS FEMMES sos.femmes@INTNET.MU)

November 26-November 30

Federated States of Micronesia, Chuuk

The FSM Women's Association held radio talk shows on the facts about family violence. These shows were held daily from November 26th through November 30th. (FSMWAN - Phone: (691) 330 4232 or 330 6336; Fax: (691) 330 2286; Email: fsmfrc@mail.fm)

November 26 to December 7

Ukraine, Kherson

Trainings entitled "Two Points of View About Violence" were conducted. (Institute of Teachers Perfection, Kherson Women's Organization - Successful Woman, Women for Women Center, Tsyurupynsk)

November 27

Cambodia, Pursat Province

A ceremony, presided over by local officials, was held followed by a March and distribution of white ribbons. (Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com and BDASE).

Cambodia, Siem Reap Province

White ribbon distribution and awareness raising events took place. (16-Day Group and Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com)

Croatia

B.a.B.e.'s radio show dedicated to the 16 Days and real life stories and interviews of women victims of domestic violence was aired. (B.a.B.e)

Fiji, Labasa

Labasa Women's Crisis Centre Open Day for the public was today. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

Kazakhstan

The organization Podrugi hit the streets of Almaty to collect signatures against violence against women. Over 300 signatures were collected from women, men and children. (Crisis Center Podrugi, Email: podrugi@alnet.kz)

Israel

The Committee on the Status of Women in the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) sponsored a lecture entitled "The Oppression of Women under Taliban Rule in Afghanistan." Afterwards, there was a discussion on the Knesset plenum marking the International Day in the Struggle Against Violence Against Women, followed by a vote on proposed legislation on the subject. The Committee on the Status of Women also set up a hotline for women who have experienced gender violence, which was operated by workers and activists from various organizations involved in the subject. (For more information contact The Israel Women's Network <iwn@netvision.net.il>)

Montenegro The Safe Women's House issued two types of questionnaires for the campaign. The first was on violence against women in Montenegro and the other covered sexual harassment in the work place. The results of these questionnaires were published in an article dedicated to the campaign in the Family Supplement of the daily newspaper "Pobjeda." (NGO League for Family)

Philippines, Quezon City

The Institute of Human Rights of University of Philippines College of Law held panels on Violence and the Girl Child, Violence and the Filipino Girl Child, Government's Efforts in Securing the Rights of the Filipino Girl Child, and Lobbying for the Recognition of Young Women's Rights in the United Nations. (The Institute of Human Rights of University of Philippines College of Law)

Serbia

There was joint action in twelve towns in Serbia where leaflets stating "Violence against Women – Responsibility of the State" were distributed. In addition, leaflets were distributed to the members of the Serbian parliament in Belgrade. The campaign asked to include the new proposal for the law against male violence in family in the criminal law code. Organized by the Autonomous Women's Center and the Women's Network Against Male Violence, Serbia (Belgrade Women's Center – E-mail: awcasv@EUnet.yu)

Sri Lanka, Colombo

The Mothers and Daughters of Lanka 16 Days campaign moved to the Capital, Colombo and conducted activities at the main bus station and railway station in the city. (Mothers and Daughters of Lanka)

Ukraine, Dnepropetrovsk

The television program "Because I am a Woman" about violence against women aired on a local station.

United States, California

A discussion on globalization and women's human rights was held. (Associated Students Inc. Women Center at San Francisco State University)

United States, Madison

The opening reception of the "Healing Works" art exhibit took place at a local coffeehouse. The exhibit celebrates healing and surviving gender violence, and was continued through December. (The Dane County 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Coalition)

November 27-29

Philippines, Quezon City

Training for paralegals on gender advocacy was held. (Women's Crisis Center)

November 27 - December 4

Russia, Voronezh

Lectures and consultations were organized at the Center for Social Assistance for citizens of Voronezh. (Defense of Women and Center of Social Assistance)

November 27 to December 5

Ukraine, Zhytomyr, Donetsk

The five-part television program "Private Case with A. Marinina" aired on local stations.

November 27 to December 8

Ukraine, Zhytomyr, Chernivtsy, Dnepropetrovsk, Kherson

Women's Leadership training was conducted. (Women's Information Consultative Center, the Violence Prevention and Resistance Coalition, the Chernivtsy City Women's Center – olga@utel.ua or elya@utel.ua)

Ukraine, Chernivtsy, Zhytomyr, Lviv, Rivne, Kherson

Training sessions were held on the prevention of violence. (Women for Women Center)

November 28

Cambodia, Battambang Province

White ribbon distribution and awareness raising events were held. (16 –Day Group and Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com)

Czech Republic

An evening of honor for the survivors of violence was organized including a talk by a top female politician and a story reading by famous Czech actress. (For more information visit <http://www.Feminismus.cz>)

Kenya, Nairobi

COVAW(K) organized a public talk on Men's Role in Combating Gender Based Violence.

Mauritius

Matilda Malamamfumus performed a one-woman play on gender and women's empowerment entitled Secrets of the Owl, intended for men and women in the trade unions. (SOS Femmes- Email: sos.femmes@INTNET.MU)

Russia, Voronezh

A seminar was held for police officers on how to prevent domestic violence. (Defense of Women and the Voronezh Police Department)

South Africa, Northern Cape

The National Network on Violence Against Women met with women at Kimberley prison. (The International Network on Violence Against Women).

Sri Lanka

A television discussion was held on violence against women. (American Center for International Labor Solidarity and Suwarnawahini)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

A hotline gave free legal advice to victims of violence.

Ukraine, Rivne

A lecture entitled "Women's Rights and Gender Equality" was held at a local school. (Women's Informational Consultative Center - Phone: (0412) 37-3012; Email: wicc_nat@zt.ukrtel.net or wicc_ir@zt.ukrtel.net)

Ukraine, Yasinovataya

A roundtable discussion about the social part of NGOs and executive state bodies in solving the problems of finding a job, self-employment, building a business, and preventing violence against women and trafficking of women.

United States, Madison

Opening reception of the "Healing Works" art exhibit at the University of Wisconsin student union was held. The exhibit contained works related to gender violence and healing. (The Dane County 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Coalition)

United States, Oneonta

Panel discussion of "Addressing Local Issues in Domestic Violence: Opportunities for Otsego's Violence Intervention Program" was held. (Hartwick College)

United States, San Francisco

An event to celebrate 'Mujeres Latinas' was organized. (Associated Students Inc. Women Center at San Francisco State University)

November 28 to November 30

Ukraine, Dnepropetrovsk

The radio show "Let's Create a World Without Violence" was aired on local stations.

November 28 to December 4

Kazakhstan

Volunteers conducted interactive classes with secondary school students on the topic of violence, particularly domestic violence. (Crisis Center Podrugi, Email: podrugi@alnet.kz)

November 28 to December 9

Ukraine, Zhytomyr, Kherson, Donetsk, Chernivtsy

Trainings entitled "My choice – Life Without Violence" were conducted. (Chernivtsy City Women's Center)

November 29

Australia

CASA House organized a talk by Dr. Shannon-Caroline Taylor entitled "Legal Justice: Men's Lore & Interfamilial Rape" at Melbourne University. Dr. Taylor has conducted research and has published nationally and internationally in the area of sexual assault and family violence and associated trauma. She is also a frequent national and international speaker on this topic area.

Cambodia, Kandal Province

White ribbons were distributed to market vendors and customers. (GAD Net and CCWA)

Cambodia, Prey Veng Province

A ceremony, presided over by local officials, was held, followed by a march and distribution of white ribbons. (Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com and RADE)

China, Beijing

A training session on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was held for UN staff (Member agencies for UN Theme Group on Rule of Law). The UN Theme Group on Rule of Law currently has five official members; they are UNDP, UNIFEM, UNICEF, ILO and UNHCR. Bilateral partners include: Norway, Sweden, Canada, Australia, Germany, UK, Japan, and France).

Fiji, Vatukoula

The Men's Forum in Emperor Gold Mine was held in Vatukoula. The forum was organized for men to discuss violence against women and to find possible solutions to end men's violence and to build partnerships with men. (Fiji Women's Centre)

Israel, Haifa

The Haifa Rape Crisis Center conducted a full-day program about professional care for victims of sexual violence. The Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago sponsors it.

Kenya, Kisii

A medical and legal camp was set up in the Nyaznza Province in Kisii. (COVAW(K))

Panama

The University of Panama, the Millennium Agenda and the Institute of Women offered a conference on "Violence Against Women, Human Rights and War" conducted by Ana Elena Obando.

Philippines, Quezon City

The Institute of Human Rights of the University of Philippines College of Law held panel discussions entitled "Focusing on Domestic Violence," "Challenges in Combating Domestic Violence in the Philippines," and "Progress of the Anti-Abuse of Women in Intimate Relationships (Anti-AWIR) Bill."

South Africa, Northern Province and Eastern Cape

The National Network on Violence Against Women met with women at Pietersburg Correctional Services and Middleburg Prison. (The National Network on Violence Against Women)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

A seminar within NGOs was held to discuss the problems and ramifications of gender violence. (NGO Bachtovar)

United States, Howell

Students of Howell High School's chapter of Amnesty International dressed in black and were silent for the day except to answer questions about what they are doing. They wore a picture of a woman prisoner of conscience and distributed information about her case. They also talked to classes.

United States, Oneonta

The film "Regret to Inform" was screened. (Hartwick College)

November 29 to December 7

Ukraine, Chernivtsi, Drepropetrovsk, Zhytomyr, Donetsk

Training sessions entitled "I'll Find a Job," "Women's Human Rights," and "Life Without Violence" were conducted. (Women's Informational Consultative Center - Phone: (0412) 37-3012; Email: wicc_nat@zt.ukrtel.net or wicc_ir@zt.ukrtel.net, Chernivtsi City Women's Center)

November 29-November 30

Ukraine, Donetsk, Pervomaysk in Nicolaev Region

The television program "If I Will Not Come Back" was aired on local stations.

United States, New York

A conference on "Women for Afghan Women: Securing our Future" was held. The conference agenda is available at www.womenforafghanwomen.org

November 30

Austria

An event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Women's Shelter Graz was organized. (Women's Shelter Graz)

Cambodia, Kandal Province

White ribbons were distributed to market vendors and customers. (Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com; Department of Women's Affairs and Kandal)

Kazakstan

A disco was held in a nightclub for youth awareness of violence against women. The theme of the party was "Aggressive is not cool." Purple ribbons were available for women symbolizing remembrance of all women whose lives have been touched by violence. White ribbons were available for men symbolizing a pledge to never commit or condone violence against women.

Fiji, Lautoka

A seminar on Domestic Violence Research was held where the findings of the FWCC's National Research on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Fiji project were revealed. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

Lithuania

Women MPs and the Ombudsman on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men visited the women's prison in Paneve. The problem of the lack of women's rehabilitation centers was raised. (The Lithuanian Women's Society)

Montenegro

The postal stamp that will be issued as a result of the 16 days campaign was promoted in Montenegro with participants representing various levels of the political structure. (NGO League for Family)

South Africa, Northern Cape

The National Network on Violence Against Women visited women at the Upington prison. (The National Network on Violence Against Women)

Tajikistan

Movies were shown along with video clips on gender violence at the Center for peace, Non-Violence, and Human Rights. The films were followed with a discussion aimed at the male population. Committee members from the Frunze District will attend. (NGO Bachtovar)

United States, Oneonta

A poetry reading and biography were presented by Dr. Luz Maria Umpierre, a poet and human rights activist who spoke about her experience with harassment. (Hartwick College)

United States, Sacramento

A fundraiser was held for the Afghan Women's Mission to build a hospital for women and children in refugee camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

December 1

Bulgaria, Bourgas

In honor of World AIDS Day, Association Demetra, in cooperation with the Red Cross, organized meetings with local students to provide education and promote awareness of issues surrounding HIV and AIDS. (Association Demetra, phone: 35956843591, email: demetra@unacs.bg)

Federated States of Micronesia, Chuuk

The FSM Women's Association held a Family Violence Quilt Exhibit to raise awareness on family violence. The exhibit was showed. (Federated States of Micronesia Women's Association)

Fiji

The FWCC Local Newsletter that focuses on men and non-violent behavior was inserted into the Fiji Times. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

Fiji, Lautoka

A gender-training workshop for women was held in Lautoka. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

Montenegro

A public rally was held for International AIDS Day. Participants included actors, politicians, women from NGOS, and citizens. (NGO League for Family)

South Africa

The National Network on Violence Against Women launched the HIV/AIDS and violence against women campaign. (The National Network on Violence Against Women)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

An exhibition of women's publications opened to the public and discussions followed in the Gender Center of Open Society Institute for Mass Media. (NGO Bachtovar)

Ukraine, Donetsk

A training session entitled "Employment Abroad: Myth and Reality" was conducted. (Women for Women Center)

Ukraine, Pervomaysk in Nicolaev Region

The television program "Victim" was aired.

United Kingdom, South Essex

A parachute jump was planned to mark the day. (South Essex Rape and Domestic Crisis Centre)

United States, Madison

The "Fair Trade Holiday Festival" was held in an off-campus building, featuring over twenty vendors providing fair trade gift items and literature from around the world. It was sponsored by the Community Action on Latin America. (The Dane County 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Coalition)

United States, Washington D.C.

The first global campaign to end the Catholic bishops' ban on condoms was launched by Catholics for a Free Choice (CFFC) for World AIDS Day 2001. Billboards and ads in subways and newspapers carrying the message "Banning Condoms Kills" began appearing around the world on November 30. This unprecedented worldwide public education effort was aimed at Catholics and non-Catholics alike to raise public awareness of the devastating effect of the bishops' ban on condoms. It invited the public to join a global campaign to end the ban--Condoms4life at www.condoms4life.org. (Catholics For a Free Choice – Phone: 1 (202) 986-6093; Fax: 1 (202) 332-7995; Website: www.catholicsforchoice.org)

Vietnam, Hanoi

A meeting and session with mass media in response to the Nations Day to End Violence Against Women took place. (Local Authority; Youth Union; Party Executive Committee; Frontier of Fatherland; Women's Executive; and Peasant's Union)

December 2

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

A meeting was held at the secondary school N94 in the Frunze region to allow students and teachers to speak about and incorporate games to raise more attention about the existence and prevention of violence against women. (NGO Bachtovar)

United States, Oneonta

A screening and discussion about the film "Dreamworlds II: Desire/Sex/Power in Music" took place. (Hartwick College)

December 3

Cambodia, Kampot Province

White ribbons were distributed to market vendors and customers. (Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com and CADFP).

Cambodia

Cambodia Committee of Women (CAMBOW) lead by LICADHO and the 16 Days groups held a workshop inviting journalists, activists, and all relevant Ministries to participate. The workshop was shown on television and radio stations for the period of 16 Days campaign. People walked in a parade on the street with slogans related to rape, domestic violence, trafficking in women, sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women based on gender and then participants met together in one place and a large workshop began, the main focus of which is to

discuss the history of 16 days campaigns, domestic violence, trafficking in women, rape, sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women. Police and court officials were invited to talk about how to address situations of violence and how domestic and international laws can be enforced to protect women from violent acts. A question and answer contest followed, the winner of which received an award, and the group devised recommendations for the government. (For more information contact <licadho@camnet.com.kh>)

Fiji

An "Advocacy and Lobbying Skills" session for people with disabilities took place. (Fiji Women's Crisis Center)

Montenegro

A panel of women's activists, sociologists, psychiatrists, a judge, and a representative from Ministry of Internal Affairs was aired on television. The topic discussed among this range of people was "Violence Against Women in Montenegro – taboo or false belief." (NGO League for Family)

Philippines, Cebu City

A workshop on the elimination of violence against women was held and the launch of the Men on the elimination of Violence Against Women Movement in Cebu occurred. (UNIFEM EAW, Philippine National Police, Regional Command 7, Cebu Provincial Police Command, Cebu and Mandaue Cities Police Forces; Barangays (local governments) in the cities of Mandaue and Cebu in the Philippines; Population Services Pilipinas Incorporated).

South Africa, Gauteng

The National Network on Violence Against Women met with **DPSA** on women with disabilities. The (National Network on Violence Against Women)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

Roundtable discussions were held with unemployed men from **Mahalyas, Zarafshon 2, and Ispechak 2** between the ages of thirty and forty.

United States, San Francisco

A screening of the film "Shouting Silent" was held for World AIDS Day. (Associated Students Inc. Women Center at San Francisco State University)

December 3-6

United States, New Brunswick

The Rutgers University chapter of Amnesty International distributed leaflets on gender violence and the 16 Days Campaign. They also collected signatures for petitions.

December 3 - 7

Federated States of Micronesia, Chuuk

The FSM Women's Association sponsored a leadership panel on gender and family welfare. (Federated States of Micronesia Women's Association)

Fiji, Lami

Evening focus group discussions were organized with men's groups in Lami and with the military. (Fiji Women's

Ukraine, Chernivtsi

Roundtable discussions around the theme "Let's stop violence in the lives of our children" were held.

December 3-10

Albania

An electronic newsletter was circulated via e-mail to governmental organizations and NGOs to help increase awareness of gender violence and encourage people to take action against it. (Albanian Family Planning Association – AFPA, Email: afpa@albaniaonline.net)

Kazakstan

Young artists' works on the subject of violence were exhibited. (Crisis Center Podrugi, Email: podrugi@alnet.kz)

December 4

Armenia

Students of juridical faculties met to discuss solutions to issues of domestic violence and trafficking of women. (Women's Rights Center)

Cambodia, Phnom Penh

A seminar to devise recommendations to the government regarding the Law on Marriage and Family was held. (Cambow, 16-day group, Gad et, Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com; teachers and workers)

Israel, Jerusalem

A workshop entitled "All the whores are Russian, All the clients are Arabs" about myths about prostitution and trafficking of women was held. The aim of this workshop was to deconstruct the myths regarding prostitution and to understand how these myths support punitive procedures against sex workers in which the women are always to blame. The workshop provided tools for participants to examine these procedures from a critical feminist perspective, as well as methods to explore possible ways of change. (Kol Ha-Isha Women's Center and the Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center)

Kenya, Nairobi

A public talk entitled "Women in Leadership: The Difference it Makes" was held in Nairobi. (COVAW(K))

Kenya, Taita Taveta

COVAW(K) organized public processions and discussions in Taita Taveta, Coast Province. (COVAW(K))

Philippines, Cities of Cebu, Mandaue, Talisay, and Lapu-Lapu

Elimination of violence against women posters were given to the police stations and to the barangay halls, with the help of members of the Men on the Elimination of Violence Against Women Movement (UNIFEM EAW, Philippine National Police and the local governments of Cebu, Mandaue, Talisay, and Lapu-Lapu; Men on e-VAW Movement; PSPI)

Philippines, Quezon City

The Institute of Human Rights of University of Philippines College of Law held panels discussions on the topics "Violence Against Women and Women's Health," "Developing a New Ethics of Care for Women Survivors of Violence," and "Violence Against Women in the Context of Reproductive Rights." (The Institute of Human Rights)

South Africa, Mpumalanga and Free State

The National Network on Violence Against Women met with women at the Nelspruit Prison and the Kroonstad Prison. (The National Network on Violence Against Women)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

A roundtable discussion was held among the chairmen of the commercial and private structures, the top-level officials in government, and cultural and scientist employees of Dushanbe. (NGO Bachtovar)

Ukraine, Donetsk

A television interview with A. Korolev, the First Deputy Chief of Administration of Internal Affairs, was aired. The focus of the interview was on the prevention of violence against women and trafficking of women.

United Kingdom, London

Meeting to link the experiences of violence for women in countries of origin (public and private) with violence in destination countries and suggest ways forward. (For more information contact P.Sen@lse.ac.uk)

United States, New Brunswick

A talk by Rhodessa Jones entitled "Creative Performance/Creative Survival: The Making of the Medea Project Theater for Incarcerated Women" at Rutgers University. (For more info contact: Sara Warner at <hricane@rci.rutgers.edu>)

United States, San Francisco

Events are planned to bring awareness to violence against women. (Associated Students Inc. Women Center at San Francisco State University)

December 4 to December 15

Lithuania, Vilnius

The opening ceremony of the International Photography Exhibition "Women's Reproductive Rights – Human Rights" was held on December 4th. The exhibition ran from December 4-15 and showed the Lithuanian Government and community the situation of women's sexual and reproductive rights around the world. (The Family Planning and Sexual Health Association of Lithuania – Phone: 370-2-731630; Fax: 370-2-790319; E-mail: lithfpa@delfi.lt)

December 5

Armenia

Various press conferences will be held to publicize the 16 days campaign to end violence against women. (Women's Rights Center)

China, Beijing

A white ribbon media event will be held for 100 United Nations staff, representatives of government departments and media workers. (Members of the UN theme groups of the Rule of Law, bilateral partners, government agencies and mainstream media)

Fiji

A session on suicide prevention for students and parents will be held in Seaqaqa, Vanua Levu. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

Kazakstan

To celebrate the International Day of Volunteers, the Crisis Center Podrugi held a conference and an informational radio program. (Crisis Center Podrugi, Email: podrugi@alnet.kz)

Romania

The Romania Association for the Promotion of Women organized a one-day international conference for 50 women leaders from Romania, Central and East of Europe, who focused together on building a network of Women NGO's working against gender violence. The target group was young people between fourteen and eighteen years old, women and men between twenty and forty-five years old, and women leaders from Romanian and international NGO's and civil society. (The Romania Association for the Promotion of Women)

South Africa, Mpumalanga

A parliamentary debate on the Justice For Women campaign was organized for the Mpumalanga Legislature. (The National Network on Violence Against Women)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

A press conference was held with the mass media, scientists, and journalists to further publicize the campaign and educate the population. (NGO Bachtovar)

Ukraine, Chernivtsi

Debates around the theme "Violence: Power or Powerless" were held.

Ukraine, Lviv

Activists met with law enforcement officials to discuss the problem of violence against women and trafficking of women.

United States, Hattiesburg

A forum to address women's human rights issues in Central America was held. (University of Southern Mississippi)

United States, New Brunswick

"Aesthetics + Activism Series" presented a performance entitled "The Medea Project Theater for Incarcerated Women at Rutgers University" followed by questions and answers. (GSA, CCACC, and Women's Studies plus Comparative Literature, for more info contact: Sara Warner at [<hricane@rci.rutgers.edu>](mailto:hricane@rci.rutgers.edu))

United States, Oneonta

An Open Mic Night was organized around the theme of gender violence. (Hartwick College)

December 5 to 7

Montenegro

Workshops and lectures on violence against women were held in elementary schools. (NGO League for Family)

Ukraine, Dnepropetrovsk

A conference entitled "Youth for Gender Equality" was held.

December 6

Bulgaria, Bourgas

Association Demetra organized a student exhibition entitled "No More Violence." (Association Demetra, phone: 35956843591, email: demetra@unacs.bg)

Canada, Nova Scotia

Saint Mary's University celebrated remembrance of all the women that lost their lives to violence in the Montreal Massacre. Names were read in a ceremony and lit candles and roses were placed in honor of each of the women's memories. Muriel Duckworth, a peace activist, spoke at the ceremony as well. (Saint Mary's University)

Kenya, Nairobi

COVAW(K) organized a tribunal where women who survived gender based violence shared their experiences. (COVAW(K)).

Philippines, Quezon City

The Institute of Human Rights of University of Philippines College of Law organized panel discussions on "Violence Against Women Crossing Transnational Borders," "Emerging Issues and Concerns in the Work to Eliminate Violence Against Women Migrants," and "Legislative Initiatives to Protect Filipino Women From Prostitution and Trafficking." (The Institute of Human Rights)

South Africa, North West

The National Network on Violence Against Women met with women at the Potchefstroom Prison. (The National Network on Violence Against Women)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

Free legal advice was given out to victims of violence at the hotline phone number of 36-59-3. (NGO Bachtovar)

United States, New York

Witness launched their latest video collaboration, "Operation Fine Girl: Rape as a Weapon of War in Sierra Leone." Excerpts of this full-length documentary can be viewed online at www.witness.org along with background information, links to relevant resources and an "Act Now" section. (Witness – Phone: 212.274.1664 ext.201; Fax: 212.274.1262; E-mail: witness@witness.org)

United States, San Francisco

A discussion was held on 'Racism and Sexism'. (Associated Students Inc. Women Center at San Francisco State University)

December 6-7

Fiji

A workshop was held in the Hindi language for women in Bua (Vanua Levu) on domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

Ukraine, Donetsk

A meeting of the Press Club Market Reformers took place to discuss the prevention of violence against women.

December 7

Albania

Two workshops entitled "Gender Violence in Albania" were held in the Vlora and Shkodra Women's Centres. Representatives of local government, such as the mayor, members of the Municipality Women Unit, Women's NGOs, and researchers from local universities, attended. The main goal of the workshops was to join different initiatives in partnerships to collaborate common actions to end gender violence. (Albanian Family Planning Association – AFPA, Email: afpa@albaniaonline.net)

Cambodia, Phnom Penh

A rally to stop violence against women took place. (Cambow, 16-day group, CAD Net, Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com; teachers and workers)

Kenya

COVAW(K) joined Mary Maseki in court to support her with her case against her husband for domestic violence. The case was in the Makueni Law Courts in the Eastern Province. (COVAW(K))

Russia, Voronezh

The Defense of Women, JCC Voronezh, and local authorities organized a seminar on the protection of women's rights for social workers, teachers and prosecutors. (Defense of Women)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

A meeting of teachers and students took place at secondary school N54 for discussion and games on the topic of violence against women to further educate young people. (NGO Bachtovar)

Ukraine, Donetsk

The television program "Victim" was shown on local stations.

United States, Hattiesburg

A memorial vigil for the victims of the Montreal Massacre was held. (University of Southern Mississippi)

United States, San Francisco

Events were organized on the issue of 'Sex Trafficking'. (Associated Students Inc. Women Center at San Francisco State University)

December 7-9

Kenya

A consultative forum on men's roles in combating gender-based violence was held, bringing together participants from several African countries including Malawi and Kenya. (African Women's Development and Communications Network (FEMNET) For more information contact [<femnet@africaonline.co.ke>](mailto:femnet@africaonline.co.ke))

December 7-10

Kenya

A Human Rights Photo and Art Exhibition was organized as an outreach tool that brought together a collection of photographs, posters, and paintings on human rights abuses based on the theme "Resisting Impunity." (Coordinated by the Kenya Human Rights Commission. For more information contact jnduko@khrc.or.ke or admin@khrc.or.ke)

December 8

Cambodia

A workshop on violence against women was held in Phnom Penh. (Local authorities, jury council, MP's, government ministries, Cambow, and 16 –day group) In addition, the CMN organized a concert in the park preceded by a candle light vigil featuring Buddhist nuns, the Minister for Women's and Veterans' Affairs, and five women survivors who will testify to the various forms of violence they have suffered. (Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com)

Fiji

The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre 2002 Calendar displayed tips for men on how to control their violent behavior. The Centre also held an open house for the public and conducted sessions with the youth of Community of Christ Church on sexual assault. FWCC also communicated with other media outlets for other programs including some local language television programs, articles for the newspaper and radio talk back shows. (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

South Africa, Kwa Zulu Natal

The National Network on Violence Against Women met with women at the Westville Prison. (The National Network on Violence Against Women)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

Various films on gender violence were screened, followed by discussion aimed at the male population at the Center for Youth. (NGO Bachtovar)

United States, Madison

A "Gender Violence Activism Teach-in" was held. Workshops included self-defense, political editorial writing, and Power Dolls as a healing tool. (The Dane County 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Coalition)

December 9

Camobodia,

Local television stations broadcasted footage of a vigil held. (Cambodian Men's Network, website: www.comminit/genderviolence/sld-2052.com; GAD/C, GAD Net, Oxfam, 16-Day Group, CAMBOW)

India, Lucknow

WAMA organized a day of workshops in which women's experiences of violence were conceptualized in patriarchy, communalism, health, law enforcement, caste and the present situation of war. (WAMA – Phone: 0522-326936; Fax: 0522-334341)

Kenya, Nairobi

The Human Rights Road show went through residential areas in Nairobi as a way of raising awareness on human rights issues. (Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC). For more information contact jnduko@khrc.or.ke or admin@khrc.or.ke)

Tajikistan, Dushanbe

The male population was re-interviewed to assess the impact of the campaign on their knowledge of violence against women. (NGO Bachtovar)

December 9 to December 10

Ukraine, Lviv

A final press conference was conducted and a Resources Book was released containing information about organizations helping women in crisis.

December 10

Albania

The Counseling Centre for Women and Girls ran an essay contest with the topic "Violence exists, I would like to prevent it," and the top ten essays were selected. The winners were presented with the award money at a reception provided by the center and open discussions were held on issues of human rights to commemorate International Human Rights Day. (Counseling Centre for Women and Girls)

Armenia

Information was placed on the web page of the Women's Rights Center that suggested action that can be taken after the campaign. Films were also shown on domestic violence and the trafficking of women for NGOs and journalists. NGOs, judicial bodies, representatives of ministries, and the press were invited. (Women's Rights Center)

Australia, Victoria

CASA House organized an event celebrating survival. All women were invited to come and participate in a ceremony to mourn and grieve the fact and impact of gender violence and to celebrate survival. (CASA House)

Bangladesh

The Centre for Women and Children Studies (CWCS) and students of the Department of Sociology at Dhaka University jointly organized a rally and human chain to celebrate International Human Rights Day. The rally, led by the president of CWCS and the chairman of the Sociology Department, began in the morning at Shishu Academy and ended at the National Press Club. The human chain was organized immediately following the rally at the National Press Club. (Centre for Women and Children Studies, Department of Sociology at Dhaka University)

Federated States of Micronesia, Chuuk

The FSM Women's Association will held a Human Rights Silent March in support of International Human Rights Day. (FSMWAN)

Fiji

The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre presented anti-war petitions with the Fiji Anti-War movement to the US Ambassador to Fiji.

India, Lucknow

WAMA, along with other groups (AIDWA, AIPWA, and FRIW) held a state level public tribunal on the issues of violence against women. The tribunal was the culminating event of a year-long campaign launched by WAMA called Hisaab (Hinsa Sehna Band or Stop Tolerating Violence) against increasing violence against women in Uttar Pradesh. There was a panel of judges who heard the testimonies which were selected to highlight various structures that contribute to women's experience of violence. The testimonies were collected during Hisaab. The people's judges produced general comments on the testimonies presented. (WAMA phone: 0522 326936, fax: 0522 334341)

Indonesia

A dialogue took place with members of the Regional People's Assembly to raise awareness of domestic violence in hopes that these members will create legislation to protect women from violence. (JKPIT network)

Israel, Jerusalem

A panel discussion was held that aimed to demonstrate the important link between violence against women and other human rights abuses. The panel included feminist activists from different human rights organizations dealing with the rights of gays and lesbians, foreign workers, the physically and mentally disabled, and oppressed ethnic minorities. (Kol Ha-Isha Women's Center and the Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center)

Kazakhstan

A final conference was held assessing the outcomes of the Campaign and to draft legislation about domestic violence to present to the government. (The Union of Crisis Centers of Kazakhstan, Zheskazgan Center of Women Initiatives Support, Senim Crisis Center in Uralsk City, and Umit Crisis Center in Aktobe City)

Kenya

The Kenya Human Rights Commission coordinated a Human Rights Symposium. (For more information contact admin@khrc.or.ke)

Kyrgyzstan

Sezim held a public action with 1,000 people in the main square of Bishkek. Presentations were given and artwork was exhibited. In addition, calendars, slogans, and posters were distributed. (Sezim)

Mauritius

Ms. Lebogang Malebye from Botswana presented the constitution of the network, the list of names of the office bearers, and its plans of actions for the next year to Dr. Athaliah Molokomme, Director of the SADC Gender Unit. At the same time, she applied for the network to obtain observer status at all SADC activities and meetings, especially those related to gender-based and women's issues. (For more information see November 27)

Philippines

A White Ribbon Campaign by men and for men to end violence against women was organized both in Manila and other provinces.

Serbia

Women in Black Against War organized vigils around the theme "Life in Peace – Human Rights" together with other human rights and women's organizations.

Spain, Valencia

A lecture entitled "Human Rights in the Global Era" was delivered by Fernando Savater in the Bancaixa Cultural Center of Valencia. (for more information go to <http://www.spglobal.org/plataforma/lista.htm>)

South Africa

The National Network on Violence Against Women organized events for Human Rights Day, which they named for this year The National Day of Commitments. (The National Network on Violence Against Women)

Sri Lanka, Hatton

The American Center for International Labor Solidarity and DISHA organized a protest against rape and a street performance in the plantations. (American Center for International Labor Solidarity)

Swaziland, Manzini

A debate with panel discussants that will speak on "Gender Violence is a Human Rights" was organized. (Women's Resource Centre)

Tajikistan

A roundtable discussion and seminars were held to assess the impact of the work done during the campaign. (NGO – Bachtovar)

Ukraine, Lviv

A final roundtable discussion was held to reflect on the outcomes of actions taken during the Campaign. NGOs, state bodies and law enforcement agencies were in attendance.

Ukraine, Zhytomyr

A training session entitled "Employment Abroad: Myth and Reality" was conducted.

United States, Boston

A talk by Deborah Prothrow-Stith, M.D., Director, Division of Public Health Practice and Karen Leiter, J.D., M.P.H., Faculty Practitioner, Division of Public Health Practice on "Using Human Rights to Enhance Public Health - Approaches to Domestic Violence at the Harvard School of Public Health" was held. There was also a Silent Witness Exhibit in the Harvard School of Public Health cafeteria, a powerful exhibit on violence against women, highlighting 13 individuals that were killed as a result of domestic violence.

United States, Hattiesburg

Students were given information on women's human rights issues on campus (University of Southern Mississippi)

United States, Howell

Students held a moment of silence throughout the entire school. (Howell High School)

United States, Madison

A press conference was planned for Human Rights' Day. CEDAW petitions demanding US ratification were circulated, as CEDAW is a major focus of the Madison area campaign. There were also some op-eds on gender violence issues in the local paper(s). (The Dane County 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Coalition)

United States, New York

The women's human rights organization, Madre, presented the program "Imagining Peace, A Dramatic Reading to Benefit The Women and Children of Afghanistan." Participants included Danny Glover, Susan Sarandon, Sonia Sanchez, Tony Kushner, Blanche Wiesen Cook, Eve Ensler, Monica Aleman, Alvan Colon-Lespier, Patrice Gaines, Gale Jackson, Carol Millard, Nadine Mozon, and the Silver Cloud Dancers. (Madre: E-mail – Madre@ic.org)

United States, Oneonta

"The Vienna Tribunal" was screened and a discussion of "Women's Human Rights and Economic Justice: Holding the U.S. Accountable" by Professor Katherine O'Donnell was also held. (Hartwick College)

December 11

Lithuania

The Family Planning and Sexual Health Association of Lithuania (FPA) planned a workshop on "Reproductive Health and Rights in Lithuania: Developing Effective Laws and Policies." Governmental, international and national NGOs were invited. (The Family Planning and Sexual Health Association of Lithuania)

United States, New Brunswick

The Center for Women's Global Leadership organized a coffeehouse to introduce students to the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Campaign. (Center for Women's Global Leadership)

December 12

United States, New York

The "World Conference Against Racism Women Report Back: NGO Discussion and Report from the Front Lines" was held, which was a community report back and discussion about what really happened at the World Conference Against Racism in South Africa, and the front line issues affecting the conference. Speakers included representatives

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from the Women' s Caucus, the Race, Poverty and Globalization Caucus, and the Youth Forum. Discussions of Reparations, the Final Document, and much more took place. (For more information contact the Center for Women's Global Leadership at cwgl@igc.org)