

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

NOVEMBER 25– DECEMBER 10, 1997

International Calendar of Campaign Activities

Demand Human Rights in the Home and in the World

OCTOBER

- Mexico, D.F. – Doble Jornada, a woman's supplement of the newspaper La Jornada, will print articles on the following topics: an assessment of the Sexual Crimes Agency's work from 1989 when they started their operations in Mexico; violations of reproductive rights in the mountains of Veracruz; and a summary of more than 100 cases of violence against women throughout the country that haven't had a response from local authorities (La Doble Jornada)

OCT. 24

- Austria, Innsbruck – exhibition to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the opening of the Tirolean Women's Shelter (Austrian Women's Shelter Network)
- El Salvador, San Salvador – announcement of activities planned for the 16 Days Campaign entitled "Claiming Our Right to Have Quick and Easy Access to the Appropriate Institutions: Stop Violence Against Women" and presentation of related research results at forum (Las Dignas)

OCT. 25

- Austria, Innsbruck – women's protest march against violence (Austrian Women's Shelter Network)

OCT. 25 - NOV. 25

- El Salvador, San Salvador – press, radio, T.V., flyer and poster campaigns (Las Dignas)

NOV. 1 - 13

- Colombia, Medellin – women's rights workshops in thirteen areas of the city embracing the 1998 Campaign theme: "There are No Human Rights Without Women's Rights" (Pastoral Social)

NOV. 4 - 11

- Ireland, Dublin – art exhibition by women who participated in Women's Aid NOW Programme (Women's Aid)

NOV. 5

- United States, New Orleans – annual “Take Back the Night” vigil and speakout against violence against women; announcement of 16 Days Campaign and related activities (Tulane and Loyola Universities)

NOV. 10

- Mexico, D. F. – launching of information campaign throughout the country focusing on the violation of women's rights and impunity; highlighting 42 pending cases of rape, women murdered in Chihuahua and sexual harassment in the workplace; campaign materials available through e-mail: <cimac@laneta.apc.org> (Comunicación e Información de la Mujer, A.C., CIMAC)

NOV. 12

- El Salvador, San Salvador – workshop on strategies for the voluntary interruption of pregnancy (Las Dignas)

NOV. 13

- El Salvador, San Salvador – breakfast with journalists to discuss how to approach violence against women in the media (Las Dignas)

NOV. 16

- Colombia, Medellin – women's human rights training for women leaders (Pastoral Social)

NOV. 19

- Ecuador, Quito – First national workshop on “Radio and Human Rights” attended by both male and female radio producers (Asociación Mundial de Radios Comunitarias, AMARC)

NOV. 20 - 24

- Mexico, D. F. – meeting of the National Network of Journalists to discuss the importance of the 1998 Campaign. This national network, initiated in September 1995, is comprised of 250 women journalists who work to bring visibility to women's life stories and political debates. It will bring the Campaign to the radio, T.V., written press, and other forums (CIMAC)

NOV. 20

- United States, Los Angeles – speaker and author Rosemary Radford Reuther, “Gender and Redemption – A Conversation with Rosemary Radford Reuther, Ph. D.” (M.A. Program in Feminist Spirituality, Immaculate Heart College Center)

NOV. 21

- Fiji, Suva – a television interview on an afternoon talk show focusing on domestic violence and child abuse (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, FWCC)
- Peru, Lima – “Indigenous Women and Violence” panel aiming to sensitize society to issues of violence against women and its eradication; participants will include representatives from COTMA, Rural Education Services, Defensoría del Pueblo, FEDECMA, Inter-institutional Association for Rural Development in Ayacucho and the Workshop of Indigenous Women from the Andean-Amazonic region (Chirapaq, Centro de Culturas Indias)

NOV. 22

- Fiji, Suva – a newspaper supplement in the national daily newspaper focusing on domestic violence and child abuse (FWCC)
- Ireland, Dublin – peaceful walk (Bray Women's Refuge and Women's Aid)

NOV. 23

- Colombia, Medellin – women's human rights training for women leaders (Pastoral Social)
- Fiji, Suva – the television premiere of a domestic violence movie (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

NOV. 24 - 26

- Bolivia, Cochabamba – a national workshop addressed to medical doctors and social psychologists to provide them with a framework on how to approach violence; get them acquainted with international conventions which address violence against women and the National Law Against Domestic Violence (adopted on December 15, 1995); as well as with tools to provide services to survivors of violence and document violence within the national public health system (Red Contra la Violencia a las Mujeres de Cochabamba)

NOV. 24 - DEC. 10

- Argentina, Buenos Aires – theater performances on the theme of sexual violence; three pieces will be shown: “Abuso de Poder”, with Gabriela Naidich and Daniel Niborski; “Ultraje a la Inocencia”, with Yessica Vani and Alejo Becfar; and, “Retazos” with Valeria Alonso and Mariela Asensio (Centro de Encuentros, Cultura Y Mujer)

NOV. 25

- Argentina, Buenos Aires – commemoration of the Int'l. Day Against Violence Against Women with the launching of a poster, brochure, three radio spots, and press articles in local and national media to bring visibility to the different forms of violence women experience (Centro de Encuentros, Cultura Y Mujer)

- Bangladesh, Dhaka – forum focusing on acid violence with testimonies from Jyotsna Dey who lost her daughter 2 years ago, Nurunnahar who survived an acid attack and Bina who is an acid survivor and activist; testimonies will be interspersed with poems, songs and speeches; the programme will end with songs, lighting of torches and a march (Naripokkho)
- Bolivia, Cochabamba – party to celebrate the second anniversary of Red Contra la Violencia a las Mujeres de Cochabamba
- Bolivia, Tarija – radio message will be broadcast and a local video spot shown on the University T.V. channel to promote awareness of gender-based violence (Centro Integral De La Mujer, CIM)
- Brazil, Pernambuco – debate on violence against women as a human rights violation and the creation of public mechanisms to prevent violence and protect the victims, witnesses and professionals working around this issue (Women’s Forum of Pernambuco)
- Cayman Islands, Grand Cayman – opening of the Women's Resource Centre and launch of "Befrienders in Confidence Programme," a support service for victims of domestic abuse (Cayman Islands Business & Professional Women's Club)
- Chile, Santiago – event with theme “I Have the Rights to a Life Without Violence” which will be open to the public and focus on building awareness of violence against women with specific focus on the case of Isabel Gonzalez Zapata, who was burnt ‘alive’ with kerosene by her husband (Red Chilena Contra la Violencia Domestica y Sexual)
- Colombia, Medellin – artistic and cultural event highlighting the need to promote and defend human rights and denouncing ways in which women's rights are violated (Pastoral Social)
- El Salvador, San Salvador – demonstration before the National Assembly and presentation of proposal dealing with violence against women (Las Dignas)
- Ireland, Dublin – public protest against all forms of violence against women. Speakers include Mary Van Lieshout, Policy Manager at Oxfam; Roisin McDermott, Director of Women's Aid; Betty Doyle, Wexford Women's Action and will include performances by City Artsquad, Women's Aid Street Theatre and Yemanja. This will be followed by a meeting with Liz O'Donnell, Minister of State in Foreign Affairs with responsibility for Human Rights (Women's Aid)

- Mexico, D.F. – campaign to promote legal change regarding sexual violence within marriage (Red por la Salud de las Mujeres del D.F.)
- Mexico, D. F. – press conference to launch campaign activities of the Red por la Salud de las Mujeres del D.F. which will release information on 13 documented cases that are still expecting a response from local authorities dealing with violations of reproductive rights, battered pregnant women, low quality of public health institution services, and lack of access to justice (CIMAC and Red por la Salud de las Mujeres del D.F.)
- Mexico, Mexicali – press conference to launch the 16 Days campaign; screening of video, "Breaking the Silence...You are not Alone" (Alaide Foppa, A. C.)
- Mexico, Oaxaca – march to commemorate the International Day Against Violence Against Women (La Casa de la Mujer Rosario Castellanos)
- United Kingdom, London – international forum to raise awareness and funds to launch the new anti-violence campaign principally for the benefit of township women in South Africa. Speakers include Rose Coxe, survivor of violence; Karrisha Pillay, anti-violence project leader from South Africa; Charlotte Bunch, Executive Director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership; Kate Young, Executive Director of WOMANKIND; and, Kate Adie, Chief News Correspondent at the BBC (WOMANKIND)
- United States, New Jersey – "The Streets are a War Zone" film screening and presentation by Maggie Hadleigh-West (Feminist Collective, William Paterson University)
- United States, New Jersey – second annual collective reading of the stories of survivors of sexual violence (Women's Center, William Paterson University)
- United States, New York – seminar on "Women's Reproductive Rights" with Anika Rahman, Director of the International Program of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy (International Club and International Studies Program, Marymount Manhattan College)
- United States, New York – a night of tribute to the Mirabal Sisters through art exhibits and performances by the members of the Workers of Wonder program (Center for Population and Family Health/ Columbia School of Public Health, Camino y Accion, Union de Jovenes Dominicanos, Workers of Wonder Program, Center for Women's Global Leadership and The Ivy League)

NOV. 25 - 29

- Bolivia, Tarija – anonymous testimonies of women victims of violence to be featured on radio broadcasts; workshops with senior students entitled "Demand Human Rights in the Home and in the World" (CIM)

NOV. 25 - 30

- Pakistan, Lahore – meetings organized in Rawalpindi, Sheikhpura Faisalabad, Sialkot and Lahore with women workers, peasant and informal sector workers, and their families to discuss issues such as gender discrimination, violence against women and the human rights situation in Pakistan (Working Women Organization, WWO)

NOV. 25 - DEC. 10

- Bolivia, Cochabamba – press articles to underscore key dates – November 25; December 6; and, December 15, the 2nd anniversary of the enactment of the Law Against Domestic Violence and assessment of its implementation (Red Contra la Violencia a las Mujeres de Cochabamba)
- Bolivia, La Paz – a series of activities aiming to build pressure to get the new legislation against Family Violence approved (Centro de Promocion de la Mujer Gregoria Apaza)
- Bulgaria, Sofia – participation in various TV and radio broadcasts to increase sensitivity of the public to violence against women and children (Nadja)
- Congo, Kinshasa – television programs, film screenings and debates, conferences, theater performances, posters, flyers, and T-shirts will be organized to sensitize public awareness to violence against women as a human rights violation (Eveil de la Femme – Réseau, Action, Femme)
- Croatia, Zagreb – event to announce the 16 Days Campaign and 1998 as the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights followed by a concert featuring both singers and performers; production and distribution of posters, leaflets and a TV segment against violence against women; open letters to the government, local authorities, local churches and to the Ministry of Education requesting devotion of school time to address the issue of violence against women (Stop Violence Against Women Project [Autonomous Women's House, B.a.B.e., Center for Women War Victims, Electra and Women's Counselling Center], Zenska Grupa Poref, Zenska Grupa Mali Lopinj, Zenska Akcija Rijeka)
- Ecuador, Quito – launch of a regional radio campaign that will run until December 1998 and includes the production and dissemination of a jingle and 12 radio spots using the slogan "There are No Human Rights Without Women's Rights" to promote a broad understanding of women's human rights and the 1998 Global Campaign for Women's Human Rights (AMARC and UNIFEM-Regional Office)

- El Salvador – integration of gender violence in medical and information services and its strategic plan (ADS and International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region, IPPF/WHR)
- Jamaica – training for staff and male clients of clinic to promote awareness of violence against women as a violation of women’s human rights (FAMPLAN and IPPF/WHR)
- Nigeria, Lagos – distribution of posters and stickers saying “NO to Violence Against Women” to schools, markets, car parks and individuals; broadcast of jingles in three languages on the effects of violence against women in the family; talks on the radio and to men’s clubs on the adverse effect of violence against women on social development (Women, Law and Development Centre)
- United States, New Orleans – special book exhibit at the Newcomb Center for Research on Women; showing of videotapes on domestic violence to Masters’ Social Work students (Tulane University)
- United States, New Orleans – information and book exhibit to commemorate the 16 Days; screening of a video on violence against women (University of New Orleans Women’s Center)
- Venezuela – gender-based violence training that integrates clinical and educational components; networking with women’s groups to raise public awareness around violence against women (PLAFAM and IPPF/WHR)
- Venezuela, Caracas – campaigning to pass the bill on Violence against Women and the Family; activities will include massive faxing to the president of the Chamber of Deputies, to the Senate, as well as campaigning in Caracas’ subway stations, distribution of flyers, buttons and press releases (Asociacion Venezolana para una Educacion Sexual Alternativa [AVESA], FUNDAMUJER and CISFEM)
- Zimbabwe, Harare – official launch of the 16 Days Campaign and the 1998 Global Campaign for Women’s Human Rights (Women in Law and Development Africa, WiLDAF)

NOV. 25 - NOV. 26

- Bulgaria, Sofia – interactive workshops for high school students on the issue of violence against women (Nadja)

NOV. 25 - DEC. 20

- Chile, Santiago – call for action to organize activities around issues of violence against women and health. Some suggestions are: to disseminate information through

community-based work on what women's rights are; to develop suggestions on how to use existing national legislation; to organize workshops with health care providers to sensitize them around the issue of violence against women and girls; to address government authorities and legislators requesting the enactment of effective legislation to address gender violence and to monitor the compliance with existing laws; and to build alliances with men's groups against gender violence. Description of campaign is available through e-mail: <rsmlac@mail.bellsouth.cl> (Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe, Latin America and Caribbean Women's Health Network)

NOV. 25 - DEC. 25

- Fiji, Suva - daily screening of television advertisements addressing child abuse and violence against women (FWCC)

NOV. 26

- Mexico, Mexicali – radio program with theme "Violence Against Women," hosted by Colila Eguia from the Baja California Network (Alaide Foppa, A. C.)

NOV. 26 - 27

- Mexico, Mexicali – workshop, "An Alternative to Family Violence: Respect for Human Rights," facilitated by Dr. Laura Gomez Flores of the National Commission on Human Rights (Alaide Foppa, A. C.)
- Mexico, Cuernavaca – workshop on domestic violence and reproductive health (Comité de Maternidad sin Riesgos en Morelos)

NOV. 26 - 29

- Cayman Islands, Grand Cayman – district workshops with Jane Zeller, co-director of the Silent Witness National Initiative (Cayman Islands Business and Professional Women's Club)

NOV. 27

- El Salvador, San Salvador – Film forum (Las Dignas)
- Ireland, Dublin – art exhibition, "Once is too Much" (Women's Aid)
- Nepal, Kathmandu – a series of marches pressing for 33% representation of women in parliament and decision making positions and to emphasize denial of girls rights; presentation of pledge to support the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence with a focus on domestic violence (UNICEF, Regional Office for South Asia)

NOV. 27 - 28

- Ireland, Dublin – conference on community development and violence against women (St. Michael's Family Resource Centre and Women's Aid)

NOV. 27 - DEC. 5

- Zimbabwe, Harare – open days for Musasa Project, Child-line Zimbabwe, Child Law Project, Women and AIDS Support Network, Women's Action Group and the Zimbabwe Women's Resource Center Network (WILDAF)

NOV. 28

- Bangladesh, Dhaka – all-day workshop with survivors of domestic violence (Naripokkho)
- Cayman Islands, Grand Cayman – teen event focusing on the prevention of relationship violence among the high school population (Cayman Islands Business and Professional Women's Club)

NOV. 28 - DEC. 1

- Mexico, Mexicali – "Clothesline" exhibition where posters, paintings, testimonies, cases and triptychs of violence against women and children will be on display (Alaide Foppa, A. C.)

NOV. 28 - DEC. 6

- Canada, Toronto – men demonstrate their commitment to end men's violence against women by wearing white ribbons, signing posters, and making donations to support women's shelters, rape crisis centers, and other front-line programs for women; schools run programs based on White Ribbon's Education and Action Kit; more information on campaign available through e-mail: <whiterib@idirect.com> (White Ribbon Campaign)

NOV. 29

- Bolivia, Tarija – a coordinated activity with grassroots women's organizations on "Imagine a World Where All Women Enjoy Their Human Rights" (CIM)
- Fiji, Suva – an insert in the national daily newspaper of the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre 1998 calendar; an open day at the Crisis Centre (FWCC)
- Ireland, Dublin – Women's Aid Street Theatre and Information Stand; Dundalk Women's Aid Ribbon Day radio programme in town centre to highlight violence against women (Women's Aid)

DEC. 1

- Bolivia, Tarija – T.V. program which includes the participation of a woman doctor who will address Health, Reproductive Rights and AIDS with an open telephone line for questions from the public (CIM)
- Fiji, Suva – workshop on child abuse which will include Air Pacific Staff (FWCC)

- United States, New York – workshop on “Gender and Sexuality” with Joo-Hyun Kang, Executive Director of the Audrey Lorde Project, a Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Two-spirit People of Color Communities (International Club and International Studies Program, Marymount Manhattan College and PRIDE CLUB)

DEC. 2

- Chile, Santiago – “Tribunal de Derechos Humanos de las Mujeres Chilenas” focusing on: sexual and domestic violence as punishment and victimization; adolescent pregnancy as an obstacle to access to education; and, lack of access to a pro-choice public health system as discrimination (Instituto de la Mujer, Latin American and Caribbean Women’s Health Network, Red Chilena contra la Violencia Domestica y Sexual, Comision de Derechos Humanos, CORSAPS, Foro Abierto de Salud y Derechos Reproductivos, Fundacion Ideas, Universidad Academia Humanismo Cristiano and Universidad Dipto Portales)
- Croatia, Zagreb – public screening of film, “Sex Trade” (Zenska Infoteka)
- Mexico, Mexicali – speaker Maricarmen Rioseco, “Justice Administration and Violence Against Women” (Alaide Foppa, AC)
- Pakistan, Lahore – rallies in different cities to raise the issues of women's rights, domestic violence and gender discrimination organized together with trade unions, women's groups and human rights activists (WWO)

DEC. 2 - 6

- Bolivia, Tarija – panels and workshops about advantages and drawbacks of the law on domestic violence, promulgated on December 15, 1995 (CIM)

DEC. 2-7

- Cayman Islands, Grand Cayman – workshops with Dr. Stephen Stosny on the dynamics of anger and anger reduction; special workshops for the Royal Cayman Islands Police, H.M. Prison Officers, the Chief Justice, Court staff and the Cayman Islands Counselling Centre (Cayman Islands Business and Professional Women's Club)

DEC. 3

- Mexico, Mexicali – radio program with theme "Seventh Global Campaign Against Violence Against Women," hosted by Graciela Garza from the Baja California Network; speaker Concepción Guzmán, "Women, Health and Violence" (Alaide Foppa, A. C.)
- Pakistan, Lahore – press conferences in several cities to discuss issues around women and violations of their fundamental human rights (WWO)

DEC. 3-10

- Cayman Islands, Grand Cayman – airing of six video segments on Cayman Islands Television Network entitled, "Domestic Abuse: Causes, Concerns and Strategies for Change" (Cayman Islands Business and Professional Women's Club)

DEC. 4

- Canada, Ottawa – special evening of solidarity in honor of the many women from among the immigrant and visible minority women community who led the way in raising the issue of gender violence and developing services for the target group (Immigrant and Visible Minority Women Against Abuse, IVMWAA)
- Mexico, Mexicali – speaker Lourdes Sánchez, "The Right to Health" and "Violence Against Women" (Alaide Foppa, A. C.)

DEC. 4 - 5

- Pakistan, Lahore – street dramas on issues of violence, injustice and the unequal status of women in society presented together with various theater groups (WVO)

DEC. 5

- Bulgaria, Sofia – "Tea-time with the Mass Media with journalists from both TV and Radio stations to discuss issues of violence against women and women's rights (Nadja)
- Ireland, Dublin – information stand (Women's Aid)
- Mexico, Mexicali – TV interview on Different Opinions Meet, Foro 3 with topic "Violence Against Women" hosted by Cosme Collingnon (Alaide Foppa, A. C.)
- United States, New York – Marymount Manhattan College Gender Violence Awareness Day. Speakers include: Susana T. Fried, Program Director at the Center for Women's Global Leadership and Professors Joan Brookshire, Majorie Madigan and A.M. Keyes from Marymount Manhattan College; to be followed by a performance, "Collage of Works" by Students of Theatre at Marymount/STAM and a reception (International Club and International Studies Program, Marymount Manhattan College)

DEC. 5 - 7

- United States, Los Angeles – course, "Images of the Madonna Through the Ages" taught by Gloria Orenstein, Ph. D. (M.A. Program in Feminist Spirituality, Immaculate Heart College Center)

DEC. 6

- Canada, Toronto – men support and participate in events to remember the 14 women murdered at the University of Montreal massacre in 1989 (White Ribbon Campaign)

- Canada, Toronto – "clothesline display" (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, WILPF)
- Fiji, Suva – children's day with activities including mural, egg and face painting; video and self-defense sessions; a children's forum; theater games and plays; poems and songs; and, karioke singing (FWCC)
- Ireland, Dublin – "flag days" for Tralee Rape Crisis Centre and Women's Aid Street Theatre (Tralee Women's Resource Centre and Women's Aid)
- Zimbabwe, Harare – men's march against gender violence (WiLDAF)

DEC. 6 - 7

- Pakistan, Lahore – meetings with trade union activists to discuss issues of women's rights in the workplace, women's participation in trade unions as well as in the decision making bodies, and to collectively find a plan of action against the exploitation and manipulation of women (WVO)

DEC. 7

- Zimbabwe, Harare – national sermons on violence against women and girls organized by the Zimbabwe Council of Churches (WiLDAF)

DEC. 8

- Russia, Moscow – an "open class" and video demonstration on violence issues for students of law, psychology and social work at the Moscow Institute of Youth; an exhibition of books and printed matter about violence (Center for Women, Family and Gender Studies, Moscow Youth Institute)
- United States, New York – launching of the 1998 Global Campaign for Women's Human Rights with performances by Columbia University's "Workers of Wonder" program, Blanche Cook, and Virginia Sanchez Navarro. Speakers include: Alda Facio, Peggy Antrobus, Ana Maria Brasileiro, Sheila Dauer, Kensington Welfare Rights Union and Maura Bairley. Information on campaign is available through e-mail at <cwgl@igc.apc.org> (Center for Women's Global Leadership and UNIFEM)
- United States, New York – seminar on Women's Economic Rights. Speakers include: Catherine Albisa, Staff Attorney and Lecturer at International Women's Human Rights Law Clinic at CUNY Law School; Elmira Nazombe, Director of the Office of International Justice and Human Rights for Church World Service; Anita Nayar, Associate Director of Women's Environment and Development Organization/WEDO; and, Radhika Balakrishnan, Coordinator of International Studies at Marymount Manhattan College (International Club and International Studies Program, Marymount Manhattan College)

- Zimbabwe, Harare – public meeting on violence against women in the workplace (WiLDAF)

DEC. 8 - 10

- Bolivia, Tarija – daily radio messages from the Human Rights office emphasizing "Women's Rights as Human Rights" (CIM)

DEC. 9

- Ireland, Dublin – launch of report from the Irish Council for Civil Liberties Conference "Women's Rights are Human Rights" and the women's human rights campaign in Ireland (Women's Aid)
- Mexico, Mexicali – conference at the University of Baja entitled "IV World Conference on Women, Proposals & Achievements Against Violence Against Women" (Alaide Foppa, A.C.)
- Nigeria, Lagos – workshop on violence against women and the media followed by an exhibition (BAOBAB)
- Pakistan, Lahore – seminar for WWO's members from different cities, activists, lawyers, and intellectuals to address the issue of human rights and the current situation of women workers (WWO)
- United States, Boston – a state-wide meeting to brief the community on the outcome and follow-up activities to the International Working Session to End Family and Partner Violence held in August, and to announce the start of its Human Rights Education and Advocacy Program; the briefing will include video clips of the local and overseas participants, a photo display of the week's work, distribution of a special edition of Women's Rights Network News on the Session and an open discussion to continue the development of international, cross-cultural dialogue and partnerships; WRN will also introduce its new Human Rights Education and Advocacy Program and urge local battered women's advocates to join the campaign to implement the goals of the Platform for Action (Women's Rights Network)
- United States, New York – table devoted to International Campaign to Ban Land Mines with a sign-on petition (International Club and International Studies Program, Marymount Manhattan College and Pax Christi International)

DEC. 10

- Bolivia, Tarija – closing of the Campaign in the Public Square which will include panels, slogans, music and free participation of the public (CIM)

- Cayman Islands, Grand Cayman – women's rally in court house park around the theme, "Love is Not Abuse – Abuse is Not Love"; presentation of report to the Minister of Women's Affairs entitled "Legislation on Domestic Abuse: What works, what needs to be changed, and why" (Cayman Islands Business and Professional Women's Club)
- El Salvador, San Salvador – debate on different approaches to cases of violence against women (Las Dignas)
- Ireland, Dublin – street protest (National Traveller Women's Forum)
- Mexico, Mexicali – conference at the University of Baja California on "Family Violence and the Special Desk on the Council of Justice and Public Security"; panelists include: Dip. Lucy Ocaña, Sub Proc. Perla Ibarra, Lic. Arnaldo Castilla, and Lic. Federico Garcia (Alaide Foppa, A. C.)
- Pakistan, Lahore – processions organized to celebrate Human Rights Day, to put pressure on the government to repeal all discriminatory laws and to address domestic violence and sexual harassment (WWO)
- United States, Massachusetts – candlelight vigil in remembrance of victims and survivors of domestic violence; information available through e-mail at <www.shore.net/~RESPOND (RESPOND, Inc.)

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

- Argentina, Buenos Aires – lobby action asking parliament and the government to reform the "Family Violence Law" to make it more protective for victims; this will include sending a kit with information to representatives, senators, Health Ministry and Women's Council Authorities and press; media campaign to ask women and the community to phone and send letters to the government asking for an increase in budget and a massive campaign of violence against women prevention; campaign is entitled " For the Right to Live Without Violence" (Instituto Social y Politico de la Mujer and the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network)
- Austria, Innsbrook – presentation of petition signed by over 3,000 people demanding better measures to prevent violence against women to the head of the Austrian government (Austrian Women's Shelter Network)
- Bangladesh, Dhaka – lobbying, demonstration, press conference, seminar, workshop, leaflets and posters addressing the empowerment of women (Bangladesh Mahila Parishad)

- Brazil, Pernambuco – feminist theater group, Loucas de Pedra Lilás will perform a piece which addresses violence against women in the streets; debate on violence against women as experienced by sex workers with participation from the police department; discussion of issues of violence against women with women living in barrios; distribution of flyers promoting the 1998 Global Campaign for Women’s Human Rights (Women’s Forum of Pernambuco)
- Bulgaria, Sofia – special issue of “Nadja” newsletter dedicated to the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence (Nadja)
- Croatia, Zagreb – initiation of “Women and Media” project, “Phone Tree”, a chain of letter reactions to sexist and anti-women presentations in the media; posting of stickers with slogans such as “this is sexism” and “this offends women” on sexist or derogatory commercials and billboards; posting of stickers saying “rape” and “violence against women” on the STOP traffic signs (Be active, Be emancipated, B.a.B.e).
- Croatia, Zagreb – action campaign to establish a women’s library in the city of Rijeka (Zenska Akcija Rijeka)
- Croatia, Zagreb – dissemination of poster which was created from newspaper headlines about women victims of violence (Zenska Infoteka)
- Ecuador, Quito – radio contest around the theme, “Imagine a World Without Discrimination Against Women” (AMARC)
- Fiji, Suva – radio advertisements and talks in the various local dialects; production of educational materials on domestic violence and child abuse including posters addressing domestic violence, human rights and children’s safety; display of street banners in the capital city promoting the 16 Days Campaign; and, exhibitions on women’s human rights issues at various venues (Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)
- Mauritius, Curepipe – short play on domestic violence, written by France Favori, which will be played in several towns and villages on the island; exhibition on violence against women which includes: facts and figures about domestic violence, "herstories" of battered women, posters and badges of women's struggles internationally, collections of poems and songs written by S.O.S. Femmes on domestic violence, distribution of the main conventions/ declarations relating to violence against women, display of booklets, leaflets, etc., different responses towards domestic violence from the perspective of the women's movement, the State, the UN and the WHO. All letters of support received from groups participating in the 16 Days Campaign or which support an end to gender-based violence can be sent to fax: (230) 433-3391, and will be on display at the exhibition (S.O.S. Femmes)

- Mexico – an international campaign to address recent supreme-court decision calling spousal rape an "undue exercise of a right". To join the writing campaign, you can find more information at <<http://members.aol.com/ncmdr/index.html>> or by e-mail to <diversa@laneta.apc.org> (Diversa in Mexico and the National Clearinghouse for Marital and Date Rape in California, US)
- Mexico, D.F. – Doble Jornada's November issue will print a call to join the 1998 Global Campaign along with proposed activities from groups and an article on the legal approach to Family Violence (La Doble Jornada)
- Mexico, Cuernavaca – panel to discuss the Family Violence bill legislation project; the Beijing follow-up Commission for the State of Morelos will broadcast three one-hour radio programs on Domestic Violence which will invite women to share their testimonies to document the problem (Comité de Maternidad sin Riesgos en Morelos)
- Mexico, Oaxaca – dissemination of poster with the theme, "There are No Human Rights Without Women's Rights"; production of brief informational blurbs for the radio; panels addressing "Violence and the Law," "Violence and Health," and "Violence and Education"; film screening followed by discussions; and, talks to the students of the Instituto Tecnológico de Oaxaca and CONALEP (La Casa de la Mujer Rosario Castellanos)
- Mexico, Oaxaca – conference addressed to members of local Congress and judges (La Casa de la Mujer Rosario Castellanos and Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network)
- Mexico, Oaxaca – workshop on sexual and reproductive rights for midwives in the community of Tlacolula (Group TICIME, Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network, La Casa de la Mujer Rosario Castellanos)
- Norway, Oslo – "Take Back the Night" march; postcard action campaign in Norway against pornography and prostitution (Women's Front of Norway)
- Pakistan, Lahore – articles featured in newspapers and magazines, distribution of pamphlets and creation of charts to raise awareness on issues of women's human rights; networking with local NGOs, trade unions and human rights activists to raise issue of violence against women as a violation of human rights (WWO)
- Philippines and New York – call to action to individuals and organizations to become involved in actions to promote awareness to the issue of trafficking in women; more information on campaign and specific actions to take, available through e-mail: <Bardoza@mail.idt.net> (Gabriela Network)

- Philippines, Quezon City – organization of regional migrant's training in Hong Kong in cooperation with the Asian Migrant Center to promote, defend and uphold the rights and dignity of migrant workers in general and migrant women in particular; developing a migrant human rights defenders manual, to assist women's rights defenders in systematic documentation, monitoring and classification of violations committed to migrants (Asian Centre for Women's Human Rights, ASCENT)
- Uganda, Kampala – two-day workshop on the United Nations international human rights instruments and system and the relevance to the work of lobby/advocacy groups (Human Rights Network)
- Ukraine, Kharkov – special issue of newsletter addressing “trafficking in women as a new form of slavery in Ukraine”; dissemination of materials on the 16 Days Campaign and trafficking in women in the Ukraine; lecture for students at Kharkov State University on “Trafficking in Women as Gender Violence”; dissemination of leaflets to young women in the region on trafficking in women (Feminist Association Humanitarian Initiative)
- United States, New York – interactive workshops for high school students on the issues of violence against women and women's human rights (Global Kids)
- United States, Washington – "clothesline" project; "These Hands will Not be Raised in Violence Project" where people can stick their hands in paint and put their hand prints on paper in the main courtyard (Pacific Lutheran University)
- Area de Mujeres de Alai has a website to spread information in Latin America and the Caribbean on the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence! You can access the site using the following address: <<http://www.ecuanex.apc.org/alai/16dias>>

For more information about the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence or the Center for Women's Global Leadership, please visit our website:
 <<http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~cwgl/humanrights/>>

For more information on UN activities for the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 10 December 1998, visit the UN website at
 <<http://www.unhchr.ch/html/50th/50anniv.htm>> or the UN Internet Gateway on the Advancement and Empowerment of Women (Women Watch) website at
 <<http://www.un.org/womenwatch>>.

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Caribbean in 1981 (Bogota, Colombia). The day commemorates the Mirabal sisters, who were brutally murdered by the Trujillo dictatorship in the Dominican Republic in 1960. December 10 celebrates the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed in 1948. The period also includes World AIDS Day (December 1) and the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre (1989), when a man gunned down 14 women engineering students for being "feminists" (December 6).

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