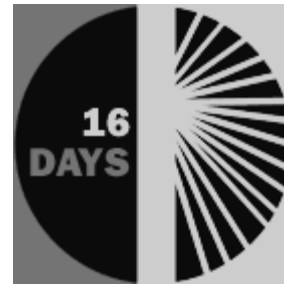


16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence November 25 - December 10



***For the Health of Women, For the Health of the World:
No More Violence***

2004 International Calendar of Campaign Activities

This year marks the 14th annual 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 indicate this link: November 25 marks 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 13 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 (1991-2003) can be accessed via the Global Center's 16 Days website, <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/home.html> by selecting "Global Organizing for the 16 Days."

The Center for Women's Global Leadership asks that participants of the 16 Days Campaign - past as well as present - please send documentation from their events, i.e. posters, pictures, t-shirts, video footage, poems, songs, statements, reports, etc., to the Center for the 16 Days archives.

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ARMENIA

➤ **Women's Rights Center**

Women's Rights Center is planning to hold the following events in the framework of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence:

- November 25, 2004 - presentation of the «Web site: Stop Violence Against Women and National Monitor» project took place at the United Nations House in Yerevan. The presentation marked the beginning of a series of events by the Women's Rights Center (WRC) in the framework of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The National Coalition on VAW was created. The UN organisations in Armenia, jointly with the Government of Armenia and the Women's Rights Center, commemorated the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women at the United Nations House in Yerevan on November 25, 2004. Ms. Lise Grande, UN Resident Coordinator and UN Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in Armenia, Ms. Alice Adamyan, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Armenia, Ms. Susanna Vardanyan, Head of the WRC, and Mr. Eduard Grigoryan, representative of the WRC, participated in a press conference.
- November 26, 2004 - Meeting of the Women's Support Group took place on November 26. Nine women-victims of Domestic Violence participated in the meeting. The group watched "The music of the soul" video film and discussed ways of solving the problem of violence. The duration of the meeting was 3.5 hours.
- November 29, 2004 - Representatives of Women's Rights Center organized training for pupils of Yerevan high school # 128. The main aim of the training was to acquaint them with the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender based Violence" annual action. It is noticeable that the pupils were aware of the campaign, as they were studying Human Rights at school. The pupils also got acquainted with the activities of the WRC. Booklets and brochures of the WRC were disseminated among the children.
- December 3, 2004 - meeting with policemen; discussion of problem of legislation field on violence against women, particularly on domestic violence
- December 8-9, 2004 - A meeting of representatives of regional NGOs dealing with women's issues took place in Tbilisi on December 8-9. The main goal of the meeting was to empower women NGOs through exchange of experience.
- December 10, 2004 - The WRC participated in the meeting organized by the Ombudsmen of the Republic of Armenia on December 10, on the occasion of the International Day of Human Rights.

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AUSTRALIA

➤ **Amnesty International – Australia**

AI Australia has organized an extensive calendar of events for this year's 16 Days Campaign. Please see http://www.amnesty.org.au/_data/page/2563/calendar.pdf for complete details.

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AUSTRIA

➤ **Amnesty International Austria**

AI Austria will have many group activities around the 16 Days period. Their secretary-director will be on a "tour" through the country. The regional AI groups organized events, media conferences, and street activities with him. For example, in Salzburg there will be a reading of texts of victims of Violence Against Women - read by well-known actors and actresses. Others will show an exhibition of photos (produced by AI-Germany) or have worked together with local theatre groups. On December 10 they will have a conference on Violence Against Women in Vienna. For complete details regarding the conference, please click [here](#). All information about the SVAW and actions of AI-Austria or about the conference (all in German) are available on their website: www.amnesty.at (or directly on www.amnesty.at/VAW).

➤ **Austrian Women's Shelter Network**

The following activities are being planned by the Austrian Women's Shelter Network:
Official start: The official start of the 16 days campaign in Austria is Wednesday, 24th November:
The manager of the Austrian Women's Shelter Network, Maria Rösslhumer, will hand out a resolution on the prevention of violence against women and children to the Austrian President Heinz Fischer. Banners: Since 2 years ago, the official symbol for the 16 days in Austria is a banner with the slogan "Living in freedom without violence." These banners will be present on public buildings such as town houses, universities or police-stations all over the country. Events: Women's shelters, counselling centres, women's rights organisations and many other organisations in Austria are organizing events on the occasion of the 16 days; among others, conferences, public discussions and lectures are taking place. Please visit www.a oef.at/tage/index.htm (please be advised that the website is in German) to obtain further information about Austrian Women's Shelter Network's planned events for the 16 Days Campaign.

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BOLIVIA

➤ **Andean International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (Andean ICW)**

Violeta Ross of the Andean ICW has produced a draft paper entitled "AIDS, Gender and Violence in the Andean Region." Click [here](#) for the English version and click [here](#) for the Spanish version.

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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

➤ **Individual Activists**

A group of individual activists is currently working on translating their calendar for English speaking volunteers and supporters. In solidarity with all the women worldwide, and in efforts to end violence, they shall stand in front of the cathedral (center of town pedestrian square) distributing leaflets about their action, forms of violence and recommendations on what a woman can do in situations of violence, and offering warm tea and a drumming and poi session by young women feminists/freelance artists. For other dates in action they are working in partnership with Queer organization (AIDS Day and workshop, distributing leaflets and condoms) and Conscientious Objection (on the 10th they will see off a new generation of young men doing the civil service as opposed to [obligatory] military training).

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BRAZIL

➤ **Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM)**

CLADEM spread information on the 16 Days Campaign through their channels of communication to their national offices, where there is much involvement with local campaigns. CLADEM also participated, under the leadership of AGENDE, in the development of the first national 16 Days Campaign in Brazil. They are already planning for 2005. Writes a member of CLADEM: "The 16 Days Campaign has been developed at the national level in Brazil and it is getting bigger each time . . . For 2005, we have the participation of practically all the most important networks of women's NGOs and Agende got the partnership of very important governmental organisations as well as important institutions helping with funds and materials." For more information and numerous useful resources on Brazil's 16 Days Campaign (in Portuguese), including radio spots, news articles, background info, sponsoring organizations, etc., please see AGENDE's website at: <http://www.agende.org.br/16dias/default.asp>.

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BURUNDI

➤ **Multiple organizations**

There are many events planned in Burundi for this year's 16 Days Campaign. Click [here](#) for an announcement of the "Great Mobilization March." The following is the complete schedule in French:

CALENDRIER DES ACTIVITES DE LA CAMPAGNE DE LUTTE CONTRE LES VIOLENCES SEXUELLES FAITES AUX FEMMES du 25 novembre au 10 décembre 2004.

LOCALITE	DATE	ACTIVITES	RESPONSABLE	LIEU
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	25/11	Discours sur la journée internationale pour l'élimination des violences faites aux femmes et lancement.	MASPF	RTNB
	25/11	Passage d'une cassette vidéo comprenant des témoignages des femmes ayant subis diverses formes de violences (Français et Kirundi)	CICR	RTNB
	26/11	Sensibilisation sur les méfaits des violences sexuelles Au Cercle Saint Michel Rassemblement de 300 personnes.	Relais communautaires VOT	Cercle Saint Michel

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	27/11	Sensibilisation sur les méfaits des violences sexuelles Mutanga Nord et Sud, Buyenzi, Jabe, Kamenge, Kinama et Ngagara	APFP Relais communautaires VOT	Mutanga Nord et Sud, Buyenzi, Jabe, Kamenge, Kinama et Ngagara
	29/11	Emission sur la Télévision Nationale	MSF Belgique	
	Du 30 /11 au 1/12	Atelier de formulation d'un plan d'action commun pour tous les partenaires	MASPF	INSP
	30/11	Emissions en direct les radios et la télévision pendant et avant la campagne. Isanganiro,	MSF Belgique	
	30/11 et 1,2,3,8/12	Séances de sensibilisations et sketches	CICR Ministère de la Santé	Kamenge, Kinama, Buterere et Cibitoke
	1/12	Concours questions/réponses pour 50 jeunes Activités culturelles Journées de réflexion à l'endroit des prisonniers (en collaboration avec la CICR)	SWAA BURUNDI	
	2-3/12	Séminaire atelier sur les mécanismes de juguler les violences faites aux femmes	Ministère de la Sécurité Publique	Mairie de Bujumbura
	3/12	Conférence débat à l'intention de 34 magistrats, 4 avocats et 4 cadres de l'administration	Ministère de la Justice	
	3/12	Journée portes ouvertes au centre SERUKA. Café de presse organisée avec L. Iteka, - Sketches sur les violences sexuelles/Témoignages écrits des survivants du viol/Concours/Soirée culturelle.	MSF Belgique Ligue Iteka	

LOCALITE	DATE	ACTIVITES	RESPONSABLE	LIEU
	4/12	Sensibilisation sur les méfaits des violences sexuelles	Relais communautaires VOT	Nyakabiga, Rohero, Kinindo, Kabondo et Kanyosha.
		Sensibilisation dans les quartiers de la ville de Bujumbura en vue de constituer des noyaux de lutte	APFP Projet VOT, avec tout partenaire intéressé.	Quartier de Bujumbura Mairie
	9-10/12	Séances de sensibilisation à l'intention des enseignants	NTURENGAHO	Bujumbura Mairie
	9/12	Emission sur la sur Radio.Culture	MSF Belgique	
	11/12	Marche manifestation	Départ : Place de l'Indépendance Arrivée : Stade PLR	Bujumbura Mairie
	25/11 au 10/12	Plaidoyer auprès des autorités du ministère de la Sécurité Publique et auprès des autorités judiciaires	Section Droit de l'Homme de l'ONUB	Bujumbura Mairie
BUJUMBURA RURAL	23/11 au 10/12	Sensibilisation dans les centres de santé	GVC	23/11, 3 et 9/12 Giteza, 24/11, 2 et 7/12 Mageyo, 25/11 et 10/12 Kabezi, 26/11, et 6/12 Rushubi, 27/11 et 1/12 Mubimbi, 30/11 et 8/12 Ruyaga
	30/11	Sensibilisation Mubimbi	VOT + Nturambirwe	Mubimbi
	2/12	Sensibilisation Paroisse Buhonga	VOT+Tubumwe	Buhonga
BUBANZA	25 au 30/11	7/12 : Sensibilisation à Mpanda Campagne de sensibilisation pour enseignants et corps en uniformes	VOT + Fasha turemeshanye SYNERGIE	Mpanda

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BURURI	23/11	Atelier de sensibilisation en faveur des victimes	VOT	Rumonge
	29-30/11	Sensibilisations des enseignants de Rumonge sur les violences sexuelles		Burambi, Buyengero, rumonge
	6-7 /12	Sensibilisation des militaires et ex combattants	Nturengaho	centre Bururi
CIBITOKÉ	Du 27 au 28/11	Sensibilisation des enseignants et corps en uniformes	Synergie	
	Du 25/11 au 10/12	Séances de sensibilisation de la communauté	CDF	
GITEGA	25/11	Activités de sensibilisation avec le comité provincial de lutte contre les violences sexuelles	Projet VOT, et tous partenaires intéressés	Mubuga, Giheta et Kibungere
	30/11 3/12	Sensibilisation des leaders des communautés		
KARUZI		Séminaire atelier à Buhiga	MSF B	Buhiga
KAYANZA		Sensibilisation sur les méfaits des violences sexuelles	Relais communautaires VOT	
		Renforcement des capacités des comités des différents groupements déjà initiés pour renforcer leur leadership visant la lutte contre les violences sexuelles	VOT en collaboration avec 7 groupements déjà initiés.	
	8/12	Séminaire atelier sur les mécanismes de juguler les violences faites aux femmes	Ministère de la Sécurité Publique	Chef lieu de province
KIRUNDO		Echange d'expériences entre les relais et les victimes ayant déjà compris l'importance de briser le silence	Tous les partenaires du projet VOT	Chef lieu de province
MAKAMBA	29/11 2/12	Sensibilisation par communes Sensibilisation à Nyanza Lac Sensibilisation à Vugizo Sensibilisation dans les écoles	Relais communautaires VOT Idem Idem	Makamba

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	6/12	Sensibilisation Makamba Centre Activités avec l'alliance des groupements de victimes	Animation avec les membres du Comité des associations victimes +Comité provincial	
	8/12	Sensibilisation à Mugeni, Commune Kayogoro	Tous les partenaires au projet VOT	
	11/12	Marche manifestation	Projet VOT et Partenaire	
MURAMVYA	Du 25 au 30/11	Campagne de sensibilisation pour enseignants et corps en uniformes	SYNERGIE	
	26/11	Sensibilisation des leaders des communautés	VOT	Rutegama
	8/12	Sensibilisation des leaders des communautés	VOT	Centre de Muramvya
	Du 25/11 au 10/12	Séances de sensibilisation de la communauté	CDF	
MUYINGA	25/11 – 17/12	Ouverture officielle du centre pilote multisectoriel de lutte contre les violences sexuelles Tournoi de sketch chez les jeunes scolarisés et non scolarisés	UNICEF	
NGOZI	10/12	Sensibilisation sur les méfaits des violences sexuelles Marche manifestation à Ruhororo	Relais communautaires VOT	Kiremba, Marangara, Ruziba et Tangara
	11/12	Marche manifestation à Ngozi		
		Renforcement des capacités des comités des différents groupements déjà initiés pour renforcer leur leadership visant la lutte contre les violences sexuelles	VOT en collaboration avec 7 groupements déjà initiés.	
	Du 25/11 au 10/12	Séances de sensibilisation de la communauté	CDF	
RUTANA		Echange d'expériences entre les	Tous les	

LOCALITE	DATE	ACTIVITES	RESPONSABLE	LIEU
		relais et les victimes ayant déjà compris l'importance de briser le silence	partenaires du projet VOT	
RUYIGI	26/11	Descente de préparation de la journée de sensibilisation	Relais communautaires VOT	Kinyinya
	Du 25/11 au 10/12	Séances de sensibilisation de la communauté	CDF	
	25/11 – 17/12	Tournoi de sketch chez les jeunes scolarisés et non scolarisés	UNICEF	
	25 /11	Conférence par le comité provincial	Comité provincial de lutte contre les violences	Chef lieu de la province
	Du 25 au 28/11	Conférence débat dans les écoles secondaires	Comité provincial de lutte contre les violences	
	29/11	Descente de préparation de la journée de sensibilisation	Projet VOT	Muhwazi
	30/11	Journée de sensibilisation	Projet VOT	Kinyinya
	1/12	Descente de préparation de la journée de sensibilisation	Projet VOT	Bwagiriza
	3/12	Journée de sensibilisation	Projet VOT	Muhwazi
	6/12	Préparation de la journée de sensibilisation	Projet VOT	Butaganzwa
	7/12	Journée de sensibilisation	Projet VOT	Bwagiriza
	10/12	Journée de sensibilisation+ match de football féminin Butaganzwa-Moso	Projet VOT	Stade de Ruyigi

CAMBODIA

➤ **Gender and Development for Cambodia**

Gender and Development for Cambodia and its two networks (Cambodian Men's Network and GAD Network) have collaborated with many local organizations to coordinate 16 Days events in 10 provinces and one city. Their schedule of activities is as follows:

Date	Activities	Location
25 /11/2004	Public March	Phnom Penh
30/11/2004	Public Meeting	Bantay Mean Chey Province, Poy Pot commune
1/12/2004	1) Radio Talk show	Two Radio channel
	2) Drama in coordination with CAMBO	Phnom Penh

2/12/2004	1) Public March towards provincial hall 2) Door –to –door Greeting	Banty Mean Chey Province Kampong Speu province (focus at village level),
4/12/2004	Door –to –door Greeting	Prey Veng province (focus at village level)
5/12/2004	1) Public Meeting and Marching toward the market 2) Door –to –door Greeting	Battambang Province ,Kampong Cham province Takeo province (focus at village level)
7/12/2004	Door –to –door Greeting	Kampong Chhnang province (focus at village level)
9/12/2004	1) Public Meeting and Marching 2) Door –to –door Greeting	Kratie province, Palin City Pursat province (focus at village level)
10/12/2004	TV Programme	

Note: Activities include the distribution of White ribbons, leaflets, posters and pledge cards.

For the narrative description of the GAD/C programme for this year, click [here](#).

Also click on these links to view GAD/C's [Poster on violence and AIDS](#), [White Ribbon Poster](#), [White Ribbon pledgcard](#), [Campaign t-shirt](#).

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➤ **Cambodian Committee of Women (CAMBOW)**

CAMBOW held a number of events to commemorate the 16 Days Campaign in 2004, including an opening ceremony featuring Queen Monineath Sihanouk and attended by the Minister of Women's Affairs, H.E. Eeung Kuntha Phavy, senior government officials, ambassadors, United Nations and national and international NGO representatives. There was also a series of road shows around the country. For more information, see CAMBOW's [final report](#).

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CANADA

➤ **Transition House Association of Nova Scotia**

The year 2004 is the 15th anniversary of the Transition House Association of Nova Scotia's service to communities across their province. In recognition of this milestone, and to officially launch the 2004 Purple Ribbon Campaign, Premier John Hamm will be reading a Proclamation at Province House at 11:00 am on November 25, 2004. Carolyn Bolivar Getson, Minister for the Status of Women, will present the first ribbon of the 2004 campaign to Premier Hamm. Other events include the following:

- 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 5th, 2004: Canadian Crossroads International & The Transition House Association of Nova Scotia welcome you to an International Dialogue on Women and Violence at the YWCA of Halifax, 1239 Barrington Street, Halifax.
- 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, December 6th, 2004: There will be a moonlight vigil at King's College in the King's Quad (accessed from Coburg Road), hosted by the King's Women's Action Committee. Everyone in the community is welcome to come and contribute respectful reflections, poems or music.

- 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 6th, 2004: The Transition House Association of Nova Scotia, in partnership with the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women (NSACSW), will acknowledge the 15th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, and THANS' 15 years of service, in the North Foyer of the Provincial Legislature Building. The event will include remarks from Carolyn Bolivar Getson, Minister for the Status of Women, a Retrospective of Action to stop violence against women in Nova Scotia over the last 15 years, a short presentation from Xolile Mazibuko of the Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA,) and thank you's from Doreen Paris, Chair of the NSACSW. Light refreshments will be provided.
- 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 7th, 2004: There will be a Candlelight Memorial Service with Rev. Sandra Carruthers at the Stairs Memorial Church, 44 Hester Street in Dartmouth. The event will bring people together in commemoration of the 14 women killed in Montreal on December 6, 1989, and to remember all women who have been victimized by acts of violence. Voluntary contributions to the Purple Ribbon Campaign will go to Bryony House.
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- A group from the University of Toronto that has grown out of the **Transformative Learning Centre** there is planning events for the week of Dec 6th through Dec 10th, bridging the gap between the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre (6th December) and International Human Rights Day (10th December). The group plans to engage in several productions of "invisible theatre." Based on the work of Brazilian Augusto Boal, invisible theatre attempts to bring an issue into the public eye and provoke discussion. A plausible event is 'staged' in a public place, but the spectators (who, ideally engage in the scene as 'spect-actors') don't realize they are seeing actors in a rehearsed scene. The aim is to provoke public discussion of the issues at hand. There will also be a de-briefing session on December 10 for any participants should they want to attend, discuss and learn more. Some of the issues that will be pinpointed include violence against women, violence against women and health, health and environment and consumerism. Several groups are in the planning stages now.
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- The **Canadian Women's Health Network** offered a poster on domestic violence in Canada for use by anyone working on 16 Days activities. The poster can be accessed [here in English](#) and [here in French](#).
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- **ORÉGAND (an observatory on regional development and gender analysis)** With the participation of Cybersolidaires (www.cybersolidaires.org), www.oregand.ca has been publishing news about violence and women and girls every day since the beginning of the 16 days. They're both based in Canada, in the francophone Quebec.
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- An individual held a candlelight vigil on December 6th as part of the Volunteer Meeting with the Halifax Regional Police Victim Services Unit. She also put up posters in the East Division of the Halifax Regional Police to mark the 16 Days.
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- A student at Concordia University in Montreal wrote a piece on 16 Days for her local newspaper. It can be accessed here: <http://thelink.concordia.ca/article.pl?sid=04/12/06/2152222>.
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- **Persons Against Ritual Abuse-Torture**

The activities of Persons Against Ritual Abuse-Torture were as follows:

1. Participation and presentation ritual abuse-torture in a side panel presentation entitled, "The Many Faces of Torture" at the 48th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations Headquarters, NY City, in March 2004;
2. Collection of over 400 artifactual testimonials--drawings, poems, short stories, art, and letters from 61 persons who reported surviving ritual abuse-torture who came from 6 countries, and presentation this massive work to various groups;
3. Distribution of several hundred posters designed by Madeleine Gomez, based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child throughout various provinces in Canada as a way of promoting the rights of children, especially as a way to bring into focus that the equal rights of the girl child;
4. Design of a pamphlet entitled "Human Trafficking and Ritual Abuse-Torture;"
5. Educational presentations about ritual abuse-torture to various Canadian and US community, professional, police, and conference groups as well have written several articles which appear on several websites. One such article on human trafficking can be seen on a website addressing human trafficking: www.endhumantraffickingnow.org, as it relates to ritual abuse-torture victimization;
6. Launching of letters accompanied by signed statements of survivors of ritual abuse-torture to our Canadian government with specific requests that action be taken to uphold the human rights of persons who have survived ritual abuse-torture and for our government to take action to prevent this on-going crime that continues to be inflicted against children. This campaign also includes letters to the Human rights committees in Geneva.

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COLOMBIA

- **Profamilia Colombia**

Click here for a [report \(in Spanish\)](#) of 16 Days in Colombia by Profamilia Colombia.

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- **Programme d'Appui pour le Développement de la Femme et de l'enfant du Congo (PADEFECO)**

Le Programme d'Appui pour le développement de la femme et de l'enfant du Congo en sigle PADEFECO a célébré avec faste les 16 jours d'activisme contre la violence faite aux femmes du 25 novembre au 10 décembre 2001. La salle paroissiale saint Paul de Barumbu a servi 120 personnes donc 90 femmes et 30 hommes le 25 novembre 2004 à 9h 30' au lancement officiel de la campagne pour exiger l'élimination de toutes les formes de violence contre les

femmes en république Démocratique du Congo. Dans son discours, le coordonnateur adjoint de PADEFECO a attiré l'attention des partenaires sur la question de la violence sexospécifique en s'attaquant à la crise actuelle du VIH/Sida. Il convient de marquer qu'il y a eu l'organisation de plusieurs activités entre autres une pièce théâtrale sur la violence faite à la femme qui a clôturé la journée. Du 26 au 31 novembre s'est tenue un séminaire atelier à Mbudi dont le thème était sur les violences faites aux femmes en République Démocratique du Congo. Et le 1^{er} décembre 2004 la journée internationale du Sida dont le thème repris " Femmes, filles et VIH/Sida". Les filles et les femmes sont particulièrement vulnérables à l'infection de VIH et à l'impact du Sida. Environ la moitié des personnes vivants avec le VIH dans le monde sont de sexe féminin. En République Démocratique du Congo particulièrement, la violence sexuelle faite aux femmes et filles durant cette période difficile que vient de traverser notre pays, violence caractérisée par les viols, les tortures physiques, psychologiques et morales constituent des voies sûres de transmission des IST et du VIH/Sida. A cette catégorie de notre population et un motif d'augmentation de la séroprévalence a souligné le coordonnateur adjoint de PADEFECO, d'où les trois piliers d'espoir restent de mise pour se protéger contre le VIH/Sida: abstinence, fidélité et préservatif. Et ailleurs la journée a été marquée par le lancement du programme national multisectoriel de lutte contre le Sida (PNLS) qui est le seul cadre officiel de coordination de la lutte contre le Sida en RDC lancé par le ministre de la santé. Du 2 au 9 décembre 2004 dans le Bandundu (Province de la République Démocratique du Congo), des chants, veillées, défilés... de nombreuses manifestations organisées par le PADEFECO pour exiger l'élimination de toute forme de violence contre les femmes. Et la campagne s'est vue clôturée le 10 décembre 2004 qui marque aussi la journée internationale des droits de l'homme : la violence contre les femmes est une violence des droits humains. En collaboration avec le HCDH bureau de la République Démocratique du Congo, le PADEFECO a fêté cette journée au Cinopolis (ex Cinemax), sur le boulevard du 30 juin en présence des officiels et des activistes des droits de l'homme. La situation en République Démocratique du Congo malgré l'installation du gouvernement de transition indique le ministre des droits humains Madame Kalala, des graves violations des droits humains continuent de se perpétuer au pays, plus particulièrement à l'est du pays, des massacres des populations ont été enregistrés dans l'Ituri, des violences sexuelles sont pratiquées par les différentes groupes armées. Les femmes et les filles continuent de payer un lourd tribut. Le directeur du bureau du haut commissariat des droits de l'homme HCDH/Kinshasa) Mr Daniel Premota lu le message du Haut commissaire des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme. Mme Louise Arbour qui a souligné que cette journée est un appel à l'action face aux énormes efforts qui doivent être consentis pour faire des droits de l'homme une réalité pour tout et chacun.

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CROATIA

➤ **Women Network Croatia**

The 16 Days Campaign in Croatia has been conducted by Women Network Croatia, an alliance of 45 women organisation, groups and initiatives which had recognised that women are discriminated, as well as, economically and by status pushed to the margins. Led by feminist principles, The Croatian Women Network is not binding with patriarchal system and opposes to any form of gender discrimination. The Croatian Women Network conducted 16 days of activism mostly on plazas and streets. Activists of 45 women associations were distributing the leaflet *how a life would look like without violence* in which women had briefly shown that violence is a principle of women's life, though it hasn't taken her the ability to laugh, joy and distance from their adversities. The flyer

was conceived, arranged, printed and distributed by members of The Women's Room" of Zagreb. There were 14000 leaflets dispensed in Poreč, Pula, Buje, Umag, Rijeka, Mali Lošinj, Split, Dubrovnik, Zagreb, Karlovac, Donji Lapac, Pakrac, Daruvar, Osijek, Vukovar, Vinkovci, and Bilje. Pula hosted Cynthia Cockburn's book promotion and a photo exhibition. Cesi had initiatives in schools against violence within underage affairs, held Pula, Poreč and Rijeka. A lesbian association LORI of Rijeka had shown a cartoon "VIOLENCE IS A CRIME – LET'S REACT." Celebrating the Day of Human Rights, HOMO-Pula had opened exhibition of political caricature, and Centre for citizens' initiative in Poreč had prepared a celebration of Human Rights Day in Atelier "I" in Poreč. Women group Brod had noted street performance and a radio-show where statement about the violence was given by Women Room and a Vice-premier. Women group Karlovac "Korak" laid out The International Day against Violence on Women, screening the film "Ljilja 4-ever" and throwing a discussion whose topic was prostitution and trading with women and children. The event participated representatives of centre for social welfare, police, jurisdiction, doctors, and pedagogues. Women group "Korak" of Karlovac was visited by President of the Republic. Members of association said that the President is well-informed about the whole situation, had confronted legalization of prostitution and highlighted importance of having women association active. A round-table had been held in Zagreb, where a TV-clip "Every fourth women falls down the stairs" had been shown, created by Autonomous women centre of Belgrade, and Autonomous women house of Zagreb had adapted the text and a voice-message. Speakers were state attorney for equality of genders, Office for gender equality chairman, the Vice-premier, and other activists. TV-clip "Every fourth women falls down the stairs" had been broadcasted on public and commercial broadcasting networks several times a day, free of charge, in unoccupied time-blocks, as well as a part of different informative programs and shows. One commercial broadcasting company had broadcasted two TV-clips conceived within STOP violence on women campaign 1997 and 1998. Centre for women and Autonomous women house Zagreb had organized a tribune about violence upon women together with the Office for sex equality. Autonomous women house Zagreb translated and published "The way out of violence: Manual for founding and maintenance of shelter for women" WAVE's (Women against Violence Europe) edition. The manual has its extreme importance on promoting and raising the awareness of working principles and standards for feminist shelters for women – violence victims, within existing circumstances when different kind of homes, asylums, shelters, etc., founded by the State, political parties, the church, are working and operating on completely different principles which are often against interests of women. Second extended edition of Prostitution and women trading brochure has been presented by Centre for women victims of war – ROSA. A round-table had been organized for the occasion of spotting the 25th of November at Zagreb's city assembly, where the City Coordination for gender equality in cooperation with Zagreb Police Directorate had presented "Stop the violence behind the closed door" campaign results. Organisations working on suppressing the violence against women were presented while the Autonomous women house Zagreb had presented the research results about how much domestic violence is spread. PETRA network presented fighting the women-trading. Most visited internet portal had gone in public with Autonomous women house Zagreb answers on 20 questions about domestic violence, reasoning the International Day against Domestic Violence (giving statistics about domestic violence, wideness, prejudices, why women stay in violent relationships, etc.). The whole-day activity, outlaying day of human rights in Zagreb has been made, collecting petition signatures for legislative procedure towards prosecuting users of sexual services, as well as, public presentation of PETRA network. Prepared by Office for Human Rights of The Republic of Croatia. At Pakrac's city hall tribune named RIGHTFULNESS POSITION OF WOMEN –ECONOMICAL AND SOCIAL MARGINALISATION which was participated by members and representatives of various institutions and education facilities. Pakrac student home hosted a workshop with topic: HUMANS-TRADING – OUR REALITY. Within the workshop an educative film "Ljilja forever" had been screened. Women association "Izvor", together with State Trust for sex equality of Osijek-Baranja county, had

organised a debate on theme “National policy for promoting equalities of genders in praxis” for both genders, representatives in jurisdiction, attorneys, police, social welfare centres, health care, medias, women shelters, trusts, NGO’s and individuals who are intercepting problems of domestic violence through their profession. Media were flooded with banners about women association activities and their statements against violence upon women, and radio-stations were broadcasting shows and interviews with activists. Ministry of Family, Veterans and intergeneration solidarity on tribune at European Home had presented Strategy for fighting domestic violence in whose creation were participating members of the Network, Neva Toelle and Sadika Zvirki □, rated with a good document by members of the Network. There was an objection posted by the Network to the title of the document, which contained a request that strategy title should name violence on women (instead domestic violence). This remark has been rejected; 16 days of activism against violence on women in 2004 had been marked by women activism from all the NGO’s. Already there is an extraordinary education and interest of Medias and constantly increasing number of institutions representatives present in public. However hard would it be to produce moves on some other fields of breaching women’s human rights that looks, on the first sight just, easy with violence towards women. Croatian society had never completely accepted possibility to confess and reveal existing causes of violence on women in the very essence of patriarchy. However, steps and measures against the violence on woman had been brought easier than other. Since this topic contains humanitarian dimension which could be exploited very well by Medias and the politics. The story of protection and salvage of women-victims had encountered consensus supported even by the Church, though she still refuses to take an active role in doing anything against domestic violence. Therefore all the actions, institutional and those from nongovernmental women organisations, can be regularly found in central news together with numerous officials, men and women, who are approving financial and other means of support and expressing women with expressions of compassion and understanding. In that manner, 16 days of activism against women violence had become a mainstream event, excellently covered in Medias and supported by politicians. Click here to view the [report](#). Click here to view their fliers: [flier 1](#), [flier 2](#).

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CZECH REPUBLIC

➤ **ROSA - Informační a poradenské centrum pro ženy-oběti domácího násilí**
ROSA will be holding a Silent Witness Project, supported by Bawag Bank. They will place the Silent Witness exhibit, which features red silhouettes of women who were killed as a result of domestic violence, into the show windows of the Václavské náměstí (Wenceslaw square) – the main square in Prague. The opening of the exhibition will be on 23rd November and it will last during the entire 16 Days. The opening ceremony will be attended by representatives of the USA Embassy in Czech Republic. [Click here](#) for background information on ROSA. The web page of the campaign with english resume is located here: www.stopnasili.cz

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- **Sans Frontieres Droits Humains**
- **26 November 2004:** A walk will be held with all members and women who have been victimized by the armed conflict of the Great Lakes Region. The walk will be held in Kinshasa.
 - **1 December 2004:** A seminar with the topic: The Great Lakes Armed Conflict and its Consequences on HIV/AIDS will be held. Analysis and perspectives for long-lasting

solutions will be discussed. In addition, there will be a book distribution (courtesy of SAFAIDS/ZIMBABWE). The topic of the books will range from HIV/AIDS prevention to sensitization for local communities.

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FIJI

➤ **Fiji Women's Crisis Centre**

The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre launched its 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women campaign for 2004 focusing on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. In major developments on women's rights in Fiji, the Fiji Government has decided to begin work on separate domestic violence legislation following intensive lobbying by FWCC and other groups for the past 20 years. The Fiji Law Reform Commission has carried out consultations around the country with submissions open until November 30. For the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, the recognition of domestic violence as a gender-based crime and an act of power and control is a crucial element for the legislation. It is also important that the recognition of domestic violence as a human rights violation is also considered. FWCC has looked at various legislations including those recently enacted in the Philippines which are the result of the efforts of the women's movement. To ensure the human rights elements are present within the discussions and submissions for the DV legislation, FWCC invited the Chairperson of the Fiji Human Rights Commission to deliver a presentation on Domestic Violence from a human rights perspective. Full copies of the speech can be obtained from FWCC's website, www.fijiwomen.com. The Fiji Law Reform Commission then gave an update on the progress of its work on the DV legislation. In a milestone Court of Appeal Judgement two weeks ago, a ruling was made that the Rule of Corroboration need not be considered in rape cases. This judgement was reached after considerable research and submissions by the Department of Public Prosecution on the discrimination against women reflected in the Law of Corroboration. The DPP pursued that issue that women are recognized as equal under the Fiji constitution, yet the Corroboration Rule is in contradiction of these rights. The Prosecutor responsible for the case made a presentation on the background and legal arguments used in this particular case. Another milestone within the Fiji Legal system is the sentencing of a man for raping his wife for 10 years. This is evidence that changes are slowly taking place within the Courts. Also making presentations at this seminar were the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre (on the situation of domestic violence in Fiji) and the Fiji Women's Rights Movement (on issues of concern within its submission on Sexual Offences Legislation). The half-day seminar provided a good overview of many of the difficulties women continue to face when gender-based violence is perpetrated against them and also some of the slight gains made in terms of recognition of our rights. The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre is continuing the rest of the 2004 campaign with most of its activities focused in the rural areas and outer islands in Fiji. Other members of the Pacific Women's Network Against Violence Against Women are conducting various activities in their own countries.

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➤ **femLINKpacific: Media Initiatives for Women**

FemLINKpacific's second community radio stakeholders workshop (November 23-25) brought together participants non-government organizations and rural women's groups from around the country including Lautoka, Sigatoka and Labasa. This consultation was made possible with an IPDC grant from UNESCO who has been assisting femLINKpacific develop our women's community radio project, "Women Speaking to Women for Peace." The 18 participants developed, wrote and recorded their messages for peace, addressing the theme for the annual 16 days of activism campaign "For the Health of women, for the Health of the World: No More Violence". They then went on to incorporate their messages in the final "Sunday" broadcast for 2004 on femTALK

89.2FM. Click [here](#) for 'sound bytes' from the consultation and pictures of the "women's suitcase radio broadcast" on Saturday 28 November.

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FINLAND

- **NCRB: A Network for Crisis Centres in Barents; Violence in Schools and Teacher Education in the Barents Region Network; Oulu Women's Centre Association; Women's Studies University of Oulu; Women's Hotline, Oulu; Amnesty Int., Oulu; Oulu Mother and Child Home and Shelter; For Socially Sustainable Work-place - Project**

The schedule for 16 Days in Finland is as follows:

- Thursday 25: 4 pm
Kaijonharju Market Centre: Lighting the Candles, 16 Days Committee. Click here for a picture of the [lit candles](#).
- Thursday 25: 10 am-5pm
U-Campus/Humanities Aula: "Some Limits" Campaign Information Desk, Amnesty International, Oulu
- Friday 26: 5-7 pm
Youth Centre, Hallitusk 7: Changing Europe and Economic Violence from Women's Point of View Study Meeting, Attac at Oulu, by Kaarina Kailo
- Wednesday 1: 11am-0.30 pm:
U-Campus/Snellmania Cabininet: Sexism and Sexual Harassment in Schools Meeting of Women's Studies: Newest Research Results, by Vappu Sunnari; NCRB publication "Crisis Centres and Violence against Women," by Aino Saarinen
- Wednesday 1: 4.30-6 pm
U-Campus/KTK 307: Sexual Harassment in Schools Seminar in Women's Studies, by Mervi Heikkinen
- Wednesday 1: 7-8.30 pm
Kuusiluoto School, Maunonk1: Thousand and One Blows Stories of Violence against Women, Story Theatre at Oulu, Oulu Home and Shelter for Women
- Thursday 2: 10.30-11.30 am
Oulu Provincial Administration: Visit by the 16 Days Committee to Oulu Provincial Administration Meeting of the Family Violence Project
- Thursday 2: 6-8 pm
Intl Centre Toppelius, Torik 16: Russian Immigrant Women: Where to Get Information, Support and Help? (in Russian) Oulu Mother and Child Home and Shelter, Women's Hot Line, NCRB, Oulu Women's Centre Association, Finland-Russia Society in Northern Finland
- Friday 3: 10 am-5 pm
U-Campus/ KTK 303: Movies in Constructing/Deconstructing Violence? Theme Day in Women's Studies Analysis of Monster -Aileen Wuornos, Lilja Forever and Smile Boy
- Thursday 8: 1-2 pm
SAK Centre, Mäkelinik 31: Sexual Harassment in Work Places Information on International Project "For Socially Sustainable Work-place"
- Friday 9: 12 am - 1 pm
Voc-University/ Professorint. 5: Activities for Supporting Women that Suffer from Violence Women's Hot Line at Oulu, Voc. University, Unit for Social & Health Affairs
- Friday 9: 5-6 pm

Intl Centre Toppelius, Torik 16: Stories of Violence: Texts from Call to Write Readers at Oulu. Coffee and Tea from 4.30 pm on

- o Friday 9: 4-5 pm

Otto Karhi Park: Candle Demonstration For Human Rights, Against Gendered Violence

For more information: "Some Limits" Campaign - www.amnesty.fi/jokuraja/index.htm ("Some Limits" Campaign Information during the 16 Days in Several Restaurants (Tervasohtu, Bar & Cafe Milou, Never Grow Old) and in Body Shop. The 16 Days Committee, Oulu: Anna-Maija Heikkilä, Mervi Heikkinen, Laura Kemppainen, Mari Lahtinen, Hanna-Leena Nissilä, Riitta Pohjoisvirta, Aino Saarinen, Leila Seitamo, Vappu Sunnari, Kaisa Toiviainen. Co-organisers of the Events: NCRB A Network for Crisis Centres in Barents; Violence in Schools and Teacher Education in the Barents Region Network; Oulu Women's Centre Association; Women's Studies University of Oulu; Women's Hotline, Oulu; Amnesty Int., Oulu; Oulu Mother and Child Home and Shelter; For Socially Sustainable Work-place - Project

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GHANA

➤ **Friends of Suffering Humanity (SUHUF)**

SUHUF is a local non-governmental organization working in the field relevant to community development in Ghana. The organization is concerned with the following issues: anti-human trafficking through advocacy, gender and development, anti-HIV/AIDS, and children and youth development. This year's calendar of events include:

- **25 November 2004:** Launching of the 16 Days Campaign: Violence Against Women will be held at the Women's Training Institute in Bolgatanga, Ghana at 9:30AM-12:30PM. Two hundred (200) women are expected to be in attendance.
- **26 November 2004:** Modern Day Slavery (Trafficking) in Women, crime against humanity sensitization workshop will be held at the Women's Training Institute in Bolgatanga, Ghana from 1:00PM-3:30PM. Forty (40) women are expected.
- **27 November 2004:** Youth Forum Against Women Trafficking at the Friends of Suffering Humanity Secretariat beginning at 9:00AM-11:30AM. Forty Youth Leaders will attend.
- **28 November 2004:** A video will be shown with a lecture to follow on the topic of gender and development. This event will be held at URA-RADIO FM STATION BOLGATANGA. This event will begin at 8:30PM and end at 9:30PM. This is open to the General Public.
- **30 November 2004:** There will be an event recognizing the efforts of local women leaders. This will be held at the Women's Training Institute in Bolgatanga, Ghana, it is from 10:30AM-11:30AM. Sixty women will be in attendance.
- **1 December 2004:** World AIDS Day Celebration: We will show care and support for people living with AIDS by reaching out to them. The celebration is being held in Bolgatanga and the surrounding villages in the Upper East Region of Ghana. The celebration begins at 7:30AM and concludes at 4:30PM. This event is open to anyone living with HIV/AIDS.
- **5 December 2004:** The Role of Women in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS. This will be held in the Social Centre in Bolgatanga, Ghana. This event begins at 9:30AM and lasts until 12:30PM. The program will include 4 rural communities; Sirigu and Nyariga.
- **6 December 2004:** Women Against Violence: Street March being held at the Social Centre in Bolgatanga, Ghana. Teachers and the female population are the target audience for this event.

- **7 December 2004:** Float: Women Promoting Peace. This event will take place on principal streets in Bolgatanga. It begins at 9:00AM and will last until 1:30PM. This event is being targeted to students in the Junior and Senior Secondary Schools.
- **8 December 2004:** Empowering Upper East Women; Regional Overview will be held in the Women's Training Institute. This event will run from 9:30AM-1:30PM. Sixty women from the Upper East will be in attendance.
- **9 December 2004:** Delegates Conference of Women in Community Development will be held at the Friends of Suffering Humanity Secretariat. The Conference begins at 9:30AM and ends at 1:00AM. Sixty women Community Development Workers in the East Region of Ghana will be in attendance.

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HUNGARY

➤ **Amnesty International Hungary with NaNE**

The women's organization partner, NaNE, asked AI Hungary to participate in their protest march on November 27th. On the 25th AI will issue a press release and then on Saturday they will be out on the streets to march with NaNE. They are going to carry around -as usual- their Silent Witnesses Exhibition (they were the first ones outside of the USA to have this kind of S.V. Exhibition, so they have good experience with this.) From 27th November to 10th December AI Hungary is going to be present in front of the houses of Parliament with a little AI stall, to promote AI and HR in general, with two messages:

1. International: You also can help women in conflict! (current case from Iraq or Sudan, with petition)
2. Local: we go for the restriction order being done well in the Houses of Parliament --this together with NaNE.

INDIA

➤ **SWAYAM**

In India, over 250 groups in 13 states are observing the 16 days campaign. They have called it the International Campaign to Stop Violence against Women and Girls. There are many events happening in different states. They have common campaign materials, common posters and a common 30-second film spot on sexual harassment in 10 languages that are being screened on local and national television. Different events from memorials, film shows, rallies, human chains, music concerts, seminars, theatre performances, human rights fairs, etc are being held. The details are in the following calendars, arranged by region:

[AP](#), [Calcutta](#), [Delhi](#), [Mumbai](#), [Tamil Nadu](#), [West Bengal](#).

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➤ **Swadhina**

Swadhina has once again organized a number of activities to commemorate the 2004 16 Days. Their program schedule is as follows:

- **SWADHINA-Mayurbhanj:**
 - Distribution of Support Badges & Solidarity Ribbons
 - Awareness Camp on HIV/AIDS
 - Mother-Child Health & Hygiene camps
 - Nutrition Demonstration Camps
- **SWADHINA-Midnapore:**

- Distribution of Support Badges & Solidarity Ribbons
- Women's Health Awareness through Cultural Expression
- Breast Cancer Awareness Camp
- Nutrition Demonstration Camp
- **SWADHINA- Kolkata:**
 - Distribution of Support Badges & Solidarity Ribbons
 - Awareness Camp on HIV/AIDS
 - Seminar on "Reproductive Health Care & Women"
 - Poster Contest for youth, Topic: Women deserve better Health Care
- **SWADHINA- Jharkhand:**
 - Women's Health Check-up Camp
 - Awareness Camps on Reproductive Health Care & AIDS/HIV
 - Women's Health Awareness through cultural expression
 - Nutrition Demonstration Camp
- **SWADHINA- Kanyakumari**
 - Awareness Camp on HIV/AIDS
 - Women's Health Awareness through cultural expression

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➤ **Gujarat AIDS Awareness and Prevention Unit of ISRCDE (GAP_ISRCDE)**

GAP will conduct a 20-day World AIDS Day programme commencing on 1st December through 20th december. The programmes will be in urban and rural Gujarat. During these days there will be 30 programmes which will include topics like women's rights, advocacy for care and treatment, and microbicides and female condoms. The campaign will include events such as a cycle rally, an exhibition, a poster display, slogans, street drama and many other innovative things. They will also distribute reading materials, including one on microbicides.

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INTERNATIONAL

➤ **Global Coalition on Women and AIDS**

The Global Coalition on Women and AIDS, a UNAIDS initiative of which the 16 Days is a part, has linked to the international 16 Days website from their own site. In addition, the launch of the 16 Days will be highlighted in the news section of the Global Coalition site, and a daily quote for each of the 16 Days will be featured on the homepage. Also, the World Health Organization, as a member of the Global Coalition, has created a series of information bulletins on Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS, all of which can be accessed via the 16 Days website at:

<http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/kit04/global.html>.

➤ **United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)**

UNIFEM has called on their constituencies around the world to organize activities in many countries including Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Mexico, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Moldova, Rwanda, and Australia. For complete information, please see the following website:

http://www.unifem.org/campaigns/november25/events_activities.php

➤ **Women Freedom Forum, Inc**

Women Freedom Forum is encouraging their members to participate in the 16 Days Campaign. Visit their website at <http://www.womenfreedomforum.org/> for more information or click [here](#) for a copy of the poster they produced for this year's campaign.

➤ **SATELLIFE**

SATELLIFE, a nonprofit organization, has been involved in serving the urgent health information needs of the world's poorest countries through the innovative use of information technology for the past 15 years. Since they are not able to do anything concrete on the ground, they plan to reach out to the audience that they serve in the following ways:

- Place a link on their web site, www.healthnet.org, to the 16 Days website
- They publish a small newsletter called HealthNet News-AIDS and they plan to send out items for most of the 16 days on gender violence culled from the 16 Days bibliography.
- Publish an issue of HealthNet News-Community Health on Gender Violence
- Encourage some dialogue on the issue on our HIV/AIDS discussion group called ProCAARE (Program for the Collaboration Against AIDS and Related Epidemics).

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➤ **Zonta International**

Zonta International has designated a large portion of their website to this year's 16 Days Campaign, including background information, talking points on HIV/AIDS and violence against women, and strategies for action. See it all here:

http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=zi_violence_women

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➤ **MIGRANTE Sectoral Party/MIGRANTE International with Task Force on Labour and Migration and Asia Pacific Forum on Women and Development**

Migrante Sectoral Party is a sectoral party for overseas Filipinos and their Families and MIGRANTE International is a global alliance of Filipino migrant organizations in 22 countries. On November 25, they will launch a Postcard Campaign on Violence against Women, in time for the International Day of Protest on VAW, through a press conference with some women personalities. The campaign is nationally and internationally coordinated and jointly sponsored by Task Force on Labour and Migration and Asia Pacific Forum on Women and Development. The official launching of the postcard campaign will be on December 1st, in time for the World Aids Day. There are members and networks of Migrante Sectoral Party and Migrante International in 24 countries, states and cities including Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Macau, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Italy, The Netherlands, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Canada, United States and 14 regions in the Philippines. The schedule of events for the postcard campaign is as follows:

- November 25 - Issue a press release re: International Day Against Violence Against Women (VAW)/Launching of Electronic Petition Signing; Theme: END VIOLENCE NOW! Justice for all migrant women domestic workers in Saudi Arabia and the entire Middle East! Demands: recognize workers rights of all migrant domestic workers (mdw), prosecute and punish perpetrators of violence, indemnify victims of violence and their families, justice for all women migrant domestic workers in Saudi Arabia and the entire Middle East!

- November 25 - December 10 - Electronic Petition signing which will be sent to the Saudi Embassy - especially catered to those who cannot participate in the Postcard Campaign but not limited to.
 - December 1 - Coordinated launching of Postcard Campaign through press conference, pickets
 - December 1, 8 & 10 - Mass mailing of 10,000 postcards
 - December 8 - Rally at the Saudi Embassy and hand-delivered postcards to the Embassy
 - December 10 - International Human Rights Day
 - December 18 - International Migrants Day/Culminating Activity for Postcard Campaign
- Contact:** MIGRANTE Sectoral Party, National Office: 115-B Kamuning Road, Quezon City, Philippines; Tel: (63-2) 259-1145; Email: migparty@tri-isys.com

IRELAND

➤ **Amnesty International Ireland**

AI Ireland has launched the Hands campaign, which aims to take the Stop Violence Against Women campaign onto the streets of Dublin, Galway, Dundalk, Cork and other cities and towns in Ireland. As part of this program, they have organized a Stop VAW road show. They will visit cities and towns around the country, collect handprints on giant canvas banners, distribute their Hands action postcards, and try to get media coverage for the campaign. Local groups, school groups and many women's organisations are also participating in the roadshow and many of them are organising events at places where the roadshow is not going. For complete details, please click [here](#). And here is the link to their current SVAW pages: <http://www.amnesty.ie/content/view/full/1382/>.

➤ **Donegal Women's Domestic Violence Service**

On November 11, 2004 at 11:00 am, Donegal Domestic Violence Service presents the opening of an international art exhibition entitled "Violence Against Women 365." The exhibition will run at Letterkenny Art Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road, from 15-19 November.

Contact: 074 9126267; ddvs@eircom.net

➤ **Women's Aid Ireland**

This year Women's Aid will be focusing on the 104 women murdered in Ireland since the beginning of 1996. Their theme is one of REMEMBERING. The following events were planned by Women's Aid:

- **25 November 2004:** Beginning at 11 AM a moment of silence will be held outside Dail Eireann (Irish Parliament). In addition, Women's Aid is asking other organizations all across Ireland to participate and get their local representatives and communities involved.
- **Every day of the Campaign:** On each morning of the 16 Days of Action Campaign a set of statistics highlighting a specific area of the issue of violence against women will be emailed to key decision makers and policy makers in Ireland asking them to highlight these facts in any way they can. Recipients will include all relevant politicians, civil servants, media and organisations involved in and concerned about the issue of violence against women. If you would like receive the '16 Facts for 16 Days' email Niamh McCarthy at niamh.mccarthy@womensaid.ie
- During the 16 Days Campaign Women's Aid will run a fundraising appeal to help raise essential funds for its National Freephone Helpline which took over 11,000 calls in 2002.

Contact: Christina Sherlock, Women's Aid, Everton House, 47 Old Cabra Road, Dublin 7; E-mail: christina.sherlock@womensaid.ie; Website: www.womensaid.ie

For the Women's Aid complete information pack, please [click here](#).

Other Ireland Activities in Women's Aid info pack:

- The **Open Door Network**, Kerry's response to violence against women and children, is hosting the '365 Exhibition' in Siamsa Tire, Tralee. This exhibition contains 365 posters from different services around the world working to combat violence against women and children. This powerful and moving exhibition is open to the public from November 25th to December 10th. **Contact:** Catherine Casey, Coordinator of the Open Door Network, on 087 6169704.
- **Inishowen Women's Outreach** is organising an exhibition of artistic work produced by women in support groups. They will also be hosting coffee mornings. **Contact:** Mary Doherty on 077-74529.
- **Longford Women's Link** will be holding awareness raising events over the 16 Days. **Contact:** 043-41511.
- **Carlow Women's Aid** is celebrating its 5th Anniversary this year and will be planning events around their celebrations. **Contact:** 05991-30990.
- **Adapt Services, Limerick** is hosting a two-day conference that will address diversity issues. The dates are 30th November and 1st December 2004. **Contact:** 061-412354.
- **Kiltimagh and District CDP** is organising local awareness raising workshops. **Contact:** 09493-81506.
- **Untie the Hands of the Judiciary.** Public Action outside Dáil Éireann during the 2002 16 Days Campaign as Women's Aid calls for legal reform to ensure protection for victims of domestic violence.
- **Mayo Rape Crisis Centre and Mayo Women's Support Services** have commissioned a sculpture that will be an ongoing and creative piece and it will be launched during the 16 days. It is a bowl of hands cast in bronze from the hands of service users. Where it is displayed there will be a basket of stones and women can mark their presence in the community by placing a stone in the bowl. They will also be hosting workshops and a photo exhibition during the 16 days. **Contact:** Ruth McNeely on 094-9025657.
- **St. Kevin's Family Resource Centre, Kilnamanagh, Dublin 24,** will highlight global statistics on violence against women every day during the 16 days. It will be their first time taking part in the action. **Contact:** 01-4627149.
- **National Disability Authority** will be hosting a seminar on violence against disabled people and will have a strong focus on violence against women. **Contact:** Iris Elliot on 01-6080400.
- **Dublin 12 Domestic Violence Service** will host an awareness raising coffee morning on the 9th of December in the J.I Offices, 14 St. Agnes Road, Crumlin Village, Dublin 12 (over travel agents shop). **Contact:** Phil Devereux on 087-6539824.
- **West Training and Development** will be organising various events aimed at raising awareness around violence against women. **Contact:** Mary Seale on 091-567827.
- **Amnesty International Irish Section** is organising a *Stop Violence Against Women Road Show*, which will tour the country during the 16 days of action. Amnesty will raise awareness about violence against women as a human rights abuse and organise events to celebrate the efforts of women's rights activists. At these events they will collect handprints onto a mega banner that will serve as a visual petition calling on the government to prevent, investigate and punish violence against women. Amnesty will also distribute "Hands" action postcards highlighting violence against women in Afghanistan, Colombia and Democratic Republic of the Congo. A fourth case will also highlight the lack of services for survivors of rape and domestic violence in Ireland. Amnesty International is also publishing a report called "Casualties of War: Women's Bodies, Women's Lives" on 8th December. Amnesty wants to take the Stop Violence Against Women campaign on to the streets of every city and town in Ireland and everyone is welcome to participate. **If you would like to join the**

- campaign please contact:** Lina Nykanen, Amnesty International Irish Section, 48 Fleet Street, Dublin 2, Tel. 01 677 6361. E-mail lnykanen@amnesty.ie
- **WAVES Coalition** in Sligo will be raising awareness through the local press during the 16 Days Campaign. **Contact:** Laura, 071-9141515.
 - **Pavee Point's** Violence Against Women programme will launch a brochure challenging some of the most recurring myths and misinformation regarding violence against women in Traveller, Black and other minority ethnic communities living in Ireland. The brochure is a pro-active response to challenging violence against minority ethnic women and a means of supporting policy makers and support services in their development of culturally appropriate responses. **Contact:** Pavee Point Travellers Centre VAW Programme 01-878 0255 or vaw@pavee.iol.ie
 - **Sligo Rape Crisis Centre:** "Pornography, Rape and Sexual Assault In The Media," a workshop and discussion (closed group event); Sligo City Hall and Libraries Exhibitions in Tubbercurry, Manorhamilton and Sligo raising awareness of violence against women. 16 Rights for 16 Days - one right per day posted outside Sligo RCC with other 15 rights and info displayed inside stairwell entrance to the SRCC and Yoga Centre to raise awareness of violence against women as a human rights issue. Women's Aid email campaign, 16 facts for 16 days to addresses on our mailing list. A minute silence to remember all of the women murdered in Ireland since 1996 within our office premises for staff, volunteers and potential members of SRCC. **Contact** 07191-71188
 - **North Wall Women's Centre, Dublin 1:** Lilies in the Liffey - on Tuesday 7th December members of the North Wall Women's Centre will be throwing 106 lilies in the river to remember the 107 women murdered in Ireland since 1996. Margaret Martin, Director of Women's Aid, will address the gathering. **Contact** 01-8365399
 - **Ringsend Action Project (RAP):** The RAP have produced a bookmark to remember the 107 women who have been murdered in Ireland since 1996. They will also display the dates on which the women died on a Christmas tree, which will be switched on by an invited dignitary. **Contact** 01-6607558
 - **Limerick Rape Crisis Centre:** On Thursday 25th November the Limerick Rape Crisis Centre will be officially opening its new premises which will incorporate a minute's silence at 11am to remember the 107 women murdered in Ireland since 1996. **Contact** 061-311511
 - **Waterford Local Area Network:** Waterford LAN organising a silent vigil in the main square at 11am to coincide with our minute's silence. They've worked with a number of women's groups and immigrant groups and have produced some banners. The Mayor of Waterford will launch a booklet "Enough is Enough" that evening. **Contact** Una Regan of Ballybeg CDP (051 357 917/ 087 981 9725)
 - **Meitheal, Exchequer Street, Dublin 2:** This year Meitheal staff will display statistics from the Women's Aid 16 Facts for 16 Days Email campaign and Women's Aid contact information on the front of their offices. **Contact** 01-6719803
 - **The North West Women's Human Rights Forum:** Will hold a remembrance ceremony for the 107 women who have been murdered in Ireland since 1996. It will be held at Sligo City Hall at 10.30 am on Thursday 25th November. The 25th of November is International Day Against Violence Against Women and is the first day of the 16 Days of Action Against Violence Against Women Campaign which ends on December the 10th, International Human Rights Day. The ceremony will end with a minute's silence at 11.00 to remember those women who have been brutally murdered in Ireland in the last eight years and we will be joining with many groups throughout the country who will be having a minute's silence at this time. It is also an opportunity to remember that many women still live with the terror of violence and abuse on a daily basis and to yet again call for action by

the government to effectively address these human rights abuses. All are welcome. **For further information** call Niamh at 9124993.

- **Dundalk Women's Aid** will hold a vigil outside the town hall on the 25th November to highlight the 107 women murdered in Ireland since 1996. They will have 107 individual photo frames with a silhouetted figure of a woman. They will also represent each woman with a cross. **Contact** 042-9333245.

JAMAICA

- **Sistren Theater Collective**

The Sistren Theater Collective has organized an afternoon of entertainment including poetry, dance, and drama entitled "Our Life: Protect, Prevent, Preserve" around the theme of the impact of HIV/AIDS on women and children. It will be on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, November 25, 2004, at Mico Youth Counselling Center, 3 Manhattan Road, Kingston 5 from 10.00AM-3.00PM. To view the flier, click [here](#).

Contact: Lana Finikin at sistrenf@n5.com.jm.

JORDAN

- **Freedom House**

Freedom House is a nonprofit organization founded in 1941 that promotes freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights around the world. With the support from the United States Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), Freedom House launched a one-year project in spring 2004 to support Jordanian efforts to prevent family violence. Specifically, the project aims to increase public support for the prevention of family violence through advocacy grants for awareness campaigns during the global campaign of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. In addition, a legal research project will examine the handling of evidence by the Court in female homicide cases; the research will be followed up by a symposium and workshop for judges on how to more effectively adjudicate cases related to violence against women. The calendar of events is as follows:

November 25	PAC performance during NCHR Workshop at The University of Jordan
November 23-30	NCHR 16 Days Campaign at the University of Jordan
November 23	CCA workshop at Shalala
November 25	CCA workshop in Hai Nazzal
November 27	CCA workshop in Ghor Al Safi
November 28	CCA workshop in Sweileh
November 29	NCHR Honor Crimes Seminar at the University of Jordan
November 29	PAC performance in Mafraq held within the Open Day organized by the Queen Zein Al Sharaf Charitable Society with Mafraq MP Ghannem Abou Rabi'**
November 30	NCHR Open Day & PAC performance at The University of Jordan
	CCA workshop in Minasheer
December 2	PAC performance in Zarqa in conjunction with Family Guidance Awareness Center
December 4	PAC performance in Madaba
	CCA workshop in Shalala
December 5-9 ^t	NCHR 16 Days Campaign at Yarmouk University/Irbid **
December 6 ^t	CCA workshop in Minasheer
December 8	NCHR Honor Crimes Seminar at Yarmouk University/Irbid **

December 9	NCHR Open Day at Yarmouk University/Irbid **
December 11 ^t	CCA workshop in Minasheer
December 12-16	NCHR 16 Days Campaign at Mu'tah University/Karak **
December 12-13	CCA workshops in Hai Nazzal
December 15-19	CCA workshops in Ghor Al Safi **
December 15	NCHR Honor Crimes Seminar at Mu'tah University/Karak **
December 16	NCHR Open Day at Mu'tah University/Karak **
December 20	CCA workshop in Hai Nazzal
December 23	PAC Performance Um Qais/Irbid
December 27	PAC Performance Ma'an **
	CCA workshop in Shalala
December 28	PAC Performance in Karak
Ongoing	Princess Basma Youth Resource Center PSA running on Jordan TV & Radio

The complete press release is available in English by [clicking here](#). Contact Frances Abouzeid at the contact information below for an Arabic version. Also, click on this link for a [poster](#) that was created by Princess Basma Youth Resource Center. 70,000 copies were distributed for free by a national daily newspaper during the campaign. This compliments a TV and radio PSA where a young girl role plays with her dolls, role playing how the father doll abuses the mother doll verbally and physically and then has the mother doll taking the blame in front of the children. The poster uses the same image from the TV spot and the text for both the PSA and poster states: “ *Every look...Every move...Every word... affects them. Violence against women hurts us all.*” Also, click on this link for a [photo](#) (PAC troupe) from the interactive theatre play “Memoirs of a Woman”. The theatre in education methodology has proven highly successful to the extent that other universities and high schools have asked the theatre troupe to perform it for their students. Amnesty International was part of the launch event and coordinated their campaign efforts with those of Freedom House. (The result is 60 additional membership applications for Amnesty Jordan!)

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KAZAKHSTAN

➤ **Podrugi Crisis Center**

Podrugi Crisis Center held meetings with judges, trainings for pupils at schools and online conferences for 2004's 16 Days Campaign. Click [here](#) for complete details.

Contact: Podrugi Crisis Center, Kazakhstan, Almaty, microdistrict 10, buil.1, apt.1 Kazakhstan; phone: +/3272/ 984677; e-mail: podrugi@alnet.kz; www.podrugi.kz.

KENYA

➤ **Nairobi Environmental Network Initiative (NAEVNETI)**

NAEVNETI is organizing a Men's Travel Conference within Kenya beginning 25 November 2004 and continuing through 5 December 2004. The theme for the conference is VAW/HIV in order to educate the communities on related issues of violence and HIV. NAEVNETI's main areas of intervention include vulnerability, stigma, and accessibility to medical care.

Contact: P.O. Box 2781-00200, City Square, Nairobi, Kenya

➤ **Bakalcha-Barii Support Programme (BBSP)**

Bakalcha Barii is involved in marking the 16 days of activism; this will involve several activities ranging from a procession, human rights awareness-raising activities, professional legal aid services and court representation with emphasis on gender. BBSP also intends to undertake human rights awareness activities to mark International Human Rights Day on December the 10th. This will be in light of the BBSP centre for human rights to reach out to the community at the grassroots level. The trained paralegals will be involved in conducting human rights education and legal aid days with professional legal advice of lawyers from the region with emphasis on gender in both the secular and the community justice system. The activities will cover the Northern Kenya districts with 8 districts on board and Marsabit, as the pilot phase for the legal aid clinic will host the member districts. Bakalcha-Barii Support Programme is operating in Marsabit of the Northern Frontier District in Kenya. The organisation is engaged in Human Rights Education, which involves the training of paralegals and utilisation of their services at the district level. BBSP operates a Legal Aid Clinic for prosecution of cases and professional legal advice to the marginalized pastoralist communities in the region. BBSP is engaged in raising awareness in human rights issues and violations in the region through documentation of the human rights violation incidents. This is done through a combined initiative of the strongly rooted community justice system and blending it with the secular law. Campaign details are shown in the chart below:

Bakalcha-Barii Human Rights Campaign Profile

Activity	Dates
International day Against Violence Against Women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procession through the town to mark the day - Forum for women leaders and elders on how to combat gender-based violations. Theme: Creating a pastoralist culture that says 'NO' to Violence against Women. 	25th November 2004
Location Legal Aid Days – to raise awareness on gender-based violence and other human rights violations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Location Legal Aid Clinics in two divisions in Marsabit district - 1 Mobile Legal Aid Clinic to go the make-shift villages - 1 day Human rights forum on how to enhance the efficacy of the strategies employed in combating gender and human rights violation and how to make the legal aid clinic more accessible. 	26 – 30 November 2004

<p>International Aids Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A poem on the impacts of HIV/AIDS on women and children (This will be inline with The District Campaign on HIV) - Meeting with the sex workers in the region and raising awareness on their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and their need for protection from violence. 	<p>1st December 2004</p>
<p>Professional Legal Advise to clients at the BBSP Legal Aid Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attending to clients at the BBSP Legal Aid Clinic - Conducting Human rights awareness forums in the upper eastern region of Turkana, Marsabit, Moyale and Isiolo. Garissa, Mandera, Wajir and Ijara in North Eastern. 	<p>2nd-6th December 2004</p>
<p>International Human Rights day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting of the community elders, leaders security personnel and other stakeholders to highlight the instances of human rights violations in the region. - Human rights education to the community and the security personnel. - A symposium to mark the International Human Rights Day with participants from the eight districts taking part and talks and lectures. Turkana, Marsabit, Moyale, Isiolo in upper eastern province and Garissa, Mandera, Wajir and Ijara in North Eastern. - THEME: pre and post independence factors that have hindered development and full realisation of fundamental human rights entitlements to every human being. 	<p>8th-10th December 2004</p>

Contact: Bakalcha-Barii Support Programme (BBSP), P.O Box 49, Marsabit, Kenya; Tel: 0722-315933 / 0735256816; Email: bakalchabarii@yahoo.com

➤ **Coalition of Violence Against Women (COVAW)**

COVAW is one of the leading organizations planning 16 Days events in Kenya, with the participation of groups such as FIDA, FEMNET, ActionAid, CRADLE, CREAM, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, National AIDS Control Council, AMWIK, Sauti ya Wanawake, and Standard Group/AWC. Their calendar of events is as follows:

Date	Event	Venue	Theme	Organization
18 Nov	Policy Forum Brainstorming on increased sexual violence: insights on medical and legal impact	Grand Regency	<u>Sexual Violence</u>	<u>FIDA- Kenya</u>
25 Nov	<p>Launch of men traveling conference</p> <p>“Launch of 16 days”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press Conference at 10.00am - Tribunal 	<p>Uhuru park</p> <p>Silver Spring</p>	<p><u>Men to Men</u></p> <p><u>Survivors and overcomers</u></p>	<p><u>FEMNET</u></p> <p><u>COVAW- Kenya</u></p>

	Launch of the campaign	Waa Girls Mombasa	Sexual Violence	<u>Action Aid- Kenya</u>
26 Nov	Open Forum	Makueni	<u>Violence Against Women</u>	<u>COVAW- Kenya</u>
27 Nov	Caravan	Nairobi-Eastland's	Violence against Women	COVAW- Kenya
30 Nov	Breakfast Meeting on the Sexual Offenses Bill for Members of Parliament	(To confirm)	Sexual Violence	CREAW and CRADLE
1 Dec	Open Forum on HIV/AIDS and Property rights World Aids Day	Maseno University Nation wide	HIV/AIDS and PEP HIV/AIDS	Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) National AIDS Control Council
1 & 2 Dec	Workshop for the women in religious institution	Nairobi	Religious organization	COVAW (K)
2 Dec	Legal Aid Clinic Launch of FIDA annual report	<u>Kajiado/Narok</u> Serena Hotel	Access to Justice Access to information	CRADLE FIDA-Kenya
3 Dec	Caravan	Dagoretti-Wangige-Kiambu-Banana	Sexual Violence	COVAW

4 Dec	Women AIDS run	Nairobi	HIV/AIDS	
5- 9Dec	Open Forum	Taita Taveta	Violence Against Women	COVAW
9 Dec	Legal Aid Bazaar	Suba District	Access to Justice	CRADLE
	Training of Violence against women	Maragua	Access to information	AMWIK
7-10 Dec	Open forum	Garissa/North Rift	Harmful cultural practices and women rights	KNCHR
	On FGM and Early Marriages	Mandera		
10 Dec	Procession and Open forum	Mombasa		
10 Dec	National Assembly Gala night	Nairobi Carnivore	Access to Justice lebrate the End of 16 days of Activism	Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) Standard Group/ AWC

Contact: Faith Kasiva, advocacy program director, COVAW, faith.kasiva@covaw.or.ke

➤ **Dolphin Anti-Rape and AIDS Control Outreach**

Dolphin Anti-Rape and AIDS Control Outreach will be participating in this year's 16 Days Campaign by educating and training women and girls of Emmanuel Church-Riruta. This is a slum estate in Nairobi where rape has been rampant and children as young as four years have fallen victims.

Activities to be carried out on 26th November 2004 in the church compound include:

- Educating parents on ways to protect their young ones.
- Educating women and girls on how to avoid and prevent rape.
- Training women and girls on how to protect themselves in case of rape attacks physically and by use of common sense.

Contact: Dolphin Anti-Rape and AIDS Control Outreach, P.O. Box 6885, Eldoret, Kenya; dolphin2002ke@yahoo.com

LATIN AMERICA

➤ **Amnesty International Caribbean Team**

The AI Caribbean Team launched a campaign on November 25 called "End the Silence, Stop the Violence" with radio announcements that will be broadcast in the Caribbean. The announcements aim to reach young Caribbean men and include a musical version with Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry." You can listen to the announcements here:

<http://radio.oneworld.net/mediamanage/view/5187>

Contact: Please send any comments or questions to svawteam@amnesty.org.

➤ **Fondo de Desarrollo de las Naciones Unidas para la Mujer (UNIFEM) - Oficina Regional para México, Centroamérica, Cuba y República Dominicana y organizaciones varias:**

A favor de la campaña de 16 Días y para levantar el conocimiento del tema de este año, UNIFEM ha creado recursos como las plumas, las bolsas, los calendarios, y las tarjetas postales que denuncian la violencia contra las mujeres y sostienen el sexo seguro para combatir la extensión del VIH.

Adicionalmente, UNIFEM tiene un calendario de acontecimientos patrocinados por organizaciones diferentes disponible en línea en <http://www.unifem.org.mx/paginas/uno.asp>. Hay actividades en México, Honduras, Panamá y el Salvador. **(The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) – Regional Office for Mexico, Central America, Cuba and the Dominican Republic and various organizations:** In support of the 16 Days Campaign and to raise awareness of this year’s theme, UNIFEM has created materials such as pens, bags, calendars, and postcards that denounce gender violence and support safe sex to combat the spread of HIV. Additionally, UNIFEM has posted a calendar of events sponsored by different organizations available online at: <http://www.unifem.org.mx/paginas/uno.asp>. There are activities in Mexico, Honduras, Panama and El Salvador.)

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MACEDONIA

➤ **Department for Injury and Violence Control and Prevention**

Last year the Ministry of health in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, Open Society Institute and NGO ESE started the national campaign against violence launching the report Violence and Health, fact sheets and red posters. Regional promotions and distribution of materials followed during the whole year. This year NGO ESE has organized a workshop Thursday on 25 November and invited the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, the Republic Institute for Health Protection and three NGOs. Representatives from all invited organizations presented achieved ongoing and future activities of their organizations in the implementation of the legislative changes for family (domestic) violence. Family violence was the main topic of this gathering. A presentation was done to display the results of the national campaign against violence achieved in the period of one year (i.e. since last 25 November) and the current activities of the newly established Department for Injury and Violence Control and Prevention. It was a very good opportunity to share experience between different sectors, Government/NGO institutions, media, and a good basis to develop further intersectoral cooperation and coordination in violence prevention activities. The media gave attention to this event and interviews were on television the same day and again on Sunday in the main news.

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MICRONESIA

➤ **Federated States of Micronesia Women’s Association Network (FSMWAN)**

This year FSMWAN’s activities include:

1. Candlelight Mass on 26 November to initiate their “Keep the Light Burning” throughout the 16-day period. Participants will keep a continuously lit candle/lantern in their homes, stores, and other public spaces for the entire 16 Days of Activism campaign.
2. Distribution of 500 white and yellow ribbons (yellow for FSMWAN and white for the global Sign) to bank tellers, officials of Women Go/NGO focal points, locally-based Diplomatic missions (US Embassy & Australian Embassy), local retail businesses (stores and hotels) and a few government ministers (Health, Education & Social Affairs, Economic Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Finance and Public Information Office) and the President's Office.
3. Launching of the FSMWAN Gender Violence Memorial Quilt, a 2-year project to document and preserve the lives and memories of women, men, and children who died as a result of family violence.
4. Human Rights Essay Contest on 10 December 2004 for adults and children in FSM.
Contact: Tina Takashy, FSMWAN, Nara Garden #2, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941, Micronesia/TEL: 691 320 2100; E-mail: fsmfrc@mail.fm

NEPAL

➤ **Amnesty International Nepal**

AI Nepal organized the following schedule of activities for the 16 Days:

Sixteen Days Activism Program Schedule of Nepal section 25- 10 December 2004			
When	Actions	Place and participants	Responsible
25 November	Demonstration on Women Rights awareness raising issue with black cloth and slogans.	Main City Center in Kathmandu or Bhaktapur . AI Members and representatives from Women NGOs will be participating the demonstration	Campaign Department and Women NGOs.
30 November	Motorcycle rally on SVAW and HIV / AIDS awareness raising	More then 100 Motorcycle riders will join the rally on ring road (28 KM) in Kathmandu.	Campaign Department and Katmandu based AI local Groups.
30 November	Health Check- up and HIV/ AIDS Awareness Camp	Itahari (Eastern Nepal) A team of AI Nepal Health professional group will provide their services to low income and land less people who will visit the camp.	Campaign Department and Health Professional working Group
4 December	Peace rally on HIV AIDS	Biratnagar in Industrial Area School children and factory workers will join the rally with plea cards and HIV slogans in Biratnagar	Campaign Department and Local groups
5 December	Inter action with factory workers	Duhabi Industrial Area. Factory Worker will participate in Interaction	Campaign Department and local Groups.

Contact: campaign@amnestynepal.org.

NIGERIA

➤ **Centre for Gender Studies, Benue State University**

The Centre for Gender Studies, Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria has planned a number of activities including:

25th Nov - a rally in solidarity with women all over the world suffering in silence.

28-30th Nov - Radio and Television discussion programmes to sensitize the society on gender violence.

9th Dec - A working dinner to lobby members of the House on accelerating work on the Bill on Domestic Violence.

They also intend to create awareness in schools by giving public lectures.

Contact: Charity Angya, Director, charity_angya@yahoo.com.

➤ **United Youth Front International**

United Youth Front International will be conducting a family “IVD PostCard Campaign” to mark the annual United Nations International Volunteer Day on December 5, 2004 in Nigeria. As the organisation evolved, activities and dates chosen symbolically make links with several events including the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. Lately, cases of Domestic Violence Against Women have been on the increase in incidents such as battering, acid bath, murder, rape and torture in the homes, all targeted at women and young girls. Yet, such cases are hardly mentioned or regarded as a serious offence particularly by the law enforcement agencies, the human rights groups and the media in their day-to-day activities. This social vice has become a subject of major concern among women activists and groups. There will be a one hour Phone-In Radio Programme on Prevention of Domestic Violence In Nigeria. Join and contribute on site and online discussions on Crowther Radio 104.5FM, Abuja, Nigeria at 4:00PM-5:00PM, Nigeria Time TO LAUNCH the 16 Days of Activism on November 25, 2004. Tel-(234) 09- 5241505, 5241504 live email: crowtherradio@yahoo.com. In addition, UYFI is moderating an online discussion at- <http://www.idealists.org>. SignUp at the website under “My Idealist Column” to Link “Community/Discussion—The Issue You Are Passionate About” and then Join and Contribute to the topic—“PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE” By Aikidude. The organization United Youth Front International is a voluntary but international non-governmental organisation for upliftment of youth all over the world for the specific purpose of maintaining Unity, Truth, Justice and Peace from the grassroots level. Visit <http://www.idealists.org/orgs/98394:246>.

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➤ **Women’s Education and Mothering Resource Center (WEMOREC for Women and Children’s Rights)**

The mission of Women’s Education and Mothering Resource Center is to promote women and children’s rights, and empower women/girls with information, education and the support needed to achieve their full human rights and self sufficiency, participate in public life, and exercise their individual responsibilities in regard to sexual behaviour and reproduction. They are holding a one-day sensitization workshop on November 24 with stakeholders from other women’s organizations, civil society organizations, grassroots political leaders, the media, the police force and religious leaders. Some of the topics for the workshop include: understanding gender and women’s rights, the roots of domestic violence, the impact of domestic violence on individuals, families and society, and how participants can start or join actions to stop it. The workshop pack will include information on gender, women’s rights and international documents that protect women from violence. There is

also a t-shirt with the tree of violence and its branches (including examples of acts of emotional, sexual, physical and economical violence). On Dec. 10th, 2004, they will have an exhibition stand at the Human Rights Day Celebration at the British Council Lagos. They hope to sell some of the t-shirts to raise money for our activities.

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➤ **Baobab for Women's Human Rights**

One of BAOBAB's objectives is collaborating with like-minded organizations in mutually agreed campaigns and programmes, such as the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence worldwide. Therefore, for the past decade BAOBAB has joined the rest of the world in marking the "16 Days..." through various programmes such as press briefings, media interviews, solidarity trek, popular theatre, thematic workshops, distribution of BAOBAB's publications, etc. These have created awareness and have contributed in expanding BAOBAB's network. This year the mobilization and advocacy working group has proposed a number of activities for "16 Days..." which has the theme "**For the Health of Women, For the Health of the World: No more Violence.**"

○ **Press Briefing**

We believe that BAOBAB's partnership with the press in the past has been fruitful but could be further enhanced through more collaborative programmes such as the 16 Days global campaign. BAOBAB plans to start off this year's campaign with a press briefing which will be accompanied by a press statement for wider coverage in the media. A few representatives from NGOs will be invited for solidarity. After the press briefing, there will be a debate by a small group of teenagers with a few secondary school students as supporting audience. The topic of the debate will be around the theme of this year's 16 Days.... The Judges will be from BAOBAB and perhaps one or two of the NGO friends interested.

○ **Sensitization of Youth**

BAOBAB has a culture of sensitizing youth in the area of women's human rights. This year, BAOBAB plans to have a number of students from selected schools in Lagos to debate on the topic "**Sexuality Education: A way of Addressing Sexual Abuse?**" This event is aimed at creating a space for teenagers and young adults to discuss and be further informed about the importance of sexuality education. It is also intended to erode the misconception that sexuality education is solely educating about sex as well as broaden the possibilities of the topic being introduced in schools' curriculum.

○ **Media Advocacy Workshop**

There will also be a one-day Media advocacy workshop on "New Tactics for Human Rights Activism." The idea is to share with the media, new strategies and tactics for promoting and protecting women's human rights in particular and human rights in general.

○ **Theatre Presentation**

A one-day gender awareness raising popular theatre presentation with the Police in Lagos State. This is in view of the importance of the Police in law enforcement as well as protection of women's human rights. The drama will focus on violence against women issues. We hope to build a relationship with the Police in the area of protecting women from domestic and other forms of gender based violence. In this regard, discussions will focus on the concept of gender relations in the society and the link between gender stereotypes and lack of recognition of violence against women (especially domestic violence) as a human rights violation. We plan to do this at the Police Training College.

○ **Popular theatre campaign at a strategic Bus Stop.**

The drama will highlight various aspects of violence against women and be structured in such a way as to encourage debate and create awareness amongst the audience.

o **Outreach Activities**

BAOBAB's community-based outreach teams will be very much involved in this year's event. The idea is for one outreach team in each of the geo-political zones in Nigeria to carry out activity/activities in line with the theme of this year's 16 Days activism. Activities planned by the teams include solidarity trek, debates, media advocacy etc. We believe that the concept of the "16 Days..." should reach the communities through the outreach teams. This will create more awareness within these communities that a large proportion of women have limited access to information about such issues.

The following is the detailed schedule for each event:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
25/11/2004	9:30 A.M	Press briefing	BAOBAB Conference Room.
25/11/2004	11:00 A.M	Students Debate. Topic: Sexuality Education: A way of Addressing Sexual Abuse.	BAOBAB Conference Room.
02/12/2004	10:00 A.M	Popular Theatre for the Police (on Violence Against Women Issues).	Police Training College, Ikeja, Lagos
08/12/2004	9:00 A.M	Media Advocacy Workshop (New Tactics on Human Rights)	BAOBAB Conference Room.
10/12/2004	10:00 A.M	Popular theatre in strategic bus stops.	Obalende, Maroko and Bar Beach.

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➤ **Kaduna Gender and Development Forum (KGF)**

KGF is a coalition of five Kaduna, Nigeria based women's rights organizations: ABANTU for development, Connecting Gender for development, League of Democratic Women (LEADS-NIGERIA), Gender and Human Values Proactive and Women In Nigeria (WIN), Kaduna. They have lined up a series of activities to mark this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. Between the 25th November and 10th December 2004 the KGF will carry out the following activities:

- Set up a message center at its secretariat for people to drop messages of solidarity against gender violence. People with access to the Internet can drop their messages at the LEADS-Nigeria website—www.leadsnigeria.org. The message centers will be open all through the 16 days and messages shared on various e-coalitions/lists.
- 16 different short articles on select topics on gender violence will be written and posted each day for the period by the Forum. These articles will attempt to bring the issues as close to home as possible with examples from Nigeria and Northern Nigeria most specifically. Some of the articles can be accessed here: <http://eforums.healthdev.org/read/messages?id=3426> and <http://eforums.healthdev.org/read/messages?id=3574>.
- A reflection seminar will be held on the 25th November, 2004.
- Celebrate World AIDS day through coalition groups individual activities.
- In commemoration of the Montreal massacre on the 6th December 2004, a Zero tolerance seminar will be held to be organized in conjunction with the Center for Development Research and Advocacy Kaduna. This will be a space for men to express zero tolerance for gender violence.

- On the 10th of December, which is the International Human Rights Day and also the last day of the 16 Days of Activism, Kaduna Gender and Development Forum will celebrate the achievements of ordinary women normally ignored when communities celebrate its members at an awards ceremony. Four women will be given awards at a ceremony in recognition of their continuous efforts and dedication to community service and meritorious service.

They invite you all to join us if you are in Kaduna, Nigeria or to drop your solidarity messages at the LEADS-Nigeria website. If you are male please send a message to the ZERO tolerance seminar in addition to your other solidarity message. ZERO tolerance messages should please be sent to hussainiabdu@yahoo.com.

Contact: ngukwase@YAHOO.CO.UK

➤ **Civil Resource Development and Documentation Center (CIRDDOC)**

CIRDDOC held a national tribunal on the Violation of Reproductive Rights and HIV/AIDS on the 2nd of December 2004.

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PAKISTAN

➤ **Working Women Organization (WWO)**

Working Women Organizations has produced an informative power point presentation describing their activities for this year's campaign in detail. To access the presentation, please [click here](#). Also, view a [report here](#), as well as a set of photos from WWO's events: [Photo 1](#), [Photo 2](#), [Photo 3](#), [Photo 4](#), [Photo 5](#).

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➤ **Awaz-e-Niswan (Voices of Women)**

Awaz-e-Niswan (Voice of Women) is a non-profit, secular women's organization working for the uplift of the vulnerable groups of women particularly single mothers (divorcee, separated and widows) heading families. It has been involved in the sectors of education, health/reproductive health, enterprise development and legal awareness/legal assistance in Pakistan. In order to celebrate the global campaign of 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence, they will be holding a theater festival organized on the theme of this year campaign, which is: For the Health of Women, For the Health of World, No More Violence! The detailed program is as follow:

- Date: 27. 11. 2004; Time: 02-05p.m; Venue: St. Marry's H/S, Mariam Nishat Colony, R.A. Bazar Lahore; Theme: International Day against Gender Violence
- Date: 04. 12. 2004; Time: 02-05p.m; Venue: St. Paul H/S Workshop Stop Walton Road Lahore; Theme: HIV/AIDS and Women
- Date: 07. 12. 2004; Time: 02-05 p.m; Venue: J.D H/S Youhannabad, Ferozpur Road Lahore; (Opposite CATHE Foundation); Theme: Women's Rights are Human Rights
- Date: 10.12.2004; health seminar with Dr. Saman Yazdani (Director- Center for Population and Health Studies) as the resource person

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➤ **First Asia/Pacific Women, Girls & HIV/AIDS Best Practices Conference**

Islamabad, Pakistan: November 29-December 1, 2004

As the report *Women and HIV/AIDS: Confronting the Crisis*, jointly issued for Bangkok XV by UNIFEM, UNAIDS, and UNFPA, makes clear “Action against HIV/AIDS that does not confront gender inequality is doomed to failure.” This conference brings together national leaders, policy makers, program managers and community members to explore the threats of HIV/AIDS to women in Asia and their front-line role in breaking the pandemic. Combating gender violence in all the multiple forms it exists in Asia and the manifold implications for women and HIV/AIDS is a key theme. The conference will be chaired by Dr. Nafis Sadik, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific. It will culminate in the actionable *Islamabad Agenda for Change 2004* once conference participants have agreed on how to get where we need to go. Details of the conference program are at: www.apwgconference.org.

Click [here](#) for conference overview.

Contact: Carol McCreary, AMAL Conference Secretariat-Technical Assistance Consultant, carolmccreary@comcast.net Website: www.apwgconference.org

➤ **Zeest, a Rozan Program**

Zeest, dealing with the issue of violence against women, feels that there is a lack of educational and awareness-raising material on the subject of community action and men's involvement in the efforts to question the attitudes that lead to violence against women. Therefore, the design of Zeest's first poster aims to address this gap and make target groups like youth, professionals and others aware of the importance of the community's and men's involvement in ending violence against women. Zeest's second poster aims to highlight Zeest's counselling services available on emotional and mental health issues of women and for victims and survivors of violence. A common theme in both posters is the technique of positive messaging and emphasis on the community's responsibility towards this issue. The aim of both the posters is to increase ownership on the issue of violence against women in the community and replace the 'I' and 'You' approach with the 'We' and 'Our' approach. View posters: [Poster 1](#) and [Poster 2](#). Other activities by Zeest for the 16 Days Campaign this year include: the launching ceremony of 'Code of Ethics: Guidelines for the Protection of Dignity and Rights of the Survivors of Violence'; orientations with the help of male volunteers in educational institutions on male involvement (using the poster); dissemination of posters to organizations, institutions, professionals.

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➤ **Nomad Center & Art Gallery**

The Nomad Centre celebrated its twenty- year anniversary (1984-2004) with this year's 16 Days Campaign. Nomad started the campaign with a major Art Exhibition called “Looking for freedom” by renowned feminist-artist Nahid Raza on November 25 at 4.30pm, supported by a documentary on the challenges faced by women artists in Bangladesh. The artist will be present to discuss her work. On December 10 they inaugurated “fragmentation,” an exhibition of paintings and drawings depicting “the politics of stress in society” by the respected psychiatrist and artist Dr.Syed A Wasif, a student of Sadequain, with a documentary based on his work reflecting the realities of the third world at 4.30pm. Dr.Wasif will be present to respond to questions. The 3rd Annual Nomad Film Festival on Human Rights, in collaboration with Amnesty International, Vancouver, Canada, began on December 10, 2004, Human Rights Day to December 19 at Nomad Gallery Islamabad. It featured films that showcase human rights issues, challenges, and champions. Click here for photographs: [photo 1](#), [photo 2](#).

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PERU

➤ Muchas Organizaciones

CONVOCATORIA: 25 DE NOVIEMBRE, DIA INTERNACIONAL DE LA NO VIOLENCIA CONTRA LA MUJER,

Lugar: Frente a Palacio de Justicia, Lima

Hora: desde las 10 de la mañana hasta las 6 de la tarde

El Colectivo de organizaciones 25 de Noviembre, Por la No Violencia contra la Mujer, convoca a todas las personas e instituciones a las actividades por el Día Internacional de la No Violencia contra la Mujer. Nos convoca la celebración de los 10 años de la Convención Interamericana para Prevenir, Erradicar y Sancionar la Violencia contra la Mujer - Belem Do Para y la necesidad de abordar la problemática de violencia contra la mujer en nuestro país de forma articulada e integral. Las cifras al respecto son alarmantes.

LAS ACTIVIDADES

- Jornada conmemorativa: DESDE LAS 10 DE LA MAÑANA A 6 DE LA TARDE FRENTE A PALACIO DE JUSTICIA
- Mediante la Instalación de un Módulo especialmente preparado para Consejerías: Desde las 11 am a 5 pm., Brindadas por especialistas de DEMUS; CMP Flora Tristán; ASPLE-MAM FUNDACIONAL; Pre-NatalMov. Manuela Ramos; Programa "Hombres que renuncian a su Violencia" - UPCH, INPPARES, Campaña del Lazo blanco, para hombres.
- Ciclo de Conversatorios: Desde las 2 a 5 de la tarde
Dra Grecia Rojas
 - 10mo. Aniversario de la Convención Interamericana para Prevenir, Erradicar y Sancionar la Violencia contra la Mujer - Belem Do Para. Impactos de su cumplimiento e incumplimiento.
 - Violencia contra la Mujer en el Perú: Su gravedad y abordaje integral. Con Especialistas del CMP Flora Tristán y Mov. Manuela Ramos
 - "Hombres que renuncian a su Violencia" a cargo del especialista Miguel Ramos, de la Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
 - Mujeres y VIH SIDA, a cargo de Violeta Ross de Bolivia.
- TODO EL DÍA
Acción Simbólica: desde las 10 am., Performance de 5 activistas, por el 10mo. Aniversario de la Convención Interamericana para Prevenir, Erradicar y Sancionar la Violencia contra la Mujer - Belem Do Para, Participan MHOL MUJERES
Acción Simbólica: 10 am, Sobre Femicidio, mediante colocación de cruces
Acción Simbólica: desde las 11 am, Grupo de HIP HOP DE JOVENES
POR LA NO VIOLENCIA CONTRA LAS MUJERES
Marcha de las Mujeres: Desde Plaza San Martín hacia el Palacio de Justicia a la
HORA: 12:00 del día
Acción Simbólica: acción de cierre de jornada, 5 pm, Mediante la colocación de zapatos viejos de mujeres en las escalinatas de Palacio de Justicia

Coordinaciones: Jornada Conmemorativa: MAMFUNDACIONAL: 9963-3035; Movilización/ Marcha: CMP Flora Tristán: 4331457

El Colectivo 25 de Noviembre, Por la No Violencia contra la Mujer está integrado por:

CMP Flora Tristán, MAM FUNDACIONAL, DEMUS, Movimiento Manuela Ramos, CLADEM Perú, ASPLE, Lesbianas Feministas de MHOL; Red Nacional de Promoción de la Mujer, Red Nacional de Promoción de la Mujer - Lima, GALF, CESIP, SISMU CMP Flora Tristán, FEPOMUVES, MAM, Promotoras Legales de Villa EL Salvador, AGT Redes - La Casa de Panchita, Vaso de Leche de Villa El Salvador, Asoc. Proceso Social, Asoc. de Lideresas de Independencia,

Amnistía Internacional Perú, Pathfinder Internacional, Grupo Negro Manainé, Mov. Mujeres Ciudadanas del Cono Norte, Com. Equidad y Género del PDS, RECARE, Com. de la Mujer y la Equidad del Género del PDD, CEM San Juan de Lurigancho; GIM Perú, Milenia Radio; Marcha Mundial de Mujeres- Perú; Asoc. PDH Micaela Bastidas; Red PRODINH El Agustino; Red de Atención y Prevención de la Violencia Familiar y Sexual, Cono Este; INPPARES; Pre Natal; CCTH.

Apoyan:

MAM FUNDACIONAL, DEMUS, Movimiento Manuela Ramos, CMP Flora Tristán, CLADEM Perú; Campaña Convención por los Derechos Sexuales y Derechos Reproductivos; Programa "Hombres que renuncian a su violencia" - UPCH; INPPARES; Pre Natal; Com. de la Mujer y la Equidad del Género del PDD, Asociación Proceso Social;

Red de Salud de la Mujer Latinoamericana y del Caribe-RSMLAC

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PHILIPPINES

➤ **Women and Gender Commission of the Association of the Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (WGC – AMRSP)**

One of the major campaigns that the Women and Gender Commission of the Association of the Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (WGC – AMRSP) undertakes every year is the "16 Days Prayer-Advocacy" to denounce the violence committed against women and children. The 16 Days Prayer-Advocacy is our expression of the international campaign of *16 Days of Activism Against Women and Gender Violence*. The campaign will start on November 25 to December 10, 2004. The launching will be at St. Scholastica, Manila. During this period of 16 Days Prayer-Advocacy, there will be a daily liturgy which will be celebrated according to its corresponding theme and the lighting of a candle, the Violence Against Women and Children Candle (VAWC) Candle. This VAWC Candle will embody the pains and sufferings of women and children who are victims of oppression and domination, and their aspirations for healing, liberation and wholeness. By lighting this candle, we show our courage and burning passion to commit ourselves to protesting all forms of violence.

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POLAND

- The project "**The Bitch has Provoked Me**" will be displayed on 17 Warsaw trams during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. The project is a protest against sexual violence and stereotypes "justifying" the violence in the public opinion. The deeply rooted stereotype "justifying" rape – the stereotype of a woman whose behaviour "provokes" men, leads to the increase of the number of rapes and to further victimization of women in the process of law enforcement and in the public opinion. "The Bitch has Provoked Me" project breaks away from the traditional stylistics of social projects in Poland – instead of a bruised face of the victim and the *stop-the-violence* slogan we decided to show rape "from the perspective of the perpetrator." The hope is that the project will provoke the public discussion about sexual violence in Poland. The poster will also display the telephone number of the 24-hour service of the Crisis Intervention Center. See www.suka.org.pl for more information.

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ROMANIA

➤ **Association for the Promotion of Women in Romania (APoWeR)**

The Association for the Promotion of Women in Romania (APoWeR) has produced two posters for the 2004 16 Days, which can be viewed through the following links: [Poster 1](#) and [Poster 2](#). Updates on ApoWeR's 16 Days activities are forthcoming.

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➤ **Sensiblu Foundation**

In Bucharest, the Sensiblu Foundation planned a Silent Witness exhibit, meetings between public and the experts in domestic violence, discussions about the governmental involvement, discussions with the youngsters and the building of the "Empty Bottles Monster," and a debate on domestic violence. Click on the following links to view three pictures from a press conference on 25 November.

[Picture 1](#), [Picture 2](#), [Picture 3](#).

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RUSSIA

➤ **International Jewish Women's Organization Project Keshet**

Project Keshet is getting ready for their fifth participation in the International Campaign "16 Days against Gender Violence" to take place 25 November – 10 December 2004. The subject of the Campaign 2004 is: "Stop the Violence. For the health of women, for the health of the world." Their objective is to attract special attention to the point where two problems overlap, i.e. violence against women and women's health issues, to be more precise, the problem of violence against women and the problem of HIV prevention. The International Jewish Women's Organization Project Keshet sent a message discussing the goals of the Campaign and its possible activities and steps to the local women's groups. Various materials were devised to help the women's groups during their joint meetings, seminars and other events in the CIS. They will establish partnerships with many women's organizations and advocacy groups, anti-crisis centers and governmental institutions, which will significantly contribute to the efficiency of our activities and will attract the media and help to change the existing attitudes in the society towards the problems in question. They have collected data from **106 Project Keshet women's groups** and mailed them all the materials available. They keep in touch with all the groups mentioned and continuously interact with their leaders, making necessary amendments to the schedule of events within the Campaign to secure its efficiency. They interact with various information agencies, media, Internet news-agencies, foreign women's organizations (for instance, "The Women's Information Network" (<http://www.winonline.org/>), Bulgarian women's organization "Empathy", the Kazakhstan-based Center for Women's Rights and Initiative "Sana Sezim") to coordinate our activities and maintain the information flow about the Campaign and its impact. Our women's groups are currently planning the following events:

Within the framework of the Campaign the Project Keshet women's groups:

- will arrange group-discussions on the subject of the Campaign;
- will carry out joint meetings and round table discussions with other women's organizations and advocacy groups, the representatives of local authorities and police, anti-crisis centers, religious leaders and representatives of various faiths;
- will hold meetings at youth clubs and local Hillel departments, at regular and Jewish Sunday schools, universities and other educational institutions;
- will arrange children's drawing and literary contests "Mommy, Daddy, me – a happy family!"

- will make a survey on the problem of violence against women and HIV dissemination, and possible ways to resolve these issues;
- will distribute numerous leaflets, posters, brochures and manuals on the problem;
- will arrange training programs for women studying at the ORT KesherNET computer training centers;
- will carry out charity campaigns together with the local authorities;
- will involve local media to cover the events within the Campaign;

Examples of the Project Kesher groups' and other organizations' activities during the Campaign "16 Days against Violence":

- **Meetings and classes in the women's groups and Jewish communities:**
 - **Violence against Women** - in 36 groups (Samara, Volgograd, Volzhskiy, Izhevsk, Tyumen, Oulyanovsk, Bryansk, Kursk, Ryazan, Stavropol, Konstantinovka, Artyomovsk, Lugansk, Donetsk, Krivoy Rog, Alchevsk, Simferopol, Sevastopol, Feodosia, Kamenets-Podolsky, Khmel'nitsky, Vladimir-Volynsky, Dragobich, Mukachevo, Striy, Tchernovtsi, Shepetovka, Bershad, Vynnitsa, Zhitomir, Kiev, Cherkassy, Chernigov, Baranovichi, Bobruisk, Minsk)
 - **Violence and Children** - in 37 groups (Volgograd, Kaluga, Rybinsk, Nizhny Novgorod, Samara, Tambov, Tyumen, Toul'a, Lipetsk, Yakutsk, Yelets, Ryazan, Dnepropetrovsk, Krivoy Rog, Nikolayev, Odessa, Bendery, Loutsk, Lvov, Uzhgorod, Ternopol, Khmel'nitsky, Mukachevo, Striy, Tchernovtsi, Vynnitsa, Zhitomir, Kiev, Cherkassy, Chernigov, Shostka, Borisov, Grodno, Minsk, Mogilyov, Rechitsa)
 - **Jewish Aspect in the Upbringing** – in 13 groups (Samara, Lipetsk, Orel, Nizhny Novgorod, Makeyevka, Dnepropetrovsk, Zaporozh'ye, Slavyansk, Izmail, Odessa, Bendery, Bobruisk, Minsk)
 - **Women's Health and Resistance to HIV/AIDS Dissemination, Drug and Alcohol Addiction** - in 53 groups (Birobidzhan, Volgograd, Kaluga, Samara, Kostroma, Pskov, Tula, Bryansk, Yelets, Kursk, Obninsk, Orel, Smolensk, Makeyevka, Konstantinovka, Kharkov, Kirovograd, Yenakievo, Dneprodzerzhinsk, Alexandria, Alchevsk, Izmail, Feodosia, Bendery, Rovno, Loutsk, Lvov, Uzhgorod, Ivanovo-Frankovsk, Ternopol, Khmel'nitsky, Vladimir-Volynskiy, Dragobich, Mukachevo, Striy, Tchernovtsi, Shepetovka, Bershad, Vynnitsa, Kiev, Soumy, Cherkassy, Chernigov, Shostka, Baranovichi, Borisov, Vytebsk, Gomel, Grodno, Minsk, Mogilyov, Polotsk, Sloutsk)
 - **Women against Terrorism – Women against Violence** - in 43 groups (Vladimir, Volgograd, Tula, Kaluga, Rybinsk, Voronezh, Yelets, Ryazan, Smolensk, Makeyevka, Dnepropetrovsk, Kharkov, Artyomovsk, Novomoskovsk, Kirovograd, Lugansk, Mariupol, Donetsk, Krivoy Rog, Yenakievo, Dneprodzerzhinsk, Alexandria, Alchevsk, Drouzhovka, Severodonetsk, Sevastopol, Yalta, Eupatoria, Bendery, Rovno, Loutsk, Lvov, Uzhgorod, Ivanovo-Frankovsk, Kamenets-Podolsky, Khmel'nitsky, Vladimir-Volynsky, Tchernovtsi, Shepetovka, Zhitomir, Vytebsk, Rechitsa)
- **Meetings and classes in youth clubs, Sunday schools, and regular educational institutions:**
 - **Youth Violence. Nurturing Tolerance** - in 23 towns (Vladimir, Volgograd, Tula, Samara, Tambov, Voronezh, Lipetsk, Orel, Makeyevka, Dnepropetrovsk, Kharkov, Novomoskovsk, Mariupol, Nikolayev, Eupatoria, Bendery, Rovno, Lvov, Kamenets-Podolsky, Bobruisk, Borisov, Grodno, Polotsk)
 - **Resistance to HIV/AIDS Dissemination, Drug and Alcohol Addiction** - in 22 towns (Volgograd, Kaluga, Tula, Yelets, Kursk, Ryazan, Makeyevka, Dnepropetrovsk, Kirovograd, Krivoy Rog, Severodonetsk, Mariupol, Simferopol, Bendery, Rovno, Loutsk, Lvov, Uzhgorod, Ivanovo-Frankovsk, Vladimir-Volynskiy, Soumy, Cherkassy)

- **Events at non-Jewish public and non-profit organizations** in 38 towns
(Rybinsk, Vladimir, Volgograd, Nizhny Novgorod, Voronezh, Yelets, Kursk, Lipetsk, Ryazan, Tula, Makeyevka, Dnepropetrovsk, Kharkov, Novomoskovsk, Kirovograd, Lugansk, Mariupol, Krivoy Rog, Zaporozh'ye, Sevastopol, Yalta, Izmail, Eupatoria, Bendery, Rovno, Loutsk, Lvov, Uzhgorod, Ivanovo-Frankovsk,, Kamenets-Podolsky, Ternopol, Vynnitsa, Cherkassy, Bobruisk, Borisov, Vytebsk, Gomel, Polotsk)
- **17 Round table discussions and 19 other events on the municipal level:**
 - **Nizhny Novgorod** – a round table discussion “Preventing Violence Against Children” (November 26-29) with the Legislative Assembly, representatives of various faiths, non-profit organizations and the Theatre of Change
 - **Voronezh**– a round table discussion “Women against Terrorism. Tolerance in Society” (December 2) with the representatives of various faiths and youth organizations
 - **Lipetsk**– a round table discussion “Violence and Children. Youth Violence” (November 26-28) with the representatives of the town’s Administration, the Department of Education, different educational institutions, and religious groups
 - **Tula** – a round table discussion “Stop the Violence. For the Health of Women. For the Health of Children” + Informational Campaign in the town’s central square with the representatives of the Regional Administration, Departments for Women and Family Support, Education and Public Health, the representatives of local administrative bodies, various religious groups and leaders as well as media
 - **Yelets** – an out-door campaign and events in different educational institutions. Distributing various methodological and informational materials.
 - **Vladimir** – a youth anti-fascist festival involving different Diasporas and foreign students
 - **Volgograd** – a joint project “Women against Terrorism” of the Association for National Cultures, the Russian Peace Foundation, and foreign female students
 - **Makeyevka**– a round table discussion “Preventing Violence in Society. Stop the AIDS threat” + the Campaigns “Anti-Terrorism” and “A distant village” with the representatives of the town’s Executive Committee and the women’s multinational coalition
 - **Konstantinovka** – a round table discussion “Anti-Terrorism”
 - **Kirovograd** – a round table discussion “Anti-AIDS” with the representatives of the women’s multinational coalition and media
 - **Dnepropetrovsk** – a joint seminar “The Children’s Rights in the Ukraine” with the All-Ukrainian Committee for Children’s Rights
 - **Kharkov** – a conference dedicated to the “International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.” Poster contest “Say NO to AIDS and Drugs”
 - **Tver** – Photo-exhibition “A Happy Family”; collecting presents for a local orphanage.
 - **Novomoskovsk** – A joint training program for young people “Violence at the Dating Period” with the representatives of the Commission on Juvenile Affairs within the town’s Executive Committee
 - **Lugansk** – Women against Terrorism, a campaign in the slums.
 - **Krivoy Rog** – a joint charity campaign with the local authorities “Help the Orphanages”
 - **Dneprodzerzhinsk** – Training programs “The Role of Woman in the Family” and Violence and Children”
 - **Zaporozh'ye** – a round table discussion “Anti-Terrorism” with the representatives of other minority groups
 - **Yalta**– a training program “Self-defense for Women” with the representatives of the Ukrainian Security Service; Collecting presents for the children of Beslan taking a course of rehabilitation in the Crimean health centers

- **Izmail** – a round table discussion “Resistance to HIV/AIDS Dissemination” with the representatives of the town’s medical institutions
- **Bendery** – a round table discussion «Preventing HIV/AIDS Dissemination, Drug- and Alcohol Addiction» at the municipal Center for Epidemiology and Sanitation
- **Rovno** – a round table discussion “The Issue of Tolerance in Society” with the representatives of local Diasporas
- **Lutsk**– a round table discussion «Stop the Violence»
- **Lvov** – a round table discussion “Tolerance in Society” with the representatives of local Diasporas
- **Uzhgorod**– a round table discussion «Preventing HIV/AIDS. Women’s Health»
- **Ivanovo-Frankovsk** – a round table discussion “Preventing Violence against Women and Children”
- **Bobruisk** – a joint meeting on the issue of “Resistance to HIV/AIDS Dissemination, Drug and Alcohol Addiction” with the municipal women’s organization
- **Gomel** – a joint meeting with the municipal women’s organizations and the town’s Health Center; a round table discussion “Let’s Stop the Violence Together”
- **Polotsk**– a round table discussion with the PR Department within the town’s Executive Committee
- **Distributing leaflets, brochures and manuals:** in 27 towns
(Volgograd, Yelets, Nizhny Novgorod, Voronezh, Vladimir, Lipetsk, Ryazan, Tula, Makeyevka, Dnepropetrovsk, Kharkov, Donetsk, Kirovograd, Dneprodzerzhinsk, Izmail, Bendery, Rovno, Lutsk, Lvov, Ivanovo-Frankovsk, Bobruisk, Polotsk, Gomel, Borisov, Zaporozh’ye, Chernigov, Cherkassy)
- **Final report of Project Keshesher’s 16 Days activities:** [English](#), [Russian](#)
- **Final List of Activities:** [English](#), [Russian](#)
- **Final List of Partners:** [English](#), [Russian](#)
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SCOTLAND

➤ **Glasgow City Council**

The Glasgow City Council held a series of events to commemorate the 2004 16 Days Campaign. Click on the following links for a series of photographs from the activities. [Photo 1](#), [Photo 2](#), [Photo 3](#), [Photo 4](#): from the launch in Glasgow with actor/director David Hayman and singer/songwriter Carol Laula. Also featured are a drama by schoolchildren on domestic abuse and a health center featuring information stalls on violence against women. [Photo 5](#), [Photo 6](#), [Photo 7](#), [Photo 8](#), [Photo 9](#), [Photo 10](#), [Photo 11](#): more of the launch at Glasgow City Chambers. [Photo 12](#), [Photo 13](#), [Photo 14](#): an art exhibition at Glasgow Green prepared by local women.

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SERBIA

➤ **Autonomous Women’s Center (AWC)**

The 16 days campaign 2004 in Serbia reflected the research done by the health program of Autonomous Women's Center in Belgrade – that every fourth woman in Serbia survived physical violence, every fifth had serious injuries, and 78% of women never address any institution. The slogan of the campaign: “They don't have trust. Why?” followed the process of AWC's introducing coordinated community response program to institutions, including the medical system, and the parallel monitoring program by feminist lawyers on the insufficient implementation of the new criminal code on domestic violence in the judicial system. The media response was supportive: there was free broadcasting of the video clip of the campaign in Serbian language in 25 local and 2 Belgrade TV stations, radio jingle and Serbian and Romany languages in 30 local and 14 Belgrade radio stations - from November 25 to December 10. A traveling performance for the campaign created by ACT Women and Academic Theatre was played on the squares or green markets in 7 towns, provoking citizens' and media attention. Autonomous Women's Center was a coordinating body and its volunteers distributed leaflets to women's groups in 45 towns who organized local campaigns. The leaflets were also distributed among MPs in the Parliament of Republic of Serbia on November 25. The president of the Parliamentarian Committee for Gender Equality gave interviews for the main press and TV, and on December 10 she organized a press conference for journalists covering parliamentary affairs. In the Parliament of Autonomous Province of Vojvodina leaflets were distributed to MPs together with informative text on 16 days of activism and the Manifesto of men from Spain against violence against women. The Secretariat for Gender Equality presented the issue on various local and regional media. In Vojvodina on December 10, a one-day conference on institutional models of resolving problems of violence against women was organized with participation of 35 centers for social work, 5 SOS hotlines, ombudswoman office, gender equality and other secretariats of Vojvodina and various human rights organizations - various operating models were presented by Autonomous Women's Center, Counseling for Marriage and Family and Center for Social Work Sombor. Short monitoring: during the campaign, the rate of women victims of violence calling for the first time Autonomous Women's Center doubled. The leaflets delivered in the local campaigns had an option for local groups to put their contacts so women could reach them. The campaign was supported financially by Reconstruction Women's Fund, as well as two seminars for journalists with participation of experts coming from or cooperating with women's NGOs. Performance costs were covered by Balkan Initiatives Community Fund. All media broadcasting was free. All coordination, logistic and activist work, as well as the design of the campaign was from volunteer contributions.

Click [here for further information](#), including photos of events.

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SOUTH AFRICA

➤ **Gender-based Violence Programme of the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation and the AIDS Law Project**

Please join the Gender-based Violence Programme of the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation and the AIDS Law Project for the lunchtime launch of our guide, “*Health and Hope in Our Hands: Addressing HIV and AIDS in the aftermath of rape and woman abuse.*” Copies of the guide will be on sale at R50.00 each. Mercy Makhalemele will provide the key-note presentation introducing the guide which is intended to assist service providers to:

- understand the relationship between HIV and AIDS and gender-based violence;
- assist rape survivors to start and complete post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) treatment to try to prevent their contracting HIV from the rape;
- integrate an understanding of rape and domestic violence into voluntary counseling and testing (VCT);
- support rape survivors who discover that they had HIV before the rape;

- understand the problems related to living with HIV that women living in violent relationships may deal with; and
- pass information on to clients in a way that they will understand, and that will empower them to cope and heal. This includes information about their legal rights.

Date and Time: 12:30pm, Tuesday 30 November

Venue: The Atrium, Constitution Hill

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➤ **Reproductive and HIV Research Unit (RHRU), Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of the Witwatersrand**

The RHRU is involved in a programme called **Mpilonhle – Mpilonde** (Quality of Life – Long Life). Migrant men residing in the inner city hostels of Benrose in Johannesburg and the women inhabiting the informal settlements surrounding these hostels are a currently underserved population and, as they have recently determined, are also at very high risk for HIV infection. In addition, access to quality primary health, including VCT, and social services for those affected by violence is inadequate to meet the population's needs. In collaboration with Joburg City Health, the RHRU took on the daunting task of developing a community based health programme and testing its efficacy. The primary focus of the programme is to address issues relating to HIV/AIDS and STIs – this includes, but is not limited to: civil rights and participation; VCT; ARV literacy; gender-based violence; nutrition; housing; sanitation and environmental health. The community-based component of a multi-faceted intervention involves Quality of Life Clubs. The Mpilonhle-Mpilonde Project is planning to host a community event that aims to bring to the attention of ordinary citizens, the negative effects of violence on individual and community health status. This event will also provide them with an opportunity to share information about the programme we are conducting. The idea of an event comes from the enthusiasm displayed by residents of hostels and informal settlements who are members of our Quality Life Clubs. They intend to host the event in an area which is accessible to our target audience, residing in hostels and informal settlements in the Benrose area of Johannesburg in the week 28 November – 3 December 2004. The proposed venue is an open space between Denver hostel and Denver informal settlement – home to over 10 000 men and women. The proposed theme for this event is - **Quality Life for All**. Existing members of Quality Life Clubs will assist the project Community Liaison Officer with planning and organizing this event, thus providing them with an opportunity to gain valuable skills required for coordinating and managing events.

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➤ **Western Cape Network on Violence Against Women**

The Western Cape Network, in partnership with the provincial government, will feature over 70 events during the 16 Days Campaign, sponsored by governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as civil society and various businesses. A complete calendar of events, as well as background information, have been compiled online, available at the following addresses:

English: <http://www.capecapeway.gov.za/16days>

Afrikaans: <http://www.capecapeway.gov.za/af/16days>

IsiXhosa: <http://www.capecapeway.gov.za/xho/16days>

Contact: Western Cape Network on Violence Against Women, P.O. Box 5, Athlone 7760; network@womenscentre.co.za; 27-21-633-5287 - office; 27-21-637-0785 - fax; or please see calendar online for contacts for each event.

➤ **Masimanyane Women's Support Center**

Masimanyane held a roundtable discussion on the trafficking of women and girl children, which is a fairly new and growing phenomenon in South Africa. They will be forwarding a report.

Contact: Lesley Ann Foster, Masimanyane Women Support Centre; 17 Porter Street, East London Street, South Africa; nwsc@iafrica.com.

➤ **Women's Net**

Women'sNet is a vibrant and innovative networking support program designed to enable South African women to use the Internet to find the people, issues, resources and tools needed for women's social activism. Women'sNet aims to empower South African women to use information and communications technologies (ICTs) towards advancing women's equality. It is a dynamic source of locally generated information and discussion on gender issues. For complete calendar, see: <http://womensnet.org.za/16Days/calendar.shtml>. Women's Net events for the 16 Days Campaign include:

- o **25 November 2004:** The International Day of No Violence Against Women marks the start of the annual 16 days campaign to eradicate gender-based violence.
 - o **Throughout the Campaign:** Women'sNet will be hosting a national calendar of events for the 16 Days and they would like to encourage all South African organizations hosting events during the Campaign to add their events to the Women'sNet calendar. It's free and it will serve as support for women needing information and assistance. To add your event, e-mail Women'sNet at sallys@womensnet.org.za. In your e-mail don't forget to include the event's time, date, place, contact details and a brief description.
 - o **Cyber Dialogues:** In addition, Women'sNet plans to host national Cyber Dialogues. The cyber dialogues are one of several initiatives to raise awareness and change behavior as part of the Sixteen Days of Activism on Gender Violence using new information and communication technologies. For more information visit: <http://womensnet.org.za/16Days/cyberdialogue.html>. For discussion themes visit: <http://www.genderlinks.org.za/newsitem.asp?nid=54>.
 - o **Useful Links:**
 - Want to learn about 16 Days?
Click here <http://womensnet.org.za/16Days/>
 - Want to learn about what's happening in South Africa?
Click here: <http://womensnet.org.za/16Days/calendar.shtml>
 - Stay updated on the latest news about the Campaign.
Click here: <http://womensnet.org.za/16Days/news.shtml>
- Contact:** Gender Links (<http://genderlinks.org.za>) 011 622 2877 or e-mail: mothibi@genderlinks.org.za

➤ **Amnesty International South Africa**

Amnesty International South Africa is participating in the 16 days of activism together with many other organisations. [Click here](#) to see the national logo for South Africa's 16 Days Campaign.

Below is a summary of their plans:

1. *Cyber Dialogues:* A number of NGO's together with the Deputy Minister of Correctional Services (who was appointed the convenor of the 16 days by government on the side of government) have organised the Cyber Dialogues. Briefly, on each day of the 16 days, decision makers (Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Director Generals) will answer questions in person and by email from a panel and the public at large. Our members have been requested to ask questions via the chat room. Those who would like to participate should go to www.cyberdialogues.co.za. As this is being done via the Internet, they would like to encourage other AI sections throughout the world to also participate. AISA is responsible for co-ordinating

the programme on 1st December, International AIDS Day. On this day AISA staff and Gauteng based members will be at the Johannesburg City Hall with our banner and a stall. The theme of the day is gender based violence and HIV/AIDS. The slogans for the day are "Unite against gender based violence" and "PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis) is a right: not just a talk."

2. *Red and White Ribbon campaign:* This year AISA is linking the red and white ribbon to show the link between HIV/AIDS and VAW. Our groups will be distributing the red and white ribbon together with a leaflet on "How do I reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS" (NISSA) and a pamphlet by AISA on the link between VAW and HIV/AIDS. The plan is to raise awareness through the distribution of these materials. This will be done at universities, malls, shops, places of work, hospitals, churches during a remembrance service of people who died of HIV/AIDS, at an HIV/AIDS counseling centre and a Medical School.

3. The office together with the IS HRE department is organising a workshop on legal mechanisms on gender and VAW. The participants, from selected NGOs, will also be introduced to the legal and campaigning components of an Activist Toolkit developed by Amnesty International which was developed to support AI's global campaign on Stop Violence against Women. This workshop will take place from 6-7 Dec and will be facilitated by a member of the HRE team from London and the AISA HRE co-ordinator. The objectives of the workshop are: Recognition of VAW as human rights violation and the need for it to be given greater visibility; Recognition of existing opportunities for working on gender-based discrimination and VAW, particularly in the participants' areas of work; Development and/or enhancement of the capacities of participants' in the legal mechanisms available to them for working on gender issues and VAW.

4. Other workshops to be held by the national office during this period: Workshop with youth on their role in stopping violence against women on 25th November 2004. Chaired by representative from Oxfam, speakers from the South Africa Youth Commission and IDASA. AISA will deliver a presentation at a workshop of Ilitha Labantu on 27th November 2004 in Cape Town on "The changing discourses on human rights, peace and security." Six workshops will be held on stopping violence against women and HIV/AIDS in villages in Venda, Limpopo.

5. Other activities: In Durban a letter will be sent to the editor of the Independent Newspaper Group in response to a recent article on the DRC. Meetings will be held with the DRC community in SA on the situation in the DRC particularly with regard to violence against women. The video on the DRC will be screened for members in Durban.

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- In Masvingo, the 16 Days of Activism was launched at Chief Mazungunye's Homestead. There was a drama performance showing a hardworking wife and a lazy husband. The wife and children worked in the field but the husband did not. But when it came to selling the produce, it was the husband who did because he had the card for the Grain Marketing Board. After selling the produce, he used all the money. The activities after the launch were in town where the Masvingo City Council's Health Department held an HIV/AIDS workshop where Masvingo 16 Days activists addressed the participants about the campaign. The last day, 10 December was very successful, as more than the number of people they had invited attended. The guest speaker was the Deputy Mayor of Masvingo who supported women's efforts toward curbing gender-based violence.

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SPAIN

- **Creación Positiva**

Creación Positiva will be doing a national campaign of awareness and dissemination of the objectives and the importance of supporting the 16 Days Campaign. They are participating by talking about the link of HIV and gender violence in the following event:

- Event: Violencia contra las Mujeres
Organiser: Institut Catalá de la Dona with the cooperation of Creación Positiva
Date: 27th November 2004
Place: Barcelona (Spain)

They will also be organising a full day seminar together with the National Plan of AIDS on December the 9th, where they plan to raise awareness of the intersection of VAW and HIV addressed to professionals working at women's centers, battered women's centers, health professionals, social workers, etc:

- Event: Intersecciones peligrosas: Género, violencia y VIH
Organisers: Creación Positiva (with the support of the Plan Nacional del Sida)
Date: 9th December 2004
Place: Madrid (Spain)

Fliers of the Campaign will be distributed at different events

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SRI LANKA

➤ **Institute for Social Development**

The themes for the 2004 16 Days Campaign organized by the Institute for Social Development in Sri Lanka are: "Protecting Women's Rights," "Demanding for Equal Rights," and "Stop! Treating Women Unequal." Their activities include a publication on sexual harassment entitled "Rights," a street drama performance on HIV/AIDS among the plantation workers, picketing on the violation against women in the work place and public places, a radio broadcast on women's labour rights and human rights and group discussions about physical, verbal and sexual discrimination.

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TANZANIA

➤ **African Youth Development Foundation (AYDF)**

African Youth Development Foundation organized a girls' sports health bonanza, consultative workshops for young women against gender violence, a weekly theatre against gender violence, a youth arts festival, a youth aids forum, and a youth conference on human rights. More than three thousand youth from rural and urban areas attended the activities. AYDF welcomes inquiries on how to support their efforts.

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THAILAND

➤ **Amnesty International Thailand**

AI Thailand has planned the following activities in conjunction with the 16 Days Campaign:

They have launched the " Stop! Violence Against Women VAN," which is collaborated with the Ministry of Justice in Bangkok at the 1st of November and began its campaign for 14 provinces in the same day. They have covered 7 provinces in the north and will cover the next 7 (northeast and south). AI Thailand has visited various groups of people in the provinces, including secondary and university students, women's local groups, representatives of villages and the general public itself. The approach taken mainly focused on the integration of basic HRE to the VAW concepts. Every meeting ends with the participants stamping their hands in support of the campaign. In addition, different publications ranging from brochures, booklets, and posters have been distributed to give a clearer understanding of the campaign as well as world news regarding violence against women. From those first 7 provinces, approximately 200 new members from the various groups have been recruited. AI Thailand also plans to present a series of documentary films to students in Bangkok beginning from 25 November 2004 until 10 December 2004.

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TIMOR LESTE

➤ **Office of the Prime Minister for the Promotion of Equality with UNFPA**

The 16 Days Campaign in Timor Leste has been organised by the Office of the Prime Minister for the Promotion of Equality in conjunction with UNFPA (UNFPA has a long standing programme on Gender Based Violence being executed from and with this office). This year they have been very successful in ensuring that the campaign reaches nationwide and events are organised from national right down to grassroots. In conjunction with other UN agencies they have managed to get local-based events funded in every district across the country, the first ever for Timor Leste.

Concurrently, they will have national-based events in Dili (the capital city), organised by NGOs and partner organisations. A national launch will take place on the 25th of November and a national closure of the campaign on the 10th of December. There will be much publicity, including a speech by the Prime Minister on the campaign on the 25th which will be aired on TV and on radio. The Adviser to the Prime Minister on Equality has also recorded a message which will be aired several times on community and national radios across the country. The committee of Timorese NGOs, CBOs and government departments, namely the Office for Promotion of Equality, decided to adapt the international theme to suit local language translation and context, it translates as "Promote Women's Health: Stop Violence." The group also developed it's own national logo for the event, which they will use for the campaign in future years, a national song, stickers, banners, t-shirts and a poster board. Their precise schedule of events is as follows:

Date	Activity	Location	Who Responsible
22-23- Nov-04	Film Festival	Dili	Rede Feto (Women's Network)
25-Nov-04	Delivery of Prime Minister's Speech - TV and Radio	Dili/National	Office for Promotion of Equality/ UNFPA
25-Nov-04	Opening Ceremony Of 16 Day Campaign * Launch of Book on Stories of Violence	District of Ainaro	UNFPA

	<p>Against Women in Timor Leste *Presentation on Stopping Violence and promoting women's health</p> <p>* Drama on Violence Against Women *CEDAW Socialization Activities</p>	13 District	<p>Dr. Jose Antonio</p> <p>Office for Promotion of Equality/ UNIFEM</p>
25-Nov-04	Workshop on GBV and Community mass	District of Aileu	District Administration/UNDP
25-26 Nov-04	Gender and Domestic Violence Training	District of Liquisa	UNFPA-KDT
25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	Launch of Radio Drama Series "Amelia"	Across National and Community Radios	Bibi Bulak/Office for Promotion of Equality/UNFPA
25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	Lecture on Domestic Violence and Personal Safety by National Police Police will provide "Lecture Packages" to all the Officers (204 Packages)	30 Comm.Police Officers in 65 Sub Districts, in 111 Villages	National Police of Timor Leste
25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	Workshops on GBV	District of Ainaro	District Administration/UNCHR
25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	Community Dramas on 16 days campaign	District of Baucau	Baucau Youth Group/UNICEF
25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	4-day Training and Socialisation Campaign on Gender, Rights, Domestic and Sexual Violence	District of Lautem	District Administration/UN Resident Coordinators Office
25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	Public debates on Community Violence, HIV/AIDS Disability and Human Rights	District of Liquisa	District Administration/UNHCR

25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	One-day seminar in 5 Sub-Districts	District of Maliana	District Administration
25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	Various Dialogues on Campaign Against Violence in 5 sub Districts	District of Viqueque	District Administration
25-Nov - 10-Dec-04	One- day Workshop, Long March and Sport Activities	District of Oecussi	District Administration/Office for Promotion of Equality/UNFPA
29-Nov-04	Workshop on Trafficking in Sexual Exploitation in Timor-Leste	Dili	Alola Foundation (NGO)
29-Nov-04	Workshop on Alternatives to Violence to veteran freedom fighters		Office for Promotion of Equality/ UNFPA/AMKV
29-Nov-04	One-day Seminar on Gender Equality, and Violence, and Broadcast of seminar on radio	District of Manatutu	District Administration/UNMISSET Human Rights Unit
1-Dec-04	Workshop on Prostitution	Dili	Alola Foundation
1-Dec-04	One-day seminar on Women's Health & Prevention of HIV-AIDS in 2 sub Districts	District of Cova Lima	District Administration/UNIFEM
1- 2- Dec- 04	Drama on Sexual Violence	District of Dili	AMKV/Office for Promotion of Equality/UNFPA
2-Dec-04	Seminar "Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence"	Dili	Pradet
1-Dec-04	HIV-AIDS Workshop	District of Dili	Family Health

			International and Ministry of Health
4-Dec-04	Maternal and child health	District of Ainaro	Alola Foundation
4-Dec-04	Workshop on Sexual Violence	Dili City	Caritas Australia
4-Dec-04	One-day workshop on Promotion of Equality	District of Lautem	Beato Kolping Foundation/UNFPA/OPE
5-Dec-04	One-day seminar on 16 days campaign, Domestic Violence Law, Women's Health & HIV/AIDS in 2 sub Districts	District of Baucau	District Administration/UNMISSET Human Rights Unit
6-Dec-04	One day Seminar on Gender, women's Health and HIV/AIDS	District of Ermera	District Administration/UNV
9-Dec-04	Workshop on Domestic Violence	Dili Rehab Hospital	KDT/Office for Promotion of Equality and UNFPA
10-Dec-04	3 minutes of silence against violence Drama and activities from University Students Drum Band March		Office for Promotion of Equality/UNFPA Rede Feto Bibi Bulak
10-Dec-04	Launch of Church brochures on Domestic Violence	Catholic Churches Nationwide	Office for Promotion of Equality/ UNFPA/Catholic Church
11-Dec-04	Closing activities Mass Presentation Film	District of Manatutu	Office for Promotion of Equality/ UNFPA/Partners

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UGANDA

➤ **Gender Based Violence Prevention Network: Horn, East and Southern Africa**

The newly-launched GBV Prevention Network will be planning their 16 Days around the theme of the Intersection of Violence against Women and HIV/AIDS. The Network will be producing **Action and Advocacy Packs**. The GBV Prevention Network encourages all members to commemorate 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence from 25th November to 10th December. The GBV Prevention Network will collaborate with up to 15 member organizations during 16 Days of Activism this year. The aim is to increase activism and advocacy on the link between GBV and HIV/AIDS. They distributed kits to twenty organizations selected for collaboration. The Action and Advocacy Kit included:

- o A Call to Action Poster. Up to 200 full color high quality posters highlighting the rates of violence against women and rates of HIV infection.
- o Purple Ribbon. Up to 3000 "Prevent Domestic Violence" purple ribbons for a ribbon campaign.
- o Flyer/pamphlet about the Purple Ribbon Campaign
- o A press release explaining the link between GBV and HIV/AIDS.
- o A newspaper article on GBV and women's vulnerability to HIV infection.
- o Advocacy Seminar Guide. Guidelines for a seminar on the link between GBV and HIV/AIDS.

The GBV Prevention Network worked with 16 NGOs ranging from Ethiopia, to Malawi to South Africa. Each of the 16 NGOs engaged their communities about women's vulnerability to HIV/AIDS as a result of the violence they experience. The kit tried to link their activities through common materials such as newspaper articles, seminar guides, posters, ribbons and press releases. Common materials used across the countries meant the groups participating were united and focused in their awareness raising and advocacy efforts. In each country the events varied for example:

- A Drama Festival organized by the Center for Domestic Violence Prevention in Kampala, Uganda brought together more than 10 community groups who had created their own dramas, songs, poems and traditional dances about women's vulnerability to HIV/AIDS as a result of violence. This activity brought together women and men at the grassroots, community leaders and encouraged a range of perspectives and viewpoints on the issue -- people were so engaged with the performances that the crowd swelled to over 600 people and went on for 8 instead of the 3 hours planned!
- In South Africa, the AIDS Legal Network held seminars on the link between HIV/AIDS and Violence and will work through their networks to facilitate one-day seminars in all the provinces and then further, for the provincial teams to facilitate in all the regions. This multiplier effect allows the organization to reach and engage more people in a dialogue about the connection between HIV and violence.

In Western Kenya, the Economic and Development Center organized a variety of events spurred on and supported by the GBV Prevention Network materials. The Director, Jenifer Opiyo reported back to us "There was not even a single activity that had been organized by the local organization in the area before the arrival of the campaign materials from the Network. The campaign and materials facilitated the formation of partnerships with women's groups and other NGOs in the area. No meaningful campaign of solidarity has taken place in Western Kenya before, in the previous years, we have simply watched or read from the papers without actual participation ourselves."

Contact: GBV Prevention Network, PO Box 6770, Kampala, Uganda; tel.: +256 41 531186; fax: +256 41 531249; inquiries@preventgbvafrica.org;
<http://www.preventgbvafrica.org/>

UKRAINE

➤ **The Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women**

The Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women will conduct a 16 Days media campaign in 45 towns and villages of Donetsk region. This year the media-campaign was conducted under the slogan «For health of women, for health of nation: NO to violence». Campaign of 2004 also aimed at highlighting connection between violence against women and HIV/AIDS. The Campaign activities will include:

- The campaign was started with demonstration of 30-minutes TV program “16 Days Against Gender Violence in Donetsk region” on Donetsk regional TV company.
- 20 trainings “My choice is life without violence,” “Human trafficking – how to protect yourself,” “How to get a job”
- 12 mini-lectures devoted to the problem of violence and its prevention
- 18 interactive discussions for school seniors and students of colleges in the region
- exhibitions of literature, brochures and posters devoted to the problem of prevention of violence and trafficking in people

During the campaign:

- Crisis Center “Women for women” will provide support for no less than 120 girls and women
- Counselors of “Telephone of Support” for women will provide information and consultations for about 150 people
- Press-Conference on “The Problem of Human Trafficking in Ukraine” scheduled for December 14, 2004; journalists from 10 Mass Media of the region participated.
- The entire campaign will be highlighted by 64 regional newspapers and magazines, regional and local teleradiocompanies

During the meeting there were discussed problems of violence and human trafficking in Ukraine and Donetsk region and ways of overcoming them. In the Press Conference there were participating specialists of “Women for Women” Crisis Center of Donetsk regional League of business and professional women, representatives of the Department of Counter-trafficking of Administration of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Donetsk region, representatives of Donetsk Regional Center of Employment and Medical Institutions. Also there were invited women – victims of human trafficking, who shared their private stories.

Contact: Ludmila Gorova, President of Donetsk regional League of business and professional women; postmaster@liga.donetsk.ua.

➤ **Kharkiv City Women’s NGO “NADIYA”**

“NADIYA,” a women’s crisis center and shelter, use the 16 Days as part of their ongoing efforts against trafficking in women. During the 16 Days, they conducted informational and educational campaigns through various media outlets on the problems of family violence and human traffic. For a full report of their project “Social Partnership of Public and State and Law-enforcement Agencies Against Human Trafficking in Kharkiv Region,” click [here](#).

Contact: Olga Kovtun , Kharkiv City Women’s NGO “NADIYA, Postal address - 6/8, Petrovskogo St., 61002, Kharkiv, Ukraine; telephone (057)7194402, fax : 057 700 41 98;
crisiscenter@ukr.net

UNITED KINGDOM

➤ **WOMANKIND Worldwide (WK)**

WOMANKIND is funding 16 African women's organisations to participate in this year's 16 Days of Activism. Click [here](#) to view a full list of participating organisations and their activities. In the U.K, WK is also organising a number of activities during the 16 Days, including a Dec 2nd conference to highlight and a Dec 9th conference entitled "Global Challenges to Women's Rights: 25 years of CEDAW." See WOMANKIND's 16 Days website for a list of partners, a press release and a report on 16 Days in Africa: <http://wk.redmoth.com/16/>.

Contact: Ceri Hayes, Ceri@womankind.org.uk

➤ **Glasgow City Council**

Glasgow City Council has issued a very informative Information Leaflet and Programme Events Guide, available by clicking [here](#). Glasgow City Council has worked in partnership with a number of individuals, agencies and companies to make this year's 16 Days of Action happen, including: Amnesty International, Borders, Community Safety Partnership, Encore, Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership, GFT, Carol Laula, Strathclyde Police, UGC, Women Support Project.

Contact: Jean Murphy, Glasgow City Council, Chief Executive Department, City Chambers, Glasgow City Council, G2 1DU; Tel: 0141 287 5914; Fax: 0141 287 5997; jean.murphy@ced.glasgow.gov.uk

➤ **Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS)**

LAWRS held two events in November. One was a seminar on Domestic Violence, Women's Health and the Role of the Latin American Organisations in preventing violence against women. During that seminar they distributed a guide of practical advice for women and the NGOs about steps to take to get help. This was an important event that included the participation of LAWRS clients, women of Latin American NGOs and several LA Consulates. Click here to view photos taken of the event: [Photo 1](#), [Photo 2](#), [Photo 3](#), [Photo 4](#). The second activity was a Seminar on Gender for all LAWRS staff, including volunteers. Click for a [powerpoint presentation](#) from this seminar; click here to view an [information sheet on "Consejos Practicos."](#)

Contact: Claudia Hasanbegovic, Coordinator, Domestic Violence Prevention Project, LAWRS: 0207-336-0888; Email: claudia@lawrs.org.uk; Internet: www.lawrs.org.uk

➤ **Women's Network for Peace and Freedom**

The coordinator of the Women's Network for Peace and Freedom gave a presentation of about two hours at the North East Association for Women Graduates, Newcastle Upon Tyne, on the 12th of December entitled "Rape as a Weapon of War" It was attended by approximately 28 members and dealt with the topic of rape and other forms of gender-based violence during conflict and its consequences, emphasising HIV/AIDS.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

➤ **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)**

The AFSC has planned an event on December 8: an outing to see and discuss the movie Moolaade – on FGM. Then, on December 10 they are collaborating with other groups on a Children of Darfur event. At the event they will have a "Take Action" table for participants to write letters condemning

the violence against women that is taking place there. To view a flier for the event, please [click here](#). The complete information about the event is as follows:

CHILDREN OF DARFUR: SURVIVING GENOCIDE

WHEN: DECEMBER 10

TIME: 6:00PM ART EXHIBIT OPENS... 6:45 PANEL DISCUSSION BEGINS

WHERE: CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE, 1801 WEST DIAMOND STREET (NEAR BROAD STREET, NORTH PHILADELPHIA).

CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT:

DR. JEREMY EHRLICH SPENT 2 MONTHS IN DARFUR AS A PEDIATRICIAN WITH 'DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS.'

DURING HIS TIME THERE HE WOULD GIVE HIS PATIENTS PAPER AND CRAYONS SO THEY COULD DRAW WHILE WAITING TO BE SEEN BY HIM.

WHAT HE FOUND WAS PROOF FROM THE EYES OF THE CHILDREN, OF THE ATROCITIES TAKING PLACE IN DARFUR.

TONIGHT, WE EXHIBIT THESE DRAWINGS AND ASK ALL TO SEE THE REALITY THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CHILDREN OF DARFUR... THE REALITY OF THE GENOCIDE.... THE DISPLACEMENT OF MANY PEOPLES.... AND WE CALL ON YOU TO RAISE UP YOUR VOICES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SILENCED IN SUDAN!

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH :

ZEINAB AEGA

ALI DINAR

DR. JEREMY EHRLICH OF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS (HE COLLECTED THE CHILDREN'S DRAWINGS)

WE WILL ALSO HAVE TIME IN THE EVENT TO DISCUSS CONCRETE WAYS TO TAKE ACTION THROUGH RAISING YOUR VOICES, PARTICIPATING IN DIVESTMENT EFFORTS.... LET'S NOT RISK ANOTHER RWANDA.... LET US STAND UP AND BE HEARD!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THIS EVENT! SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT SUDAN!

Contact: JEANNE REYES AT 215-864-6972 OR MOHAMED IBRAHIM AT 215 241 7128 OR EMAIL jreyes@afsc.org

➤ **The Alan Guttmacher Institute**

7 December 2004: The Alan Guttmacher Institute will be releasing a special issue of "International Family Planning Perspectives" on Gender-Based Violence. The reproductive health of women around the world is compromised by violence, often perpetrated by intimate partners or used as a strategy of social control or a tactic of intimidation during war. Still, relatively little is known about its frequency and effects, and how it varies geographically and culturally. To address this lack of information, "International Family Planning Perspectives" has compiled the latest peer-reviewed international research on gender-based violence. About "International Family Planning Perspectives" (IFPP): "International Family Planning Perspectives" provides the latest peer-reviewed research on sexual and reproductive health and rights in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia. This quarterly emphasizes contraception, fertility, adolescent pregnancy, abortion, family planning policies and programs, sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and reproductive, maternal and child health. Staff-written summaries help you keep up with new developments in the field, while special reports and viewpoint pieces inspire new approaches to shared problems. All articles include summaries in Spanish and French. ISSN 0162-2749. Funding for the journal is provided in large part by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), under the Information and Knowledge for Optimal Health (INFO) project (grant GPH-A-00-02-003-00). www.infoforhealth.org

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E-mail: ldarabi@guttmacher.org Website: www.guttmacher.org

➤ **Center for Women's Global Leadership**

The Center for Women's Global Leadership, to commemorate World AIDS Day, will be holding a panel presentation on violence against women and HIV/AIDS at Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ. The panel will feature Jodi Jacobson from the Center for Health and Gender Equity, Edie Greenspun Camel from the NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Elizabeth Roberts from the NJ Women and AIDS Network speaking about how the issues of gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS intersect in the lives of women in NJ, in the United States and in the World. This panel is part of a day of events seeking to bring the Rutgers and New Brunswick communities together to commemorate World AIDS Day. Please click here for a complete [flier](#) of this event. CWGL will also be cosponsoring (with Amnesty International, Voices of Women Organizing Project, HealthGAP, NYU Law Students for Human Rights and the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), a panel on International Human Rights Day (December 10) entitled "Women, Violence, HIV and Human Rights: Interactions and Resistances. The panel will be held at 6:00 pm at New York University. It will feature speakers from diverse organizations who plan on addressing the issue and how they tackle it from a number of different perspectives from locally to globally.

Contact: Sara Nordstrom, 16 Days Coordinator, CWGL, cwgl@igc.org.

➤ **Moving Ideas and Amnesty International USA**

In preparation for the 16 Days Campaign, Moving Ideas and Amnesty International USA teamed up to host an online chat on domestic violence. Participants were able to ask experts in the field of domestic violence about dating violence, the effects of domestic violence on low-income women, services for survivors and domestic violence abroad, as well as learn what they can do to stop domestic violence. Chat details were as follows:

Tuesday, November 16, 2004 – all day starting at 10 AM. Participants were able to ask a question online through <http://www.movingideas.org/chat/>. Panelists included: Sheila Dauer, Director of Women's Rights, Amnesty International USA; Lise McKean, Deputy Director, Center for Impact Research; Diana Zuckerman, Ph.D., President, National Center for Policy Research for Women and Families.

Contact: Moving Ideas Network, 2000 L Street NW, Suite 717, Washington, DC 20036, www.movingideas.org

➤ **Monmouth University, NJ**

Faculty, staff and students have contributed to Monmouth University's Clothesline Project, which will be displayed on Monday, November 29th (rain date Tuesday, November 30) around The Pit and will mark MU's participation in the 16 Days Campaign.

Contact: Johanna E. Foster, Ph.D.; Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology and Director of Gender Studies, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Ave, West Long Branch, NJ 07764; 732-263-5440; jfoster@monmouth.edu; <http://mail.monmouth.edu/mailman/listinfo/genstudy>

➤ **Amnesty International – USA**

Amnesty International – USA has devoted a portion of their website to the 2004 16 Days campaign with background info, suggested actions and more. See: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/women/16days/index.html>. Also, as part of Amnesty International USA's participation in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, please join them for two online chats focusing on the Campaign's thematic focus on the connections between HIV/AIDS and

violence against women. The first chat will have an international focus, and the second will have a U.S. focus. Click on the links below for more detailed information on the chats and the guest moderators.

- December 8, 2004
HIV/AIDS and Violence Against Women: An International Perspective
<http://www.amnestyusa.org/askamnesty/live/display.php?topic=31>
- December 10, 2004
HIV/AIDS and Stigma
<http://www.amnestyusa.org/askamnesty/live/display.php?topic=30>

Contact: AI USA at 600 Pennsylvania Ave, SE Washington, DC 20003; 202.544.0200 x307 (v); 202.546.7142 (f) or write to akozma@aiusa.org

➤ **Palm Beach County 16 Days Working Group**

The Palm Beach County 16 Days Working Group has coordinated an extensive schedule of 16 Days activities this year. Their schedule of events is as follows:

- **Nov 25--Dec. 10, Ongoing: The Clothesline Project**, a testimony to women's experiences with violence, publicly displayed throughout the campaign.
Location: Creative Stage storefront windows, 18 South J Street, Lake Worth. Display managed by the YWCA of Palm Beach County. The Clothesline Project honors women survivors as well as victims of intimate violence. Any woman who has experienced such violence, at any time in her life, is encouraged to come forward and design a shirt. Victims' families and friends are also invited to participate. Participating in this project provides a powerful step towards helping a survivor break through the shroud of silence that has surrounded her experience. Opportunities to add to the Project will be available at select events throughout the campaign. For info on the Project, see www.clotheslineproject.org.
- **Nov. 25, 9 AM: Memorial Breakfast**--In memory of a dedicated anti-violence activist, Yareak Griffith, and those whose lives have been lost to gender violence. Please RSVP, breakfast provided.
Location: Compass, 7600 South Dixie Hwy, WPB;
Contact: Panagioti at 547-6686
- **Nov. 26, 8 PM: 16 Days Film Series: Domestic Violence**—Two films shown outdoors: *Breaking the Rule of Thumb* - Andrea K. Elovson and *The Day You Love Me (El Dia Que Me Quieras)* - Florence Jaugey
Location: 1107 3rd Ave N, Lake Worth (behind the warehouse)
Contact: Talya at talyalerman@yahoo.com
- **Nov. 27, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: Women and War**--Presentation by photojournalist and former combat photographer Alyx Kellington. Alyx recounts her experience of growing up with an abusive older brother and how his violence encouraged her to leave home and create a new environment for herself. As a news photographer and documentarian, working with The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Newsweek, she has lived in El Salvador, Mexico and Haiti. By photographing women and children within conflictive environments, Alyx provides a face, voice and name to those who suffer, and explores her own strengths and limitations. She discusses the trauma of poverty and political conflict, as well as domestic abuse and its spiraling effects.
Location: Creative Stage, 18 South J St., Lake Worth
Contact: Alyx at alyx@alyxkellington.com
- **Nov. 28, 6:30 PM: 16 Days Film Series: Violence Against the LGBT Community**—*Soldier's Girl* - Frank Pierson; A film focusing on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community.

Location: Compass, 7600 South Dixie Hwy, WPB

Contact: Mike at 533-9699 or mike@compassgccc.com

- **Nov. 29, 7:30 PM: “Speaking of Gender - A Bahá’í Perspective”** Coffeehouse-style evening with dessert, film and discussion on the spiritual principle of the equality of women and men.

Location: TBA

Contact: Ted at 561-585-2958 or tedbro@aol.com

- **Nov. 30, 7:00 PM: 16 Days Film Series: Domestic Violence in Latin American Immigrant Communities--Ya No Mas!** Spanish-language film on domestic violence produced by a women's group in Chiapas Mexico, followed by a facilitated discussion.

Location: Sitting Bull Community Garden, 6th Ave S & F St, Lake Worth

Contact: Lynne at 585-5312 or lynneipurvis@hotmail.com

- **Dec. 1, World AIDS Day:** Participating merchants in downtown Lake Worth will black out their windows in observance of “A Day Without Art.”

- **Dec. 1, 6 PM: From Rags to Roses--**A workshop to learn about the health and ecological hazards of disposable menstrual products and the alternatives available.

Location: Greenacres Public Library, 3750 Jog Road, Greenacres

Contact: Lynne at 561-585-5312 or lynneipurvis@hotmail.com

- **Dec. 2, 7:00 PM: Multi-media Art Show--**Women and transgendered artists explore themes of gender violence, the celebration of women and empowerment through visual art, dance, spoken word, drama.

Location: TBA

Contact: Veronica at 585-5312 or email Dawn at spidersneeze@hotmail.com.

- **Dec. 3, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: "Break the Silence, Stop the Violence: A Workshop for Men"**—Join us for a high spirited, interactive workshop facilitated by Pinellas County Violence Prevention Coordinator, Elihu Brayboy. Evening will include short film, discussion and role-play dealing with ordinary men’s roles in confronting domestic violence.

Location: TBA

Contact: Noam at noambrown@hotmail.com or 561-585-9325.

- **Dec. 4, 4:00 PM: “Break the Silence, Stop the Violence!” March and Rally.** Silence breeds violence, so raise your voice and make some noise as we march to demand an end to gender-based violence. Gather at 3:45 PM with signs and noisemakers—drums, pots and pans, etc. A lively rally follows the march, with performers, speakers and information booths.

Location: Meet at Lake Worth City Hall, 7 N. Dixie Hwy, at 3:45 PM; March to the rally at the Lake Worth Cultural Green (on North M Street in front of the library, between Lake and Lucerne Avenues)

Contact: Penny 561-585-9325/889-2068 or twowings2fly@aol.com.

- **Dec. 6, 6:30 PM: From Rags to Roses**—a workshop to learn about the health and ecological hazards of disposable menstrual products and the alternatives available

Location: Main County Library, 3650 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach

Contact: Lynne 585-5312 or lynneipurvis@hotmail.com

- **December 6, 8:00 PM: 16 Days Film Series: Sexism and Solutions--Macho -** Lucinda Boadbent and *Rate It X* - Lucy Winer & Paula De Koenigsberg.

Location: Creative Stage, 18 South J Street, Lake Worth

Contact: Talya at talyalerman@yahoo.com

- **Dec. 7, 10:00 PM: Women's Worth - Open Mic & Poetry Slam:** Presented by Poets Anonymous: An evening of spoken word performed in celebration of women's lives. A "Women's Worth" Poetry Slam, following the Open Mic, with prizes!

Admission is Free! All donations will go to the family of Lorrie Nicholson-Tennant, aka "Elle", a South Florida poet, worthy woman and community builder, who recently fell victim to domestic violence.

Contact: Casandra at 561-704-0054 or hypertextual@yahoo.com

Location: Dada, 52 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach; 561-330-3232

- **Dec. 8, 7:30 PM: Bitch: You are who they say you are, and other stories from Iran:** Photojournalist Vada Mossavat, a dual Iranian and American citizen, recently returned from the Islamic Republic of Iran where she was reunited with a family and culture she hadn't seen since she was a toddler. She found a father who practiced strict Islam only when convenient, a stepmother he had sent to "whore's prison" and a dangerous brother who was proud of his connections with Hezbollah. In the center of this was her 24 year old sister, unable to define her life for herself and in fear of imprisonment because she had been labeled "bitch."

Location: TBA

Contact: vgmphoto@yahoo.com

- **Dec. 9, 7:00 PM: "Who are Transgender People?"** A discussion with Transgender activist Heather Wright. Heather speaks at local colleges on such topics as: Who are transgender people, how do they know they are transgender, how do they deal with it and what kind of life do they lead? Through the discussion Heather hopes to illustrate that Transgender individuals are not so different from the rest of the rest of society. A Question and Answer session follows the presentation.

Contact: Heather at 561-504-3870 or alaheather@aol.com

Location: Compass, 7600 South Dixie Hwy, WPB

- **Dec. 10, Human Rights Day, Benefit Concert:** Celebrate Human Rights Day with great music, raffles and more.

Details coming soon.

Location: TBA

Contact: Elise 561-386-0008

For complete press release, [click here](#).

For more information, see: www.freelakeworth.com/16days.htm

Contact: Penny Darling, Lake Worth, FL; twowings2fly@aol.com; 561-585-9325

➤ **Planning Committee for the 16 Days Of Activism in The Bronx-NY**

Click [here](#) and [here](#) for a copy of the planning committee's invitation regarding their event on Dec. 7: "Bronx Takes Action on: Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS". The planning committee has been meeting since October and are all very excited to continue doing this work next year.

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pmartinez@connectnyc.org

➤ **Rutgers University 16 Days Coalition**

This year's Rutgers University 16 Days Coalition, coordinated by the Women's Center Defense Coalition, has planned a number of events with the support of many organizations including Culture Jam, Radigals, Center for Women's Global Leadership, NJ Solidarity, Douglass Black Students Congress, Sexual Assault Services, SCREAM Theater, Human Rights House and more. For complete schedule, visit their 16 Days site at: <http://www.16days.cjb.net/>.

Contact: Nahal Zamani at nahal@eden.rutgers.edu or Margot Baruch at majesticmargot@eden.rutgers.edu.

- A sociology professor at Santa Monica College in California lead class discussions on 16 Days-related issues.

Contact: Elham Gheytauchi, Associate Professor, Sociology, Santa Monica College:
1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405; elhamucla@hotmail.com

URUGUAY

➤ **Amnistía Internacional Uruguay**

En el marco de las Actividades por el "Día Internacional para la Eliminación de la Violencia contra la mujer" Al Uruguay estará este jueves en la Plaza Fabini (del Entrevero) de 14 a 20hs, podrán adherir a la Campaña de Amnistía Internacional, estampando su mano y dejando un mensaje en un lienzo instalado allí. Además habrá un puesto de AIU con materiales y se contará con la presencia de amigas de otras organizaciones también. Tendremos un puesto con toda la Información y Materiales de la Campaña "No más violencia contra las mujeres." Mire [aquí](#) para más información.

**MONTEVIDEO SE MOVILIZA POR LA NO VIOLENCIA CONTRA LA MUJER “
POR LA VIDA DE LAS MUJERES, POR TODAS LAS VIDAS, TODA LA VIDA SIN VIOLENCIA”**

La violencia doméstica es un delito. En el primer semestre de este año, fueron asesinadas 24 mujeres, 6 de las cuales eran menores. En el primer semestre de este año 1 mujer cada 9 días fue asesinada. Montevideo, en sus barrios, cuenta con comisiones de mujeres que trabajan y luchan contra la violencia doméstica. Además, como primer recurso, el 0800 4141 es un servicio gratuito de la IMM, confidencial, que funciona todo el año y al que se puede acceder desde un teléfono público. Las montevideanas se movilizan: por la implementación del Plan nacional de lucha contra la violencia doméstica; por refugios y albergues para mujeres y niños en situación de violencia doméstica; para que no se disimulen como "crímenes pasionales" los homicidios por violencia doméstica.

El silencio es el peor enemigo

Todos podemos hacer algo

También evitar una muerte

El compromiso es de TODOS Y TODAS.

Este año se realizarán actividades de sensibilización y denuncia durante toda la jornada en 13 zonas de Montevideo. Convoca: Comisión de la Mujer de la IMM, Comisiones Zonales de Mujeres y Amnistía Internacional. Con el apoyo del Instituto Nacional de la Mujer y la Familia, la Dirección Nacional de Prevención Social del Delito, la Comisión Nacional de Seguimiento Mujeres por Democracia, Equidad y Ciudadanía y la Red de ONG's de lucha contra la Violencia Sexual y Doméstica. En el marco del Día Internacional de la NO VIOLENCIA, la Comisión de la Mujer de la IMM convoca a las diferentes actividades locales que se realizarán organizadas por las Comisiones de Mujeres Organizadas y Amnistía Internacional y con el Apoyo del Instituto Nacional de la Familia y la Mujer, la Dirección Nacional de Prevención Social del Delito, el Consejo Nacional Consultivo de Lucha Contra la Violencia Doméstica, la Comisión de Seguimiento, la Red de ONG's de lucha contra la Violencia Sexual y Doméstica.

Actividades:

- ZONA 1: 18HS. Peatonal Sarandí- Plaza Matriz. Reparto de volantes, obra de teatro, espectáculo musical; Convoca: Comisión de cultura CCZI, Comisión de Apoyo al PAIM Policlínica; Barrio Sur - por la formación de la comisión de Equidad y Género en la zona. AMNISTIA INTERNACIONAL - en el marco de la campaña Mundial contra la Violencia realizarán también una actividad callejera en la Plaza del Entrevero entre las 14 y las 20 horas. Concentración después del Palacio Legislativo.
- ZONA 2: 15 horas - LUGAR: PLAZA DE LOS 33 ORIENTALES Reparto de volantes, representación teatral "Hasta llegar a decir basta" Convoca: Comisión! de Salud y PAIM - CCZ 2

- ZONA 3: 18y15 horas - Caminata desde Liceo 29 con carteles, folletería y cuerda de tambores hasta CCZ3 (hora 19) Convoca: Red de Infancia Zonal 3, Concejo Vecinal, Junta Local y Comisión de Género.
- ZONA 4: 8:30 horas - Espacio libre Internacional de la Mujer - Avda. Italia y Ricaldoni. Estatua viviente - Ubicación de balconeras, entrega de volantes - Convocarán al móvil de Canal 4. Convoca: Equidad de Género Zona 4 - Concejo Vecinal.
- ZONA 8: Hora 17. Bolivia y Avda. Italia. Reparto de volantes, pasacalles; Convoca: Comisión de la Mujer de la zona 8
- ZONA 9: Hora 18 - 8 de Octubre y Habana; Reparto de Volantes, movida callejera, Hora 19:30 - Obra de Teatro "Como si fuera esta noche" Lugar: Local de Funsa; Convoca: Comisión de la Mujer Zona 9
- ZONA 11: Lugar: Plaza Gral. Flores y León Pérez; Hora: 18:30; Actividad: Reparto de volantes
Hora 19:30; Actividad: Obra de Teatro "Qué difícil es ser mujer" - Lugar: Cristo Rey Gral. Flores 4040. Convoca: Comuna Mujer Zona 11.
- ZONA 12: Hora 17: Plaza Colón; Actividad: reparto de volantes, obra de teatro: "Sobrevivientes" Convoca: Comuna Mujer Zona 12.
- ZONA 13: Día 26 de noviembre. Hora 19. Centro Salesiano - Bvr. Batlle y Ordoñez 6181 Zona 13 Canta contra la Violencia; Convoca: Comisión Mujer de Concejo Vecinal de la Zona 13. Apoya: Intersectorial de Salud de Zona 13 y Adyacencias.
- ZONA 14: Hora 18 - Parque Bellán - Paso Molino; Reparto de Volantes, lectura de proclama
Convoca: Comisión Mujer y COMUNA Mujer Zona 14 - Apoya: Prensa Local.
- ZONA 17: Reparto de volantes en esquinas de centro comercial y en ómnibuses.
Convoca: Comuna Mujer Zona 17
- ZONA 18: 16:30 HORAS - Luis Batlle Berres y Tomkinson - Kiosco policial. Reparto de Volantes, balconeras. Convoca: Comuna Mujer Zona 18
- OTRAS ACTIVIDADES:
Consejo Nacional Consultivo de lucha contra la Violencia Doméstica; 25 de Noviembre a las 15 horas en la Sala Paulina Luisi del Edificio del Anexo del Palacio Legislativo
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➤ **Kubatana Trust of Zimbabwe**

The Kubatana Trust of Zimbabwe, incorporating the NGO Network Alliance Project (NNAP), aims to strengthen the use of email and Internet strategies in Zimbabwean NGOs and civil society organisations. Kubatana will make human rights and civic education information accessible to the general public from a centralised, electronic source. This month their e-activism campaign focuses on 16 days of gender violence. For more information, visit:

http://www.kubatana.net/html/eact/eact_cont.asp.

➤ **CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation**

CIVICUS and Amnesty International South Africa co-facilitated the planning of protests against the human rights violations and closure of civic space in Zimbabwe on 10 December 2004. Civil society organisations from the surrounding countries to Zimbabwe held peaceful demonstrations in front of the Zimbabwean Embassies to mark International Human Rights Day. Please find attached a more detailed report on these events and some pictures of the demonstrations in Pretoria.

These solidarity events initiated the mobilisation process for the Zimbabwe Solidarity Rally scheduled for 12 March 2005 to mark the Day for Women's Rights and International Peace. The Zimbabwe Solidarity Rally will create an avenue in which thousands of people and organisations will march in solidarity to the main border posts of Zimbabwe with Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia. These demonstrations are geared towards raising international awareness of this deteriorating situation and exerting pressure on the SADC countries to condemn the flagrant violations of rights in Zimbabwe. Click here for photographs: [photo 1](#), [photo 2](#), [photo 3](#).

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LINKS TO 16 DAYS MENTIONS/WEBSITES AROUND THE WORLD

- **2004 World AIDS Campaign:** <http://www.unaids.org/wac2004/partners.htm>
- **World Health Organization:** <http://www.who.int/gender/violence/sixteendays/en/>
- **Aviva:** <http://www.aviva.org/eveindex.htm>
- **Global Coalition on Women and AIDS:** <http://womenandaids.unaids.org/>
- **Gender Watchers:** <http://www.genderwatchers.org/E-Activist.htm>
- **International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS:** http://www.icw.org/tiki-view_articles.php
- **UNIFEM Gender and HIV/AIDS Portal:**
http://www.genderandaids.org/modules.php?name=Web_Links&_op=viewlink&cid=1
- **Winrock International – Kyrgyzstan (in Russian):** <http://www.winrock.kg/16%20days.htm>
- **Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML) (in French):**
[http://wluml.org/french/newsfulltxt.shtml?cmd\[157\]=x-157-71602&cmd\[189\]=x-189-71602](http://wluml.org/french/newsfulltxt.shtml?cmd[157]=x-157-71602&cmd[189]=x-189-71602)
- **Women Related Activist Email Lists:** http://www-unix.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/f_actv.html
- **Indymedia Romania (IMC-Romania):** <http://romania.indymedia.org/en/2004/08/420.shtml>
- **The Communication Initiative:** http://www.comminit.com/events_calendar/2004-events/events-3184.html

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<http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/kit04/calattach/>

Thanks truly for the mail In fact we had a very vibrant program this year with young people from rural communities . I send you a report and some of our material shortly.

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MAILING REPORT

Dear Sara,

Thank alot. Please accept my compliments of the season. Actually, the Federation of Ogoni Women Association took part in the 2004 16 days activism but I was not around to to put the report of the activities together as to send it to you early enough. I will be sending the schedule of activities and report to you in the next two days. Please bear with the delay in getting back to you all this while. Other activities like the Ogoni Day Celebration on January 4, took most of the time I could have used to get to you.

Thank you and have a nice and prosperous new year.

Friday Gawa

My name is Melissa Alvarado, and I'm the Gender-Based Violence Coordinator at 3 refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border, working with Burmese refugees. We organized some activities on behalf of

the 16 Days campaign in two of the camps, and I wonder if you have an online forum for photos or information sharing.

Thank you!

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See mexico info in green folder in filing cabinet and in email from monica arenas

Regional unifem for central America – add more info amaia sent to replace link with, since link no longer works

SWAYAM Reports (?) – SEE EUDORA FOLDER “2004 16 Days HIV/AIDS Activities”

Creacion Positiva info – also in Eudora folder “2204 16 days hiv/aids and vaw activities”

UK Women’s Network for Peace and Freedom Report

ARK, Ghana

The Ark Foundation, <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />Ghana, is grateful for your interest in our work and is pleased to give you the information requested.

We however, apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

We are hopeful that the information provided below would aid your work.

Below are details on the 16 days campaign but we must state that The Ark did not tackle directly the issue of women and HIV/AIDS as a topic on its own but we did mention how some of issues of violence could have impacts on women, particularly sexual abuse and HIV/AIDS.

The Ark Foundation, Ghana: 16 Days Campaign

Objectives:

- ü To raise awareness about the fact that many actions constitute domestic violence and many homes suffer this ignorantly
- ü To educate members of targeted communities, churches, students and drivers to recognize and respond to the reality of domestic violence and abuse particularly against women
- ü To educate people on how to deal with the various forms of abuse, what actions constitute abuse and how to protect themselves from abuse
- ü To encourage communities and churches on how to develop caring and action-oriented response systems and services for survivors of violence.

Activities carried out:

- a) Teen Summit
- b) 4-day Community and Church Outreach Campaign in the Eastern Region
- c) Street Campaigns

Target Area: Eastern Region of Ghana

Target Groups:

- 10 selected second cycle institutions
- Two different groups of 30 selected Churches (60 churches in all from two districts)
- Two major markets
- 3 Communities in the Eastern Region
- A few streets were also targeted in communities identified

Speakers and Presentations:

Executive Director, some Staff of The Ark and a Clinical Psychologist, also a consultant with the organisation.

Presentations focused on the activities of the organisation, domestic violence, Child abuse, sexual and gender-based violence.

These were made at organised gatherings, vantage points where the speaker van made stops, and places where crowds of people had assembled.

To compliment the activities, Staff Social workers on the team counselled quite a number of survivors of abuse of all forms at almost all the sites visited.

Resources Used:

Organisational I. E & C materials and a few others from our network partners.

(These elaborated on the existing evidence of domestic violence, sexual and gender-based violence in our communities and society.)

- ü Poster presentations in both the local and English language (depicting the various forms of abuse/violence that usually occur. These were either pasted on walls, trees, buildings, shops or distributed to spectators)

- ü Handbills on how to identify the forms of violence and how to respond to abuse when they do occur as well as where to go for assistance

- ü Drama/ Role plays on domestic violence and its effects in the home and on our society was also adopted in making presentations on the various abuses

Outcome and Effect:

- ü Participants/ members of the community got an understanding of the impacts of abuse and gave comments and suggestions on how they as a community would help in addressing the problem of abuse.

- ü Comments made also suggested that the issues outlined during the presentations had been well understood

Programme Sustenance: How we hope to continue such work in the future.

The Ark hopes to develop and implement other activities – campaigns, trainings, sensitization workshops etc, as well as forward looking strategies to raise the awareness of communities and the society on the impacts of abuse and its effects on the society, nation and development.

We only hope to get or receive substantial funding to continue or work.

We hope the information provided would be relevant to your informational fliers as mentioned.

Thank you and we hope to receive feedback on the information provided.

Sincerely,

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