

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence  
Creating a Culture that Says  
No to Violence Against Women  
November 25- December 10, 2002**

**International Calendar of Campaign Activities**

This year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. Stemming from the Global Center's first Women's Global Leadership Institute, the Campaign links issues concerning violence against women and human rights and emphasizes that all forms of violence, whether perpetrated in the public or private sphere, are a violation of human rights. The dates chosen for the campaign symbolically make this link: November 25 marks the International Day Against Violence Against Women and December 10 is International Human Rights Day. The sixteen-day period also highlights other significant dates, including December 1 (World Aids Day) and December 6 (the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre).

For the past 11 years, activities have been organized around the world during the 16 Days of Activism, drawing participation from hundreds of thousands of individuals. The purpose of the *International Calendar of Campaign Activities*, developed annually, is multifold: to highlight these organizing efforts as part of a broader movement for women's human rights; to provide others with examples of activities and strategies used by individuals and organizations during the Campaign; and to provide an opportunity for individuals to join and support plans already in existence. Past calendars can be accessed via the Global Center's web site, <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu>, by selecting a year under the category, "Calendars from Past Campaigns," in the left-hand column of the 16 Days home page. The information contained in this calendar concerns the current 2002 *International Calendar of Campaign Activities*.

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

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## **General Activities and Ongoing Events**

### **Africa**

The African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) was set up in 1988 to share information, experiences, ideas and strategies among African women's non-governmental organizations (NGOs) through communications, networking, training, and advocacy so as to advance women's development, equality, and other women's human rights in Africa. For the 16 days campaign this year, FEMNET prepared a multi-media kit containing posters, press advertisements, and stickers. These will be shared by various men's groups and adapted for use in their countries. FEMNET collaborated with the coalition on Violence Against Women and the Men Against Gender Based Violence group in Kenya for activities planned at national level.

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### **Argentina**

The Red Electrónica Patagonia Ciber Fem has dedicated the month of November to the fight against gender violence. (Red Mujeres Nuevo - Website: <http://ar.geocities.com/redmujeresnuevomilenio>)

### **Australia**

Selling of 16 days badges throughout the two weeks. CASA house put on a visual display about sexual violence in the RWH foyer. There was a WIRE internet forum on sexual harassment, for more information go to [www.wire.org.au](http://www.wire.org.au) and follow the link to the forum. WIRES women's information center had a window display (247 Flinders Lane). Participating organizations: CASA House (Center Against Sexual Assault), Royal Women's Hospital, DVIRC (Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Center), WIRE (Women's Information Referral Exchange), Northern CASA, Northern Family Violence Network, South East CASA (E-mail: [16.days@rwh.org.au](mailto:16.days@rwh.org.au); Website: <http://www.casahouse.casa.org.au/html/action.htm>)

### **Australia, South Australia**

Senator Natasha Stott Despoja launched the South Australian focus of this international campaign at the Migrant Museum Courtyard on Kintore Avenue. This year's "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" aimed to raise community awareness about the prevalence of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse (CSA) and the importance that "being believed" plays in their healing. "One in three women are survivors of childhood sexual abuse," Director of Women's Health Statewide, Ann-Marie Hayes said. "They are your grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, partners, cousins, and friends". The 2002 campaign is the first collaborative consciousness raising response to adult survivors of CSA in Australia, possibly even the world. The launch included huge bus posters on 11 public transport buses on the metropolitan routes of Adelaide, from the 26th November to the 25th December, highlighting the prevalence of CSA and the importance of believing survivors when they disclose. Posters carried the message of the campaign, and featured a dandelion, which is a symbol for adult survivors of CSA.

The dandelion is a representation of strength, are non-gender specific, have natural herbal benefits, and adapt well to our modern world of "disturbed habitats." They symbolize freedom and movement. Free postcards, produced by Avant Card, also carried the campaign message. They were distributed in cafes, cinemas, restaurants and university campuses in South Australia. A pamphlet was produced for family, friends and partners of survivors of CSA highlighting ways to be supportive and reminders of ways to care for themselves. The launch featured music, as well as live painting by Eye Candy, Aural Sweets, and an address by the survivor group Silent Too Long. They have also encouraged a journalist to write about the 16 days campaign internationally to raise awareness about this event. They planned on having a lot of media coverage in order to give this issue some visibility. In Adelaide it really is an invisible issue, as it probably is in the rest of Australia. Sponsorship for the buses was provided by: Women's Health Statewide, University of South Australia, Yarrow Place Rape & Sexual Assault Service, Victim Support Service, Office for the Status of Women, Inner Southern Community Health Centre, Adelaide Central Community Health Service, SHine SA, Northern Metropolitan Community Health Service, Noarlunga Health Service, Adelaide Central Mission, The Anglican Diocese of Adelaide, The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Uniting Church of Adelaide, JC Decaux, Zonta Clubs of Adelaide. Sponsorship for the posters was provided by: Research and Education Unit on Gendered Violence, University of South Australia, Women's Health Statewide. Sponsorship for the pamphlet was provided by: Women's Health Statewide, Sponsorship for the postcards was provided by: Avant Card, Women's Health Statewide, Sponsorship for the launch was provided by: Women's Health Statewide, Relationships Australia, Migration Museum, Zamels ATLAS Party Hire. (For more information contact Tanja Stojadinovic, Jane Morony or Ali Visser on 8239 9600; E- mail: [info@whs.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@whs.sa.gov.au))

### **Austria, Tyrol**

Women's House/Shelter, the Tyrol, held a press conference on the 16 days against violence and qualification standards in the women's house/shelter in Tyrol.

### **Austria, Linz**

Women's House/Shelter Linz held a women's forum Linz, in addition to media campaigns held with all women's organizations.

### **Austria, Amstetten**

Women's House/Shelter Amstetten put out a press release about the 16 days, together with all 5 women's houses/shelters in Lower Austria.

### **Austria, Neunkirchen**

Women's House/Shelter Neunkirchen put out a press release about the 16 days, together with all 5 women's houses/shelters in Lower Austria.

### **Austria, Lower Austria**

Women's Shelter/Counselling Center Wendepunkt put out a press release about the 16 days, together with all 5 women's houses/shelters in Lower Austria.

### **Austria, Mistelbach**

Women's House/Shelter Mistelbach had an info-desk at the weekly market in Mistelbach with information about the women's house/shelter, as well as the international day against violence against women. There was also a play, *True or Not True*, from the brochure on "Familiar Violence – Abused Trust." They also put out a press release about the 16 days, together with all 5 women's houses/shelters in Lower Austria.

### **Azerbaijan**

Information support and creation of advertising link to 16 days information site. (Eurasia-Press)

### **Azerbaijan**

Free hotline and consultations. (Women with University Education)

### **Azerbaijan**

Free consultations for IDP in family planning and reproductive health. (Women and Development)

### **Azerbaijan**

Announcement in 525, "Halg Gebhesi". (Olayar-AYLU)

### **Belize**

Each year the Women's Department, which is a member of the National Domestic Violence Committee, organizes activities promoting the International Day to End Violence Against Women. Various activities are planned throughout the country. In Belize City a ceremony and candlelight vigil started the campaign. Names of women who died of domestic violence were also read and remembered at this ceremony.

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### **Bolivia, Tarija**

A new organization, Siglo Nuevo, planned various activities including publishing articles in local press, radio interviews with staff that work in Casa "Renacer," a center to help women victims of violence that will eventually be a temporary shelter. They also planned a T.V. spot that ran from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>, distribution of a white ribbon in public places from November 24<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, public recognition of the re-establishment of the Violence Net in the City Hall, distribution of pamphlets in the main square, and, from November 15 to December 13, workshops with teenagers (boys and girls) about their human rights in every sphere of their lives, and how to defend them. (Siglo Nuevo – E-mail: Dolores de Vargas Hernández <[bubyh@cosett.com.bo](mailto:bubyh@cosett.com.bo)>)

### **Brazil**

Reports, actions, and launching of a book around Violence Against Women and Girls and Violence Against Human Rights. (Colectivo Feminino Plural (Brazil))

## **Bulgaria**

This year the activities of Bulgarian NGO were the lobbying and adoption of the Draft Law against domestic violence by the Bulgarian Parliament. It was written and elaborated upon by Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation (BGRF) and other lawyers working in the field of violence against women. The title of the campaign was: “Laws against domestic violence – alternatives of the helpless.” There were a lot of press conferences, round tables, art happenings, radio and TV interviews, etc. All of these activities were in the framework of the BGRF program “Advanced strategy for combating violence against women through education and sensitization of teen-age boys.” This also included a competition for essays and posters for students, whose entries were due December 6. During the 16 days, Bulgarian Gender Research foundation kicked off an enormous yearlong campaign for adoption of this law. The title of the one-year campaign will be: “Laws against domestic violence in Bulgaria – the first in South Eastern Europe”. (The Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation (BGRF)- Website: [www.bgrf.org](http://www.bgrf.org))

## **Cambodia, Phnom Penh**

CAMBOW, a non-political network of 33 Cambodian Non-Governmental Organizations that focuses primarily on advancing the cause of women, organized events and activities in Cambodia’s capital Phnom Penh. This year, CAMBOW organized a march that will be led by an elephant with approximately 600 participants. The march will be held on November 30, and will begin at Phnom Penh’s Independence Monument and end at Wat Phnom. After the march, CAMBOW members gave speeches related to violence against women and women’s rights as human rights in the Wat Phnom area. In addition, CAMBOW has been working intensely on recommendations for new draft laws on domestic violence and trafficking in Cambodia, and CAMBOW members talked specifically on these issues in order to raise public awareness. An educational drama was also shown focusing on different forms of rape, including marital rape and forced prostitution. To further this education on women’s issues in Cambodia, CAMBOW members distributed and disseminated information from their respective organizations relating to violence against women, as well as contact information for resources and services available to victims of violence against women. (CAMBOW- Project Against Domestic Violence (PADV) Director Hor Phally. Phone: +855 (0)12.838.721, or Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights (Licadho) Women’s Rights Coordinator Ly Sunlina, Phone: +855 (0)12.947.289.)

## **Cambodia**

For this year’s campaign Cambodian Man's Network (CMN), in cooperation with Gender and Development Network, ran the 16-day White Ribbon Campaign to stop violence against women, from November 25 to December 10 in seven provinces and two municipalities in Cambodia. This year the campaign started on November 24<sup>th</sup>, in the evening with a rally at a public place. The theme of this campaign was “Men speak out to stop violence against women”.

## **Croatia, Rijeka**

Women's Action, a group in Rijeka, is trying to raise awareness about violence against women and force governments to protect women and children victims of violence,

through law and legal measures. Women's Action of Rijeka brought the campaign into the local community and through the whole region. They organized a platform on the subject, *Cooperation for protection in cooperation with Committee for gender equality of the Region*, with women from the major parties, from the media, and from various NGOs in the country. The goal of it was to make inquiries about legal project for protection of the human rights of women, as well as their dignity and their identity. They contacted radio programs on the subject of violence and activities of women groups, and gave information about the activities of their organization. They have organized a public kiosk at Korzo, the centre of Rijeka. At the kiosk, women distributed promo-materials of campaign. Women's Action of Rijeka is also trying establish an SOS phone line for women and will request for stronger and more focused assistance of local authorities and Ministry of social care for self-supported mothers. The organization is also leading a campaign to get November 25 recognized nationally as International Day of Women's and Children's Protection Against Violence. They had an exhibition of posters in Pula, and participated in an International Human Rights Film Festival in Warsaw, where they presented their own documentary and had a photo exhibition. (Women's Action of Rijeka - E-mail: [zenska-akcija@ri.tel.hr](mailto:zenska-akcija@ri.tel.hr) or [zenska\\_akcija@yahoo.com](mailto:zenska_akcija@yahoo.com))

### **Croatia, Zagreb**

For the first time, the target group for B.a.B.e.'s (Be active, Be emancipated) activities are men. The main activities included: a music video, an open art installation, short cartoon animations for TV, a radio jingle, video clips, a petition, and a street action at the main square in Zagreb where posters were presented with statements against violence against women signed by men. Street actions in different cities inviting men to sign a statement against violence against women and a 5-minute documentary about the street actions were presented by the Croatian television networks. This year they decided to include men and make them speak in public, distancing themselves from all the men who are violent against their female partners. They have officially registered 50 women's NGOs as the Women's Network of Croatia, and all NGOs in the network are supporting our campaign with activities in their local region. B.a.B.e. is partnering on this project with AUTONOMNA ŽENSKA KUĆA - Autonomous Women's House, the Center for Women War Victims, and Fade In. (B.a.B.e. - Be active, Be emancipated - Women's Human Rights Group – Telephone/Fax: +385 1 46 11 686, E-mail: [babe@zamir.net](mailto:babe@zamir.net), CyberBaBe: [www.babe.hr](http://www.babe.hr))

### **Ecuador, Quito**

The Radialistas Apasionadas y Apasionados denounces discriminatory actions and situations, but also provide positive experiences where women achieve political participation and women's rights. They have released radio clips regarding "Affirmative Action Developed for the Participation of Women in Local Government." The spots talk about workplace discrimination, impact of globalization on poor women, and control of women's bodies. (Radialistas Apasionadas y Apasionados - [<enlace@accessinter.net>](mailto:enlace@accessinter.net))

**Georgia, Tbilisi**

Free legal consultation for women. (The Human Rights Information and Documentation Center – Telephone: 995-32-93-53-49)

**Georgia, Tbilisi**

Free legal consultation for violence survivors and free doctor consultations. (Project “saphari – Telephone: 995-32-232997)

**Georgia, Lagodekhi**

Free medical consultations for Lagodekhi teachers. (Lagodekhi Doctors Association – Telephone: 995-254-227089)

**Georgia, Tbilisi**

Open Door for gender violence victims. (Project “saphari” Torture Victims Rehabilitation Center – Telephone: 995-32-232997)

**Georgia**

Hotline, legal advice by telephone in and in the office. (Union “Article of 42 of the Constitution)

**Georgia**

Hotline – consultations for women of Gurjaani region. (Women & the Universe – Telephone: 995-32-233028)

**Georgia, Tbilisi**

Free legal consultations for violence victims and vulnerable part of population. (Georgian Young Lawyers Association – Telephone: 995-32-995076)

**Georgia, Tbilisi**

Free legal consultations for violence victims in 11 districts of Tbilisi by Bar of Georgia lawyers. (Bar of Georgia)

**Georgia**

Free legal consultations for violence victims in 13 regions of Georgia by Bar of Georgia lawyers. (Bar of Georgia)

**Georgia, Tbilisi**

Consultations in Women & Children Colonies and in 5 department of Ministry of Justice, Ortachala Prison, Medical Psychological Checkup, prescription for necessary care. (Psycho-Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture, Violence and Pronounced Stress Impact Ematia – Telephone: 99532-990909)

**Georgia, Zugdidi**

Seminar for high school teachers on “Human Rights and Gender”. (Norwegian Refugee Council)



### **Hungary, Budapest**

NaNE's, a women's rights association, runs a hotline for victims of domestic and sexual force. They engage themselves in the fight against violence against women and children, and they attempt to exercise political influence through activism and various events. They installed the first hotline in Hungary for female victims of violence, which offers concrete support and assistance for woman and children. In the past, NaNE organized an international conference about "force and democracy." This year, their events for the 16 Days produced 40 new silent witnesses through funding from the Network Women's Program of the Open Society Institute, bearing the stories of women who were killed by their (ex) partners because of domestic violence. The witnesses are sculptures that are painted red, and each one bears the true story of a woman, in only a few sentences, stating the date and circumstances of her death. The stories come from crime news reports of a one-year period between October 2001 and October 2002, and from surviving relatives who have contacted the organization and asked them to remember their daughters/sisters/mothers by displaying their names and stories.

(For more information, please see their website at: <http://www.municipia.at/fallstudien/sp7/f0000197.html>, or contact Mrs. Marta Kis at: NaNE!- Women Working with Women Against Violence, H 1093 Budapest, Vamharz krt. 7, Telephone: 0036 1 216 16 70, Fax: 0036 1 216 16 70.)

### **India, Calcutta**

Swadhina distributed 'Support Badges' with the help of several Youth Organizations. Over 100 youth wore the badges throughout the fortnight as a symbol of support towards the cause. Their theme throughout the campaign was "Denouncing Culture of Subordination and Celebrating Life- Focusing on Women's Empowerment." (Swadhina - Telephones: 0091 33 22477944 / 22470934 / 22406244; Fax: 0091 33 22470934; E-mail: [mainoffice@swadhina.org](mailto:mainoffice@swadhina.org); Web-site: [www.swadhina.org](http://www.swadhina.org))

### **India, Mayurbhanj (Orissa)**

Swadhina organized 100 Wall Writing activities on violence against women at Swadhina working area of Mayurbhanj. (Swadhina)

### **India, Dhenkanal (Orissa)**

Swadhina organized 100 Wall Writing activities at Swadhina working area of Dhenkanal on Violence against Women. (Swadhina)

### **India, Kanyakumari**

Swadhina organized a "Women are the Power" Fest. A women's event was organized at 3 places of Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu (at Midalakadu the program took place on 5th December 2002, at Samathanapuram the program took place on 7th December 2002 at Kurumpanai the program took place on 10th December). This cultural fest included- *Speech Contest*- This contest had about of 15 participants. The topic was: "Girl Child is the asset of a family." This other contest was open to women only: *Presentation of Local songs and dance, and Felicitation to Self-Reliant Rural Women*. An essay contest for students was also organized at Kanyakumari Dist. of Tamil Nadu. A total of more than 100 students participated. The subject was "An Educated Woman-

An Educated Society.” The last day to submit an essay was 10th December 2002. (Swadhina)

### **India, Midnapore**

'Support Badges' were distributed amongst school students. Over 50 students from Midnapore working area of Swadhina wore the badges throughout the fortnight as a symbol of support towards the cause. Swadhina also organized wall-writing activities at Midnapore area on violence against women. Over 50 such wall-writings took place. (Swadhina)

### **India, North Eastern Region**

North East Network (NEN) is a women's organization working in the North Eastern region of India. They have offices in Guwhati, Shillong, and Delhi, and they also have field offices in Manipur and Nagaland. This year, as part of The *International Fortnight Protesting Violence against Women*, NEN has initiated the campaign in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, and Nagaland in India by collaborating with the District Administration, local NGOs, and grassroots organizations working on issues of women's rights. They used the Fortnight to turn public opinion against all forms of violence against women. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

### **India, Assam**

From November 25-December 10, NEN had a Poster Campaign & Film Screening highlighting the Issue of Violence Against Women and Girls via posters, banners, fliers, and local television channels carrying slogans protesting VAW and girls. NEN did this in collaboration with Nari Adhikar Raksha Samanaya Samiti. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

### **India, Tamilnadu**

GUIDE, an organization that is committed to fighting for the rights of rural women, has been involved with the campaign for the past 6 years. GUIDE, or the Gandhian Unit for Integrated Development Education, is committed to the cause of empowerment of women through fighting violence of all types, including physical, mental, emotional, and sexual, and in all places, whether it is at school, the workplace, or home. It vouches for the rights of women's participation in the process of decision-making, especially at the local level. Since 1985, GUIDE has been organizing and forming coalitions with other groups. GUIDE has collected some of the following statistics about violence against women in India: every 7 minutes, a crime against a woman occurs; every 7 minutes, a woman is sexually harassed; every 43 minutes, a child is kidnapped; every 54 minutes, a woman undergoes sexual violence; every 102 minutes, a woman dies for dowry; each minute, a woman is murdered; and every 40 minutes, a woman commits suicide. The main goal of GUIDE's 16 days campaign this past year was to educate the public and government about issues surrounding violence against women. This year they focused on the following themes: Violence On Young Women Domestic Workers; Violence On Women and Young Girls Due to Globalization; Violence Due to Alcoholism; and Educating the Public, Government People, and Political Persons. They performed street theater, held a poster exhibition, issued handbills to the public, worked on resolutions

to the government, and held press meetings with the media. (For more information, please contact the director of GUIDE, Ms. R. Vasantha- E-mail: [guide@xlweb.com](mailto:guide@xlweb.com), Address: 215J.C.K. Nagar, Chengalpattu, PIN 603 001, Telephone: 43969, Fax: 423169)

### **Indonesia, Central Java Region**

LKTS (Lembaga Kajian untuk Transformasi Sosial- Institute for Social Transformation Studies) organized a seminar, "Violence in the Family," which addressed issues of domestic violence, traditional practices, and infanticide. There was also traditional theater, a poster design competition, and a discussion titled *Women's Human Rights Condition in Central Java*. (LKTS Lembaga Kajian untuk Transformasi Sosial/ Institute for Social Transformation Studies – Telephone/Fax: 62 - 276 – 324501; E-mail : [lkts@indo.net.id](mailto:lkts@indo.net.id); Website : [www.ngo.or.id/lkts](http://www.ngo.or.id/lkts))

### **Ireland, Donegal**

The Donegal Domestic Violence service organized the collection of the art and poetry representing the voices and images of young persons' perspectives on violence against women. Mulroy College (Milford), the Loreto Convent (Letterkenney), the Community School (Cardonagh) as well as other local groups and individuals participated. The poetry and art was displayed in the Milford Library, the Letterkenny Library, and Cardonagh Library. (For more information contact Anne McGettigan at [mcgettigananne@hotmail.com](mailto:mcgettigananne@hotmail.com))

### **Ireland, Dublin**

Women's Aid, Dublin, is organizing an action outside Dail Eireann to highlight interim Barring order issues. The action will be an evening to launch the 'model of work,' a women's aid document, highlighting how they approach their work with women experiencing violence in relationships. They also launched an email campaign to key opinion formers, which involves sending a statistic regarding violence against women by email each day for the sixteen days. They also held a fundraising campaign in restaurants.

### **Kazakhstan, Almaty City**

Public Foundation PODRUGI Crisis Center, together with Feminists League Public Association, and Almaty City organized a campaign to inform the inhabitants of Almaty City about the problem of violence against women; to make them aware that it is a crime and a violation of women's human rights; to disclose the social reasons and consequences of violence; and to raise the public's awareness about the increasing existence of this serious problem in the society. The target groups are Youth, Citizens of Almaty City, Mazhilis, Mslikhat, and Operating groups of policemen.

*For youth* they conducted trainings on the theme of domestic violence among the students of 4-year course of the Juridical University. They conducted interviews among the students of 4 year-course of the Juridical University covering not less than 163 students with the purpose of understanding how the reasons for domestic violence are seen through the eyes of young people. They also conducted an open composition on the theme "What will I do in order to prevent violence in my future family?" among the students of 4-year course of the Juridical University. Poster exhibition of students' works from the art college and students of Almaty State University were held on the

theme “*There is no excuse to domestic violence!*” There were at least 20 posters in the offices of: UNIFEM, USAID, OBSE, Counterpart Consortium, American Bar Association, Feminists League, and on the round table with deputies of mazhylis and maslikhat, as well as in the art college and at Almaty State University. To use the posters during seminars, trainings were conducted by PODRUGI Crisis center. They also distributed information and material about domestic violence: posters, booklets, calendars, leaflets in at least 7 city hospitals, 15 clinics, 22 stores, and 9 educational institutions. They also conducted the meeting of youth on the theme “*There is no excuse to domestic violence,*” with participation of young people and youth organizations. Two mini-trainings on the theme “*Domestic violence*” for cadets of Academy of Ministry of Internal Affairs were conducted, which covered at least 49 cadets. An article in the youth journal *Youth and Rights* on the theme “*Rights of Women - human rights*” was published.

For the citizens of Almaty city they encouraged them to “*Call PODRUGI Crisis Center.*” During the whole course of the campaign (16 days) they received not less than 253 telephone calls from the population of Almaty city. They also distributed information and materials about domestic violence — placards, booklets, calendars in 7 city hospitals, 15 police stations, 22 stores, and 9 educational institutions. This was done with the aid of students, volunteers and co-workers. They also organized a “*White ribbon*” activity in the streets of Almaty city with the purpose of disclosing the reasons of violence with participation of the population of Almaty city, local authorities, other NGO and international organizations. Public service announcement were broadcasted on TV channels of Almaty city, on the *Kazakhstan-1 Radio* channel, and they were printed in the *Vremya (The Time)* and *Komsomolskaya Pravda (Komsomol Truth)* newspapers. News reports were issued on TV channels such as USA, *Rakhat*, *31-Channel*, and TAN. Partner organizations include Feminists League; volunteers; College of Arts; Juridical University; various international organizations and NGOs; Almaty State University; Subdivisions On Protection of Women Against Violence; police clinics, stores, hospitals; *Malvina* Publishing House; Academy of Ministry of Internal Affairs; Municipal Akimat ; deputies of Mazhylis and Maslikhat; *Vremya* and *Komsomolskaya Pravda* newspapers; *Atshabar* and *Econom* newspapers; *Uzhnaya Stolitsa* TV-channel; *Rakhat* TV-channel; TAN TV-channel; and *Kazakhstan-1* radio channel.

For the Deputies of the Maliskhat and Mazhylis they organized activities that seek to strengthen the understanding of the necessity of adoption of the law about domestic violence. They also obtained privileges from the deputies of municipal maslikhat for maintenance of the shelter of PODRUGI Crisis Center. Activities included writing and publishing in *Vremya* newspaper the open letter to the deputies of Mazhylis of parliament and Maslikhat of Almaty City with appeal to adopt the law about domestic violence and provision of privileges for maintenance of the shelter. A round table on the theme “*There is no excuse to domestic violence!*” was organized with the representatives from Mazhylis and Maslikhat, international organizations, NGOs, women, and victims of violence. They discussed the draft of the legislation about domestic violence, and made suggestions to the legislation regarding privileges for maintenance of the shelter of PODRUGI Crisis Center. There was also an action, “*White banner,*” in the streets of Almaty City with the purpose of disclosing the reasons of domestic violence with participation of the representatives from Mazhylis and Maslikhat, NGOs, youth, and the mass media. Partner organizations include: Feminists League; volunteers; College of

Arts; Juridical University; various international organizations and NGOs; Almaty State University; Academy of Ministry of Internal Affairs; Municipal Akimat; Deputies of Mazhylis and Maslikhat; *Malvina* Publishing house; *Vremya* and *Komsomolskaya Pravda* newspapers; USA TV-channel; *Kazakhstan-1* Radio; *Rakhat* TV-channel; *Department of Women Defense from violence*; American Bar Association and TAN TV-channel.

*For the Operating Police Group* (who respond to the incoming calls to the police center) the activities were to inform the police about the reasons and consequences of domestic violence in order to achieve the adequate reaction of policemen in cases of domestic violence. Among the activities included were 3 informational seminars on the theme of domestic violence with the operating police group, which covered not less than 50% of co-workers (in Almaty city work approximately 600 policemen). There were also training groups consisting of personnel of PODRUGI Crisis Center, district police inspectors and representatives from subdivisions on protection of women against violence. There were two mini-trainings regarding domestic violence for cadets of the Academy of Ministry of Internal Affairs, which covered not less than 49 cadets. Partner organizations include: Feminists League; Academy of Ministry of Internal Affairs; *Malvina* Publishing house; operating group of police; Subdivision on Protection of Women against Violence; district police inspectors; *Na Strazhe* Newspaper (On Guard); *Rakhat* TV – channel; TAN TV-channel; *Vremya* and *Komsomolskaya Pravda* newspapers; and USA TV-channel.

(Public Foundation PODRUGI Crisis Center together with Feminists League Public Association)

### **Kyrgyzstan**

They ran an advertising campaign, which included “running line,” billboards, folklore jingles on the radio, newspaper publication on the campaign, posters around the city of Sezim, and many spots in the mass media. A documentary, “Silence Multiplies Violence,” was shown on television and produced specifically for the 2001 16 days campaign in Sezim. There was also an interactive theater performance with discussion afterwards (4 times during campaign).

### **Kyrgyzstan**

The campaign was conducted in Kyrgyz, Russian, and Uzbek languages. The campaign took place all over the country, in remote areas and in the center, and expanded to villages that in the past were not covered by the campaign. It covered areas where functional literacy of women is much lower than in city, traditions are strong and negative displays of radical Islam are observed. The project was realized by all the members of the network that were working in each region. They have experience in organizing campaigns, cooperating with mass-media, and with local state structures. Activities included: developing and printing out with a typographical method 4000 pieces of information materials such as the booklet, calendars, instructions, and 800 pieces of posters and stickers; producing souvenirs, such as glasses and candles, with a label “is not present to violence”; preparing a press release about the purposes and tasks of campaign; conducting a press conference for journalists; conducting seminars, meetings, and roundtables with the representatives of local self-management, the state structures, and the population in 7 regions - there will be 6 seminars in each area (50

participants/each). Altogether, 2100 persons, representatives of different layers of the society (representatives of local authorities, governmental structures, youth, women victims of violence) were present to distribute all information and visual materials through volunteers and the employees of crisis centers. There were 14400 units of printed materials distributed in the streets, in places that women attend regularly, educational institutions and public places, in offices of mass media, local authorities, and NGOs. They organized a round table with the participation of executors of a given project, deputies, representatives of executive authorities. There was an interactive dialogue on republican TV "Zamana" during the 16 days, and presentations in mass media and newsletters of NGOs throughout the course of the campaign (interviews, articles, histories of victims and positive examples of fight against violence against women). They are also measuring the results of the campaign in one village of each region before conducting the campaign next year (after 16 days of activity). They plan to give the report about the results of the campaign to the public through the Internet and mass media, and to give reports on the activities to the donor organizations.

(Association of Crisis Centers of Kyrgyzstan)

### **Lao PDR, Vientiane**

During the 16 days the Gender and Development Group (GDG) launched a violence against women research project. They conducted focus discussion groups and interviews with Lao women and men in target villages. Afterwards, they wrote a report on the findings and distributed it widely to government and international NGO officials. The report included recommendations on how to take action against VAW. These recommendations and the report will also be shared with target villages in the form of workshops on VAW. (Gender and Development Group (GDG), c/o CUSO – E-mail: [gdcuso@laotel.com](mailto:gdcuso@laotel.com); Telephone: (856-21) 314-630; Fax: (856-21) 313-755).

### **Latin American and the Caribbean**

The Latin America and Caribbean Section of UNIFEM launched a campaign to celebrate the 16 days of activism towards the eradication of violence against women in the region. A key priority of the Latin America and Caribbean Section of UNIFEM was to coordinate and support efforts to eradicate violence against women in the region. The 16 days of activism, 25 November – 10 December 2002, were an ideal opportunity to showcase the work of UNIFEM and its partners, and to reflect on where we are in the region after a decade of efforts by civil society, government, and international organizations to address the issue. Three key dates in the movement to eradicate violence against women are: 25 November – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; 1 December – World AIDS Day; 10 December – International Human Rights Day. To commemorate these historic dates, UNIFEM-LAC presented the following activities: Virtual Exhibit: **Picturing a Life Free of Violence**. In three languages, the virtual exhibit presented awareness raising materials created and was used by organizations involved with the feminist movement all over the world. The web address to the virtual exhibit is

<http://www.unifem.org.mx/exposicion%20virtual/principal.htm>.

The *Violence against Women in Latin America and the Spanish Caribbean 1990-2000: Assessment of a Decade* is a wide-ranging study by Isis International, the Communication

and Information Service for Women, prepared in collaboration with UNIFEM, which gauges the outcomes and challenges in dealing with violence against women in Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, evaluating the main difficulties and achievements during the decade of the 1990s. A summary of the study can be found at <http://www.unifem.org> and a complete version of the assessment can be found at ISIS website <http://www.isis.cl/mujereshoy/vi/balance/index.htm>. UNIFEM-LAC has supported the ISIS international network in the task of producing three bulletins, "Inter Redes," which were distributed electronically during the months of October – December 2002 to all the women's organizations that belong to the anti-violence movement. The bulletins contain the latest news on violence against women and human rights issues. The *Mujeres Hoy* window on ISIS International's website also includes a complete update on information on violence against women as well as a special electronic report about the campaign against femicide in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, "For Women's Lives, Not One More Death." These materials will be available at ISIS website at <http://www.isis.cl>. UNIFEM has commissioned a concept paper, called "What Causes Violence Against Women. Opening the Debate," which aims to delineate the causes of violence against women from Latin American and Caribbean cultural perspectives. The paper includes a bibliographical review as well as an analytical evaluation of the state of the question. A summary of the concept paper is available at <http://www.unifem.org>. Regional Mobilization. UNIFEM and its partners are mobilizing throughout the region to celebrate gains and confront challenges in the elimination of violence against women. UNIFEM field offices in Central America, <http://www.unifem.org.mx>, the Andean region, <http://www.4.ecua.net.ec/unifem/>, and the Southern Cone, <http://www.unifemcolesul@undp.org.br>, have a full calendar of events, marches, workshops, launchings, and other sorts of activities to mark the 16 days. Another milestone during the 16 days was the launching in Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Costa Rica and Guatemala of the new UNIFEM publication, of a new book on gender, children and penal codes. For November 25<sup>th</sup>, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, UNIFEM-LAC supported International Feminist Radio- FIRE to produce an 8-hour uninterrupted webcast on violence against women that will be transmitted via radio and internet. Also on November 25<sup>th</sup>, FIRE produced two radio spots highlighting the effect of violence on women and society that will be transmitted by local and national radio stations throughout the region. For December 1<sup>st</sup>, World AIDS Day, FIRE produced two radio spots for local and national broadcast to raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS epidemic, how the demographics of the disease have changed, largely affecting LAC and women, and encouraging its prevention. For December 10<sup>th</sup>, International Human Rights Day, FIRE produced two more spots for local and national broadcast that highlight the achievement of the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the importance of their recognition and enforcement in the context of gender violence. For more information, visit <http://www.fire.or.cr>. The theme on World AIDS Day was *Making the link between gender and HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination*. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, UNIFEM presented the brochure "Empower Women, Halt HIV/AIDS," prepared by its HIV/AIDS division, which highlights that while HIV/AIDS is certainly a health problem, the epidemic is a gender issue. AIDS disproportionately affects women and female adolescents who are socially, culturally, biologically, and economically more vulnerable to the virus. The brochure can be found

at <http://www.unifem.org>. The theme for International Human Rights Day was “*Living a life free of violence is a human right*”. To mark the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948, UNIFEM seeks to make visible the advances in the LAC region in the adoption of important human rights principles to empower women such as CEDAW, its Optional Protocol, and the Convention of Belem do Para. An article can be found at <http://www.unifem.org>. (UNIFEM for more information visit [http://www.unifem.undp.org/newsroom/events/freeofviolence/index\\_en.html](http://www.unifem.undp.org/newsroom/events/freeofviolence/index_en.html))

### **Lithuania**

After the 2001 campaign, organizers realized that the mass media - if used properly - is an ideal instrument for attracting attention to the problem; mass media can address thousands of people; mass media influences the society and can initiate purposeful efforts in eliminating this kind of discrimination; it can change the stereotypic attitudes in the society. Texts that will be used will be: *The Texts of Appeal to Women: Women Do Not Have to Suffer; Let's Break the Wall of Silence Which Hides Domestic Violence; Don't Tolerate Violence; and Help is Possible — Look for it. The Texts of Appeal to Men: Enough!!! Stop! Stop Men's Violence against Children, Women and Men; Men Themselves and Not Women Must Do Something about Men's Violence; Men Who Violate the Women's and Children's Rights Show Contempt to Life Itself. It Is Inhuman and Not Manly; Witnesses of Violence: "Help the Women-Victims of Violence to Speak Up about It; Help the Victim to Free Herself from the Role of the Victim; Don't Make Violence Invisible by Your Silence.* Every day the society received detailed and thorough information about the campaign, and various discussions were organized. Every day all the TV CHANNELS showed the video clips made for the campaign. Every day the biggest radio stations: the National Radio, M-1, M1+, Lietus, Žini radijas, Radijo centras, and Pakas will transmit the radio jingle. The morning program “The Morning Sounds” of the Lithuanian radio allowed for short urgent broadcasts on the topic every day during the period of the campaign. Every day informational broadcasts about the campaign will be transmitted by the “Žinių radijas”. The audience is especially attracted by the “Topic of the day” and the “Topic of the week,” which are updated every hour. This was done with assistance from The Lithuanian Women's Society, Men Crisis and Information Center, The Lithuanian Journalists' Union, The Lithuanian Center of Journalism, The Information Bureau of the European Committee Delegation in Lithuania, the Women's Crisis Centers, and various NGOs. (For more information - The Lithuanian Women's Society (LWS) – Telephone: (+370 2) 779 106; Fax: (+370) 623- 123); E-mail: [abf@takas.lt](mailto:abf@takas.lt) and the Men Crisis and Information Centre (MCIC) – Telephone: (+370 2) 612740; Fax: (+370 2) 612725; E-mail: [almesk@lrs.lt](mailto:almesk@lrs.lt))

### **Macedonia, Skopje**

Activities were designed for Roma women, victims of domestic violence, local communities, and nongovernmental and governmental organizations and institutions. The aims of the project were to raise the awareness and the voice of the Romani female population about abuse and raise the public awareness and detecting the methods and ways for decreasing the number of females who are mistreated and to develop methods for prevention and protection against violence against women. Activities included:



Surveys- research pre- and post- assessment; Television campaign - TV spot, presentations from the tribunes, TV researches and regular information about the activities during the whole campaign (Skopje); round tables and lectures (3 meetings with the local officials from the municipality and 1 with the representatives from the Local government and Local NGOs); and distribution of informative materials (posters, flyers, post cards, etc. in the Roma settlements in Skopje, Tetovo, Delcevo, Gostivar and Kumanovo in partnership with the mentioned partner organizations). (Roma Association of Women and Youth “LILUDI” – E-mail: [luludi\\_sk@yahoo.com](mailto:luludi_sk@yahoo.com))

### **Mexico, El Estado de Sinaloa**

A citizen's march was organized in the city of Mazatlan. (E-mail: Dip. Florina Judith Olivarria Crespo <[florina@congresosinaloa.gob.mx](mailto:florina@congresosinaloa.gob.mx)>)

### **Malaysia**

Women's Aid Organization, WAO, is an independent, non-religious, non-governmental organization that opened in 1982, which is committed to confronting violence against women. It opened Malaysia's first Women's Refuge, and provided shelter, counseling, and child support to battered women. It also began a child sponsorship program, as well as a Child Care Center, which provided educational and childcare needs to ex-resident's children. Throughout the years, the WAO has also been involved in public education to create awareness about the problem of violence against women and women's rights. They have also done advocacy on legal reform and, in particular, policies and laws that discriminate against women. For this year's 16 Days Campaign, the Women's Aid Organization teamed up with Syarikat Prasarana Negara Bhd. (formerly PUTRA & STAR LRT) and Levi Strauss (M) Sdn. Bhd. in order to bring the campaign to the general public throughout Malaysia in the form of music. The KLCC PUTRA LRT radio stations became an active platform for musicians, actors, and performers to vocalize their stand against gender-based violence through their art. There were many posters throughout the PUTRA and STAR LRT line trains throughout the sixteen days to compliment the music that was begin aired everyday between 12p.m. and 2 p.m. There were also WAO members handing out brochures and interacting with the public in order to educate and raise awareness about the issue of violence against women. There were also t-shirts produced for the campaign with sponsorship from Levi Strauss. (For more information, please see the Women's Aid Organization website at <http://www.wao.org.my/>. Or e-mail them at [wao@po.jaring.my](mailto:wao@po.jaring.my).)

### **Mexico, Mexicali, B.C.**

They held interviews on the radio and television, as well as articles and press releases. (Groupa Feminista Alaide Foppa, A.C. – E-mail: [concepcion\\_Guzman\\_connygs@yahoo.com.mx](mailto:concepcion_Guzman_connygs@yahoo.com.mx))

### **Moldova**

They held two press-conferences, one at beginning and one at the end of the campaign. There was also a *Media Campaign to Combat Violence against Women*, which included government representatives, journalists, representatives of NGOs. There was a cycle of the radio-programs (6 programs) at the National Radio and municipal radio station,

among them was one titled “*Violence against women is a human rights issue.*” There were also TV programs (2 programs in Romanian and Russian languages) at the National TV and private TV, among them were “NIT” and “*Stop violence against women.*” There was also a distribution the informational booklets (15000) entitled “*Stop violence against women.*” Four trainings on prevention of violence against women for journalists under gender perspective (1 day, per 30 participants - in total 100) were held. The stress was put on how it is important to challenge male journalists who will write for mass-media campaigns to strength their own attitude to the violence. There were also training for student-journalists in Cahul and Balts. A national competition of pictures of teenagers (14-19 years) entitled “*Peace without tears*” was also held, and the best pictures will be at the exposition. There was also a competition of posters, and the best poster will be made as transparency and placed in public places of Chisinau, Balts, and Cahul. There were also social advertisements (posters on public transport, in universities, public places, etc), as well as publications in press about the phenomena of violence. (Gender-Center, Moldova State University - Telephone: (373-2) 44-93-71; Fax. (373-224 42 48; E-mail: [lunguval@moldovacc.md](mailto:lunguval@moldovacc.md))

### **Montenegro**

Newspaper articles on violence against children and women or information on these activities was published on daily basis. The December issue of the SOS Network bulletin dealt mainly with the previous national campaign against violence against women (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence). There was also a press conference - representatives of joint groups involved in the campaign made speeches, promoted the brochure and Web site, and announced the beginning of the campaign. The theme of the campaign was “Towards Life Without Violence.” There was the presentation of a TV clip and radio jingle in all interested state and independent broadcasters. They also distributed materials on the local level. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence.)

### **Mozambique**

There was the distribution of information against violence against women throughout the 16 days of the campaign. There was also a round table organized by WLSA in collaboration with Forum Mujer to highlight the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign period. Related to the above roundtable discussion is a proposed debate from the central office of WLSAMOZ of the “International Report of the OMS on Violence and Health.” They also wrote an article on violence against women’s human rights, which will be published in the weekly paper *Sábana*. (Women In Law in Southern Africa Research Trust – E-mail: [wsla.moz@tvcabo.co.mz](mailto:wsla.moz@tvcabo.co.mz))

### **Nepal**

Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC), the Society for International Development (SID), and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) organized a South Asia regional dialogue on the impact of political disruption on women's well being. This was a dialogue to come up with effective strategies on how various stakeholders can come together and work towards gender equity and social justice. The uprooting of populations – the lack of security and livelihoods and attack on women and children’s

bodily integrity – are leading to unprecedented violence. The question is how can the state, the political parties, social movements, environmental and women's groups, and concerned NGOs work together towards gender equality and social justice. The overall goal of the meeting was on how to support women's groups and social movement networks that are fighting for social justice and equity and peace in the region. Over the past decade, South Asian societies have witnessed an alarming rise in political disruption and social conflict further aggravated by the militaristic and hegemonic super power responses in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. To understand the root causes and consequences of these developments on women and other vulnerable groups, over 30 representatives of women's and social movements, research institutions, advocacy and media organizations from Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Tanzania, Lebanon, Uruguay, and Italy/Australia gathered at Nagarkot, Nepal from 27<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2002. The analysis and experiences shared among the participants discussed the primary causes of political disruption in South Asia, as the persisting inequalities and the widespread destruction and de-stabilization of the subsistence base of a majority of people, in particular women, 70% of whom live in rural areas. From diverse country perspectives, the meeting additionally identified the following elements as exacerbating and deepening gender oppression and violence, women's insecurity and lack of well-being: the collapse and subversion of democratic institutions; unfavorable state policies; economic globalization; and a distorted consumer culture. Participants also recognized that not all conflict is negative and that political mobilization and resistance can contribute to the creation of women's empowerment and social transformation. At the conclusion of the dialogue, the Society for International Development South Asia Network (SID-SAN) was constituted. SID-SAN will work together to understand the impact of armed conflict, chauvinist conflict and political disruption on women's livelihoods and well-being; and the contribution of economic development and economic globalization on the exacerbation and creation of political disruption and social conflict. (For more information, please contact the Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC) Email: [pav@worecnepal.org](mailto:pav@worecnepal.org); Web site: [www.worecnepal.org](http://www.worecnepal.org))

### **Pakistan, Islamabad**

The Nomad Center & Art Gallery held a poster exhibition entitled “How Youth Perceive Violence Against Women.” (The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery- Telephone: 2262502 Fax: 2262504 email: [anhyat@hotmail.com](mailto:anhyat@hotmail.com))

### **Pakistan**

Awaz-e-Niswan planned four major activities to be conducted along with its profile group of women- single mothers (divorced, separated and widows)- in its three working areas, which included the distribution of purple ribbons among survivors of violence for solidarity, street play on the theme "creating culture that says no to violence, Eid-Christmas Millan Party, and a one-day seminar on the theme. (Awaz-e-Niawan - Phone: 92-0300-9476651; E-mail: [awazeniswan@yahoo.com](mailto:awazeniswan@yahoo.com))

## **Pakistan**

A poster competition was arranged for students and amateurs. The suggested slogan was: 'There is No Honor in Killing'. Two age groups have been invited to participate - 15 to under 18 and 18 and above. The best three from each category were awarded cash prizes and all entrants were given a certificate of appreciation in January 2003. The posters were initially be exhibited in Lahore and after the prize distribution ceremony became a traveling exhibition for the major cities of the country. We are hoping this initiative will encourage people to think about gender violence. Shirkat Gah has printed 1000 wall posters (500 each in Urdu and English) and disseminated them widely to community based organizations, NGOs, and interested individuals. The poster reads: "There is No Honor in Killing" and "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence." 8000 Collar Buttons/badges (2500 each in Urdu and English) and 3000 key chains carrying the same caption have also been widely distributed. (Shirkat Gah - E-mail: [shirkat@cyber.net.pk](mailto:shirkat@cyber.net.pk))

## **Poland**

The activities organized were planned to raise social awareness of violence against women as a serious crime; educate society about causes and consequences of violence against women, in particular of domestic violence; change attitudes towards female victims and male perpetrators; raise sensitivity to victims needs; promote zero tolerance toward the perpetrators; encourage individual action, particularly by neighbors and other witnesses; and eradicate social stereotypes and prejudices constituting serious barriers to tackling violence against women more effectively. There was a focus on law and policy makers that led to increased awareness of law and policy makers and their support for the law reform. There was also an attempt to adopt and implement law and policy guidelines aimed at preventing and combating violence against women, including in particular the adoption of the restraining order and police domestic violence intervention guidelines. They also introduced changes in the family law recognizing domestic violence as the grounds for divorce, including in particular fault divorce on demand in the cases of conviction for domestic violence. They tried to increase awareness and change attitudes of law enforcement and criminal justice professionals toward violence against women, as well. In order to realize the above-mentioned objectives the Women's Rights Center implemented the following activities: organized strategic planning meeting with other women's NGOs from different regions to discuss and plan details of the campaign; provided other NGOs and partners with materials developed for the campaign; and encouraged media to be actively involved in the campaign. They encouraged TV to broadcast specific films and programs devoted to the issue of domestic violence including film developed previously by the WRC "Before the Tribunal" as well as other documentary films recommended by the WRC, as well as encouraging TV, radio, and press journalists to prepare special programs, articles about violence against women, and possibly advise them on the issue. The WRC has already developed good working cooperation with some of the media based on the previous campaigns against violence, which means that some of the activities will have the character of continuation. They also organized a press conference (jointly with other NGOs and UNDP Gender Focal Point) devoted to the 16 days media campaign and the issue of violence against women as well as activities that will be undertaken during the

campaign, and encouraged media to cover events that will be organized during the campaign. In addition, they developed new TV and radio spots, and established cooperation with the advertising agency which will assist us to develop a TV spot as well as advice us on other tools and strategies. They also prepared printing materials to be used during the campaign: reprinted leaflets explaining nature, causes, and consequences of violence against women that were widely disseminated during the campaign and displayed in various institutions such as police stations, prosecutors' offices, local government, medical facilities, as well as in public transport. They also designed a new sticker and postcards with the support letter for the new law to be sent to the Parliament and to be used among others in public transport means and during various event. A new poster was designed and printed, and an information kit was prepared about the proposed draft law in the field of violence in intimate relationships. A seminar was organized jointly with the Women's Parliamentary Caucus and Governmental Bureau on the Equal Status between Women and Men, which was devoted to the issue of proposed legal changes concerning violence against women. A round table debate on the new draft law was organized jointly with the Women's Parliamentary Caucus and Governmental Bureau, as well as with the representatives of all political forces, NGOs working in the field, and media people. An open meeting for women, entitled "*Learn your rights on the issue of violence against women*" was organized, as well as a meeting with the police and high officials aimed at adopting new police guidelines for domestic violence regulations. (Womens Rights Center/Centrum Praw Kobiet in partnership Promyk and Crisis Intervention Center, Women's Parliamentary Caucus and Governmental Bureau on the Equal Status between Women and Men and the President's Office – E-mail: [temida@medianet.pl](mailto:temida@medianet.pl); Website: <http://free.ngo.pl/temida>)

### **Puerto Rico, Canóvanas city**

The campaign opened with a conference board composed by various members of our community. They also had a drawing/ cartoon contest using the theme "No More Violence Against Women," in which they selected three winners. The first prize was a gift, and the second and third prizes will be trophies. The winning drawing was also used as the campaign logo. Realizing that not many women live in condition in which they are not able to obtain turkey for dinner, they are donating 25 turkeys to these women as part of the campaign against violence against women. (The feminization of poverty is another form of violence against women.) In addition to distributing the turkeys, they are also providing lunch on November 27<sup>th</sup>. (For further information contact Nilsa Yadira Diaz Director of the Mayor's Office for Women's Affairs.)

### **Romania**

The campaign was against domestic violence– with advice given to women, presentations, questionnaires, interesting information for businesswomen, as well as information on the internet and in Cosmopolitan. ( For more information visit: [www.121.ro/nu\\_violenta](http://www.121.ro/nu_violenta); [www.121.ro](http://www.121.ro), Cosmopolitan, CMSC, Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) Foundation)

### **Romania, Iasi, Botosani, Suceava, Roman and Bacau**

In November and December, information on “Domestic Violence: Guide for Identifying It and Assisting Its Victims” by Diana Muntean was distributed. (CMSC Iasi - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Serbia, Belgrade**

They prepared printed materials, and negotiated with local television and radio stations around Serbia to provide free broadcasting time (in cooperation with women’s groups from other towns). They also copied tapes with a radio jingle and a video spot, printed pamphlets, distributed audio and video tapes and printed materials, and negotiated with ANEM (Alternative TV network) about broadcasting the TV spot and “Belgrade Action – street actions by women’s groups on November 26. (Autonomous Women’s Center)

### **Serbia, Belgrade**

The Belgrade Women’s Center organized 3 campaigns. The first campaign “*React! Domestic Violence is a Crime!*” campaign was led by the autonomous women’s center and was synchronized in actions that will take place in 27 cities in Serbia. It included the distribution of leaflets and posters, as well as the production and release of a special radio jingle and TV spot. They managed to make an agreement with the main state television station to play their television spot 12 times a day free of charge. The purpose of this campaign is to promote article 118a of the criminal law, which treats violence in the family as a criminal act. “*Campaign for Amnesty*” was made as a demand directed to the government for gaining amnesty for women who have killed their husbands but are also victims of domestic violence. The third campaign, “*Domestic Violence is not a private matter!*” was focused on demands for changes in the legal system in order to make it more sensible to the question of domestic violence, and is led by Serbian society of victimology. (Belgrade Women’s Center – E-mail: [Belgrade Women’s Center <awcasv@eunet.yu>](mailto:Belgrade Women’s Center <awcasv@eunet.yu>))

### **Slovakia**

The guiding message for this year was “Violence against Women is a Crime.” The Initiative Fifth Woman published 500 posters with the message and distributed them around Slovakia. During the campaigns they also created a radio spot and had it broadcasted by as many radio stations as possible. They also prepared an information bulletin for abused women with the most information on how and where to get help. The leaflets were distributed in psychological counseling centers, as well as to police, doctors, hospitals, and women’s centers. They published articles, gave interviews, and took part in TV and radio discussions. They organized discussions with other NGOs, and provided a help line about the campaign – to disseminate information, collect opinions, and inform abused women how and where they can find help. For more information, please see their websites [www.piatazen.sk](http://www.piatazen.sk) or [www.stopasilliu.sk](http://www.stopasilliu.sk). Initiative Fifth Woman partner organizations are Civil Forum - Youth Association for civic society- Skopje; Women Roma Association - SUNO – Tetov; Humanitarian Association of Roma "PURT" – Delcevo; Union of Roma woman's " Culture" – Skopje; Womens Association for emancipation and equality "ESE"- Skopje; Humanitary Youth Association, Perpetuum,, - Skopje; BTR Television.

(Initiative Fifth Woman – Fax: +412-2 –526-24621)

### **South Africa**

They collected signatures for a petition, which reads as follows “I reject violence against women and children. I pledge to expose, oppose and combat all violence directed at women and children – in whatever form – wherever I encounter it; be it in my home, my workplace or in my community. The signatures were faxed to the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. Each signature raised another Rand that will directly assist in reducing the effects of violence against women and children. (South Africa United in Fighting Violence Against Women and Children – E-mail: [16Days@justice.gov.za](mailto:16Days@justice.gov.za))

### **Tajikistan, Pandji District**

Journalists covered the campaign activities in radio, newspapers, and television. Activities included: holding two roundtables to introduce the project and to conclude the project work with participation from representatives from Khukumat, departments of women cases, 6 djamoays, procurator, and court and religious persons; holding six meetings with women in 6 djamoats on the theme “*Women, their rights, prevention of violence against women*”; holding meetings with medical workers of Pyandi district on the theme “Assistance of medical workers to victims of violence”; holding a meeting with law organ workers on Pyandi district on the theme “Assistance of law organ workers to victims of violence”; publication of information “16 Days against Gender Violence in Tajikistan”; and covering of project in mass media – newspapers “*Vechernii Dushanbe*”, “*Djumhuriat*”, “*Khalk Ovozi*”, “*Charhi gardum*”; radio “*Sadoi Dushanbe*”. A social video film (news reel) will be shown on TV “*Poithat*” and TV “*Kurgan Tube*”. (NGO “*Hairhohy Zamon*” – Phone: 31-97-31)

### **Tanzania**

FemAct, under the leadership of Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiDAF), held a pre-campaign press conference where they expect to draw the attention of all print and electronic media in the country. The aim was to publicize the 16 Days of activism. The Theme for the year 2002 in Tanzania was “*Respect Women's Rights By Stopping Rape and Female Genital Mutilation.*” (Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) – Telephone: 255-22-2443450 and 255-22-2443205; Fax: 255-51-43244; E'mail: [joseph.mzinga@tgnp.co.tz](mailto:joseph.mzinga@tgnp.co.tz); Website: [www.tgnp.co.tz](http://www.tgnp.co.tz))

### **Uganda**

Radio drama skits on conflict resolution and peace building was aired on radio as well as presented in Luwero district (one of the post conflict areas). The drama skits were in five episodes and each was presented for 30 minutes. The aim of the skits was to stimulate debate and therefore listeners were given an opportunity to phone in and debate on the issues raised. Stickers were produced and distributed that say “Invest in Dialogue Not Arms” and “Invest in Dialogue, Not Arms for Sustainable Development”. (Isis – Women’s International Cross Cultural Exchange (Isis-WICCE) - Telephone: 256-41-543953; Fax: 256-41-543954; e-mail [isis@starcom.co.ug](mailto:isis@starcom.co.ug); website: [www.isis.or.ug/](http://www.isis.or.ug/)).

## **Uganda, Kampala**

There was a march/rally to begin the campaign and commemorate International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. A band, a variety of CBO members, and high profile invited guests accompanied it. They also held a Purple Ribbon Campaign, which is a solidarity campaign similar to the red ribbon campaign of World AIDS day. Community members, staff, high profile individuals, and celebrities were approached to promote and wear a ribbon, which expresses commitment to prevent violence and solidarity with victims of violence. The campaign was launched and explained during a radio show on a prominent FM station, and subsequent publicity consolidated the message. Ten thousand ribbons were distributed. There were 10 drama performances within 4 parishes in Kawempe. Three groups were identified and trained to address how violence against women affects communities and have developed engaging dramas that will be performed in open spaces within the community. Experienced activists, who also have theatrical flair, developed pro-women storylines. The intention was to create a major event that served as a basis to begin a dialogue with a broad range of people around how domestic violence affects families and therefore communities. Two sets of interactive exhibitions that stimulates the viewer to ask deeper questions about why domestic violence occurs and what the community can do about it rotated within strategically identified workplaces including local police stations, hospitals, and community open spaces. Staff working at the respective places hosted all exhibitions. There were 8 open meetings held within Kawempe where community members were invited to discuss prevalence of domestic violence and what the community can do about it. Each meeting attracted at least 20 key local decision makers and 40 to 50 community members. (Raising Voices – Telephone/Fax: 256-041-531-249; E-mail: [info@raisingvoices.org](mailto:info@raisingvoices.org); Website: [www.raisingvoices.org](http://www.raisingvoices.org))

## **Ukraine, Kharkiv**

The campaign included TV and radio advertisements, newspaper articles, interviews of women in Kharkiv about the problem, regional conferences about the partnership problems between state/public sectors, the mass media, and publishing and distributing instructional booklets. During the "16 Days" they held a press tour for journalists, organizations that hold service fairs that solve the problem of violence against women, publications in press after press tour, reports of specialists on TV and radio, distribution of pocket calendars and social advertisement as informational handouts. They also publish an informational bulletin after the "16 Days" ends. Over 1000 Kharkiv women participated in the interviews about local mass media. There were 6 advertisement announcements about the Crisis Center's and the Shelter for Women's services in local press, 28 on oblast radio, 16 on TV before and during the 16 Days. There were also 8 articles about the problem of violence against women in local papers. About 120 representatives of official structures, NGOs, and mass media participated in a regional conference about violence prevention. Meanwhile, 30 heads of local government departments, state structures, and mass media participated in a round table discussion for developing a working method to realize the National Plan of Action about improving women's status. Overall, about 20-25 organizations involved in trying to solve the problem of violence against women participated in the social service fair. Massive amounts of informational materials was distributed among NGOs from Kharkiv oblast



to the twenty-four regions of Ukraine. About 10,000 women received information about the social service fair, and thirty local mass media institutions distributed information about the beginning of 16 Days. About fifty journalist students participated in the competition for the best article about the problem of violence against women. There was six radio programs and six TV programs on preventing violence against women during the 16 Days. About 50,000 of women will get pocket calendars with the information about the Crisis Center's services and the services of Nadiya's Shelter, and 3,500 advertisements about the social services of different organizations and 5,000 announcements about holding the action will be distributed in public places. Over 1,000 organizations in Ukraine will get the instructional book "How to Open a Crisis Center and Shelter for Women," and 1,000 women will get practical help in the Nadiya Crisis Center. (Kharkiv City Women's NGO "Nadiya" E-mail: [kovtun@wfound.kharkov.ua](mailto:kovtun@wfound.kharkov.ua) ; [choson@kharkov.com](mailto:choson@kharkov.com) Telephone: +38-0572-19- 44-02: Fax: +38 0572 43 07 13. For more information on this and other Open Society Institute 16 Days Funded Projects visit <http://www.osi/hu.vaw>)

### **Ukraine**

A non-governmental organization called "Women Information – Coordination Center" carried out nine trainings for pupils, round table discussions, two interactive discussions, two radio transmissions, three discussions with pupils and teachers, and a conference of Coordination Committee on the project "*Public Initiatives on Preventive Measures of Domestic Violence and Trafficking in People*". (Women Information – Coordination Center – Telephone/Fax: 38(0562)372535, 372550; E-mail: [hanna\\_voynich@ukr.net](mailto:hanna_voynich@ukr.net), [hanna\\_voynich@freemail.dnepr.net](mailto:hanna_voynich@freemail.dnepr.net))

### **United Kingdom**

For the 2002 White Ribbon Campaign WOMANKIND produced innovative materials for cinema, radio, poster, and magazine advertising for the White Ribbon Campaign 2002. They extended their advertising campaign throughout November, and in particular are keen to raise-awareness through poster advertising in bus shelters, buses, taxis, and magazines. WOMANKIND Worldwide is approaching community groups, women's and men's organizations, schools, youth clubs, businesses, celebrities, student unions, and police authorities to break the silence about violence against women in this country and fundraise for WOMANKIND Worldwide's work by blowing whistles as a fun activity. They are developing fundraising and campaigning ideas for groups across the UK to enable them to galvanize support, break the silence and spread the word whilst having fun, raising money, and informing people about the White Ribbon Campaign. WOMANKIND Worldwide released news for November 25<sup>th</sup> about attitudes towards violence against women in the UK with the aim of securing national and regional print and broadcast media coverage. The audience numbers exceeded 1 million people in 2001 and they were aiming to double that figure in 2002. WOMANKIND Worldwide sent White Ribbon Campaign Information packs to over 1,000 groups and individuals during November. The packs included materials and information about developing Blow the Whistle activities, facts and statistics about violence against women in the UK and globally, examples of how money will be spent, copies of posters and postcards and information about where to get personal help and

advice. (WOMANKIND- Phone: +44 020 7549 571, Fax: +44 (0) 20 7549 570, E-Mail: [ilana@womankind.org.uk](mailto:ilana@womankind.org.uk), Website: [www.womankind.org.uk](http://www.womankind.org.uk))

### **United Kingdom**

#### **Amnesty International**

Amnesty International has launched a letter campaign to Russian authorities encouraging them to ensure that all allegations of human rights abuses are investigated thoroughly and impartially and that the perpetrators are brought to justice and to take steps to make domestic violence a distinct criminal offence, and ensure that law enforcement officials are trained to recognise and prosecute violence against women, including domestic violence. The authorities in Russia are failing to protect women from violence by state agents. There are regular reports of ill-treatment and torture, including rape and other sexual abuse of women in police stations and prisons. The state is failing to protect women from violence in the home. Men who beat or rape their wives are unlikely to face prosecution. The law does not recognise domestic violence as a distinct crime, although the authorities acknowledge its prevalence: they have stated that 14,000 women die every year at the hands of their husbands or other relatives. Yet they have done little to address the problem. Nearly 50 versions of a national law to address domestic violence have failed to make any progress in parliament.

### **United States, Maryland**

The Refugee Women Leadership Project organized a variation on the Clothesline Project. Nineteen Refugee women and girls came together to talk about the significance of November 25 as well as the 16 Days. Two Afghani women sang a song about the global woman, and her constant struggle. They painted t-shirts and displayed them at the Baltimore Resettlement Center. The shirts will be up through December 10, along with statistical facts regarding violence against women worldwide. (Refugee Women Leadership Project. The Baltimore Resettlement Center – Phone: 410.558.3187, E-mail: [penny@baltresettlement.org](mailto:penny@baltresettlement.org))

### **United States, Massachusetts**

The Task Force on Gender Violence, Cape Cod 16 Days Campaign prepared an annotated bibliography of books (in English) on cultural aspects of the subordination of women and male violence associated with it. It may be found at <http://www.vsx.cape.com/~betherlwh/taskforce02.html>. (For more information contact A.E.V. Haschemeyer – Website: <http://home.cape.com/bethelwh>)

### **United States, New Jersey, New Brunswick**

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Coalition, which includes members of the Rutgers University Women's Center/ Women's Defense Coalition, the Rutgers University Feminist Collective, Progressive Student Alliance, Radicals, and various other feminist and progressive organization at Rutgers University, set up outreach tables on various days at the different student centers on campus. There was information about the 16 Days distributed, as well as a calendar of events, Take Action Kits, and information about various petitions in support of campaigns to end violence against

women. (For more information about the 16 days coalition, please go to <http://16days.pathbot.com>. For more information about the Rutgers University Women's Center- insert info here for women's center.)

### **United States, Wisconsin**

PAVE - Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment at the University of Wisconsin had a table with information and petitions that pertain to women's rights and equality, and published articles in the school newspaper raising awareness on violence against women and the 16 Days campaign. The specific days of their actions are November 25, December 1, December 6, and December 10. (PAVE - [eauclairpave@yahoo.com](mailto:eauclairpave@yahoo.com))

### **United States**

The Coalition of Women from Asia and the Middle East (CWAME) is conducting a Media Campaign Against Gender Violence – via email, interviews, writing articles, and forming discussion groups. They organized an essay contest for the best essay on gender violence. CWAME also encouraged people to wear white ribbons on December 10 to symbolize peace and security as women are the first victims in times of war situations, and the freedom to live without threat, harm and violence as a basic human right. (Coalition of Women from Asia and the Middle East – Phone: 1310-815-9968; E-mail: [cwame@cwame.org](mailto:cwame@cwame.org))

### **Uzbekistan**

The Informational and Social Marketing Research Center (ISMRC) took the lead in 6 subject Public Service Announcements directed against gender violence. During the 16 days campaign they were broadcast by TV "Mulokot" (Kokand, Uzbekistan). From November 25 to January a public opinion poll of TV viewers of Kokand (Uzbekistan) according to "Day-After-Recall" system will be conducted. During the first 2 weeks of December 2002, three 15-minutes talk shows about problems of traditions and their influence on interpersonal relations in family, revealing reasons and consequences of gender violence against women, were broadcast on TV "Mulokot" (Kokand, Uzbekistan). Additional participating organizations include: Business Women Association, Kokand branch; Center of Social-Economical Development of Women "Komolon"; Center of Social-Economical Protection of Women "Mokhlaroyim"; Female Health-Improving Center "Saodat"; Center of Social-Legal Support of Women and Family "Farangis"; Female Center "Bibi Oisha"; Center of Social-Economical Support of Women and Youth "Nodira"; Center of Legal Support and Information "Mezon"; The Crisis Center "Opa-Singillar"; Center of Women and Youth "Koinot"; Center of Social-Legal Protection of Women "Uksinoy"; The Crisis Center "Sabr"; The center of Protection of Rights and Interests of Women; Center of Information and Culture; and the Association of Business Women of Tashkent Region. (For information contact: ISMRC at [ismr@dinosoft.uz](mailto:ismr@dinosoft.uz))

### **Calendar of Activities (by date and then by country)**

#### **October 1**

## **Ghana**

Ark Foundation Press Release. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **October 24**

#### **Austria**

Legalise\_at a support platform of migrant/women's organizations and individuals for illegalized migrant women, \* No one is born illegal. No one is illegal. Laws are illegalising people. \* Illegalisation means no health insurance, no possibility to secure one's existence, permanent fear of deportation. \* Illegalised people are being portrayed as social, political, and economic problem. In reality, profit is being made of their situation. \* Illegalised women are twice as invisible because they are generally employed in domestic work, and in the sex industry. \* This situation makes illegalised women especially vulnerable and exploitable. \* The new so-called "Integration Package" creates new potential for illegalisation - especially of women. DOCUMENTS FOR ALL! As pre-campaign awareness raising activity legalise\_at has organized: Madjiguène Cissé: Documents for All! The Sans Papiers Movement in France. "Moving out of the shadows", that's how legalized people in France referred to their uprising. 1996, the first church in France was occupied and within the shortest time, the movement of the Sans Papiers spread throughout France. Madjiguène Cissé soon became a spokesperson of the movement. The fight of the Sans Papiers she describes as part of her own biography and as a political chronology. Madjiguène Cissé received the Carl-von-Ossietzky-Price of the International League of Human Rights in December 1998. Since July 2000, she lives in Senegal again and is active, amongst others, with REFDAF, the women's network for sustainable development in Africa. Madjiguène Cissé read on two days from her book on the Sans Papiers Movement in France. Over 100 came to see and hear her, to talk and discuss. Additional information and photos of the events are available on line at [http://www.no-racism.net/deportatiNO/legalise\\_at.htm](http://www.no-racism.net/deportatiNO/legalise_at.htm). (legalise\_at – E-mail: [legalise\\_at2002@yahoo.com](mailto:legalise_at2002@yahoo.com), mailinglist: [legalise\\_at@yahoogroups.com](mailto:legalise_at@yahoogroups.com))

## **Ghana**

They held an Ark Foundation Round table policy Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

(Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **October 30 &31**

#### **Pakistan, Peshawar**

Shirkat Gah Peshawar held a two-day meeting with 15 women from its outreach partner organizations. Information on the '16 Days of Activism' campaign was shared, followed by a showing of the Vienna Tribunal video. This led to and facilitated an intensive discussion on the issue of violence against women that included discussing the definition, forms and reasons for violence.

(Shirkat Gah – E-mail: [insha@sgah.org.pk](mailto:insha@sgah.org.pk))

### **November 3**

### **Pakistan, Peshawar**

Shirkat Gah Lahore organized a seminar “There Is No Honour In Killing” (“*Aurat Tay Mard Koon Kala Kali Ban Tay Qatal Karn Ghairat Kanahin*”) with the collaboration of Women Rural Development Organization Sangtani in Rajan Pur – a remote area of Punjab. The seminar was attended by 145 participants from 10 different areas of southern Punjab. Background information on the ‘16 Days of Activism’ campaign and the findings of the Shirkat Gah research on so-called ‘honor killings’ carried out in Sindh, NWFP and Punjab was shared. A panel discussion was organized where the local media representative, the Deputy Superintendent Police (Rajan Pur), the forensic official, a doctor, and a lawyer were invited to speak on so-called ‘honor killings’ in light of their experience. The seminar broke the silence on violence against women and so-called honor killings in Rajan Pur and provided an opportunity for people to meet officials and professionals to share and learn of each others experiences and challenges in providing redress to survivors/victims of violence.

### **November 7 – December 8**

#### **Guatemala**

Province organized some radio programs about topics related to Violence against Women.

### **November 8**

#### **Romania, Isai**

They launched a national contest of scripts for theater plays, addressed to young people with ages between 14 and 19 years – “*Young People Say NO To Domestic Violence.*” (Community Mediation and Security Center (CMSC) – for more information contact EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN (SEF) Foundation - <http://www.sef.ro>; e-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **November 11**

#### **Ghana**

GVSSN-WISE Media Soiree to Introduction 16 Days Campaign.

(Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **November 13**

#### **Austria**

Women’s House/Shelter Graz had open office hours on issues around violence against women.

### **November 14**

#### **Austria**

A women’s shelter, Dornbirn, will show the film: “*Eine lästige Gesellschaft*“ by directors Claudia Fischer and Marika Schmiedt, organized by the women’s shelter with the women’s information center mail and the girls’ center amazon.

## **United States Virgin Islands, St. Croix**

The Women's Coalition of St. Croix hosted a Clothesline Project Shirt-Making Workshop. The Clothesline Project began in 1990 when members of the Cape Cod Women's Agenda hung a clothesline across the village green in Hyannis, Massachusetts with 31 shirts designed by survivors of assault, rape and incest. Women viewing the clothesline came forward to create shirts of their own and the line just kept growing. Since that first display The Clothesline Project has grown to 300+ local Clothesline Projects nationally and internationally, with an estimated 35,000 shirts. The Clothesline Project has become a distinctive resource for healing from violence and creating social change. Clotheslines have been displayed at schools, universities, State Houses, shopping malls, churches, and women's events. The first national display took place April 8-9, 1995 in Washington D.C. in conjunction with NOW's Rally For Women's Lives. Similar to the AIDS quilt, The Clothesline Project puts a human face on the statistics of violence against women. The Clothesline Project increases awareness of the impact of violence against women, celebrates a woman's strength to survive, and provides an avenue for her to courageously break the silence. Families and friends of women who have died as a result of violence can make a shirt to express their deep loss.

(Women's Coalition of St. Croix: (340) 773-9272, <http://www.wcstx.com/clothesline.htm>)

## **November 15**

### **Romania, Timisoara**

Launched the drawing contest for children. (The Association for the Promotion of Women in Romania (APFR) – see EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN (SEF) Foundation.)

## **November 17**

### **Mozambique**

Celebration of International Day of Students at Universidad Estatal de Mozambique (State University at Mozambique), which was a day that consisted of a seminar on the prevention of access to contraception in schools and the university. The purpose of the seminar are: 1) Denounce the lack of access to and information on contraception in schools, colleges, and the university; 2) Denial of access and information are a violation of women's human rights, and 3) To meet the sponsors of the activity "University Students in Defense of Women's Human Rights with the support of WLSA." The sponsors are the same women students who successfully organized an activity in commemoration of the Montreal Massacre.

(Women and Law in Southern Africa Research Trust (WLSA), (Mozambique).)

## **November 18**

### **Ghana**

GVSSN Media Interviews. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN – E-mail: [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

## **November 19**

## **Ghana**

GVSSN- Ark Foundation 2nd Press Release.  
(Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail: [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

## **Romania, Iasi**

TV Show on The Romanian Television in Iasi to pre-launch the Campaign.  
(SEF Foundation)

## **November 20**

### **Austria**

AÖF, together with FH-Burgenland, resp. Landesrätin Verena Dunst held a press conference on 16 days of against violence and institutions and organizations that provide protection for women from violence in Burgenland; and there was a presentation of the nationwide women's help-line.

### **Mexico**

There was a screening of the video "The Women from Juarez City" by Cristina Michaus. The purpose of the screening was to generate an open dialogue with the public and to get to know the different women whose lives were claimed during the tragedy in Juarez City. Almost 300 women were brutally murdered and countless others disappeared.

### **Tanzania**

The Tanzania Gender Networking Program (TGNP), which is a secretariat of the FemAct, organized a public meeting with the topic: "Challenges on how to stop gender Violence in Tanzania" in connection to the theme of this year.  
(Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP))

## **November 21**

### **Austria**

Women's Shelter Dornbirn held an interview on "International campaign against violence against women" during the local news program, and it was also broadcasted on Saturday, November 23rd.

### **Ukraine**

The departments of Dnipropetrovsk regional organization carried out an action for the 16 Days Against Gender Violence in the form of a conference, titled "National Unity of Journalists of Ukraine." About 19 mass media representatives participated in the conference as well as, representatives of Family and Youth Affairs Department, Regional Education and Science Administration, NGO "Women Information – Coordination Center," and law enforcement officials.  
(Women Information – Coordination Center- Telephone/Fax: 38(0562)372535, 372550, E-mail: [hanna\\_voynich@ukr.net](mailto:hanna_voynich@ukr.net), [hanna\\_voynich@freemail.dnepr.net](mailto:hanna_voynich@freemail.dnepr.net))

### **United States, New Jersey**

Manavi, a non-profit South Asian women's organizations committed to increasing awareness of the rights of women who trace their cultural roots to Bangladesh, India,

Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, will hold an Annual Dinner and Silent Auction. All proceeds of the event will benefit Manvi's work to end violence in the lives of South Asian women. The guest speaker, Nandita Das, will speak on "Women and Violence." Manavi will honor Jacquelyn Marich of Women Aware, Inc. (Manavi – Email: [manvi@att.net](mailto:manvi@att.net); Telephone: 732-435-1414; Fax: 732-435-1411)

### **November 21-22**

#### **Romania, Iasi**

Training of trainers seminar for facilitators for support groups. (SEF, CMSC)

### **November 22**

#### **Ghana**

GVSSN- Ark Foundation Anti-violence advocates night "Sharing our strategies". (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

#### **Nigeria**

They held a press briefing on the campaign. (BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights: Telephone/Fax: 234 1 262-6267; E-mail: [baobab@baobabwomen.org](mailto:baobab@baobabwomen.org))

#### **Philippines, Mendiola**

In a picket-rally GABRIELA joined other women's groups under Task Force: Maria in commemorating the first death anniversary of Maria Theresa Carlson. Though domestic violence is the most obvious form of VAW because women victims can easily identify their perpetrators, GABRIELA points out that other forms of VAW are also alarming. "With the heightening economic crisis, women are more vulnerable to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and harassment. With President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's terror campaign, political repression becomes more disturbing because it results in the death, arrest, and displacement of many women," says Emmi de Jesus, Deputy Secretary General. (GABRIELA – E-mail: [gab@info.com.ph](mailto:gab@info.com.ph))

#### **Romania, Iasi**

There was a radio show on Radio Iasi, announcing the campaign and presentation of its team. (SEF Foundation)

#### **Spain, Valencia**

Presentation of the publication "Una Ciudad Sin Violencia Contra Las Mujeres". (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **November 22-23**

#### **India, Assam**

NEN held a workshop on *Gender Dimensions of Violence* in collaboration with SANHITA, Kolkata. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

#### **Gambia**

Mini research project on frequency of violence against women cases reported to the courthouses. (SIMMA's Women Resource Center – [Simma@qanet.gm](mailto:Simma@qanet.gm))



## **November 22-24**

### **Guatemala**

Tierra Viva held a three-Day Meeting about "Building a Strategy to Eradicate Violence against Women in Guatemala"

## **November 23**

### **Argentina**

There was a screening of the film "Cuando Nadie Escucha." The screening was followed by a discussion. There was also an international posters exhibition on gender violence. (Programs were done with support from: Red Mujeres Nuevo Milenio, Ateneo Arturo Jaureche, ATECH- Asociación de Trabajadores de la Educación del Chubut, Programa Municipal La Casa, Comisión de Desocupados, and Pro Catedra DDHH) (Red Mujeres Nuevo Milenio – Website: <http://ar.geocities.com/redmujeresnuevomilenio>)

### **India, Assam**

NEN held a meeting with representatives of the District Administration and Local NGO's, as well as hosting a formal inauguration of the poster campaign. There were also street plays in 3 areas of Silchar in collaboration with Nibedita Nari Sangstha, Maitree Sangha & District Level Committee for Crimes Involving Women, Silchar. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

### **Spain, A Coruna**

There was a demonstration for the World March. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Tanzania**

The Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) circulated a press release on gender violence, and influenced the media by writing editorials, letters to the editors, and writing articles. (The Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP))

### **Kyrgyzstan**

There was a Press Conference, Sezim & Tunguch. (Crisis Psychological Center for Women and Family - get contact information)

## **November 24**

### **Cambodia, Phnom Penh**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network will march from the Independence Park to Samdech Hun Sen Park and to Royal Palace, and at the same time, they will pin white ribbons onto people in the street.

### **Gambia**

Press release to all media houses on the 16 days campaign. (SIMMA's Women Resource Center – [Simma@qanet.gm](mailto:Simma@qanet.gm))

### **Hungary, Budapest**

NANE Women's Rights Association organized a march and speak-out from the Hungarian Supreme Court to the Parliament in which they carried the Silent Witnesses. They had short speeches from the NGOs who are in the campaign, and a speak-out of survivors and relatives of women who were killed. Besides remembering, it was also their intention to draw the attention to the sad fact that the state in the form of its various institutions and authorities does not fulfill its obligations toward the protection of women and children. They placed the witnesses at as many public buildings as possible. (For more information, please see their website at: <http://www.municipia.at/fallstudien/sp7/f0000197.html>, or contact Mrs. Marta Kis at: NaNE!- Women Working with Women Against Violence, H 1093 Budapest, Vamharz krt. 7, Telephone: 0036 1 216 16 70, Fax: 0036 1 216 16 70.)

### **India, Assam**

NEN held a rally. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

### **Romania, Iasi**

In 5 churches, the end of the sermon will focus on putting a stop to domestic violence. (SEF Foundation)

### **Spain, Barcelona**

There was a presentation entitled "Barri de Sans Acto en el Parc." (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Granada**

They held a march against violence against women. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **United Kingdom**

They held a football match for the White Ribbon Cup, in order to raise funds and awareness. (For more information visit <http://www.womankind.org.uk/wk2.htm>)

### **November 24-26**

#### **Spain, Barcelona**

There was a forum around the theme: "10 anos de trabajo con las mujeres maltratadas, 10 anos construyendo derechos humanos," and a meeting on how we can create a culture that says no to violence against women. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **November 25**

#### **Argentina**

There was an annual broadcast campaign through the local media on "Basic Rules for the Media on dealing with VAW". (Red Mujeres Nuevo)

### **Argentina, Santa Fe**

The Women's Town Council of Villa Constitution held an Inaugural Ceremony of the Third Regional Exposition entitled "United for No More Violence" in commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. The event took place in the evening in the Galeria San Martin, and among the purposes were the promotion of art, a culture of peace, and a permanent defense of women's human rights. (For more information, please contact Lic. Maria Graciela Gomez, President of Women's Town Council, E-mail: [cmm\\_mvc@arnet.com.ar](mailto:cmm_mvc@arnet.com.ar), Telephone: 3400-474608/9, Fax: 3400-474435.)

### **Armenia**

There was a presentation with senior pupil participation. (Women for Green Way for Generations – 3741-580280)

### **Armenia**

A press conference was organized. Journalists from a number of Armenian TV and radio companies were invited as well as newspaper journalists. The press conference was accompanied by "Clothing line" exhibition, which represents a collection of T-shirts with pictures drawn by women victims of domestic violence. (Women's Rights Center – E-mail: [wrcarm@arminco.com](mailto:wrcarm@arminco.com))

### **Australia, Carlton**

DVIRC held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Law Forum. Speakers included Dr. Renate Alexander on "The Feminization of Poverty & the Family Court," Mary Lynn Smallwood on "Defacto & Same-sex Relationships," and Leanne Abela on "Superannuation changes in the family court." The DVIRC Discussion Paper NO.3, "Family Violence and Homelessness: Removing the Perpetrator from the Home" was launched. There was also a discussion on "A Hypothetical Journey Through the Legal System" chaired by Leanne Abela and Amanda George with a variety of panel members from the legal and community sector. (Participating and supporting organizations included: CASA House (Centre Against Sexual Assault), Royal Women's Hospital, DVIRC (Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre), WIRE (Women's Information Referral Exchange), Northern CASA, Northern Family Violence Network, South East CASA) (E-mail: [16.days@rwh.org.au](mailto:16.days@rwh.org.au); Website: <http://www.casahouse.casa.org.au/html/action.htm>)

### **Austria, Vienna**

Street demonstration (details to follow)

### **Austria**

AÖF held a ring-lecture: "One from five – violence against women in the social space." There was also a presentation entitled: "On striking evidence – paralysing reactions," with Petra Smutny and Andrea Lehner-Hartmann. (AÖF (Verein Autonome Osterreichische Frauenhauser) is an organization of autonomous women's houses/shelters. For more information contact: AÖF website: [www.a oef.at](http://www.a oef.at), E-mail: [informationsstelle@a oef.at](mailto:informationsstelle@a oef.at))

### **Austria**

Women's House Innviertel held an exhibition of works of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade children on the issue of violence. (Women's House Innviertel. For more information contact: AOF website: [www.aof.at](http://www.aof.at), E-mail: [informationsstelle@aof.at](mailto:informationsstelle@aof.at))

### **Austria**

Women's House/Shelter St. Pölten held their annual action with the "women in black" and issued a press release, in coordination with the women's houses/shelters in Lower Austria. (Women's House/ Shelter St. Pölten, For more information contact: AOF website: [www.aof.at](http://www.aof.at), E-mail: [informationsstelle@aof.at](mailto:informationsstelle@aof.at))

### **Azerbaijan**

They held a press conference and opening ceremony for the 16 days. (WomenAid International & Coordination Committee)

### **Azerbaijan**

There was a meeting of 20 people, and a discussion of the best scripts of school children ages 10-11 on the theme "Violence by Children Eyes." (Gifted Children Protection Society "Vunderkind" – Telephone: 994-147-41581)

### **Bangladesh, Dhaka City**

Nari Unnayan Shakti (Women's Power for Development), an organization working on uplifting women's status in Bangladesh, organized a workshop entitled "Advocacy workshop to prevention sex violence against women." The workshop was facilitated by Afroja Parvin, Executive Director, Nari Unnayan Shakti. The Commercial Sex Workers, Community Women, and trafficked and sex abused adolescent girls had participated at the workshop from different part of Dhaka City.

(For more information e-mail: [afrojnus@bdmail.net](mailto:afrojnus@bdmail.net))

### **Brazil**

"Campanha do Laço Branco" (The White Ribbon Campaign in Brasil) has designed a website that will be fully functional on November 25th, 2002. "Campanha do Laço Branco" represents a collective of non-profit organizations dedicated to distributing information about preventing violence against women, facilitating grass-roots campaign activities, and publicizing these activities so that others may learn from what has been done. (For more information, see the website [www.lacobranco.org](http://www.lacobranco.org).)

### **Burma**

International activists are outraged over Burmese military's licensing of rape. While some activists take to the streets for their protest actions, some take to the fax machine. On November 25, over 2,000 individuals and organizations from different parts of the world made their voices heard in the Office of United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan in New York City. They expressed their outrage over the widespread and systematic use of rape by the Burmese military regime. From there, the protesters were heard next at the Office of UN Commission of Human Rights in Geneva. "We will be visiting different parts of the world today to convey our outrage against the use

of rape by the State Peace and Development Councils as a weapon of war waged against the ethnic women of Burma,” says Anelyn de Luna, campaigner on human rights of Burma from Altsean Burma. “The issue is urgent. We want to reach the different members of the international community at once, all at the same time.” They sent by fax the petition signed by over 2,000 individuals and organizations to UN offices and selected governments, which are continuing to engage the SPDC like Thailand, Australia, and Japan. The petition, which was launched on September 4, 2002, condemned the “brutal acts of the SPDC against the women, girls and other members of Shan communities.” It also called for “concerted international pressure on the SPDC to immediately end sexual violence and other human rights abuses against the ethnic women of Burma.” “The documentation of continued violence against the ethnic women of Burma is shocking,” according to Somswasdi. She was referring to the cases in the report, *License to Rape*, released by the Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN) and Shan Human Rights Foundation (SHRF) in June of this year. In that report, there are 173 documented cases of rape of Shan women, and 83% of these were committed by officers. To date, the statistics have continued to increase. According to SHRF's latest monthly report, between June and October, 14 more Shan women were raped. Two of them were gang-raped, and seven of them were killed. The petition-signing and fax action were part of the campaign that was launched by APWLD, FORUM ASIA, AltSEAN-Burma and Friends Without Borders. On this International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women, other activities were held in Bangkok and Chiangmai, with the theme “Burma's Shame: Military rape of ethnic women.” The women's human rights activists stress that “There can never be genuine social change in Burma as long as women continue to be targets of violence. Stop the violence. Start the dialogue.”

( For more information: FORUM ASIA (Bangkok), Noi tel no: (66) 2 2769846-7 ext. 0, [noi-pornpen@forumasia.org](mailto:noi-pornpen@forumasia.org); APWLD (Chiangmai), Alison/judy tel. no: (66) 53-404613, [apwld@apwld.org](mailto:apwld@apwld.org); Altsean Burma (Bangkok), Anelyn tel no: (66) 1 8509008, [anelyn@altsean.org](mailto:anelyn@altsean.org); Friends Without Borders (Chiangmai), Jharas tel. no: (66) 53-222509, [borders@chmai2.loxinfo.co.th](mailto:borders@chmai2.loxinfo.co.th). To see the petition visit <http://www.petitiononline.com/Forumasi/petition.html>.)

### **Cambodia, Kratie Province**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN), in cooperation with Gender and Development Network, held a march and at the same time, pinned white ribbons onto people in the street in order raise awareness about violence against women.

### **Canada, Toronto**

There was a panel discussion entitled: Woman Abuse and the Impact on Women's Health at Toronto Western Hospital. Panel Members: Dr. Donna Stewart, (Professor & Chair of Women's Health UHN and U of T), Tracey Saunders (ER Nurse), Isabel Sales (Addiction Clinician), Member of the Woman Abuse Council of Toronto (WACT) Speakers Bureau, Vivian Green, Executive Director of WACT, Cathy Morningstar, Native Women's Resource Centre, Angela Robertson, Executive Director, Sistering. There was also an information booth, and the YWCA displayed the Clothes Line Project.

(Toronto Western Hospital – For more information contact Margo Kennedy, TWH Woman Abuse Project Coordinator – E-mail: 416 603-5800, Ext. 3214)

### **Chile, Santiago**

Women demonstrated in the Plaza de Armas in honor of the International Day Against Violence Against Women. The participants were mostly women who are involved with various NGOs in the movement to end violence against women. (For more information, please contact Nia Parson E-mail: [niaparson@yahoo.com](mailto:niaparson@yahoo.com), or check out the website <http://community.webshots.com/user/niapablo>. To see pictures of the protests, look for the albums titled: “violencia hacia las mujeres” and “25nov2002PartII.”)

### **Croatia, Rijeka**

Women's Action of Rijeka organized a press-conference to inform the public about campaign and violence as problem. (Women's Action of Rijeka)

### **Gambia**

A press conference was held for media sensitization and wider publicity. (SIMMA's Women Resource Center – [Simma@qanet.gm](mailto:Simma@qanet.gm))

### **Georgia, Tbilisi**

They held a caucus 16 Days 2002 Press Launch, which was also a training for journalists on how to deal with issues of violence against women. (For more information contact: WomenAid International Caucasus – Telephone: 995-32-379270)

### **Georgia, Zugdidi**

There was a training seminar entitled: “Women Know their Rights.” It included different CEDAW rights and freedom review, work of the UN committee on the elimination of discrimination against women, and work on developing the form to present the information on violence against women. (Association of Protection of Constitution Rights PARI – 995215-22304)

### **Georgia**

There was a meeting with women, which included a discussion of history of 16 days, women's rights in Georgian legislation, media role in combating violence against women, as well as a student football match. (Humanitarian Fun Sokhumi – Telephone: 995-231-71933)

### **Ghana**

There were various activities including the CHRI Formal Opening Ceremony and Exhibition, WISE Launch of WISE Wellness Center, Media White out on VAWAC, a youth art exhibition on domestic violence and sexual assault, and the Launch of the New WISE Center for Counseling. The activities were chaired by the Hon. Mrs. Gladys Asmah, with his excellency President J.A. Kufour as special guest. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **Haiti, Port-au-Prince**

There were activities at the Catherine Flon square on the Champ-de-Mars. The activities to prepare for the celebration this November 25<sup>th</sup> of the International Day of Struggle to End Violence Against Women were temporarily thwarted, especially during the night of November 21 to 22, 2002, by acts of violence and political intimidation. Acts of aggression were perpetrated against people who participated in the meeting and marched in Cap-Haitian called by "Initiative Citoyenne" these past 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November. Acts of aggression were perpetrated shortly after in Petit Goave and Gonaives against high school and university students demonstrating to express their wish to live in a country that cares about its youth. This November 22<sup>nd</sup>, after days of students demonstrations for the autonomy of the university, it was the turn of the population in the capital, Port-au-Prince, to be taken hostage by groups of thugs, often heavily armed, openly claiming their allegiance to the actual Lavalas government. From the early hours, burning barricades, gun shots, acts of intimidation, forced the population to abandon the streets in order to avoid, once again, being victims of this blind violence. Once more, Haitian women pay the price of organized terror. Last March, women's organizations were already denouncing the collective rapes that had become common in the gang wars of Cite Soleil. Such acts never really stopped and, these last weeks, and particularly during the night of November 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, women of Cite Soleil were victims of savage gang rapes. Those aggressions, which are a negation of women's fundamental rights, are being perpetrated in complete impunity. No public authority has demonstrated the slightest concern for the victims. Those last events are another source of suffering for women, the victims, as well as those who know that they could be next at any time. (Women's organizations - Enfofanm, Kay Fanm, Sofa Danièle Magloire and Enfofanm)

### **India, Manipur**

NEN held a meeting and Inauguration of Poster Campaign on violence against women in collaboration with Meitei Leimaron Sinnai Sang. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

### **India, Meghalaya**

NEN launched their poster campaign. The first set of English and Khasi information based flyers were distributed as newspaper inserts. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

### **India, Mizoram**

NEN held a meeting with NGOs, church leaders, youth leaders, and the local Administration on issues relating to violence against women. They also sponsored a poster campaign on violence against women and girls in collaboration with YWCA, Mizoram. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

### **Ireland, Dublin**

Women's Aid, Dublin, organized an action outside Dail eireann to highlight interim Barring order issues. (Women's Aid – E-mail: [Wendy.Crampton@womensaid.ie](mailto:Wendy.Crampton@womensaid.ie); Website: <http://www.womensaid.ie>)

**Kazakhstan**

Booklets were distributed. (Association of Single Mothers of Tekeli Town)

**Kenya, Nairobi**

There was a launch of the campaign with a road show traveled through the streets of Nairobi. (Coalition on Violence Against Women - Kenya (COVAW) – E-mail: [covaw@iconnect.co.ke](mailto:covaw@iconnect.co.ke) or [info@covaw.or.ke](mailto:info@covaw.or.ke); Telephone: 254-2-574357/8/9; Fax: 254-2-574253; Website: [www.covaw.or.ke](http://www.covaw.or.ke))

**Lithuania**

BNS informed the society about the launching of the campaign and shared the statistics on violence against women. All the campaign partners circulated the information. (The Lithuanian Women's Society (LWS) – Telephone: (+370 2) 779 106; Fax: (+370) 623-123); E-mail: [abf@takas.lt](mailto:abf@takas.lt), and the Men Crisis and Information Centre (MCIC) – Telephone: (+370 2) 612740; Fax: (+370 2) 612725; E-mail: [almesk@lrs.lt](mailto:almesk@lrs.lt))

**Mauritius**

S.O.S. Femmes sent by post, 30,000 letters to men in Mauritius, Rodrigues and Agalega Island (Rodrigues and Agalega are outer dependencies of Mauritius). Men who are also fathers, brothers, uncles, grandfathers, etc. were asked to protect and prevent their daughters, daughter-in-laws, nieces, cousins, etc. from domestic violence. All ministers and members of parliament also received the letter together with a covering memo asking them to take all measures for the elimination of gender violence. The letter has been enlarged into a poster and will be placed in all police stations, post offices, supermarkets, and churches. The poster will be shown as a short 'film' in three very popular cinemas during the 16 days. (S.O.S. Femmes – E-mail: [sooria@intnet.mu](mailto:sooria@intnet.mu))

**Mexico, Mexicali, B.C.**

There was a press conference and a presentation on a legal initiative regarding "Prevention and Obligation to Family Violence in Southern California." (Groupa Feminista Alaide Foppa, A.C. – E-mail: [ConcepcionGuzmanconnygs@yahoo.com.mx](mailto:ConcepcionGuzmanconnygs@yahoo.com.mx))

**Panama**

They distributed information against violence against women. (Iris e-mail: [gemoya27@hotmail.com](mailto:gemoya27@hotmail.com))

**Philippines, Manila**

The GABRIELA group (a network of 150 women's organizations) held a picket-rally in front of the U.S. Embassy to denounce the US-sponsored, State-instigated terrorism, and political repression as the highest form of violence against women. (GABRIELA – E-mail: [gab@info.com.ph](mailto:gab@info.com.ph))

**Poland, Carcow**

There was an inauguration of the 16 days campaign and the screening of the film "Nothing" directed by D. Kedzierzawksa.



(The Scientific Association of Psychology at the Jagiellonian University – E-mail: [knsp@knsp.bg.pl](mailto:knsp@knsp.bg.pl); Website: [knsp.bg.pl](http://knsp.bg.pl))

**Romania, Bacau, Botosani, Bucharest, Cluj, Roman, Sibiu, Suceava, Timisoara**

There was a press conference for launching of the campaign on local level. (FILBAC, ACTIV, CPAPVVF, ARTEMIS, FEMINA 2000, ARAPAMESU, Bucovinean Ladies Society, APFR)

**Romania, Iasi**

There was a Press conference for launching of the campaign on local level. (CMSC Iasi, SEF Foundation)

**Romania, Timisoara**

A roundtable discussion was held. (APFR Timisoara)

**Russia, Altay Region**

RF held an action called “One day story” (in co-operation with “Women Alliance”), and they also distributed booklets titled “Domestic violence is inexcusable.” (NCRB-project – (in Finland) E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

**Russia, Atlay Region**

There were workshops for counselors and psychologists of Hot Lines. (NCRB-project – (in Finland) E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

**Sierra Leone**

There was a launch of the campaign in the Sierra Leonean capital, Freetown, by the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL). Radio UNAMSIL hosted two call-in radio programmes, one on rural and disabled women to give them the possibility of echoing their concern about gender-based violence [and] the other on uprooted women. Other activities were planned, he noted. Vahard said the campaign targeted people of both sexes from all social strata, in towns and the countryside. UNAMSIL's headquarters in Freetown, and the UNAMSIL offices in the eastern town of Kenema and the northern towns of Makeni and Port Loko lined up programs for the campaign. Thousands of women were subjected to various types of violence, including harassment, rape, mutilation and murder, during Sierra Leone's 10-year rebel war, which ended in January 2002. According to a report by a panel of experts commissioned by the UN Fund for Women (UNIFEM), 94 percent of displaced households surveyed in Sierra Leone had experienced sexual assaults, including rape, torture, and sexual slavery. (Information was received via IRIN-WA; Tel: +225 22-40-4440; Fax: +225 22-41-9339; Email: [IRIN-WA@irin.ci](mailto:IRIN-WA@irin.ci))

### **Slovakia, Bratislava**

A press conference was held to start the campaign and increase media awareness. The campaign this year also highlighted the international aspect of the 16 Days campaign. (Initiative Fifth Woman)

### **Spain**

Centro Municipal del Ateneo de la Calzada organized a five-minute moment of silence to remember/commemorate the abuse and the lessons learned. They distributed white ribbons and placed a banner in front of the building (Ateneo) during the week. They also have been and will continue working on a law against gender violence. From November 11-December 5, there was a gathering on the theme “The feminine vote in Spain.” (For more information contact the Centro Municipal del Ateneo de la Calzada at [anucawonder@hotmail.com](mailto:anucawonder@hotmail.com))

### **Spain, Barcelona**

There was a forum on how survivors of violence against women receive information on domestic violence, as well as a meeting on how we can create a culture that says no to violence against women. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Burgos**

A white ribbon was placed on the front of the Casa Consistorial. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Caceres**

Women artists against gender violence presented and/or performed their work. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Cordoba**

There was a town plenary with invited guest Pilar Bardem. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Girona**

There was a meeting on “Creating a Culture that Says NO to Violence Against Women.” (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Madrid**

There was a rally for a law against gender violence and an informative discussion on domestic violence. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Malaga**

There was a roundtable on “Men Against Gender Violence: We say NO.” (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Tenerife**

La Mancomunidad del Norte de Tenerife, in partnership with el Centre de Igualdad Mancomunado (CIMA), organized a screening of “Solo Mia”.

(Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujaresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Valencia**

Women in Development organized a photo exhibit and a film screening and debate on “Solo Mia”. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujaresenred.net>)Valladolid

### **Spain, Valladolid**

Discussion on “Gender Violence is a Problem of the State.” (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujaresenred.net>)

### **Spain, Vigo**

Gathering at Praza do Rei.

### **Tanzania**

WilDAF and other FemAct organizations held a Procession March in Dar es salaam city. On the Same day the Minister for Community Development, Hon. Asha Rose Migiro, received the procession and addressed the audience. (The Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP))

### **Tajikistan**

Roundtables were held for project introduction. (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

### **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a training called, “My Choice is Life Without Violence” in secondary school No 64. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

### **United Kingdom**

There was a special event for Internation Day Against Violence Against Women, which included a presentation by Kate Adie, as well as other international speakers, and a balloon launch. Speakers included Helen Pankhurst of WOMANKIND Worldwide, Andrews Tagoe of Ghana, Cheryl Linders of South Africa, and Sheema Kermani of Pakistan. The even was organized by WOMANKIND Worldwide, with assistance from Healing Police. (For more information, please see the website: <http://www.womankind.org.uk/wk2.htm>.)

### **United States, Colorado**

Amnesty International’s Rocky Mountain Women’s Human Rights Team, the Women’s Studies Departments at Metro State College of Denver, and the University of Colorado at Denver at the Auraria Campus organized a film screening of *In the Time of the Butterflies* (*En el Tiempo de las Mariposas*). This film follows the story of the Mirabal Sisters- symbols of defiant hope in a country shadowed by dictatorship and despair. Patria, Minerva, and Maria Teresa Mirabal were three sisters who resisted the Dominican dictator Trujillo and fought for the politcal freedom of their country. Because of their daring spirit, Las Mariposas (the Butterflies) were persecuted,

incarcerated many times, and finally brutally assassinated on November 25th, 1960. In honor of these courageous sisters, November 25th is commemorated as the International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women. In the Time of the Butterflies is also a National Bestseller by Julia Alvarez. There was also be a TEACH-IN: *Global Implications of Culture on Violence Against Women*. Topics for the teach-in included female genital mutilation, global trafficking, contemporary/sexual slavery, the effects of war/colonialism on women, domestic violence, forced sterilization, heterosexism/homophobia, and the role of women in liberation struggles. They also organized a Roundtable discussion “Stopping Violence Against Women in Our Communities.” Sponsored by Amnesty International’s Rocky Mountain Women’s Human Rights Action Team. Community members with backgrounds in anti-violence organizing came to facilitate a roundtable discussion on preventing violence against women at the local level. (Organizing and supporting organizations: Amnesty International’s Rocky Mountain Women’s Human Rights Team, the Women’s Studies Departments at Metro State College of Denver, and the University of Colorado at Denver at the Auraria Campus – E-mail: [durbane@mscd.edu](mailto:durbane@mscd.edu), [sicangul@yahoo.com](mailto:sicangul@yahoo.com), or [stoomale@earthlink.net](mailto:stoomale@earthlink.net))

### **United States, Massachusetts**

The Gender and Diversities Institute (GDI) at the Education Development Center convened a panel discussion in November, which was open to the public. Four panelists discussed challenges and prevention work in Kenya, with the men’s movement in the United States, with the Latino Community in the United States, and with an inter-American network. For more information on this panel, please see the following website: <http://www.edc.org/GDI/work/genproj.htm>. (WEEA Equity Resource Center at EDC – Telephone: 1-800-225-3088; 617-969-7100 x2925; Fax: 617-332-4318; Website: <http://www.edc.org/WomensEquity>)

### **United States, New Jersey**

For this year’s campaign Rutgers University will be holding a film screening and discussion called “Rape Is.” Organized by Rutgers University Sexual Assault Services and Crime Victim Assistance, New Brunswick. (Karen Herman, [keherman@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:keherman@rci.rutgers.edu)).

### **United States, New York**

“*Not a Minute More: A Call to the World to End Violence Against Women*” was held at the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium at the United Nations (First Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York City). There was also a special performance by Eve Ensler, V-Day founder, author, and activist. There were also presentations by international leaders from the front lines who are working to stop violence against women. Organized by UNIFEM. (For further information [www.unifem.undp.org](http://www.unifem.undp.org).)

### **United States, Washington DC**

Amnesty International USA, in conjunction with Women’s Human Rights Program presented “*Señorita Extraviada, Missing Young Woman*,” an award-winning documentary by Lourdes Portillo investigating the kidnapping, rape, and murder of over 250 women

that have taken place in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico since 1993. The screening was followed by a panel discussion featuring members of the Mexican NGO Nuestras Hijas and local activists. The event took place at the VISIONS Cinema. Proceeds to benefit Nuestras Hijas de Regreso a Casa, a Juárez-based organization working to help victims' families and to end impunity for the perpetrators. (AIUSA – Phone: 202.544.0200 x482; E-mail: [wminterndc@aiusa.org](mailto:wminterndc@aiusa.org); Website: [www.amnestyusa.org/women](http://www.amnestyusa.org/women))

### **United States, Washington DC**

*Women and Leadership in Muslim Societies: Voices for Change* was an event that featured panelists Thoraya Obaid (Saudi Arabia), Asma Khader (Jordan), Shirin Tahir-Kheli (Pakistan), Ayesha Imam (Nigeria), and Mahnaz Afkhami (Iran). Prominent women leaders discussed women's leadership and strategies for expanding women's political participation in Muslim societies. Organized and supported by Women's Learning Partnership in collaboration with The School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. (Women's Learning Partnership - Telephone: (1)301-654-2774; fax: (1)301-654-2775; E-mail: [wlp@learningpartnership.org](mailto:wlp@learningpartnership.org))

### **November 25-26**

#### **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held exhibitions of literature devoted to the problem of prevention of violence in schools of Michurino, Telmanovo, Svobodnoe, as well as in villages in Telmonovsky district of Donetsk region. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

### **November 25-29**

#### **Austria**

There was an action week organized by Amnesty International Austria, Women's Group. Activities included an exhibition "Nahid Raza - Women Series Exhibition of Pakistani art," and all benefits went to the women's house "Panah" in Karachi. There was a theater performance on violence against women titled *I Have a Dream*, followed by a discussion. Mandana Alavi Kia read from her book "Erfan - Sufi Stories from Persia," and Erika Platzer and Wilrun Arrich read texts by Ghada Samma (Syria), Sumaya Farhat-Naser (Palestina), Arundhati Roy (India), and many others. The event was organized by: FRAUENSOLIDARITÄT. (Information is available at <http://www.frauensolidaritaet.org>.) For information on all activities – E-mail: [ag-frauen@amnesty.at](mailto:ag-frauen@amnesty.at) or <http://www.amnesty.at/ag-frauen>.)

### **November 26**

#### **Austria**

AÖF held a lecture by Senta Trömel-Plötz, called *Violence Through Language*, which was followed by a discussion. (For more information contact: AOF website: [www.aof.at](http://www.aof.at), E-mail: [informationsstelle@aof.at](mailto:informationsstelle@aof.at).)

## **Armenia**

There was a visit to a kindergarten. Psychologists of WRC visited a kindergarten of Yerevan together with the representatives from World Vision. The visit aimed at finding out the morale and psychological climate that the children grow in, whether they are exposed to violence in their families and what are their relations with their parents. A number of psychological exercises were conducted to find out the above issues. (Women's Rights Center – E-mail: [wrcarm@arminco.com](mailto:wrcarm@arminco.com))

## **Azerbaijan**

There was a thematic meeting “Afghans say NO to Violence”. Meeting with 20 Afghans who directly passed and experienced all tragic consequences of Afghan war expressed their negative attitudes to violence. At the end of the meeting, a declaration against gender violence was adopted. Media and local NGO representatives participated in the meeting. (Union of Afghan Veterans – Telephone: 994-147-42776)

## **Azerbaijan**

Seminar was held on “Violence against Children – Children's Rights.”

## **Cambodia, Prey veng Province**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN), in cooperation with Gender and Development Network, marched and at the same time also pinned white ribbons on people at public places along their route.

## **Canada, Toronto**

There was a panel discussion at the Toronto Western Hospital on *Woman Abuse Services in Our Neighbourhood*. Panel members included: Abrigo Centre, St. Christopher House, Assaulted Women's Helpline, David Kelley, Counselling Services, Interval House, Family Service Association of Toronto – Seniors & Caregivers Support Services, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic. (Toronto Western Hospital)

## **Georgia**

There was a seminar called *Women Problems in Georgian Chechen Society – Tradition, Myth & Reality*. Among the speakers was Mega Khangoshvili. (Center of Cultural Relations “Caucasus House”, Union Women's Initiative for Equality)

## **Georgia**

They held a youth forum on violence. There were events broadcasted on local TV Rioni, Edelvais. Newspaper Trkhumi, Tskaltubo. There were also meetings with law enforcements as well as a round table with police and a refugee committee. There was also a meeting with women about the history of 16 days. Women's rights in Georgian legislation, and the media's role in combating violence against women were both issues that were addressed. (Humanitarian Fund Sokhumi – Telephone: 995-231-71-933)

## **Ghana**

GVSSN held a variety show and an art competition. They also included temporary counseling. There was also a Durbar for opinion leaders organized by Action AID/Gender Center.

(Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

## **Guatemala**

Pronice held a forum on “Sexual Violence Against Girls”

## **Kazakhstan**

Information about the 16 days campaign was published in the following newspapers: Tekeliski Worker, Fires of Alatau, and Evening Taldykorgan. There was also a meeting to discuss the opinions and attitudes on violence against women. Participants included employees of the association, volunteers, a correspondent, and an inspector working on violence against women. (Association of Single Mothers of Tekeli Town)

## **India, Meghalaya**

NEN continued their Poster campaign in Shillong city, on public transport vehicles, and in field areas. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355)

## **Kenya, Kigumo**

COVAW staff and members joined a client in a defilement case in Kigumo (Central Kenya) as a show of solidarity with her. This is a case where a girl was defiled and was in the hospital for one and a half months. She incurred a hefty bill, which was settled by the municipal county council and the hospital. After pressure from COVAW and the League of Women Voters, the man was finally arrested and the case taken to court. COVAW is on record as watching brief on the case. The accused is a repeat rapist who was at one point jailed for the same offence and served his sentence; the law does not provide for a minimum sentence for rapists and he therefore was able to get out quickly and continue raping women and girls.

## **Lithuania**

The topic of the radio program “The Morning Sounds” was violence against women. The launch of the campaign and the contest for the journalists was announced during this program. Representatives of the organizations coordinating the campaign participated in the program. Not just the participants of the program had a chance of expressing their opinion, but also the radio audience. (For more information please contact: The Lithuanian Women’s Society (LWS) – Telephone: (+370 2) 779 106; Fax: (+370) 623- 123); E-mail: [abf@takas.lt](mailto:abf@takas.lt) and the Men Crisis and Information Centre (MCIC) – Telephone: (+370 2) 612740; Fax: (+370 2) 612725; E-mail: [almesk@lrs.lt](mailto:almesk@lrs.lt).)

## **Lithuania**

There was a seminar for Kaunas journalists.

**Pakistan, Islamabad**

A screening of *A Score for Women's Voices*, *Evil Stalks The Land*, *Docu-Gujrat*, *When This Day Is Named*, and *Mai Nee Maynoo Shok Awalaray* was held. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery.)

**Romania, Cluj**

There was a radio show on Radio Cluj. (ARTEMIS Cluj)

**Russia, Altay Region**

There were workshops on non-violent behavior for deviant teen-agers called "My choice." (NCRB-project – (in Finland) E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

**Serbia, Belgrade**

There was a Belgrade action, and various street actions by women's groups, along with the distribution of pamphlets to citizens. (Autonomous Women's Center)

**Sierra Leone**

Radio UNAMSIL had two call-in radio programs on the 16 days campaign and on violence against women. (Radio UNAMSIL)

**Spain, Burgos**

There was a conference on "International Violence Against Women." (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

**Spain, Valencia**

Program presentation on abused women. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

**Spain, Madrid**

Mujeres en Red hosted video presentations, testimonies, and roundtable discussions. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

**Tajikistan**

Meetings were held among women and men in rural area of djamoat "Namuna." (NGO "Hairhohy Zamon")

**Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a demonstration of a 30-minute TV program "Women for women," devoted to the campaign "16 Days Against Gender Violence in Donetsk region." It was on the channel "Region" of Donetsk Regional State TeleRadioCompany. They also held a demonstration of a TV film "Castle on the sand" in secondary school No 27, Makeevka. There was also a round table devoted to the campaign "16 Days Against Gender Violence" in Gornyak village of Marinsky district of Donetsk region. A Demonstration of a TV film "Castle on the sand" in secondary schools



of Andreevka, Mirnoe, and Svobodnoe villages in Telmonovsky district of Donetsk region also took place. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women . Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

### **Ukraine**

Dnipropetrovsk Regional Institute of Pedagogical Education held a regional conference on “*The Youth Against Gender Violence.*” One hundred and fifty pupils, students, and teachers of different educational establishments took part in the conference. The representatives of Regional Education and Science Administration, Regional Family and Youth Affairs Department, and mass media were encouraged to discuss the problem of gender violence. Report of the conference will be published. (Women Information – Coordination Center)

### **Uganda, Kampala**

There was the launch of a documentary entitled “*A Lingering Pain: Women and War in Uganda.*” It was produced by Isis-WICCE in 2002. For more than 25 years, Uganda has suffered cyclic political upheavals, which have resulted in armed conflicts. As in all war and armed conflict situations, women and children have been targeted and experienced various forms of gender-based violence. The documentary highlights personal testimonies detailing the ways in which women have been affected by armed conflict and how they are coping. It further proposes actions that must be taken in addressing the violations and the need peaceful resolution of conflicts. It is aimed at the general public audience and raising awareness in Uganda and the Great Lakes region on the need to resolve conflicts amicably and to uphold the respect of human rights. The launch was preceded with talk shows on radio and television. (Isis-WICCE)

### **United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick will be holding a film screening, discussion, campaign postcard/petition signing for the Mexican Campaign “Stop the Impunity: No More Murders of Women.” (Organized by the Jameson Residence Life Staff.)

### **United States, New Jersey**

At Rutgers University, New Brunswick there will be a discussion on *Sexism and Sexual Assault Within the Progressive Activist Community.* Topics of discussion will include the myth of sexual assault/attacks in the progressive sphere, controversies around safe space, resources for men and womyn, and questioning sexist procedures in progressive activist meetings. (Organized by Progressive Student Alliance.)

### **November 26-27**

#### **Mauritius**

S.O.S. Femmes collected statistics about domestic violence cases reported to the police during the whole day of the 25th of November. The data will be forwarded to the Rapporteur Special on violence. (S.O.S. Femmes – E-mail: Sooria [sooria@intnet.mu](mailto:sooria@intnet.mu))

## **Montenegro**

There was Tribune Days in every town that has SOS hotlines, and tribunes on domestic violence were held. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

## **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a training “How to find a job,” in Gorlovka. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

## **November 26-28**

### **Romania: Iasi, Bacau, Botosani, Bucharest, Cluj, Roman, Sibiu, Suceava, Timisoara**

There was campaigning in the street, which involved putting up posters, handing out fliers, applying questioners, and sending postal cards. (SEF, FILBAC, ACTIV, CRJ, ARTEMIS, FEMINA 2000, ARAPAMESU, Bucovinean Ladies Society, APFR)

## **Slovakia, Bratislava**

Aspekt organized a mini-festival of worldwide TV-spots on violence against women, which were part of the One World festival. One World was organized by Slovak human rights organizations in cooperation with Czech partners, and presented the most significant movies and documents on human rights. This festival was accompanied with an exhibition of the posters, stickers, etc. produced during campaigns in European countries and U.S.A. as well. (Aspekt – Website: [www.aspekt.sk](http://www.aspekt.sk))

## **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a demonstration of a TV program “Women for women”, devoted to the campaign “16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence in Ukraine”, 2001, and on the Mini-festival of films devoted to the campaign “16 Days Against Gender Violence” in Slovakia. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

## **November 27**

### **Armenia**

Lecture on “Persistent Chemical Environment Pollutants & Reproductive Health”. (Women for Green Way for Generations – Telephone: 3741-580-280)

### **Armenia**

The Youth of Stepanavan held a forum against gender violence. (Full Life NGO & Peace Corps – Telephone: 37456-22-58)

### **Armenia**

WRC prepared a demonstration of films dedicated to domestic violence and trafficking in women. The participants were from TV and radio companies, newspapers, and NGOs. The demonstration was followed by discussions on the films. (Women’s Rights Center – E-mail: [wrcarm@arminco.com](mailto:wrcarm@arminco.com))

**Austria**

*I have a Dream*, a theater piece on violence against women was presented, followed by a discussion. (For more information, go to: <http://www.amnesty.at/ag-spielerai>.)

**Azerbaijan**

There was a gender violence seminar with the participation of 15 members of local self-government. There was also a distribution of information on Caucasus 16 Days campaign, and a poll on the theme: “What is Violence?” There was also a campaign, press release, and bulletin on “women & Violence: etc.” (SHAMS – Young Women’s Center, Mingechaur – Telephone: 99450-3748700)

**Azerbaijan**

Meeting to discuss the role of NGOs in solving problems of violence against women. (Voice of Future)

**Canada, Toronto**

There was a film and discussion on Ways the Media Supports a Culture of Violence Against Women. (Princess Margaret Hospital)

**Georgia**

There was a discussion and dialogue on women’s rights. There was also a training for women working on education on women’s rights. (Samegrelo- Medea NGO)- Telephone: 995215-24259)

**Georgia**

There were events broadcasted on local TV Rioni, and Edelvais. The events were also in the newspaper Tskhumi, Tskaltubo. There was also a meeting with law enforcement officials, and a round table with police, and a refugee committee. There were meetings with women about the history of the 16 days. There were also discussions on women’s rights in Georgian legislation, and on the Media role in combating violence against women. (Humanitarian Fund Sokhumi – Telephone: 995-231-71-933)

**Ghana**

Launch of Break the Silence Campaign organized by African Women’s Lawyers Association (AWLA). WISE organized a seminar on “Tackling the root causes of domestic violence.” There was also a WAJU award ceremony and GVSSN Campus Rally. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

**India, Meghalaya**

NEN held a free Film Screening highlighting the Issue of Violence Against Women and Girls. Films were also screened through select cable networks in the city. A second set of English and Khasi information based flyers were distributed as newspaper inserts. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**India, Assam**

NEN had a Street Drama on Violence Against Women and Girls in collaboration with DAIPARC, Tezpur. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**Lithuania**

They held a seminar for Šiauliai journalists.

**Macedonia, Skopje**

There was a roundtable and lectures organized by the Roma Association of Women and Youth. (Roma Association of Women and Youth “LILUDI”)

**Pakistan, Islamabad**

There was a screening of *7 Days in Tehran*, *The Hidden Story*, *Guatemala: Digging For The Truth*, and *Yet Another Five*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

**Montenegro**

A round table of the representatives of the coalition member organizations +and representatives of state institutions was held. There was also an evening broadcast on the TV Crna Gora. (Welfare Center, Police, Ministry of Justice, SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

**Nigeria**

There was a drama presentation for school children presented by BAOBAB. (BAOBAB for Women’s Human Rights)

**Romania: Bucharest, Cluj, Sibiu**

TV shows & round tables were presented focusing on the issue of Violence Against Women. (CPAPVVF, ARTEMIS, ARAPAMESU)

**Romania, Iasi**

Article printed in “Evenimentul” Newspaper & Collecting signatures against violence. (SEF Foundation & SEF Volunteers)

**Russia, Altay Region**

There was a media-breakfast for mass media on the subject of “Men overcoming violence.” (NCRB-project – (in Finland)E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

**Spain, Barcelona**

A roundtable discussion was held with representatives from the School of Psychology at Cataluna. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

**Spain, Elx**

There was a video forum on “Solo Mia”. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

**Spain, Madrid**

A group of women from San Fermin organized a video forum and discussion. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

**Spain, Valencia**

Roundtable was held on “A Life Without Violence: A Woman’s Right.” (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

**Tajikistan**

Meetings were held with youth in the rural area of djamoat “Namuna.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

**Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a demonstration of a 30-minutes TV program “Women for women,” devoted to the campaign “16 Days Against Gender Violence in Donetsk region.” It was aired on the channel “Region” of Donetsk Regional State TeleRadioCompany. They also held a round table, devoted to the campaign “16 Days Against Gender Violence” in Ukrainsk city of Donetsk region. They held a training called “Life Abroad: Myth and Reality” in Donbass State Machinery-Building Academy, Kramatorsk. An interactive discussion “My Choice is Life Without Violence” in Donetsk Industrial College was also held. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

**Ukraine**

In the Zhovtnevy region of Dnipropetrovsk the conference “Anti Domestic Violence” was held. One hundred representatives of State institutions and public organizations were in attendance. Assistant Chairman of Municipal Executive Committee E.V. Lozenko, Chairman of District Executive Committee of Zhovtnevy region V.F. Lukashova, coordinators of NGO “Women Information – Coordination Center” P. A. Vlasov., E.L. Morgun, representatives of Regional Ministry of Internal Affairs Office, and the Dnipropetrovsk Academy of Law all participated. (Women Information – Coordination Center)

**United States, Minnesota**

In Duluth, Minnesota, there will be a World AIDS day fundraiser for Northland HIV/AIDS taskforce. (For more information, please contact Tim Robinson at AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin at (715) 394-4009.)

## **November 27- December 1**

### **United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University 16 Days Coalition offered the opportunity for people to participate in an online action each day. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, members supported Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Survivors: EC in the ER. For more info on this action, please go to the website at <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/action/takeaction.asp?step=2&item=1335>. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, members condemned fundamentalists in Afghanistan through RAWA (Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan) and their website, which is located at <http://www.rawa.org/cgi-bin/dcguest/dcguest.cgi>. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, members were invited to download the Activist's Handbook in order to be more effective organizers, which is located at [http://www.protest.net/activists\\_handbook](http://www.protest.net/activists_handbook). On the 30<sup>th</sup>, member were invited to look at a map of Human Rights groups all over New Jersey, and choose to get involved with one or more of the groups. The map covers groups all over the entire United States, and is located at [http://www.tolerance.org/maps/human\\_rights/index.html](http://www.tolerance.org/maps/human_rights/index.html). On the 1<sup>st</sup>, member of the coalition participated in an action to call the White House and urge President Bush to support ratification of CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women.) To find out more information about the ratification of this in the United States, please go the website of the Feminist Majority Foundation, located at <http://www.feminist.org/global/cedawmain.html>.

(For more information on the Rutgers University 16 days Coalition, you can go to their website, which is located at <http://16days.pathbot.com>, or for more information on Rutgers feminist organizing, contact the Women's Center, insert contact info for women's center)

## **November 27-December 10**

### **Romania, Timisoara**

There was a campaign in local mass media, which included press releases on celebrating the International Day Against AIDS and the International Day of Human Rights. (APFR Timisoara)

### **Romania, Iasi, Bucharest, Cluj, Sibiu, Suceava**

There was a campaign in local mass media, which included press releases on celebrating the International Day Against AIDS and the International Day of Human Rights. (SEF, CPAPVVF, ARTEMIS, ARAPAMESU, Bucovinean Ladies Society)

## **November 28**

### **Armenia**

WRC organized public hearing on trafficking in human beings in Armenia, wehre representatives from relevant Ministries and departments were present, as well as representatives from local and international NGOs. The members of the Inter-ministerial committee on trafficking were also invited to take part in the hearings.

(For more information, please contact the Women's Rights Center (WRC) of Armenia- E-mail: [wrcarm@armico.com](mailto:wrcarm@armico.com).)

### **Australia**

SBS radio had a Turkish Program on Sexual Assault. . (CASA House (Centre Against Sexual Assault), Royal Women's Hospital, DVIRC (Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre), WIRE (Women's Information Referral Exchange), Northern CASA, Northern Family Violence Network, South East CASA.)

(For more information, please contact: E-mail: [16.days@rwh.org.au](mailto:16.days@rwh.org.au); Website: <http://www.casahouse.casa.org.au/html/action.htm>)

### **Azerbaijan**

There was an exhibition, concert, and podium of women in art. (Association "Women in Art" & AYLU)

### **Canada, Toronto**

There were information booths set up at the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre and SWC Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Care Centre in the lobby of the Toronto General Hospital.

### **Georgia**

There was a group discussion on theme Caucasus 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. They also conducted a discussion with women working in health care field. (MNATOBI- Medical Psychological Centre)

### **Georgia**

There was an event broadcasted on local TV Kutaisi. There was also a meeting/discussion in school 7 of Zestaponi, 2 of Samtredia, and school named Kazbegi of Didi Djikaishi. Meeting with women to discuss the history of the 16 days campaign, women's rights in Georgian legislation, and media's role in combating violence against women. (Humanitarian Fund Sokhumi)

### **Ghana**

There was a GVSSN Seminar on "Saying NO to a culture of Violence" for Chiefs and Queen mothers. There was also a radio drama on gender violence. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network. (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **India, Assam**

NEN had a Poster Campaign in East Guwahati. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

### **India, Meghalaya**

NEN held a free Film Screening highlighting the Issue of Violence Against Women and Girls. Some films were screened through select cable networks in the city. A third set of English and Khasi information based flyers were distributed as newspaper inserts. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**Kenya, Kisii District**

There were processions and symposiums in four areas of Kisii District (Western area of Kenya).

**Lithuania**

There was a seminar for Klaipda journalists.

**Montenegro**

There was a promotion of the Brochure on the family violence in Montenegro. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

**Mexico, Mexicali, B.C.**

There was a conference on “The Official Mexican Standards on Medical Attention on Family Violence.” (Grupo Feminista Alaide Foppa, A.C.)

**Pakistan, Islamabad**

There was a screening of *A Cry for Justice*, “*Yahan Say Bhi Dhekho*,” and *Perception: The Other Canvas*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

**Poland, Cracow**

A lecture by Hanna Lipowska-Teutsch, Ph.D. (Crisis Intervention Society) entitled “Why are they not leaving, the thing about domestic violence” was presented. (The Scientific Association of Psychology at the Jagiellonian University)

**Romania, Bacau, Bucharest, Roman, Sibiu, Iasi**

There were radio shows, and television shows on Alfa TV Bacau for the campaign. There was also a collection of signatures against violence. (FILBAC, CPAPVVF, FEMINA 2000, ARAPAMESU, SEF)

**Spain, Pinto**

Day with health professionals focused on the prevention, detection and intervention in the abuse of women was held. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

**Tajikistan**

Meetings were held among women and men in rural area of djamoat “Arab.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

**Ukraine**

There was a Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women roundtable devoted to the campaign “16 Days Against Gender Violence” in Kurahovka village of Marinsky district of Donetsk regio. There was also an interactive discussion called “White slavery – shame for society” in secondary school No 17 in Makeevka, and another interactive discussion “My Choice is Life Without Violence” in Donetsk Chemical-Theological College.



(Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

### **November 28 – December 5**

#### **Kazakhstan**

There was a bus tour around the country to villages including Karatalsk, Malinovka, Trpotskoye, Tenlik, Telman, Zhetysu. Karabulak. The program included: discussions with lawyers, psychologists, and doctors; seminar on “Women, violence and health;” and concert program devoted to 16 days of violence against women. There was also a distribution of booklets, and a contest for pictures on the theme “No to violence.” (Association of Single Mothers of Tekeli Town)

### **November 28 – 30**

#### **India, Meghalaya**

NEN will hold a Regional Workshop for lawyers on The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), in collaboration with IWRAW- Asia Pacific and Nawo. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

### **November 28- December 10**

#### **Mozambique**

There was a commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign. The first two to five minutes of major national radio and TV stations were dedicated to the 16 Days campaign to inform the public about the significance of the dates that the campaign covers, and every other day there was an homage to the different women whose human rights were violated. Mozambique journalist Gloria Munhanga led this activity during a joint activity between the National Radio of Mozambique and WLSA. (Women In Law in Southern Africa Research Trust)

### **November 28 - December 2**

#### **Kenya, Dadaab Refugee Camp**

There was an event marking the campaign in Dadaab Refugee Camp, which is situated at the border of Kenya and Somali. (Care Refugee Assistance Program - Contact David Kipkemboi via E-mail: DavidK@ddb.care.or.ke)

### **November 29**

#### **Australia, Melbourne**

There was a launch of the EOC postcard with information for women experiencing sexual harassment, and launch of a support group for victim/survivors of sexual harassment. The event was organized by CASA House (Centre Against Sexual Assault), together with The Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre (DVIRC), Amnesty International, Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC), Women Against Sexual Harassment (WASH), Northern CASA, South East CASA, Women’s Domestic Crisis Service of Victoria (WDVCS), and Women’s Information Referral Exchange (WIRE).

(For more information, please E-mail: [16.days@rwh.org.au](mailto:16.days@rwh.org.au);  
Website: <http://www.casahouse.casa.org.au/html/action.htm>)

**Azerbaijan**

There was a seminar for IDP women in Hirdalan district domestic violence in the region. (Association “Women in Music)

**Canada, Toronto**

There was an information booth on women and HIV/AIDS: voices of Positive Women. (Toronto General Hospital)

**Gambia**

Youth conference on women’s rights and peace building took place. (SIMMA’s Women Resource Center – Simma@qanet.gm)

**Georgia, Zugdidi**

Lectures on sexual violence took place amongst university students. (Association Mandili – Telephone: 99521522407)

**Georgia, Lagodekhi**

There was a meeting with youth information and research association. (Human Rights Protection Association “Pari” – Telephone: 995-254-22181)

**Georgia, Lagodekhi**

There was an educational lecture on gender violence and trafficking. (Human Rights Protection Association “Pari” – Telephone: 995-254-22181)

**Georgia**

Events were broadcasted on local TV Kutaisi and Khoni. There was a meeting and discussion with women off Kutaisi, Khoni, Zestapon, Terjola, and Samtredia, as well as a meeting with students in Tskaltubo. There was also a meeting with women to discuss the history of 16 days, and women’s rights in Georgian legislation. The media’s role in combating violence against women was also addressed. (Humanitarian Fund Sokhumi – Telephone: 995231-719333)

**Georgia**

There was a discussion and roundtable on women’s rights. Women and Gali community were invited to the meeting. They discussed women rights to receive necessary medical service, and creation of better means of reproductive health. (Association “Avangardi” – Telephone: 99599-556770)

**Ghana**

GVSSN Members held an open house for the public. ((GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com)).

**Macedonia, Skopje**

There was a roundtable and lectures in Cair and Topaana. (Roma Association of Women and Youth “LILUDI”)

**Montenegro**

At 12 sharp, a phone in program on local radio stations took place in every town in Montenegro (where possible). Local women groups made a half an hour phone in program on the problem of violence against women. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

**Mexico, Mexicali, B.C.**

There was a meeting on the topic of “The Impact of Violence on Women’s Health and Their Families”. (Grupo Feminista Alaide Foppa, A.C.)

**Nigeria**

The group organized a trek and then a repeat of the drama presentation to grassroots NGOs and women. The organization also held a luncheon to launch BAOBAB for Women’s Human Rights quarterly newsletter to commemorate the occasion. (BAOBAB for Women’s Human Rights)

**Pakistan, Islamabad**

Screening of *A Cry for Justice (Yahan Say Bhi Dekho)*, *Aftermath: The Remnants of War*, and *Perception: The Other Canvas*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

**Poland, Cracow**

A lecture was given by Jacek Neckar, Ph. D. (Psychology Institut, JU) called “The roots of violence against women in evolution of psychology and ways of its minimalization.” (The Scientific Association of Psychology at the Jagiellonian University)

**Romania, Iasi**

Article was published in “Ziarul de Iasi.” (CMSC, SEF Foundation)

**Romania, Suceava**

Information on domestic violence seminar for prosecutors was presented, which included information on interviewing techniques, case studies, and a gender perspective. (CMSC, SEF Foundation)

**Russia, Perm**

The Public Women’s Movement of Prikamya, in association with the Public Organization of Development Psychology and Psychotherapy- Alter Ego, organized an action called “Say NO to violence.” Representatives of state organizations, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, representatives of social protection of the population, and the mass media were involved in the action. As a result new mechanisms for interaction with executive and legislative organs, as well as with public structures were developed. They also created a public committee to end violence against women and wrote to the executive and legislative authorities. (For more information, please e-mail: [myalterego@mail.perm.iu](mailto:myalterego@mail.perm.iu))

## **Tajikistan**

Meetings were held with youth in rural area of djamoat “Arab.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

## **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a training “Life Abroad: Myth and Reality” in secondary school No 72, Makeevka. They also held a training entitled “My Choice is Life Without Violence” in professional technical school No 32, Pelageevka village of Torez city of Donetsk region. An interactive discussion of “My Choice is Life Without Violence” took place in Donetsk Cooperative College.

(Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

## **November 29 – 30**

### **India, Assam**

NEN held an open discussion and a Street Drams and Rally on Violence against women and girls in collaboration with Sibsagar Zilla Mahila Samiti. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

### **Montenegro**

At a basketball and a volleyball game the players wore t-shirts with the campaign message, and the games were broadcast on TV. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

## **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women will be holding a training on “How to find a job” in Women for women Crisis Center, Donetsk. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

## **November 30**

### **Armenia, Vanadzor**

There was a regional conference on human rights called “Gender Violence in Human Rights Context.” (Apaven – Telephone: 3741-538097)

### **Armenia, Yerevan**

There was a lecture on “Ecological Aggression & Reproductive Rights.” (Women for Green Way for Generations - Telephone: 3741-580280)

### **Azerbaijan, Nasimi Municipality**

There was a round table discussion on the “Role of municipality in the solution of social problems of women.” (Confederation of Caucasus NGO)

### **Azerbaijan, Mingechar City**

“Gender Violence” seminar was held with 15 local NGOs participation. There was also a distribution of information on Caucasus 16 Days campaign, and a poll on the theme:

“what is Violence?” A campaign press release was held, and a bulletin on “women and Violence” was released. (SHAMS – Young Women’s Center – Telephone: 99450-3748700)

### **Austria**

The women’s House/Shelter Villach had an action day together with the women’s office, AI, KFB, and “Eine Welt Laden.” They had a presentation by the women’s house/shelter in order to raise awareness about domestic violence, as well as a participative theatre program called “interAKT” on domestic violence. (For more information contact: AOF website: [www.aof.at](http://www.aof.at), E-mail: [informationsstelle@aof.at](mailto:informationsstelle@aof.at).)

### **Cambodia, Phnom Penh**

CAMBOW, a non-political network of 33 Cambodian Non-Governmental Organizations that focuses primarily on advancing the cause of women, organized events and activities in Cambodia’s capital Phnom Penh. This year, CAMBOW organized a march that will be led by an elephant with approximately 600 participants from Phnom Penh’s Independence Monument to Wat Phnom. (CAMBOW- Project Against Domestic Violence (PADV) Director Hor Phally. Phone: +855 (0)12.838.721, or Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights (Licadho) Women’s Rights Coordinator Ly Sunlina, Phone: +855 (0)12.947.289.)

### **Cambodia, Phnom Penh**

Cambodian Man’s Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network will hold a vigil and concert with the theme of “Men Speak out to stop violence against women and children” at the Park in front of Botum Vatei Pagoda to lobby for an approval of the domestic violence bill.

### **Cambodia, Pusat Province**

Man’s Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network will march and at the same time pin white ribbons on people along their route.

### **Gambia**

Public event was held. (SIMMA’s Women Resource Center – [Simma@qanet.gm](mailto:Simma@qanet.gm))

### **Georgia, Lagodekhi**

Educational lecture on gender was held, along with a training session about trafficking. (Georgia’s Civic Development Association – Telephone: 995254-60060; Human Rights Protection Association “Pari” – Telephone: 995254-22666)

### **Georgia, Zugdidi**

There was an exhibition of a single mother’s paintings. (Oqros Satsmisi – Telephone: 995215-22196)

### **Georgia**

There was an event broadcast on local YV Kutaisi, along with an exhibition of children’s painting. There was also a meeting with women Kutaisi, and a meeting with women in

Khoni, Zestaponi, and Terjola. There were meetings with students in Samtredia school and with women about the history of 16 days and women's rights in Georgian legislation. There was also discussion of the media's role in combating violence against women. (Humanitarian Fond Sokhumi – Telephone: 995231-71933)

### **Georgia, Tbilisi**

There was a meeting and discussion on “Family Violence” with disabled children's parents. (Association “Anika” – Telephone: 99532-921446)

### **Georgia, Zugdidi**

There was a discussion on Georgian women traditions protection, and familiarization with women rights provided in constitution of Georgia. (Regional Committee for Women & Children Protection Against Violence – Telephone: 99593-306560)

### **Georgia, Tbilisi**

There was a seminar on “Gender and Culture.” (Women's Educational and Informational International Center – Telephone: 99532-989217)

### **Ghana**

CHRI/ Sisters Keepers Walkathon for Widows and victims was held, along with the ARK Foundation Launch of the Eastern Region Campaign. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **Guatemala**

Province hosted a forum on “Sexual Violence Against Girls”

### **India, Calcutta**

Swadhina launched 2 posters against violence against women. Following this was the distribution of these posters to 500 different organizations in India and the rest of the world from December 1 to December 10, 2002. (Swadhina)

### **Pakistan, Karachi**

Shirkat Gah Karachi held a one day meeting in Larkana, Sindh titled “There is No Honour in Killing - A Dialogue with Local Tribal Leaders (*waderas*)”. The dialogue/meeting was held to sensitize the local leaders on the issue of violence against women as they are also heads of the informal local judicial forums called ‘jirga’. Shirkat Gah shared the findings of its research and had a discussion with them on the particular issue of so-called ‘honour’ killings. (Shirkat Gah)

### **Pakistan, Islamabad**

Screening of *When This Day Is Named*, “*Mai Nee Maynoo Shok Awalaray*”, *A Score for Women's Voices*, *Evil Stalks The Land*, and *Docu-Gujrat*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

### **Romania, Roman**

Reports and articles in the local media were published.

(Femina 2000 Roman – for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Botosani**

Open forum on domestic violence was held. (ACTIV Botosani Association)

### **Romania, Iasi**

A radio show was held. (SEF Foundation)

### **Spain, Albacete**

Day of reflection on Gender Violence was held, which included a presentation on the history of violence in the media, violence against women in movies and films, and writings and criticisms on the movies. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Spain**

There was a discussion on government commitments to eradicate violence against women. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **South Africa, Rondebosch**

To address the issue of violence against, and among, lesbian and bisexual women, 3 organizations formed a partnership and developed 6 consecutive workshops to empower all women who love women, and to help them to realize their rights. Participating organizations include: The International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission in the USA; Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women & Children in Athlone; and the Triangle Project in Mowbray. The workshop held on this date was the 1st of 6 workshops. (Positive Sexualities for Women who Love Women – E-mail: [bmuthien@icon.co.za](mailto:bmuthien@icon.co.za))

### **Tajikistan**

Meetings were held among women and men of djamoat “Kuldiman”. (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

### **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women participated in an all-city campaign devoted to the World Aids Day, a training “*Life Abroad: Myth and Reality*” presented by Kramatorsk Economical and Humanitarian Institute, a demonstration of TV film “*Castle on the sand*” in professional technical school No. 8 in Makeevka, and an interactive discussion “*Life Abroad: Myth and Reality*” in Palace of children’s and youth art, Donetsk. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

## **December I**

### **Azerbaijan, Mingechar City**

Discussion on a society face-to-face with AIDs and narcomania. There was a meeting of 15-20 students, doctors, medical workers. (Azerbaijan Diabetics League – Telephone: 994147-61776)

### **Azerbaijan**

The AYLU held a seminar for youth. (AYLU)

### **Gambia**

Symposium on the relationship between AIDS and violence against women was held. (SIMMA's Women Resource Center – [Simma@qanet.gm](mailto:Simma@qanet.gm))

### **Georgia, Zugdidi**

*Life is Happiness* published a bulletin on HIV and distributed materials free of charge to population, and an infectious disease doctor conducted seminar called “Healthy Woman – Healthy Future for All Women.” (Charity Center TANZAIARI – Telephone; 995-99-966744)

### **Georgia**

There was an events broadcasting on local TV Kutaisi, and a meeting/ discussion with women in Kutaisi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, Zestaponi, Khoni. There was also a meeting with Youth Parliament of Samtredia, and a meeting with women about the history of 16 days, and the media's role in combating violence against women. (Humanitarian Fond Sokhumi – Telephone: 995231-71933)

### **Georgia, Tbilisi**

There was a conference dedicated to World AIDs day, and a meeting with donor organizations. (AIDS and Clinical Immunology Center and HIV/AIDS Patients Support Foundation – Telephone: 99532-398018)

### **Georgia, Tbilisi**

There was a street Action, and a distribution of leaflets with information about AIDS. (AIDS and Clinical Immunology Center HIV/AIDS Patients Support Foundation – Telephone 995-32-398010)

### **Georgia, Tbilisi**

Radio-quiz on AIDS theme was on Fortuna Radio Station. (Tanagoma – Telephone: 99532-253511)

### **Georgia, Zugdidi**

There was a conference dedicated to World AIDS day, in which the West Georgia Education Groups participated. (Norwegian Refugee Council and MNATOBI-Medical Psychological Centre – Telephone: 99577-457044)



### **Georgia, Gurjaani Region**

There was a forum dedicated to World AIDS Day, as well as reports and discussion on AIDs prevention questions. (Association Vejini – Telephone: 99599157025; Association Atinati: Telephone – 99925323693)

### **Ghana**

GVSSN and Sisters Keepers Church held a service for victims of abuse, AIDS, Femicide, etc., and an eastern region campaign organized by ARK. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network. (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **India, Meghalaya**

For World AIDS Day, NEN participated in a meeting called by the State Aids Control Society. The fourth set of English and Khasi information based flyers were distributed as newspaper inserts. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

### **India, Midnapore**

A rally took place where there were at least 100 participants, and at the end of the rally there was a discussion on the issue of Violence against Women. (Swadhina)

### **India**

Swadhina organized a "Women are the Power" Fest. This cultural fest included a *Speech Contest*, which had about 15 participants. The topic was "*Women are the Power*," and was open to women only. There was also a presentation of songs and dance, an exhibition and contest of vegetables and fruits from Kitchen Garden, and a Women's Handi-craft Exhibition and Competition. (Swadhina)

### **Mozambique**

On World AIDS Day, information about the day was publicized in the newspaper *Noticias*, including an article about the feminization of AIDS in Mozambique. A group of university students gave homage to the heroines of the Montreal Massacre. (Women In Law in Southern Africa Research Trust)

### **Romania, Suceava**

In 10 churches in Suceava there were sermons that focused on domestic violence. (Bucovinean Ladies Society - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Tajikistan**

Meetings were held with youth from djamoat "Namuna." (NGO "Hairhohy Zamon")

### **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women participated in an all-city campaign devoted to the World Aids Day, a demonstration of TV film "Castle on the sand" on the channel "Region" of Donetsk Regional State TeleRadioCompany, and a demonstration of TV film "Castle on the sand" in schools of Michurino, Telmonovo, and villages of Telmanovo district. There was also an interactive discussion "Life Abroad:

Myth and Reality” in secondary school No 119, Donetsk. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

### **United States, Minnesota**

“*Looking for Lucy*,” a documentary about African women’s experience of HIV was screened at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis in honor of World AIDS Day. (For more information, please contact the Walker Art Center)

### **United States, Minnesota**

Wake Up We’re Affected (WUWA), an activist group, sponsored an Interfaith Church Service titled “Live and let Live.” It was held at 10:30 a.m. at the First Church of God, and lunch was had afterwards. (For more information on this service, please contact WUWA- need contact info)

### **December 1-5**

#### **Romania, Bacau**

Seminar was held. (FILBAC Bacau - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **December 1-10**

#### **Romania, Bacau, Botosani, Roman and Suceava**

There were training seminars for local support groups. SEF and facilitators from local NGO partners participated. (For more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **December 2**

#### **Armenia**

In dedication to the International Day of HIV/AIDS WRC, they organized a visit to one of the schools of Yerevan to meet with the tenth-form pupils. The president of “AIDS prevention, education and treatment” NGO was also present. The aim of the visit was to identify to what extent the pupils are aware of the HIV/AIDS. (Women’s Rights Center – E-mail: [wrcarm@arminco.com](mailto:wrcarm@arminco.com))

#### **Azerbaijan, Sumgait city**

There was a roundtable on “Situation with women from conflict regions.” (Organization “SULH”)

#### **Azerbaijan**

The television program “Open Door” (2 programs) was aired on national television station. (AYLU)

#### **Azerbaijan, Mingechaur City**

A survey was circulated among teachers of universities titled “What do you think of trafficking? Is it a bad fantasy or reality?” (Organization “SULH”)

**Azerbaijan**

There was a seminar for teachers of University about 16 days campaign. (Organization "SULH")

**Azerbaijan**

There was a seminar for youth called "Feminism and Gender – Different Way." (Women Institute and YUVA)

**Azerbaijan**

There was a seminar, "Conflict by eyes of children," for children-students of choreographic college. (Association of Women in Art & ALYU)

**Canada, Toronto**

Community Information booths on Sistering, Metrac and Education Wife Assault were set up at the Toronto Western Hospital.

**Georgia, Zugdidi**

There was a regional meeting of NGOs, and a discussion of NGOs working on gender violence with media participation. (Imedi NGO- Women Movement for Peace – Telephone: 99599-919322)

**Ghana**

GVSSN- There was an ARK/WISE WAJU Award Ceremony and Symposium for SSS students. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

**Guatemala**

ActionAid Guatemala had a presentation for all the team in the office and for our partner organizations. There was a discussion group about "How to Create a Non Violent Culture Toward Women and Ethnic Groups" lead by an invited guest, Adela Delgado, who is a well-known activist and is a Qeq'chi' woman (an ethnic Mayan group).

**India, Assam**

NEN held a Poster Campaign in collaboration with Sipajhar Diamond Club, Sipajhar. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**India, Meghalaya**

NEN held the *Women's Economic Development and Health Collective* to launch Poster Campaign in West Khasi Hills. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**India, Nagaland**

NEN had a Poster Campaign and public meeting in collaboration with CWCH. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

### **Ireland, Dublin**

There was an unveiling of a sculpture to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. (Ringsend Action Project, Ltd – E-mail: [aileenforan@eircom.net](mailto:aileenforan@eircom.net); Telephone: 35316607558; Fax: 35316677666)

### **Kenya**

Two publications were launched by COVAW. The first publication, *Women's Silent Cries*, was a media review of the cases of VAW reported in the mainstream print media and an analysis of the same. The second publication, *In Pursuit of Justice*, was the result of a research project conducted by COVAW in 2001 on the response that survivors of VAW get when they seek assistance from service providers (including chiefs and health care workers).

### **Montenegro**

There was a meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Justice, municipal committee for equality of sexes, and representatives of women NGO's. The topic was about the SOS Network's draft of amendments on Family law of Montenegro (in the morning). Upon the end of this meeting a joint press release was put out about the results of the meeting. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

### **Pakistan, Islamabad**

Screening of *A Cry for Justice*, “*Yahan Say Bhi Dhekho*”, and *A Place Called Chiapas*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

### **Romania, Botosani**

An article was published in “Jurnalul de Botosani.” (ACTIV Botosani Association - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Suceava**

Articles were published in local newspapers. (Bucovinean Ladies Society, Suceava - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Sibiu**

A public conference was organized on violence against women. (ARAPAMESU Sibiu - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Bucharest**

A show was aired on Reality TV. (CPAPVVF Bucharest - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Spain, Burgos**

There was a contest for the most imaginative tale of gender equality. (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujeresenred.net>)

### **Tajikistan**

Meetings were held among women and men from djamoat “Sarmantoi.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

### **United Kingdom, London**

Amnesty International UK organized a screening and discussion of the “Missing Young Women” film about the murders of women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. (For more information contact - E. clare.bracey@amnesty.org.uk)

### **United States, Wisconsin**

There was a 5% Day to support the 16 Days at the Peacemeal Vegetarian Restaurant from 11am-9pm. (Madison 16 Days Coalition: Community Action on Latin America (CALA), Business and Professional Women of Wisconsin (BPW/WI), Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), East Timor Action Network (ETAN), Hancock Center, Havens Center, Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), Latinos United for Change and Advancement (LUChA), Lopez Law Office, Madison-Arcatao Sister City Project (MASC), Men Opposing Sexual Assault (MOSA), National Organization for Women, Wisconsin Chapter (NOW), Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment (PAVE), Rainbow Book Cooperative, Rape Crisis Center (RCC), UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence, UW Infoshop, Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV), Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (WCCN), WI Women's Network, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), and YWCA – For more information WCCN - P.O. Box 1534; Madison, WI 53701; Phone: (608) 257-7230; Fax: (608) 257-7904; E-mail: [wccn@wccnica.org](mailto:wccn@wccnica.org))

### **United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick held a Dialogue on Creating Cultures that Say NO to Violence Against Women: With Stories from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Serbia, Israel, and Africa. Organized by The Center for Women's Global Leadership. (For more information about CWGL, please go to <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu>).

### **United States, New Jersey**

At Rutgers University, New Brunswick there was An Open Discussion on Violence Against Women of Color. Organized by Straight Talk Against Racism. (Susan Meuse, [smeuse@eden.rutgers.edu](mailto:smeuse@eden.rutgers.edu)).

### **United States, New Jersey**

There was a film screening, discussion, campaign postcard/ petition signing on for the Mexican Campaign “Stop the Impunity: No More Murders of Women.” The screening of the video was also held. Organized by the Lippincott Residence Life Staff. (Contact info for Lippincott)

### **December 2-5**

#### **Romania, Roman**

Questionnaires on violence were completed.

(FEMINA 2000 Roman –for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **December 2- 11**

#### **Africa, Great Lakes Region**

Isis-WICCE with the Women's Peace Center of Search for Common Ground; Bujumbura, Burundi organized regional workshops on "*Women Building Peace and Good Neighborliness in the Great Lakes Region from the Grassroots to Government*"; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2002. The training is aimed at equipping women leaders in the Great Lakes with skills that empower them to professionally engage in peace building and conflict resolution activities. (Isis-WICCE)

### **December 3**

#### **Australia, Carlton**

The Pap test Project was launched and the report "Barriers to Cervical Screening Experienced by Victim/Survivors of Sexual Assault – Pilot Study" was presented. According to anecdotal evidence, avoidance of Pap tests among victim/survivors of sexual assault seems to be prevalent. Disclosures of this kind to counsellor/advocates raised the question of whether victim/ survivors may be under screened and therefore at greater risk of cervical cancer. Organized by CASA House (Centre Against Sexual Assault), together with The Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre (DVIRC), Amnesty International, Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC), Women Against Sexual Harassment (WASH), Northern CASA, South East CASA, Women's Domestic Crisis Service of Victoria (WDVCS) and Women's Information Referral Exchange (WIRE).

(For more information: E-mail: [16.days@rwh.org.au](mailto:16.days@rwh.org.au); Website: <http://www.casahouse.casa.org.au/html/action.htm>)

#### **Azerbaijan, Mingechaur**

There was a roundtable on "Violence by Children's Eyes." There was a Meeting of 20 people to discuss the best scripts of school children ages 10-11 on theme "Violence by Children's Eyes." (Gifted Children Protection Society "Vunderkind" – Telephone: 99414741581)

#### **Azerbaijan, Mingechaur**

Roundtable discussion on the theme "Violence in the Family- Who is the Victim, Who is Criminal?" (Organization of Protection and Support for Talented Children "Vunderking")

#### **Azerbaijan**

There was an exhibition of disabled women's artwork. (Association of Disabled Women and AYLU.)

**Canada, Toronto**

There was an information booth for Family Services Senior's Support Services at the Toronto Western Hospital Atrium.

**Canada, Toronto**

There was an Elder Abuse Play presented by the Health Action Theatre Seniors Troupe, St. Christopher House at the Toronto Western Hospital.

**Georgia**

There was a meeting/ discussion with women in Kutaisi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, Samtredia, and Shonit. There was also a meeting with broadcasting in Tskaltubo television. There was also a meeting with women about the history of 16 days, and women's rights in Georgian legislation. There was also a discussion on the media's role in combating violence against women. (Humanitarian Fund Sokumi: Telephone: 995231171933)

**Georgia, Tbilisi**

There was a roundtable discussion on domestic violence, and a discussion with disabled children. (Women's resource Center Satnoeba – Telephone: 99599531752)

**Ghana**

WISE held a Forum/Seminar for advocates and activists and Eastern Regions Campaign. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

**India, Manipur**

NEN had a meeting with eminent women activists, NGO's Human Rights Defenders, and Administrators on Issues of Violence Against Women. They also presented Street Plays in collaboration with Prof. Lokendra Arambam. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**India, Jagatsinghpur (Orissa)**

Swadhina organized a rally on where there were about 100 participants. At the end of the rally there was a discussion on the issue of Violence against Women. (Swadhina)

**India, Manipur**

NEN had an Observance of World AIDS Day. NEN also participated in an Exhibition organized by the State Aids Control Society. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**Kenya**

A tribunal focused on survivors of sexual violence and brought together government officials and professionals such as lawyers and doctors, as well as members of the public in order to listen to first hand experiences on what women go through in to get assistance when faced with situations of sexual abuse including rape.

**Macedonia, Skopje**

There was a roundtable and lectures in Shuto Orizari. (Roma Association of Women and Youth “LILUDI”)

**Montenegro**

There was a round table discussion aired on TV Crna Gora, which was participated in by representatives of women groups, Institute for Comparative Law, and Ministry of Justice. The topic was on amendments to the family law of Montenegro. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

**Pakistan, Islamabad**

There was a screening of *A Place called Chiapas*, *7 Days in Tehran*, and *A Score for Women's Voices*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

**Romana, Sibiu and Bucharest**

A TV show was aired and articles were published in the newspapers. (ARAPAMESU Sibiu and CPAPVVF Bucharest - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

**Romania, Iasi**

An article was published in Monitorul. (SEF Foundation - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

**Russia, Altay Region**

It was the one-year celebration of Hot Line for Men of the Altay regional crisis center for men. (NCRB-project – (in Finland)E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

**Spain, Burgos**

There was a conference on “Violence Against Women in the Spanish Society.” (Mujeres en Red – Website: <http://www.mujaresenred.net>)

**Tajikistan**

Meetings were held with youth from djamoat “Sarmantoi.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

**Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a demonstration of a TV film “This happened to me” on the channel “Region” of Donetsk Regional State TeleRadioCompany. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

**United Kingdom, London**

There were readings from the writings of exiled women from countries such as Iraq, Kurdistan, Algeria, Iran, and Bosnia. Kay Adshead read from her acclaimed play “The



Bogus Woman”. There was also live music by Sharia Saad. (Amnesty International UK – [www.amensty.org.uk](http://www.amensty.org.uk))

### **United States, Minnesota**

The Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse sponsored an event called “Lunch Out Loud,” which provided a chance for people living with HIV/ AIDS to discuss issues with legislatures. (For more information, please contact the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) <http://www.mincava.umn.edu>.)

### **United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick held a film screening, discussion, campaign, and postcard/petition signing on to Mexican Campaign “Stop the Impunity: No More Murders of Women”- with special guest Lisa Clarke, 16 Days Campaign Coordinator, Center for Women's Global Leadership. Organized by the Rutgers University Women's Center and Women's Defense Coalition. (<http://www.ruwomenscenter.org>)

### **United States, New Jersey**

There was also a film screening and discussion “Rape Is”. Organized by Rutgers University Sexual Assault Services and Crime Victim Assistance. (Karen Herman, [keherman@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:keherman@rci.rutgers.edu)).

### **United States, Wisconsin**

There was a Healing Works Art Exhibit and Opening Reception at the Madison Public Library. (Madison 16 Days Coalition)

### **United States**

Launch of the website SpiralMuse: Connecting Women, Shaping the World. (Website: <http://www.spiralmuse.org>)

### **December 4**

#### **Armenia**

There was a lecture on “Persistent Chemical Environment Pollutants & Reproductive Health”. (Women for Green Way for Generations – Telephone: 3741-580280)

#### **Azerbaijan**

There was a meeting with 20-25 society representatives to discuss women’s role in society. Reports on the theme of woman’s role in art, literature and journalism. (Newspaper “Ogni Mingechaura”, Azerbaijan Journalist Union of Mingechaur- Telephone: 99414741987)

#### **Azerbaijan**

There was an exhibition and concert members of Association “Women in Art”. (Association “Women in Art”)

#### **Azerbaijan**

There was a roundtable discussion with human rights activist and lawyers. (AYLU)

### **Canada, Toronto**

There was a panel on Violence Against Women: A Global Perspective. Panel members included Mulugeta Abai (Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture), Vijay Agnew (Director of Centre for Feminist Research – York University), Farah Ahmad (Research Associate, Women's Health Program, TGH), and members of Immigrant Women's Health Centre. (Toronto General Hospital)

### **Georgia**

There was a meeting with women in Kutaisi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Djikhaishi, Khoni, and another meeting with Zestaponi #3 school students. There was also a meeting with Samtredia law enforcement organizations, and events broadcasting in Kutaisi TV. Meeting with women about history of 16 days, and women's rights in Georgian legislation. Media role combating violence against women was also discussed. (Humanitarian Fun Sokhumi – Telephone: 995231-71933)

### **Ghana**

GVSSN and WISE held a Partner Soiree and Eastern Region Campaign. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **India, Jagatsinghpur (Orissa)**

Swadhina organized a "Women are the Power" Fest, which is a women's event to be held on 4th December 2002 at Dhenkanal area. There were about 100 women present from 9 villages. This cultural fest included a *Speech Contest*, which had about 15 participants. The topic was "Women are the strength of any family," and it was open to women only. There was also a presentation of social songs and dance, an exhibition of vegetables and fruits from Kitchen Garden, a Women's Handy-craft Exhibition, and a Felicitation to Self-Reliant rural women. (Swadhina)

### **Montenegro**

They distributed materials throughout the towns. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

### **Pakistan, Islamabad**

There was a screening of *A Cry for Justice*, "Yahan Say Bhi Dhekho", *The Hidden Story*, *Guatemala: Digging For The Truth* and *Yet Another Five*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

### **Romania, Suceava**

A television show on violence against women, called *Myth vs. Reality*, was broadcast. (Bucovinean Ladies Society -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Bucharest**

An article was published in "Libertatea" newspaper. (CPAPVVF Bucharest - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Sibiu**

A radio show was aired. (ARAPAMESU Sibiu - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Cluj**

A radio show on “Renasterea” radio was broadcast. (ARTEMIS Cluj- -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Russia, Altay Region**

There was a workshop for volunteers for action “White ribbon.” (NCRB-project – (in Finland)E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

### **Tajikistan**

Meetings were held among women and men from djamoat “Tugul.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

### **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a round table “Social partnership of executive power bodies and NGOs in solving problems of prevention of violence and trafficking,” in Dockuchaevsk. There was a demonstration of a TV film “*Castle on the sand*” in secondary school No 32, in Makeevka, and an interactive discussion “My Choice is Life Without Violence” in Donetsk Institute of Market and Social Policy. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

### **United States, New Jersey**

The Clothesline Project – Shirts with messages from victims/ survivors of sexual abuse were displayed and materials were provided for women to make their own shirts. Among the shirt displayed, there were also many made by friends and family of survivors. The even was held at the Rutgers University Women’s Center in the Douglass College Center. (Organized by the Rutgers University Women's Center and Sexual Assault Services For more information - <http://16days.pathbot.com/>)

### **United States, New Jersey**

The film *Against the Law - Battered Women Under Siege* was screened and a discussion was held afterward at the Rutgers University Women's Center on the 3rd floor of the Douglass College Center. Organized by a Social Action Project group for Women, Culture and Society. The group also produced materials with statistics and resources on sexual assault and rape.

### **United States, New Jersey**

A Dialogue Against Hate On Campus was held. The topic was “*Dealing with the Implications of the Arab-Israel Conflict and Surrounding Activism at Rutgers University openly*”

*and respectfully.* The event addressed: How to deal with the tension between the personal and the political when they collide; Tension and anger - how they can be used proactively; How we can insure that all voices are being heard; Media wars - putting down the weapons and encouraging journalistic integrity; and Establishing a respect policy for peaceful coexistence on campus that transcends disagreement. This event was organized anonymously and was held in the Rutgers University Women's Center.

### **United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick had a guest Speaker, Nadia Hijab, author and Development Expert. Nadia spoke about Palestinian women in the struggle against Israeli occupation and oppression. Organized by NJ Solidarity. ([info@njsolidarity.org](mailto:info@njsolidarity.org)).

### **United States, New Jersey**

There was a video screening and discussion on the Torture of Tibetan Nuns. A video screening of "Satya: A Prayer For The Enemy," featuring testimony from several Tibetan nuns about their imprisonment, torture, and rape by Chinese authorities for the simple expression of their belief in Tibetan freedom. Organized by Students For A Free Tibet. (Rohit Sharma, [inventedbifocal@hotmail.com](mailto:inventedbifocal@hotmail.com)).

### **United States, Minnesota**

The School of Social Work hosted a Women in Black Vigil to stand in solidarity with women around the world. All students, staff, and faculty were invited to participate in the vigil to commemorate the 16 Days of Activism Against Violence. The Vigil began at 11 a.m. and participants marched from Peters Hall to the St. Paul Student Center plaza. People wore black and dark colors, and brought signs expressing their concern and support for women around the world. (For more information, please contact MINCAVA (Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse) at <http://www.mincava.umn.edu>)

### **United States, Wisconsin**

There was a Healing Works Art Exhibit, and Opening Reception at the Madison Public Library. (Madison 16 Days Coalition)

### **December 4- 5**

#### **India, Meghalaya**

NEN held a Regional Workshop on *Mass Media: Building a Gender Perspective*, in collaboration with YWCA, Shillong. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

### **December 5**

#### **Armenia**

A roundtable discussion was held on "Women's Rights Protection, Action Against Gender Violence." (Shoger Union – Telephone: 3741554712)

**Azerbaijan**

A roundtable was held, and there was also a distribution of brochures on “Analysis of situation of violence against Azerbaijan women.” (Organization of Red Crescent of Mingechaur City)

**Azerbaijan**

Today was International Volunteers Day, and during the official ceremony for the day organizers discussed the 16 days campaign. They also distributed posters and booklets. (Organization of Red Crescent of Mingechaur City)

**Canada, Toronto**

A free Wen-Do self defense workshop was held for women at the Scadding Court Community Centre.

**Georgia**

A seminar was given on “Domestic Violence and Women’s Problems.” (Association “Sakhli”)

**Georgia**

An event dedicated to elimination of violence against women was held. (Women’s Resource Center Satnoeba– Telephone: 99599531752)

**Georgia**

There was a press conference on “Violence Against Women and Human Rights.” (Project Sapari – Telephone: 995-254-21333)

**Georgia, Lagodekhi**

Children’s paintings on the topic of “Violence and Trafficking” were exhibited. (Lagodekhi Scouts Association – Telephone: 995254-21333)

**Ghana**

There was a GVSSN- WISE Lunch with Women’s Caucus and Eastern Region Campaign. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

**Montenegro**

NTV Montena and Elmag held a phone-in live program discussing family violence. There were about 3 representatives of women groups from the coalition participating. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

**Pakistan, Islamabad**

There was a screening of *Aftermath: The Remnants of War and A Score for Women’s Voices*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

**Romania, Cluj**

A TV show was aired on Antena 1 Cluj. (ARTEMIS Cluj - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

**Russia, Atlay Region**

An event was held for International Volunteers Day. (NCRB-project – (in Finland)E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

**Tajikistan**

Meetings were held with youth from djamoat “Tugul.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

**Ukraine**

Meetings were held with youth from djamoat “Sarmantoi.”

**Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a screening of the TV film “*Private case*” with Alexandra Marinina on the channel “Region” of Donetsk Regional State TeleRadioCompany. They also organized an interactive discussion “*Life Abroad: Myth and Reality*” in secondary school No 142 in Donetsk, and held a celebration devoted to the International Volunteers Day in the Women for Women Crisis Center in Donetsk. There was also a celebration devoted to the International Volunteers Day in Torez. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

**United States, Minnesota**

A World AIDS Day Health Fair was held at the Hennepin County Health Services Building, and included speakers from service providers in the Twin Cities Area.

**United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick held a Die-in on Domestic Violence, which was a performance that traveled to all the Rutgers campuses. Organized by the RU Feminist Collective. ([RUFeministCollective@hotmail.com](mailto:RUFeministCollective@hotmail.com)).

**United States, New Jersey**

RADS - Self-Defense Course - Part 1 of 3 was held. Organized by Douglass College Safety Matters.

**United States, Wisconsin**

A Women’s Human Rights Speaking Event: A Discussion on Domestic Violence as Torture and the Rights of Women was held, featuring Sheila Dauer, Director of Amnesty International USA, Women’s Human Rights Program. It was followed by a panel discussion with representatives from local organizations at 7pm. Presented by Amnesty International at The University of Wisconsin-Madison. (For more information, please contact: Chris Miller, [bonzoboy16@aol.com](mailto:bonzoboy16@aol.com), 204.6089)

## **December 5-6**

### **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a training on the topic “How to get a job” in Donetsk Industrial and Pedagogical College. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

## **December 6**

### **Cambodia, Bantey MenChey Province**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network marched and gave white ribbons to people along their route.

### **Cambodia, Pailin City**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network marched and gave white ribbons to people along their route.

### **Canada, Toronto**

There was an information booth to commemorate the Montreal Massacre, and a screening and discussion of the NFB film “After the Massacre” at the Toronto Western Hospital.

### **Georgia, Rustavi**

There was a roundtable on “Gender Violence” with participation of representatives of ministry of Education, Health, and Law enforcement, as well as NGOs, television stations & other press. (Women and Health – Telephone: 995-99543238)

### **Georgia, Kutaisi, Zestaponi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, Samtredia, Khoni**

There was a meeting/ discussion with Subtrupics Institute Professors in Kutaisi. There was also a forum in Sokhumi, and a charity concert in Tskaltubo. There was a meeting with school students in Terjola, as well as a meeting with IDP in Didi Djikhaishi. Events were broadcasted in Samtredia and Khoni on television. A meeting with women on the history of 16 Days, and women's rights in Georgian legislation was held. The topic of the media's role in combating violence against women was also discussed. (Humanitarian Fond Sokhumi - Telephone: (995 231) 71 933 & (995 99) 54 31 61)

### **Georgia, Lagodekhi**

There was a meeting with students and teachers on the topic of “family violence and trafficking.” (Human Rights Protection Association "Pari" – Telephone: (995 254) 2 26 66)

### **Georgia**

Psycho-rehabilitation consultations for trafficking victims in Kakhety region were available. (Georgian Foundation Qavtaradze str. – Telephone: (995 32) 32 62 52, Ass. "Vejini", Ass. "Atinati")

### **Georgia**

There was a presentation of Health Survey results in Gurjaani region. (Women and Universe– Telephone: (995 32) 23 30 28; Georgian Foundation – Telephone: (995 32) 32 62 52; Domus MOBILES – Telephone: (995 32) 37 28 19)

### **Georgia**

There was a videoart event devoted to Caucasus 16 Days campaign. (Legal Gender Cultural fond Liza)

### **Ghana**

GVSSN- WISE Choice All Day Radio Coverage about the 16 days and Eastern Region Campaign took place. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; gv\_ssn@hotmail.com)

### **India, Jagatsinghpur (Orissa)**

Swadhina organized a "Women are the Power" Fest. There were about 50 women present. This cultural fest included a discussion and interaction on the topic "*Women are strength, not a burden*" a presentation of social songs and dance, and a Speech Contest. This contest had about 15 participants, and the topic was "Women are the strength of any family." This was open to women only. (Swadhina)

### **India, Midnapore**

Swadhina organized a "Women are the Power" Fest, which is a cultural fest that included a speech contest. The contest had about 15 participants, and was open to women only. The topic was "Girl Child is the asset of a family" or "The evils of Witch-Hunting." There was also a presentation of tribal songs and dance, a Felicitation to Self-Reliant rural women, an exhibition of vegetables and fruits from Kitchen Garden, a Women's Handy-craft Exhibition, and an exhibition of domestic animals and birds to encourage women's efforts. (Swadhina)

### **Kazakhstan**

There was a walk along the streets with signs that say no to violence against women. (Association of Single Mothers of Tekeli Town)

### **Kenya, Nairobi**

There was a reflection seminar on "The Impact of Domestic Violence on Women and Men" in Kangemi slums in Nairobi. (Abantu for Development – Contact Tony Nganga via E-mail: [roesa@abantu.org](mailto:roesa@abantu.org))



**Macedonia, Skopje**

There was a roundtable and lectures in Saraj and Gorce Petrov. (Roma Association of Women and Youth “LILUDI”)

**Mexico, Mexicali, B.C.**

There was a recognition of Women and Men in the Struggle for Human Rights Against Violence. (Grupo Feminista Alaide Foppa, A.C.)

**Montenegro**

At noon programs on local radio stations were broadcast. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

**Romania, Iasi**

An article was published in “Ziarul de Iasi.” (SEF Foundation - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

**Tajikistan**

Meetings were held among women and men from djamoat “City Management.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

**Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a training “My Choice is Life Without Violence,” Makeevka, in Kramatorsk Machinery Building College, and in secondary school No 124, Donetsk. They will also hold this training as an interactive discussion in Donetsk Institute of Market and Social Policy. There was also a final press release of the media-campaign, which was sent to the mass media of Donetsk region. “My Choice is Life Without Violence” was also presented in secondary school No 2, Makeevka. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

**United States, Minnesota**

In honor of the 11-year anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, MINCAVA and other organizations in Minnesota observed a moment of silence to remember those whose lives have been affected by violence. (For more information, please contact the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse through their website, <http://www.mincava.umn.edu>.)

**United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick held a film screening and discussion “El.” Organized by the Albus Cavus Gallery. (<http://www.albuscav.us>).

**United States, Wisconsin**

WORT community radio aired an hour-long interview on “A Public Affair” with representatives of NOMAS (National Organization for Men Against Sexism) about their work against violence against women. (Madison 16 Days Coalition)

## **December 6-8**

### **Montenegro**

The same thing repeated as the previous weekend- a baseball game where the players' t-shirts had slogans against VAW on them was broadcasted. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

### **Russia, Atlay Region**

There was a workshop on "Social work with domestic violence victims" for volunteers. (NCRB-project – (in Finland)E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

## **December 7**

### **Azerbaijan**

There was a TV-Debate on Space Channel entitled "She is my wife if I want can beat her!!!" (Debate Center and YUVA)

### **Azerbaijan**

There was a seminar for students of "Odlar Yurdu" University. (D. Aliyeva Org. "Women Rights Protection"& AYLU)

### **Cambodia, Kandal Province**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network marched and gave white ribbon out to the public along their route.

### **Georgia, Kutaisi, Zestaponi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, Samtredia, Khoni**

There was a meeting and discussion with doctors in Kutaisi. There was another meeting with local population in Zestaponi, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi. A charity concert was held in Khoni. There was an event broadcast inTskaltubo TV and written about in Samtredia newspaper. There was also another meeting with women on the history of 16 Days, women's rights in Georgia legislation, and the media's role in combating violence against women.(Humanitarian Fond Sokhumi- Telephone: (995 231) 71 933 or (995 99) 54 31 61)

### **Georgia, Lagodekhi**

There was a meeting with school students on the topic "family violence and trafficking." (Human Rights Protection Ass. "Pari" – Telephone: (995 254) 2 26 66)

### **Georgia, Tbilisi**

A roundtable was held in the framework of campaign Caucasus 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. The theme was "Ethnic Minorities Women Against Violence." Participants consisted of women of 18 different ethnic groups. (Association "Women of Multinational Georgia" – Telephone: (995 32) 99 52 28 or (995 93) 31 02 59 or (995 93) 30 44 34)

**Ghana**

GVSSN- ARK Durbar at Osino participated in the Eastern Region Campaign. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

**India, Meghalaya**

NEN held a free Film Screening highlighting the Issue of Violence Against Women and Girls. Some films were screened through select cable networks in the city. A third set of English and Khasi information based flyers were distributed as newspaper inserts. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**Kazakhstan**

A charitable dinner for women who have survived violence was given. There was also an opinion exchange on the theme “You are not alone- we are with you.” (Association of Single Mothers of Tekeli Town)

**Kenya, Taita Taveta District**

There was a public procession and symposium at the Coast province in Taita Taveta District.

**Mozambique**

A group of university students gave homage to the heroines of the Montreal Massacre. (Women In Law in Southern Africa Research Trust)

**Romania, Botosani**

A television show was aired on the Sumax Botosani Station. (ACTIV Botosani Association - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

**South Africa, Rondebosch**

To address the issue of violence against, and among, lesbian and bisexual women, 3 organizations formed a partnership and developed 6 consecutive workshops to empower all women who love women, and to help them to realize their rights. Organized and support by: The International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission in the USA; Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women & Children in Athlone; Triangle Project in Mowbray. The workshop held on this date was the 1st of 6 workshops. (For more information, please contact E-mail: [bmuthien@icon.co.za](mailto:bmuthien@icon.co.za))

**Tajikistan**

Meetings were held with youth from djamoat “City Management.” (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

**United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick held a film screening and discussion “EI.” Organized by the Albus Cavus Gallery. (<http://www.albuscav.us>).

## **United States, Wisconsin**

There was a Fair Trade Holiday Fair at the Press House. (Madison 16 Days Coalition)

## **December 8**

### **Azerbaijan**

There was a seminar for orphans, and students of Choreographic college on “Humanism in Art.” (Association “Women in Art” & AYLÜ)

### **Azerbaijan**

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### **Azerbaijan**

There was a presentation of book “War in women's eyes- women’s stories.” (ANC of HCA and Association of IDP Women in Georgia)

## **Cambodia, Battambang Province**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network marched and gave white ribbons to people along their route.

## **Cambodia, Phnom Penh**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network held a rally in four urban poor communities: Anlong Kngan, Samaki village, Borei Keila, and Stung Meanchey. They distributed white ribbons to people who participated.

## **Georgia, Kutaisi, Zestaponi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, Samtredia, Khoni**

There was a meeting/ discussion with Kutaisi library staff, as well as a meeting with youth in Terjola. There was also a charity concert in Didi Djikhaishi, Samtredia. A public service announcement was broadcast in Zestaponi and Tskaltubo on Khoni TV. There was a meeting with women on the history of 16 Days, and women's rights in Georgian legislation. The media’s role in combating violence against women was also discussed. (Humanitarian Fond Sokhumi - Telephone: (995 231) 71 933 or (995 99) 54 31 61)

## **Georgia, Tbilisi**

There was a meeting with the media on the theme: Violence Against Women. (“Sakhli”- Telephone: (995 32) 22 75 91)

## **Georgia**

Georgian and Abkhasian women against violence held a meeting. (Union "Forgivness" – Telephone: (995 32) 51 58 76)

## **Ghana**

GVSSN- WISE put on a Film Show for Youth and Debates for SSS Students. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

### **India, Calcutta**

Swadhina organized a poster competition for 50 students. The students were divided into 3 groups each having a theme. Children from schools, colleges, and art-schools in the surrounding areas participated. Topics were: "Girls can do everything," "Today's Women," and "Women are Strength not Burden." (Swadhina)

### **India, Mayurbhanj (Orissa)**

Swadhina organized a "Women are the Power" Fest. This event included a speech contest, which had about 15 participants. The topics were "Girl Child is the asset of a family" or "The evils of Witch-Hunting." This was open for women only. There was also a presentation of social songs and dance, a Felicitation to Self-Reliant rural women, an exhibition of vegetables and fruits from Kitchen Garden, and a Women's Handy-craft Exhibition. (Swadhina)

### **India, Bihar**

Swadhina organized a rally where there were about 200 participants. The rally concluded near Gandhi Memorial Statue at Motihari, Bihar. The rally was followed by cultural program. (Swadhina)

### **Kazakhstan**

There was a reception with the women of Tekeli town that have survived violence, along with the inspectors of the "Subdivision for the protection from violence." There was also some discussion about laws and violence. (Association of Single Mothers of Tekeli Town)

### **Montenegro**

There was a night contact program dealing with domestic violence issues, and participants included representatives from various women's groups. The host was Radio Elmag. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

### **Romania, Cluj**

A television show was aired on TVR Cluj. (ARTEMIS Cluj - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Botosani**

An article was published in Monitorul de Botosani. (ACTIV Botasani - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Tajikistan**

There was a meeting with medical workers from Central hospital "Karabolo." (NGO "Hairhohy Zamon")

## **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held an interactive discussion “*Life Abroad: Myth and Reality*” in Donetsk college of technology. They also designed a youth party with a demonstration of the television film “*Castle on the sand*” in Telmanovo of Donetsk region. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

## **United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick held RADS - Self-Defense Course - Part 2 of 3. Organized by Douglass College Safety Matters.

## **December 9**

### **Armenia, Abovyan**

A meeting devoted to the 54th anniversary of Human Rights was held. (Family & the New World, Family Support Center, NGO Abovyan - Telephone: (374 22) 23604 / 21127)

### **Armenia, Yerevan**

There was a roundtable on the topic “Women's Rights Protection, Action Against Gender Violence.” The aim was raising awareness of population on human rights, for elimination of all forms of violence against women, and to have an open discussion on women human rights issues, in particular on gender violence. Participants included members from various NGOs, Armenian government, member of the media, 15 women NGOs, and other individuals. There was an exhibition of posters, a distribution of materials on human rights, and both were on the theme of violence against women. (Shoger Union – Telephone: (3741) 55 47 12)

### **Austria**

The AÖF and Viennese Women’s Houses Shelters held a lecture with Senta Trömel-Plötz on violence through language, which was followed by a discussion. (For more info, contact the AOF website at <http://www.a oef.at>.)

### **Azerbaijan**

There was a round table with municipality on the topic “Violence against women who work in street market.” (“Women and Development”)

### **Azerbaijan**

There was a roundtable with women NGO on “Violence against children.” (Confederation of Caucasus NGO)

### **Brazil**

In collaboration with Planeta Femea del Forum Social Mundial, a seminar on the construction of women’s human rights was presented. The “Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil Comission de La Mujer” also supported this seminar. (Colectivo Feminino Plural (Brazil))

**Georgia, Kutaisi, Zestaponi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, Samtredia, Khoni**

There were meetings and discussions with Abkhazeti governmental organizations in Kutaisi. Children's paintings were exhibited in Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, and Samtredia. A public service announcement was broadcast in Zestaponi and Khoni television. There was also a meeting with women on the history of 16 Days, women's rights in Georgian legislation, and the media's role in combating violence against women. (Humanitarian Fond Sokhumi - Telephone: (995 231) 71 933 or (995 99) 54 31 61)

**Georgia**

Radio program was broadcast on Caucasus 16 Days results. (Human Rights Protection Ass. "Pari" – Telephone: (995 254) 2 26 66)

**Ghana**

GVSSN and VAWAC gave a presentation at Parliament. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; [gv\\_ssn@hotmail.com](mailto:gv_ssn@hotmail.com))

**India, Calcutta**

Swadhina organized a seminar where nearly 100 social-activists participated. The topic was "Women are strength, not burden." (Swadhina)

**Kazakhstan**

A roundtable discussion about Kazakhstan signing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was held. (Association of Single Mothers of Tekeli Town)

**Montenegro**

There was a joint press conference and press release against domestic violence on the occasion of 10th of December (the UN Declaration of Human Rights Day). A round table on the local level with representatives of local NGO's, and institutions, on domestic violence took place. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

**Nigeria**

There was a training of trainers for Women's Rights NGOs on the Use of CEDAW in the promotion and enforcement of Human Rights of Women. It was a regional training involving nine States under the auspices of the Coalition of Eastern NGOs (CENGOS), which is an umbrella organisation of all NGOs operating in Eastern Nigeria. CIRDDOC is coordinating it. The training was based on the Peoples' Decade For Human Rights Education's (PDHRE) Manual and Video Drama. The trainees from the earlier training workshops were the resource persons in these workshops, and the program was structured in a way that three participants from each state (27) were trained. Thereafter, they will in turn, return to their states to train 30 Women's Rights activists

in each of the states. It is aimed at building a crop of empowered persons to train activists on how to employ the Women's Convention in the work they do.

(CIRDDOC Nigeria – Telephone: 234-(0)42-459969; Fax: 234(0)42-456904; E-mail: [crddoc@infoweb.abs.net](mailto:crddoc@infoweb.abs.net))

### **Pakistan, Islamabad**

There was a screening of *Perception: The Other Canvas, A Place called Chiapas, When This Day Is Named*, “*Mai Nee Maynoo Shok Awararay*,” and *7 Days in Tehran*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

### **Tajikistan**

There was a meeting with law organs. (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

### **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a round table on “*Violence: situation in Ukraine*,” in Makeevka. There was also a youth party with a demonstration of the television film “*Castle on the sand*” in Andreevka village of Telmanovo district of Donetsk region. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

### **United States, New Jersey**

Rutgers University, New Brunswick held a RADS - Self-Defense Course - Part 3 of 3. Organized by Douglass College Safety Matters. (Kate- [katkilli@eden.rutgers.edu](mailto:katkilli@eden.rutgers.edu)).

### **United States, New Jersey**

There was a film screening, discussion, and campaign postcard/petition signing for the Mexican Campaign “Stop the Impunity: No More Murders of Women.” Organized by the Corwin Residence Life Staff.

### **December 9-10**

#### **Mexico, Mexicali, B.C.**

There was a presentation of “*El Tendedero*,” as well as a meeting on “The Impact of Violence on Women’s Health and Their Families.” (Grupo Feminista Alaide Foppa, A.C.)

### **December 10**

#### **Armenia, Yerevan**

There was an event for Human Rights Day, and a Caucasus 16 Days 2002 Concluding Conference. (Tatev 95 and Caucasus 16 Days Armenian National Coordination Committee)

#### **Armenia**

Extended Advisory Board meeting was held, comprising representatives from both the governmental and the non-governmental sectors. Its aim was at working out a strategy to fight against violence against women for the coming 2003 year. The Women’s Rights Center also organized an exhibition dedicated to the International Human Rights Day,



which was organized by the Human Rights Committee and the United Nations. (Women's Rights Center – E-mail: [wrcarm@arminco.com](mailto:wrcarm@arminco.com))

### **Australia, Adelaide**

A Young Mermaids Guide to Planet Earth (an arts and peer education project based at Dale Street Women's Health Service) had an all ages event at Fad Café. The launch included an art exhibition, stalls, performance art, spoken word, rap artists, and much more. (Please contact Emma Webb 8444 0700)

### **Australia, Melbourne**

A forum titled 'Working with Women from a Human Rights Perspective' was held. This forum explored the importance of a human rights framework in our work to stop violence against women, globally in a service provision context. Workshop sessions created an opportunity for participants to consider how a human rights framework can be applied in our everyday work. (Organized and supported by the following organizations: CASA House (Centre Against Sexual Assault), Royal Women's Hospital, DVIRC (Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre), WIRE (Women's Information Referral Exchange), Northern CASA, Northern Family Violence Network, South East CASA.) (E-mail: [16.days@rwh.org.au](mailto:16.days@rwh.org.au);

Website: <http://www.casahouse.casa.org.au/html/action.htm>)

### **Australia, Carlton**

"'SHOW US YA TITS!' '...SHOW US YA BRAIN' comeback to sexual harassment competition" was held. What is the worst line you've ever heard and what do wish you could have said? The organizers recognize that it isn't always safe or appropriate to respond to remarks made towards us but thought it would be great to have a filing cabinet of responses in our heads for those moments when we are too shocked to respond. The winner was announced on December 10. Following the announcement there was a multicultural celebration. (CASA House (Centre Against Sexual Assault), Royal Women's Hospital, DVIRC (Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre), WIRE (Women's Information Referral Exchange), Northern CASA, Northern Family Violence Network, South East CASA.) (E-mail: [16.days@rwh.org.au](mailto:16.days@rwh.org.au); Website: <http://www.casahouse.casa.org.au/html/action.htm>)

### **Austria**

*Legalise-at*, a support platform of migrant/women's organizations and individuals for illegalised migrant women, organized a Day of Action. Prior to December 10, *Legalise-at* hosted fundraising events. On the Day of Action activities took place at Westbahnhof (train station), Südbahnhof (train station), Landstrasse/Wien Mitte (train station), and Schottentor/University (video projection). On December 10, there were performances at different sites in Vienna, which included actions, music, theater, video projections, and invisible theater. These were done with the aim of drawing attention to the situation and problems of illegalised migrant women because: illegalisation means no health insurance, no possibility to secure one's existence, permanent fear of arrest and deportation; illegalised people are portrayed as a social, political and economic problem. In reality, economic profit is being made of their situation; the invisibility of

illegalised women is double – working in private households, in the sex industry; the situation makes illegalised women especially vulnerable and exploitable; the so-called “integration package.” There was an evening event with a reading of poetry, a concert, and music. (For more information on performances (sites, time etc.) at 0676-93-88-763 or [legalise\\_at2002@yahoo.com](mailto:legalise_at2002@yahoo.com). For more information about *Legalise-at* visit [http://www.frauenweb.at/legalise\\_at.](http://www.frauenweb.at/legalise_at.) )

### **Azerbaijan**

There was a Human Rights Day Caucasus, as part of a 16 Days 2002 Concluding Conference. (YUVA, Women with University Education, Caucasus 16 Days Azerbaijan National Coordination Committee, WomenAid International)

### **Bangladesh**

NUS held a Workshop on Human Rights at Khilgaon, Dhaka. International Human Rights Day 2002 was observed by Nari Unnayan Shakti (Women's Power for Development) through a workshop titled “Women Rights are Human Rights” held at Khilgaon NUS's Training Center. The workshop was facilitated by Afroja Parvin, Executive Director, Nari Unnayan Shakti. Community Women Leaders and Dhaka Project Staffs of NUS participated at the event. The main objective of the workshop was creating leadership quality among the community women to fight for human rights of the slum women. As reported, violence cases against women are 5961 during September 2001 - October 2002. Among them 83 women were killed and 111 raped. Total numbers of gang rapes were 42. The number of women who have had acid thrown at them is 30, and four women were burned to death. The participants of the workshop expressed their deep concern that occurrence of violence against women took place even more often than the report stated for lack of access to legal aid. In the slum area, large numbers of young women and adolescent girls were harassed by hoodlums. Generally, people are threatened by the terrorists, and many want to protest to try to stop them. The participants of the workshop demanded exemplary punishment of the terrorists. (For more information, e-mail: [bangladeshafrojnus@bdmail.net](mailto:bangladeshafrojnus@bdmail.net))

### **Cambodia, Kompot Province**

Cambodian Man's Network (CMN) in cooperation with Gender and Development Network marched and distributed white ribbons to people along their route.

### **Canada, Toronto**

There was an information booth and collage on “Celebrating Women’s Resistance.” Sistering Ambassadors and the China Dolls gave a spectacular dance and musical performance. There was also a Survivors Speak Out Panel. Panel members included members of WACT Speaker’s Bureau, survivors of violence from TWH, and, at the end, closing panel remarks from Barbara Hall. (Toronto Western Hospital)

### **Gambia**

There was outreach to the media. (SIMMA’s Women Resource Center – [Simma@qanet.gm](mailto:Simma@qanet.gm))

**Georgia, Kutaisi, Zestaponi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, Samtredia, Khoni**

There was a forum in Kutaisi, Zestaponi, Tskaltubo, Terjola, Didi Djikhaishi, Samtredia, and Khoni. (Humanitarian Fond Sokhumi - Telephone: (995 231) 71 933; (995 99) 54 31 61)

**Georgia, Tbilisi**

There was a Human Rights Day Caucasus, along with the 16 Days 2002 Concluding Conference. (WomenAid International-Caucasus and Caucasus 16 Days Georgian National Coordination Committee)

**Ghana**

GVSSN Meet the President and seminar on Women's rights and human rights. (Gender Violence Survivor Support Network (GVSSN) – E-mail; gv\_ssn@hotmail.com)

**Hungary, Budapest**

We had an official closing of the signature campaign, in the form of a press conference. Various NGOs started a signature campaign demanding coherent domestic violence legislation, including an official definition of stalking and an introduction of the restraining order in legal practices. The campaign was started due to some horrific and highly publicized instances of domestic violence and abuse in Hungary. We've collected over 20,000 signatures in less than two months, and this without having any means for organizing country-wide signatures. Private people have started local collections, who have not been activists in any form before. The 20,000 signatures mean that every 500th Hungarian citizen has signed it, but the signatures continue coming in. (For more information, please see their website at: <http://www.municipia.at/fallstudien/sp7/f0000197.html>, or contact Mrs. Marta Kis at: NaNE!- Women Working with Women Against Violence, H 1093 Budapest, Vamharz krt. 7, Telephone: 0036 1 216 16 70, Fax: 0036 1 216 16 70.)

**India, Delhi**

There was a recent tide of gender-based violence in the city, which shocked many people and many felt that the culture of violence in the city was a reflection of the silence that surrounds all such crimes. In response to this, the Coordination Committee organized a rally. It took place at 11 a.m., and began at Ranjit Singh Flyover. From there, the participants marched to Jantar Mantar. The rally was attended by representatives of Student Unions, Teachers Association, Residents Welfare Associations, Women's Organizations, Non-governmental Organizations, Trade Unions, and many other civil society organizations. (For further information, please contact Ms. Aprajita Mukhejee (GTI) or Mr. Sudhir K. Rai.)

**India, Meghalaya**

NEN had a free Open-air musical reach out observing Human Rights Day. A fifth set of English and Khasi information based flyers were distributed as newspaper inserts and at the venue. (North East Network (NEN)- Telephone: 91-11-6312355).

**India, Mayurbhanj (Orissa)**

Swadhina organized a rally, where there was about 100 participants. At the end of the rally there was a discussion on the issue of Violence against Women. (Swadhina)

**Kyrgyzstan**

There was a television version of the interactive play (see above under November 25-December 10) with an interactive discussion.

**Lithuania**

The program on Lithuanian radio, called "The Morning Sounds," returned to the topic on the last day of the campaign on December 10. The results of the campaign were summed up, and the journalists of the other mass media who took part in the campaign participated. Our target group was not just people living in the big cities, but also the people of the rural regions, so useful information was also broadcasted by regional TV channels. On December 10, a seminar/ round table was held in Vilnius. The materials of all the seminars were summarized there, and the results of the project were also summed up. Its impact on the society was discussed and evaluated, and the usefulness of the project to the Crisis Centers, NGOs and mass media was established.

**Mauritius**

S.O.S. Femmes organized a get together of some victim-survivors who have been at the shelter as a way to celebrate the women who have, in various ways, sometimes silently, resisted and overcome violence against them and their children. It was also a re-learning from experience and an aid in gaining greater strength. (S.O.S. Femmes)

**Nigeria**

CIRDDOC held a Regional Tribunal on Violations of Women's Human Rights Under the Guise of Culture and Tradition in Calabar, Cross Rivers State of Nigeria. There was a clamour to bring the tribunal to that area in order that the traditional institutions there would begin to see the harmful effects of the culture they promote. The area has a strong culture of women's subjugation. The tribunal brought to the fore issues of traditional practices and their harmful effects on, not only the women, but also the society in general. We invited traditional rulers and traditional opinion leaders in the society. We tried to use the opportunity to push for the inclusion of women in the traditional ruling institutions and cabinets. As part of this year's activities, they had also published a record of the proceedings of the National Tribunal on Reproductive Rights and Abortion, which CIRDDOC held in May 2002 in Lagos. It was disseminated at this subsequent tribunal, and during the tribunal, there was a desk in a separate room for provision of legal aid for those that need it.

(CIRDDOC Nigeria)

### **Pakistan, Islamabad**

There was a screening of *A Cry for Justice*, “*Yahan Say Bhi Dhekho*,” *Evil Stalks The Land*, *Docu-Gujrat*, and *Perception: The Other Canvas*. (International Film Festival sponsored by The Nomad Centre & Art Gallery)

### **Russia, Atlay Region**

For International Day of Human Rights, there was a white ribbon action. (NCRB-project – (in Finland)E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

### **Romania, Timisoara**

A press conference was organized. (APFR Timisoara - for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Bacay, Botosani, Roman and Suceava**

A press conference was held and with the results of the campaign. (FILBAC, ACTIV, FEMINA 2000, Bucovinean Ladies Society - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Romania, Iasi**

A television show was broadcast on TVR Iasi that presented a report with the results of the campaign, including reports and opinion polls. (SEF Foundation - -for more information contact Equal Opportunities for Women (SEF) – E-mail: [sef@sef.ro](mailto:sef@sef.ro))

### **Slovakia**

The campaign ended with presentations of declarations and appeals together with human rights organizations like Amnesty International, People Against Racism, etc. The aim was to show that women’s human rights are human rights, and that women have a right to have a life free of violence. (Initiative Fifth Woman)

### **Tajikistan**

There was a roundtable to discuss the program completion. (NGO “Hairhohy Zamon”)

### **Ukraine**

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women held a demonstration of a the television film “*Private case*” with Alexandra Marinina” on the channel “Region” of Donetsk Regional State TeleRadioCompany. There was a youth party with a demonstration of the television film “*Castle on the sand*” in Michurino village of Telmanovo district of Donetsk region. (Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women. Phone: +38 (062) 334-20-43. Fax: +38 (062) 334-20-43).

## **Uganda**

It was the launch of the Isis-WICCE Research Report called “Documentation of Teso Women’s Experiences of Armed Conflict; Teso; 1987 – 2001.” The Teso region has undergone a series of conflicts both in form of armed conflict as well as raids from the Karamajong warriors. This has left a lot of inflictions on the community and affected the development of the area. The gender-based effects to the lives of women have affected their physical, psychological, and reproductive health. This reports highlights the experiences that women have encountered and recommends issues that need to be addressed if total peace is to be realized in the Teso area. (Isis- WICCE)

## **United States, General**

AIUSA officially endorsed, participated in, and publicized the campaign. The National Women's Human Rights Program organized a benefit film screening and event in DC on 11/25 to celebrate Intl Day to Eliminate VAW and to kick off the work that all of the local groups are doing throughout the 16 Days Campaign. This work varies from participating in Take Back the Night Marches, organizing discussions on violence against women, sponsoring films, teach-ins, rallies, and a variety of other activities.

## **December 13-14, 2002**

### **Kyrgyzstan**

There was a roundtable on the conclusions of the campaign in “Zamana” program with participation of NGOs, government officials, and international organizations. (Sezim and KTR)

### December 15

### **Montenegro**

There was an evaluation meeting where the representatives of member organizations analyzed activities conducted throughout the campaign, the work of the coalition and their organizations, messages sent, good and bad sides of the work of our coalition, and the achieved results. (SOS Hotline for women and children victims of violence)

### December 16

### **Russia, Atlay Region**

There was a presentation of First Russian Web-site of the project “*Men overcoming violence.*” (NCRB-project – (in Finland)E-mail: [NCRB@oulu.fi](mailto:NCRB@oulu.fi); Phone: +358-8-5531011; Fax: +358-8-5533600 and (in Russia) E-mail: [Liapounova@pomorsu.ru](mailto:Liapounova@pomorsu.ru); Phone/fax: +7-8182-208240)

### **December 30**

### **Mexico, Mexicali, B.C.**

There was a presentation of “El Tendedero.” (Grupo Feminista Alaide Foppa, A.C.)

## **December 2002- January 2003**

### **Romania**

A campaign spot calling for the involvement of the community in domestic violence situations was aired. (Community Mediation and Security Center and the McCann

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