

To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the United Nations presents:

No Burqas Behind Bars



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Elimination of Violence Against Women

Violence against women and girls is a grave violation of human rights. Its impact ranges from immediate to long-term multiple physical, sexual and mental consequences for women and girls, including death. It negatively affects women's general well-being and prevents women from fully participating in society. Violence not only has negative consequences for women but also their families, the community and the country at large. It has tremendous costs, from greater health care and legal expenses and losses in productivity, impacting national budgets and overall development.

Our Solutions

Women's right to live free from violence is upheld by international agreements such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), especially through General Recommendations 12 and 19, and the 1993 UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women. UN Women works with countries at the global level to advance the international normative framework through support provided to inter-governmental processes, such as the General Assembly and the Commission on the Status of Women. At the country level, UN Women supports Governments in adopting and enacting legal reforms aligned with international standards.

- See more at: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women#sthash.V7bCB7Oj.dpuf>

Facts and Figures

- Up to 70 per cent of women experience violence in their lifetime.
- Between 500,000 to 2 million people are trafficked annually into situations including prostitution, forced labour, slavery or servitude, according to estimates. Women and girls account for about 80 per cent of the detected victims
- It is estimated that more than 130 million girls and women alive today have undergone FGM/C, mainly in Africa and some Middle Eastern countries.
- The cost of intimate partner violence in the United States alone exceeds \$5.8 billion per year: \$4.1 billion is for direct medical and health care services, while productivity losses account for nearly \$1.8 billion.

TAKE ACTION: Orange the World in 16 Days!

The UN Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign has proclaimed 25th of every month as "Orange Day" – a day to take action to raise awareness and prevent violence against women and girls. Activists from around the world, governments and UN partners have organized Orange Day actions calling for safety from violence at homes, schools, work places and public spaces.

From 25 November to 10 December, we want your help to make these actions bigger, bolder, and global. We want to Orange the World in 16 Days.

Organise an Orange Day Event

- Wear orange and carry posters and banners to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence.
- Invite local women's organizations to speak about the issue and distribute information about existing laws and services.
- Organize a film screening or host a "Orange the World" party at your home! Check UN Women's video library for films

Orange your world on FB

- Check out the orange images we created for you to use and Orange your Facebook page and share them with your friends.
- Upload information about local events and photos onto our Orange the World Facebook Event page
- Wear orange, take a picture of yourself and post it on to our Orange the World Facebook Event page with your message "I wear orange because..."

#ORANGEURWORLD on Twitter

- Share your stories and messages on Twitter on how you #orangeurworld during the 16 Days of Activism!
- Wear orange, take a picture of yourself and share with us why you are taking a stand by tweeting #Iwearorange because...
- Join UN Women's #AskPhumzile Twitter chat with Executive Director @phumzileunwomen
- Tweetup with @SayNO_UNiTE