

# World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse 19 November

## Impact 2001

Activities and events organized by international  
NGOs coalition members



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Together, let us work to guarantee the right to dignity for all children and create a culture of prevention of child abuse.

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**Women's World  
Summit Foundation**

## **Women's World Summit Foundation WWSF**

Created in 1991 in Geneva in response to the urgent call for action launched at the first World Summit for Children (New York 1990), WWSF is established as a Swiss Foundation and international, non-profit, non-confessional NGO with United Nations consultative status (ECOSOC, UNFPA, UNDPI).

WWSF's mission is to serve the full implementation of women and children's rights and help the realization of promised developments goals adopted by the international community at numerous UN summits and conferences, as well as to hold world leaders accountable to their promises made to women and children.

Women's and children's rights being closely related, WWSF intervenes on the international scene via strategic empowerment programs divided into two sections: three programs for women (annual Prize for women's creativity in rural life, World Rural Women's Day – 15 October, and building Circles of Compassion) and three programs for children (World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November and its international NGOs coalition to mark the Day, World Fund for the Dignity of Children, and the "Walk your Talk" postcard campaign and Honorary "Walk your Talk Award"™ to Heads of State who demonstrate great commitment and significant results in the realization of their promises made to the children of the world.

**Message**  
**from the Women's World Summit Foundation**  
on the occasion of World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse  
**19 November 2001**

WWSF launched **the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse** on **19 November 2000** (a date to create a synergy with the anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child) in response to an unacceptable announcement in a respected Swiss daily paper of a pedophile network having created an international day for pedophilia.

Sexual abuse and exploitation of children and youth being a universal and complex problem which defies both simplistic analysis and easy answers, the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse aims above all to create a **culture of prevention** around the world.

At its launching message and inauguration in 2000, WWSF disseminated Dr. Sherryl Kraizer's educational program "**Protecting Children from Abuse**". This public briefing has circulated the world and has been translated into many national and local languages and is now used in many schools. It seems to fill a need for parents to give their children basic skills to fight off sexual aggressors. However, such programs alone are not an absolute guarantee against child abuse and increased prevention information and education is needed to reinforce the promotion of existing programs, improve circulation of information, and create new strategies for action.

Nevertheless, efforts to speed up prevention do come up against difficulties, e.g. the world scale of the problem, the vulnerability of children, the lack of political will to address this issue on a regular basis, the power of vested interests, including financial interest, etc.

The issue of child abuse is too complex to be addressed from a single perspective. No one group has the expertise to address all the issues of children who have been abused. Inter-sectoral and integrated approaches as well as joint actions and networks that maintain a broad ranging perspective are necessary.

In the face of such challenges and to increase cooperation, experience sharing and resource dissemination, **WWSF launched in 2001 an international NGO coalition** for the dignity of children. The NGO coalition, keystone of the World Day campaign, brought together 149 NGOs from 60 countries that committed to mark the Day with significant local or national activities and events.

Encouraged by civil society's response in recognition of the necessity for such a World Day, and stressing that more about abuse prevention and protection needs to be done, WWSF is reinforced in its commitment to continue with the annual campaign and disseminate innovative approaches and information on Internet to the benefit of coalition members and the NGO child rights community in general.

## **In Geneva, several events marked the commemoration of the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse**

- **A public demonstration in front of the United Nations**
- **The official remittance of the "Petition Fusterie" to UNICEF** demanding urgent intervention by the UN, governments and the media in order to ensure urgent implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Petition was launched in the year 2000 and generated 17,000 signatures from around the world.
- **A press conference, followed by a public debate.** Elly Pradervand succeeded in bringing together a large number of personalities from diverse backgrounds that agreed to address the media on the World Day and underlined the importance of prevention measures and efficient protection skills against child abuse. Interventions also included the urgent need to adequately finance prevention programs as a society can be evaluated by the way it treats its children
- **A commemoration at the Temple de la Fusterie** in the evening with speakers and music to close the Day.

### **Extracts of Messages received in 2001:**

- **Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary General,** « ... would have liked to participate in this important event which will focus on the prevention of child abuse and the rights of the child... He welcomes your advocacy on behalf of the world's children... ».
- **Dr. Juan Miguel, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography** « ... It is largely thanks to the work of NGOs that the issue of child abuse is now on the international agenda... We must continue the fight in order to ensure that this concern results in concrete changes... On this day of commitment and reflection... I invite you to continue to provide me with information, which will enable me to carry out my mandate, and intervene to help children... ».
- « ...**UNICEF** supports all initiatives that sensitize public opinion and civil society and supports prevention programs as well as the reintegration of survivors into their families, schools and society... **UNICEF** thanks **WWSF** once more for its commitment to promoting protection of abuse and the rights of the child programs... ».

**WWSF Program**  
**World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse**  
**19 November 2001**

**Press Conference 2:00 – 3:30pm**

Club Suisse de la presse, Villa La Pastorale, 106, route de Ferney, Geneva

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**Participants:**

**Elly PRADERVAND,**

Founder/Director - Women's World Summit Foundation, **Switzerland**

Initiator of the World Day – *Message*

**Delivery of the « Petition Fusterie » to UNICEF**

**Georges GLATZ,** President of the International Committee for the Dignity of Children, **Switzerland**

*Presentation of his organization*

**Homayra SELLIER,** President of the Association Innocence in Danger, **France**

*Presentation of work on Internet*

**Latifa BENNARI,** Founder and President of the Association L'Ange Bleu, **France**

*Prevention and information against pedophilia*

**Nicolas GIANNAKOPOULOS,** Organized Crime Observatory, **Switzerland**

*Transnational networks, pedo-criminal networks*

**Dr Catherine BONNET,** Child Psychiatrist, **France**

*The theory of false allegations*

**Serge GARDE,** Journalist - "L'Humanité", **France**

Co-author of the book «Le Livre de la Honte. Les réseaux pédophiles» (The Book of Shame. Pedophile networks)

*Presentation of the book*

**Laurence BENEUX,** Journalist from "Le Figaro", **France**

Co-author of the book « *Le Livre de la Honte. Les réseaux pédophiles* » (The Book of Shame. Pedophile networks)

*History of the Zandvoorth networks*

**3:00 – 3:30pm Questions and Answers**

**3:30 – 4:30pm Public Debate**

**Participants included**

**Marcel VERVLOSOEM,** Association Morkhoven, pedophile networks, **Belgium**

**Don FORTUNATO,** association Arcobaleno, **Italy**

**Bernard VALADON,** association Le Bouclier, **France**

**Christine DOLAN,** International Humanitarian Campaign Against the Exploitation of Children, Washington DC, **USA.** Author of *Shattered Innocence - The Millennium Holocaust*

**6:00 – 7:30pm Commemoration at the Temple de la Fusterie**  
**Speeches and music**

## Radio and Television Programs

<b>World Radio Gva</b>		17 Nov. Interview with Elly Pradervand broadcasted several times during the day (17, 18 and 19 November)
<b>TSR</b>	<b>TJ-Midi</b>	19 Nov. Interview with Serge Garde by W. Heinzer
<b>RSR La Première</b>	<b>Chronicle at 08:20</b>	19 Nov. Emmanuel Gripon announces the World Day
<b>FR3</b>	<b>News</b>	19 Nov. Report by Claudine Longhi broadcasted twice on the 19 <sup>th</sup> and once at midday on 20 November
<b>TV Léman Bleu</b>	<b>News</b>	19 Nov.
<b>RAI/SAT</b>	<b>News</b>	19 Nov. Interview with Pierre Pradervand, live
<b>Radio France, France Inter</b>	<b>News</b>	19 Nov. Report by Jacques Prévost
<b>Radio Suisse Inter'I Swissinfo</b>	<b>Internet</b>	19 Nov. Report and interviews at the press conference and next day

# **List of Coalition Members**

# List of international coalition members committed to mark World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse - 19 November 2001

## 149 organizations

### International organizations

- Action Against Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation of Children – ATSEC
- Africans Unite Against Child Abuse
- Center for International Peace building
- Femmes et Enfants du Monde
- Foundation Appeal of the Nobel Peace Laureates for Children
- Institut International des Droits de l'Enfant - IDE
- International Alliance of Women
- International Bureau for Children's Rights
- International Council for the Future of the Children of Tchernobyl
- International Commission for Justice and Peace for All Creation - ICJPC
- International Council of Nurses - ICN
- International Council of Women
- International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect - ISPCAN
- Peace Child International
- Soroptimist International
- World Association of Early Childhood Educators
- World Movement of Citizens to protect Innocence in Danger
- World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations - WUCWO
- Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF

### National organizations

#### **AFRICA**

##### **Burundi**

- Association pour la Défense des Droits de la Femme - ADDF
- Ligue Burundaise pour l'Enfance et la Jeunesse - LIBEJEUN

##### **Cameroon**

- Centre de Recherche sur les Questions Internationales et de Développement -CERDRAA
- Comité National d'Action pour les Droits de l'Enfant et de la Femme - CADEF
- Défense des Enfants International - DEI Cameroun
- Fédération Camerounaise des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO
- United Action for Children

##### **Tschad**

- Association Jeunesse Anti-Clivage - AJAC

##### **D.R. Congo**

- Action-Femmes pour les Enfants Négligés et Abusés - AFPENA
- Centre Chrétien pour la Protection de la Flore et de la Faune - CCPFF
- Eglise Réformée Presbytérienne au Congo, Jeunes Chrétiens Réformés pour le Développement
- Fondation pour le Développement Stichting Bambale
- IUS ET VITA (DROIT ET VIE)
- Les Enfants pour le Progrès Integral - EPI
- Mouvement pour l'Enfant Congolais - MEC

#### **Ghana**

- African Peace Network – APNET INT’L
- Child Warfare Foundation
- Defense for Children International - DCI Ghana
- Right for Women's Network

#### **Ivory Coast**

- Volontaires du Développement rural

#### **Kenya**

- Economic and Development Centre - ECODEV
- Learning and Development Kenya - LDK
- Mother's Rural Care for Aids Orphans

#### **Mali**

- Enda Tiers Monde-Mali

#### **Morocco**

- Association Bouregreg
- Forum International des Femmes

#### **Nigeria**

- Child Defense Foundation - Chidef
- Christian Care Foundation
- Civic Education Foundation
- Peace Child Nigeria
- Youngstars Foundation

#### **R. Mauritius**

- Centre d'Education et de Développement pour les Enfants Mauriciens - CEDEM

#### **Sierra Leone**

- Agrogaliness Farm Farmers Association

#### **South Africa**

- Resources Aimed at Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect - RAPCAN

#### **The Gambia**

- Shelter for Children

#### **Togo**

- Organisation des Volontaires Acteurs du Développement-Action Plus – OVAD-AP
- SOS Enfants Déshérités

#### **Zambia**

- Young Christian Education Club of Zambia - YCECZ

## **ASIA & PACIFIC**

#### **Australia**

- Open Family Australia
- PR & Events Pty Ltd

#### **Azerbaijan**

- Azerbaijan Women and Development Center

### **Bangladesh**

- Dus – Bangladesh
- National Federation of Youth Organizations in Bangladesh
- Peace for All

### **China**

- Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and Dept. of Pediatrics

### **India**

- City Montessori School
- Extensive Rural Poor Development Organization
- Indian Committee of Youth Organizations - ICYO
- Indian Institute for Peace, Disarmament and Environmental Protection
- Li Environmentica
- Sambhav Social Service Organization
- Save the Children-India
- Society for Underprivileged People - SOUP
- Stop Trafficking Oppression and Prostitution of children and women - STOP
- The Concerned for Working Children
- Trust for Rural Upliftment and Empowerment - TRUE
- Youth Welfare Club (R)

### **Indonesia**

- Indonesian Center for Education Study and Advocacy of Children - PERISAI

### **Lebanon**

- Lebanese Council to Resist Violence Against Woman

### **Malaysia**

- Malaysian Coalition for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

### **Pakistan**

- Miran Education Society
- Rozan, Aangan Program

### **Papua New Guinea**

- Village Development Trust

### **Philippines**

- Bahay Tuluyan
- Childhope-Asia, Inc.
- Grassroots Women Empowerment Center, Inc.
- People's Recovery, Empowerment and Development Assistance Foundation, Inc. - PREDA

### **Rep. of Vanuatu**

- Live in Vanuatu Everyday - LIVE

### **Sri Lanka**

- SECDO Women Development Center
- Worldview International Foundation

## **THE AMERICAS**

### **Argentina**

- Casa de la Mujer
- Grupo “Desde el pie”
- Hermanas Adoratrices Esclavas del Santísimo Sacramento y de la Caridad
- Indeso-mujer (Instituto de estudios juridico sociales de la mujer)

- ONG Mujer Siglo XXI – Centro “Nuevo Amanecer”
- Red de Madres por los Derechos de Nuestros Hijos

#### **Colombia**

- Asociación Afecto contra el Maltrato Infantil

#### **Costa Rica**

- Defensa de los Niños Internacional – DNI Costa Rica
- Casa Alianza
- Fundación Humanitaria Costaricense (Costa Rican Humanitarian Foundation)
- Fundación Paniamor

#### **Ecuador**

- Instituto Ecuatoriano de las Naciones Unidas de Investigaciones y Capacitación de la Mujer  
IECAIM-INSTRAW

#### **Guatemala**

- Asociación Civil Pro Niño y Niña Centroamericanos - PRONICE

#### **Guyana**

- Help & Shelter

#### **Mexico**

- ÁMBAR - Profesionistas por una Vida Digna, S.C.
- Centro Universitario de la Costa de la Universidad de Guadalajara
- Fundación Best, A.C
- Red por los Derechos de la Infancia en México
- Yaocihuatl A.C.

#### **Nicaragua**

- Centro de Investigaciones de la Realidad de Americalatina
- **Paraguay**
- Base Educativa y Comunitaria de Apoyo - BECA
- Fundación CEDAI - Centro de Asistencia Integral
- GLOBAL Infancia

#### **Peru**

- Centro de Investigación y Estudios Económicos, Educativos, Sociales y Culturales - CIESCU
- Instituto de Comunicación y Medio Ambiente - ICMA
- Red Nacional de Promoción de la Mujer - RNPM

#### **Trinidad & Tobago**

- Trinidad and Tobago Coalition Against Domestic Violence

#### **USA**

- Coalition for Children
- Global Youth Action Network
- Pathways to Peace - The World Peace Prayer Society
- Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace
- Sage Project
- The Simon Wiesenthal Center
- Women of Vision

#### **Venezuela**

- Red de Prevención y Atención a la Violencia Sexual en Niños, Niñas y Adolescentes

## **EUROPE AND COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION**

#### **Austria**

- Prävention von sexuellem Missbrauch und Gewalt (Prevention of Child Abuse and Violence)

**Belgium**

- Pour la Vérité

**Croatia**

- NGO MiRTa Split

**Czech Republic**

- Stredisko Pomoci Detem a rodinam – STREP (Center for Assisting to Children and Families)

**France**

- Association La Mouette
- L'Ange Bleu
- STOP-Association de soutien aux victimes d'abus sexuels

**Greece**

- The Smile of the Child

**Germany**

- Lobby für Menschenrechte e. V. (Lobby for Human Rights)
- M.E.L.I.N.A Inzestkinder / Menschen aus VerGEWALTigung e.V.
- United Evangelical Mission

**Poland**

- Polish Forum for Child Rights

**Portugal**

- Associação de Mulheres Contra a Violencia
- Confederação Nacional de Acção Sobre Trabalho Infantil - CNASTI

**Republic of Macedonia**

- First Children's Embassy of the World-Medjashi - FCEWM

**Russia**

- Voronezh Regional Department of Russian Children Fund - VRDRCF

**Slovakia**

- Child Protection Centre and National Gender Centre

**Slovenia**

- South East European Child Rights Action Network - SEECRAN

**Sweden**

- Kvinnoforum, The Foundation of Women's Forum

**Switzerland**

- Association C.T.A.S (Centre de Consultation pour les Victimes d'Abus Sexuels)
- Comité International pour la Dignité de l'Enfant - CIDE
- Fondation FREDI (Fondation pour la Recherche d'Enfants Disparus, par l'Internet)

**The Netherlands**

- Philippine Network of Rural Development Institutes, Inc. – PhilNet-RDI

**Turkey**

- Women for Women's Human Rights

**UK**

- The African Families Foundation

**Yugoslavia**

- SOS Hotline and Center for Girls