

# World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse 19 November

## Impact 2001

Activities and events organized by international  
NGOs coalition members



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# The Americas

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# ARGENTINA

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Grupo desde el Pie  
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# ARGENTINA

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## **HERMANAS ADORATRICES ESCLAVAS DEL SMO. SACRAMENTO Y DE LA CARIDAD**

To mark the Day,

The organization disseminated radio messages, distributed documents and posters in very busy areas such as shops, schools and institutions, and presented a puppet show.

Hermanas Adoratrices Esclavas del Smo. Sacramento y de la Caridad  
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Founded in Rosario in 1984, Indeso-Mujer is a civil non-profit NGO working for the elimination of all forms of discriminations against women as well as for the recognition. Of their rights. Its objectives are to research legal, social and psychological mechanisms that generate and carry out discrimination against women; to contribute to the gender perspective elaboration and inclusion in projects, programs, actions and practices; to contribute to better access to the law for women as well as the full exercise of citizenship.

Indeso-Mujer

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# ARGENTINA

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## **ONG MUJER SIGLO XXI CENTRO “NUEVO AMANECER”**

To mark the Day,

The ONG, after having presented its planned activities on local television, published a video edited by Center professionals and presented its field of intervention.

Information folders realized by children were disseminated in front of schools, churches, hospitals and shops.

ONG Mujer Siglo XXI - Centro “Nuevo Amanecer”  
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ARGENTINA

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## **RED DE MADRES POR LOS DERECHOS DE NUESTROS HIJOS**

To mark the Day,

The Red de Madres took part in several television programs and sent information folders to different radios, TV and newspapers.

Red de Madres por los Derechos de Nuestros Hijos  
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# CANADA

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## **INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

To mark the Day,

The International Bureau for Children's Rights joined the Women's World Summit Foundation international NGO coalition, called everyone to take a stand for the total elimination of sexual child abuse and exploitation, and brought the same message to the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (Yokohama, Japan 17-20 December 2001).

The International Bureau for Children's Rights is an international NGO founded in Paris in 1994 whose mission is to protect, defend and promote the rights and welfare of all children. Its objectives are to ensure that children's rights are respected; to denounce, condemn and publicize any situation which contributes to the continuation of children's suffering and violation of their rights; to raise awareness and urge citizens and governments to take responsibility for the violation of children's rights. Its priorities for action deal with sexual child exploitation, war-affected children and child labor.

International Bureau for Children's Rights  
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# COLOMBIA

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## **ASOCIACIÓN AFECTO CONTRA EL MALTRATO INFANTIL**

To mark the Day,

The Association organized a congress as well as workshops on child abuse and child protection, prevention, detection and treatment of sexually abused children (28-30 November). The media was contacted.

Asociación Afecto contra el Maltrato Infantil  
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# COSTA RICA

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## **COSTA RICAN HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION**

To mark the Day,

The Foundation's activities focused on street children in San José who were taken to a school where they gave a talk to 700 children about their lives and pitfalls of drug use.

The children created a large hand from construction paper and wrote on it a wish for the well being of all children in the world and particularly for those who gave the talk.

The organization is a NGO that works to improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable populations in Costa Rica. Working with volunteers, it shares services, goods, small financing and friendship with women in prison, orphans, single mothers, adolescent mothers, people living in low income neighborhoods, the indigenous, the physically challenged and street children. It has also constructed a clinic, classrooms and upgraded housing for many families, and organizes summer camps, therapy programs and workshops.

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# COSTA RICA

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## FUNDACIÓN PANIAMOR

### To mark the Day,

Paniamor organized an encounter in Costa Rica, 17-20 November inviting Mexico, Central America and Panama to participate. Over 200 NGOs and government organizations' representatives take part and focused on the issue of family violence and child abuse prevention.

**As a result of lobbying efforts during encounter preparation, the Costa Rican Government declared 19 November as a National Day for Prevention of Child Abuse by a Decree signed by the President and Minister of Culture. The Foundation's intention is to use the Decree as an instrument for action in 2002 when the new government will be in place, and celebrate the National Day in collaboration with institutions and social actors.**

Founded in 1987, Paniamor is a Costa Rican, private, non-profit and non-partisan organization with its main mission being to stop violations of child's rights in Costa Rica. It works with key sectors and promotes social mobilization by providing information and training services, engaging in policy advocacy and offering preventive measures to socially disadvantaged adolescents. It also takes part in monitoring and political and national process facilitation. Paniamor provides information and training in policy advocacy and promotes social mobilization for the achievement of its institutional purpose.

Paniamor's general objectives, executed with the support of a team of professionals (in psychology, psychiatry, communication, law, education, philosophy, management, social work and the commitment of its administrative staff and volunteers) are to achieve social recognition of children and adolescents, facilitate the participation of different social actors as protagonists in the prevention of violence against children and youth, and catalyze a transformation in conditions that limit the right to development of people under the age of 18.

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# ECUADOR

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## **INSTITUTO ECUATORIANO DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS DE INVESTIGACIONES Y CAPACITACIÓN DE LA MUJER (IECAM-INSTRAW)**

### To mark the Day,

IECAM-INSTRAW presented and distributed its research book entitled “El maltrato a la niña en el Ecuador” and gave a copy to all First Ladies of the American region who met in Quito at the time of the Tenth Head of State’s Spouses Conference, which dealt with and approved prevention projects and programs against abuse of adolescents.

IECAM also distributed WWSF posters to other institutions, and disseminated the WWSF program at a national level.

IECAM, an INSTRAW focal point (United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women) works for the promotion and participation of women at the national and international level as well as for the advancement of gender equality, development and peace. It is a part of ECOSOC.

IECAM-INSTRAW is a legal institution founded 15 years ago, which promotes and undertakes research and training programs and develops a new operational methodology based on information and communication technologies. It also develops productive projects for poor women self-management.

Instituto Ecuatoriano de las Naciones Unidas de Investigaciones y Capacitación de la Mujer  
(IECAM-INSTRAW)

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# GUATEMALA

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## **PRO NIÑO Y NIÑA CENTROAMERICANOS (PRONICE)**

### To mark the Day,

PRONICE disseminated the World Day information and logo in two publications and reproduced 2000 copies of the Public Briefing “Protecting Children from Abuse” in Spanish.

PRONICE, an Association founded in 1992, is actually developing its new strategic plan and has as objective to enforce its capacity in the field of education/sensitization, denunciation/opinion and political and social incidence in favor of child rights’ implementation. It works through training, research, communication programs as well as informative and educative material elaboration. PRONICE maintains professional relations with the Government and NGOs, and takes part in several group projects in the field of the rights of the child.

Pro Niño y Niña Centroamericanos (PRONICE)  
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# MEXICO

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## **ÁMBAR, PROFESIONISTAS POR UNA VIDA DIGNA**

### To mark the Day,

ÁMBAR disseminated WWSF documents to several schools and Centers for protection against child abuse and to children cared for by AMBAR. Candles were lit to mark 19 November.

The organization also included promotion of the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse on 25 November, International Day for elimination of violence against women and children in Mexico.

ÁMBAR is a civil society organization working with an interdisciplinary professional team (psychologists, lawyers and social workers), that promotes defense of human rights, and supports vulnerable groups, i.e. women, children, the elderly and handicapped, victims of interfamily sexual and gender violence, as well as victims of intolerance and lack of respect.

ÁMBAR, Profesionistas por una vida digna

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# MEXICO

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## **CENTRO UNIVERSITARIO DE LA COSTA DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA**

To mark the Day,

The Center broadcasted on “Radio Universidad del Centro Universitario de la Costa” a debate about sexual child abuse and presented a play entitled “I don’t like this game”, produced, directed and played by seventh semester psychology students, and reflecting the issue of sexual child abuse in Puerto Vallarta.

On 22 November, conferences about child prostitution and exploitation in Mexico were organized and many documents and a video clip of the play were disseminated.

The Committee for the prevention of sexual child abuse is a dependent authority of the Centro Universitario de la Costa which promotes activities to fight against sexual abuse, provides legal and psychological aid services to victims, and social services via a Family Studies Specialized Center.

Centro Universitario de la Costa de la Universidad de Guadalajara  
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# MEXICO

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## **RED POR LOS DERECHOS DE LA INFANCIA EN MEXICO**

To mark the Day,

La Red por los Derechos de la Infancia en Mexico produced press releases with statistics on violence and abuse in Mexico and in several other countries. The press releases were sent to 45 media outlets (press, radio and television) as well as to 145 subscribers.

Articles and thoughts related to the issue are presented on Red's Internet site.

La Red por los Derechos de la Infancia en Mexico is a coalition of 49 NGOs of Mexican civil society development programs for vulnerable children and adolescents, works to inform them of their rights and to own their rights. Its objectives include to promote a social and cultural movement for the protection of child rights in the family, school, society and state; to monitor the implementation of the Rights of the Child in Mexico; to participate in protecting adoption laws, to promote policies to meet children's needs, to re-enforce Mexican child rights organizations, to work as a professionally organized sector, and improve their plan of action and quality, as well as their presence and notoriety.

Red por los Derechos de la Infancia en Mexico  
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# PARAGUAY

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## **BASE EDUCATIVA Y COMUNITARIA DE APOYO (BECA, RED BICE)**

To mark the Day,

BECA, together with REDNAMI (Red Nacional de Prevención y Atención del Maltrato Infantil) organized a puppet show for children, adolescents and adults in the center of Asunción. Balloons with messages were launched.

Press releases were sent to the media (13-19 November) to announce the Day.

BECA, with UNICEF's support, printed a poster on prevention of sexual abuse that was distributed to participants attending the World Day as well as to REDNAMI institutions.

BECA is a civil non-profit organization established in 1991. Its purpose is to realize programs for prevention of child abuse (specially sexual exploitation and abuse), and promote and defend the rights of the child,

BECA coordinates since 2000 REDNAMI (Red Nacional de Prevención y Atención de Maltrato Infantil). It also produces educational material and effects research on child abuse and sexual exploitation.

BECA is part of the Executive Committee of CDIA (Coordinadora por los Derechos de la Infancia y la Adolescencia), a network for the promotion and defense of child rights.

Base Educativa y Comunitaria de Apoyo (BECA)

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# PARAGUAY

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## **FUNDACIÓN CEDAI - CENTRO DE ASISTENCIA INTEGRAL**

To mark the Day,

CEDAI coordinated educational speeches in high vulnerability schools, produced radio programs on education, mobilized parliamentarians to promote the protection of childhood and adolescence and to implement public policies, including intensive diffusion in the media inviting people to light candles to mark the World Day, and distributed brochures on how to prevent child abuse.

CEDAI, a non-profit NGO, is the first integrated aid center for prevention, protection and rehabilitation of children, adolescents and victims of sexual abuse and incest in Paraguay. It treats domestic violence with specific psychotherapies.

CEDAI provides orientation, prevention, counsel, services and psychotherapy for individuals and groups, as well as rehabilitation workshops. It also receives reports of abuse and follows up such cases.

CEDAI is part of the Red Nacional de Atención de la Secretaría de la Mujer, the Coordinadora por los derechos de la Infancia y Adolescencia (Paraguay), the Comité Latinoamericano de Defensa por los Derechos de la Mujer, and the Red de ONGs de la Focal Point de los derechos de la Infancia (Geneva).

Fundación CEDAI  
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# PERU

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## **CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN Y ESTUDIOS ECONÓMICOS, EDUCATIVOS, SOCIALES Y CULTURALES (CIESCU)**

### To mark the Day,

CIESCU collaborated with the Regional Education Department of Arequipa and participated in the World Day thanks to an Education Department decision to celebrate 19 November. **This Directive was distributed in 300 schools and 19 November as World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse was inserted in the school calendar.**

Street processions, drawings and poster competitions, music and puppet shows on prevention of child abuse marked the event. Candles were also lit.

Directors and teachers in Education Centers were sensitized on prevention of child abuse and urged to give the issue first priority.

CIESCU is a private, non-profit organisation, created in 1988 by a group of young professionals (economists, anthropologists, educators, historians et sociologists) from the rural area and the High Andes, with the goal to help village development in the South of Peru.

CIESCU's aim is to contribute to the improvement of living conditions of vulnerable populations, and to fight poverty with programs and projects targeting mainly women and children. Its working areas include protection of cultural values, traditional products, and knowledge transmitted through generations.

To reach its objectives, CIESCU intervenes in the field of education, agriculture, primary health care (prevention of HIV/AIDS, premature pregnancies, family violence, child abuse and exploitation, child abandonment, etc.), infrastructure and equipment as well as research.

Centro de Investigación y Estudios Económicos, Educativos, Sociales y Culturales (CIESCU)  
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# PERU

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## **INSTITUTO DE COMUNICACIÓN Y MEDIO AMBIENTE (ICMA)**

To mark the Day,

The Institute launched the program called “Monologo desde las Tinieblas” concerning black children in rural areas of the valley of Chincha. A children’s march, carrying torches and banners, as well as music and dance competitions were organized.

Instituto de Comunicación y Medio Ambiente (ICMA)  
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Tel. / Fax: 445 91 25

# PERU

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## **RED NACIONAL DE PROMOCIÓN DE LA MUJER (RNPM)**

To mark the Day,

RNPM organized a press conference to disseminate 19 November information, a forum on sexual abuse and family violence against the girl child and women (for academics), as well as different cultural activities to say **NO** to such practices. Together with State activities, RNPM coordinates actions against all forms of abuse against children and women.

Red Nacional de Promoción de la Mujer (RNPM)  
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# UNITED STATES

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## **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (ISPCAN)**

To mark the Day,

ISPCAN mobilized its international network and disseminated WWSF information, as well as information re World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse.

Founded in 1977, ISPCAN is the only multidisciplinary international organization that brings together a worldwide cross-section of committed professionals to work towards prevention and treatment of child abuse, neglect and exploitation globally.

It is committed to increasing awareness of problems, issues and alternative solutions for child abuse at all levels; facilitating the exchange of knowledge, issues and solutions; identifying, sharing and improving practices and models for detection, treatment and prevention; facilitating education and training of professionals and concerned volunteers in prevention; promoting and facilitating research and dissemination of academic and practical materials for exchange of information and action, and supporting international efforts to protect the Rights of the Child.

International Society For Prevention Of Child Abuse And Neglect (ISPCAN)

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# UNITED STATES

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## **PERFORMING AND FINE ARTISTS FOR WORLD PEACE (PFAWP)**

To mark the Day,

The organization shared information about the World Day with the Governor of Hawaii and with the Mayors of the different islands who in turn shared the information with their administration members.

PFAWP was founded in 1986 by a songwriter and performing artist who always believed that he should use his creative gifts to support others and bring about positive social change. Its mission is to establish a global network of artists who dedicate their work to peace; to promote freedom of expression and oppose governmental repression of creativity; to preserve diverse cultures of the world through cultural exchange; to support environmental-, human rights-, world hunger- and peace education organizations; and to support the goals of the United Nations and other international bodies addressing global issues.

In 1987, PFAWP received the Peace Messenger Award from the United Nations.

Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace (PFAWP)  
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# UNITED STATES

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## **THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER SOCIETY PATHWAYS TO PEACE**

To mark the Day,

Pathways to Peace disseminated WWSF information about the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse to all its member organizations in the “We the People initiative coalition” which includes over 230 organizations in all the world’s regions.

The World Peace Prayer Society is a non-profit and non-sectarian NGO dedicated to spreading the message and prayer *May Peace Prevail on Earth* all over the world. Founded in Japan in 1955 and based in New York since 1988, it is in affiliation with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations.

The World Peace Prayer Society  
800 Third Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, NY 10022, USA  
Avon Mattison, President  
Website: [www.worldpeace.org](http://www.worldpeace.org)

# UNITED STATES

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## WOMEN OF VISION

### To mark the Day,

Women of Vision created a display to mark World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse, together with its other display cases at the City Hall. It disseminated WWSF posters and published them on their web site.

Women of Vision is a private non-profit organization established in 1988 by a group of women community leaders in Tacoma, Washington. Its purpose is to provide encouragement and opportunities for women to improve their status and that of their families through the development, support and promotion of women as leaders and through international and intercultural communication among women.

Women of Vision  
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# VENEZUELA

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## **RED DE PREVENCIÓN Y ATENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA SEXUAL EN LA NIÑEZ Y ADOLESCENCIA**

### To mark the Day,

Red de Prevención y Atención de la Violencia Sexual and the Red Nacional de Defensorías (RENADE) organized forums, meetings and workshops on child abuse and prevention possibilities. These issues generated communications (material distribution) in schools, in educational centers, the media, as well as on radio and television. The World Day was also marked with competitions, songs and a children's and adolescents' march carrying banners referring to the rights of the child.

Campaign results proved satisfactory. The alliance with the Red Nacional de Defensorías allowed for a large celebration of the Day in different areas of the country and had a national impact.

La Red de Prevención y Atención de la Violencia Sexual is composed of several governmental institutions and organizations of civil society, a collective that unites efforts since 1999 against sexual violence of children and adolescents. During the last three years, Red realized activities in the field of training, social mobilisation and society awareness on the issue (a human chain against violence, speeches about the new law on childhood and adolescence protection and its relation with the child abuse issue, etc.).

The organization wants to strengthen links with other regional organizations in 2002 and improve public policies, monitor their impact, and assure victims of abuse better attention, and elaborate effective prevention programs in Venezuela.

Red de Prevención y Atención de la Violencia Sexual en la Niñez y Adolescencia  
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