



# 19 November World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse

## Global Impact Report 2004 (1<sup>st</sup> Part)

Activities and events organized by international coalition members



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## ➤ Message from WWSF – Children’s Section



The World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse 2004 was again a great success. Around the world, more than 450 NGOs from over 90 countries organized national and local activities and events on 19 November. In Geneva, WWSF HQ, the World Day was commemorated at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with a **Conference-Debate “Progress in preventing child abuse - Annual Review III”** followed by the first **award ceremony for the Betty Makoni Prize** which honors innovative prevention activities.

The report presents brief examples of activities and events in three languages (English, French and Spanish), and is edited for reasons of space.

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Together, we can create a culture of prevention of child abuse.

Laure Maitrejean, WWSF - Children’s Section Program Coordinator.

**I ) 19 NOVEMBER  
WORLD DAY FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE**

## ➤ Why a World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse?



Today, sexual abuse is a universal and alarming problem and increased attention and effective protection skills and prevention measures are urgently needed at family-, local-, national- and international level. After a long tradition of silence, child abuse is being more and more denounced and becoming a public and political concern.


Alerting Governments and civil society organizations to play a more active role in the promotion of and respect for the rights of the child (reference articles 19 and 34 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child), and advocating the need for more effective prevention of child abuse, WWSF launched in 2000 the **World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse**, a Day to be commemorated every **19 November** in synergy with the anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (20 November). Objective: to be a rallying call to draw attention around the issue of child abuse and to highlight once a year innovative prevention and child protection measures around the world.

To make the World Day an annual global call to action, WWSF launched in 2001 an **international coalition of governmental and non-governmental organizations** that commit to mark the Day with appropriate events and activities. The main purpose of the coalition is to catalyze the **creation of a culture of prevention of child abuse** and to be part of a global partnership network to raise awareness, mobilize public opinion and action, disseminate prevention programs, and hold world leaders accountable to their promises made to the children of the world.

19 November coalition, members commit to mark the Day with local and national events and activities; mention the World Day in their publications and on their web sites; distribute posters, educational programs and information; create partnerships and national coalitions of organizations working for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child; generate financial resources for programs; alert the press and radio stations, inform local authorities of the existence of the World Day and of planned activities; and lobby governments for official proclamation of the Day as a National Day.


➤ Poster 2004

**19 NOVEMBER 2004**  
**WORLD DAY** Prevention of Child Abuse



Journée mondiale prévention des abus envers les enfants  
Día Mundial Prevención del Abuso Infantil  
Welttag Vorbeugung von Kindes-Missbrauch  
Провозгласить 19-е ноября Всемирным Днём  
Защиты Детей от Унижения, Эксплуатации и Насилия  
世界防止虐待儿童日 - 11月19日 19 نوفمبر - اليوم العالمي لحماية الطفل من الاستغلال

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of the Convention on the Rights of the Child**



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Congo – APED • Arche d'Alliance – ARAL • Association de Défense des Droits des Locataires d'Uvira – ADDELU • Association de lutte pour les droits des femmes et enfants – ALUDROFE • Association des Femmes pour l'Education à la Santé et le Développement – AFESAD • Association des Jeunes Femmes du Maniema – AJFMa • Association des Volontaires pour la Récupération des Enfants Orphelins abandonnés déplacés et malnutris – AVREO • Association Paysanne pour le Développement Féminin – APDF • Association pour l'Accompagnement des Veuves et Orphelins – ASAVOR • Association pour la Promotion et la Défense des Droits des Enfants et des Femmes – APRODEF • Association Terre Nouvelle – ATN • Centre Africain d'Echange Culturel – CAFEC • Centre d'Education et Formation Intégrée – CEFI • Centre d'Hébergement et d'Encadrement des enfants en situation difficile – CEHEBEDI • Centre de Récupération des Enfants de la Rue – CRER • Centre pour la Protection et l'Encadrement de l'Enfant – CEPEE • Comité de Médiation et de Défense des Droits Humains et la Paix – CMD-UVIRA • Développement Communautaire Mousseau – Déco – Mousseau • Dynamique de la Jeunesse Féminine Congolaise – DJFC • Enfants des Parents du Monde – FEPAM • Epanouissement de la Femme Congolaise – EFC • Femmes Unies de Mwenga – FUM • Fondation HERI • Genre et Actions Sociales – GASO • Groupe CUBAKA • Groupe d'action pour la démobilitation et la réinsertion des enfants soldats • Groupe de Recherches et d'Actions contre la Marginalisation au Kivu – GRAM-Kivu • Groupe de Recherche et d'Appui Méthodologique aux Initiatives de Développement – GRAMID • Groupe de Voix des Sans Voix – GSVV • Initiatives Chrétiennes pour le Développement – iChred • International Religious for Peace – IREP • Jeunesse Anti Maladies Sexuellement Transmissibles et Sida – JAMST/SIDA • Les Amis de la Paix • Les Anges du Ciel • Oeuvre Sociale pour les Amis Chrétiens – OSAC • Paysans Actifs Contre l'Ignorance et la Faim – PACIF • Programme d'Appui pour le Développement de la Femme et de l'Enfant du Congo – PADEFECO • Réseau des Femmes pour la Défense des droits et la paix – RFDP • Réseau des ONG et Associations de Défense des Droits de l'Enfant – ROADE • Sauti Ya Mwanamke Kijijini – SAMWAKI • Solidarité des Femmes de Fizi pour le Bien-Être Familial – SOFIBEF • Solidarité des Jeunes pour le Développement Intégral de Kasongo – SOJEDIKA • Solidarité et coopération pour le développement intégral des femmes et enfants – SOCODEIFE • Soutien aux Initiatives Familiales – SIFA • Union Coopérative des Techniciens pour le Développement Paysan – UCOOTEDEP • **Gabon** • Nouvelle Afrique • **Ghana** • AL-HAK Muslims Association • Caring for rural life – CARURAL • Children and Youth in Broadcasting CURIOUS MIND – CYIB CURIOUS MIND • Foundation for Global Youth Development – FGYD • Young Peace Brigades – YPB • **Guinea** • Association des Jeunes Humanistes de Guinée • Association Guinéenne pour la Promotion de l'Agriculture Biologique – AGPAB • Coalition Guinéenne pour les Droits de l'Enfant – COGUIDE • **Ivory Coast** • Association de Défense et de Promotion des Droits de l'Enfant – APED • Club Artistique les Messagers de l'Unesco d'Abidjan – CAMUA • Fraternité Solidarité Jeunesse Côte d'Ivoire – FSJCI • Mouvement Confessionnel – MEV/STOP SIDA • SOS Violences Sexuelles • **Kenya** • Bungoma Family Helper Project – BFHP • Children's Legal Action Network – CLAN • Community Initiatives and Social Support Organization – CISSO • Humanity Development Project – HUDEP • Julian Counselling Services • Kisumu Children's Centre ABD School – KCCS • Kwanza Hope of Africa • Rural Women Peace Link – RWPL • Sima Community Based Organisation • Slums Information Development and Resource Centers – SIDAREC • The Child Rights Advisory, Documentation and Legal Centre – CRADLE • Young Christian Peace Promoter Women Group • **Liberia** • Concerned Christian Community – CCC • Feet First Incorporated – FEFI • Fore-runners of Children's Universal Rights for Survival, Growth and Development – FOCUS • Human Dignity Liberia – HDL • Liberia Vulnerable Children Care – LVCC • **Malawi** • African Network for Prevention and Protection of Child Abuse and Neglect – Malawi Chapter • People Serving Girls At Risk – PESEGAR • Youth Net and Counselling – YONECO • **Mali** • Association pour le

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### National organisations

**AFRICA** • **Burundi** • Union Générale pour l'Encadrement et la Protection des Orphelins et des Femmes contre le Sida – UGEPF/SIDA • **Cameroon** • Association des Volontaires Begui pour le Développement Durable – AVOBED • **D.R. Congo** • Fondation Santé pour Tous – FST • **Niger** • Association Nigérienne pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme – ANDDH • **Nigeria** • African Radio Drama Association – ARDA • **South Africa** • Art for Humanity – AfH • **Sudan** • Child Development Foundation – CDF • **Togo** • Volontaires en Action pour le Développement – VAD Togo • **Uganda** • Foundation for Education and Development

**ASIA & PACIFIC** • **Australia** • National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect – NAPCAN • **Bhutan** • Bhutanese Women Empowerment Forum – BWEF • **India** • Centre for Women's Development and Research – CWDR • Samatha Mamatha Rural Development Society – SMRDS • **Jordan** • The Jordan River Foundation – JRF • **Lebanon** • Arab Resource Collective • **Malaysia** • Malaysian Association for the Protection of Children • **Nepal** • Women Guidance Association – WGA • **New Zealand** • Royal New Zealand Plunket Society, Inc. • **Pakistan** • Foundation for Liberty, Awareness and Mankind Empowerment – FLAME • **Philippines** • Commission on Human Rights • Consuelo Foundation, Inc. – CFI • **Singapore** • Singapore Children's Society – SCS • **Sri Lanka** • Youthaction • **Thailand** • Development and Education for Daughters and Communities – DEPDC

**EUROPE, COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES AND THE BALTIC STATES** • **Austria** • Austrian Network for Peace and Non-Violence • Kids Forum for the Protection of Children • **Bulgaria** • Save the Children Bulgaria • **Czech Republic** • Defense for Children International, Czech Section • **France** • Aide aux Parents d'Enfants Victimes – APEV • Association Contre la Prostitution des Enfants – ACPE • Association Eveil • Femmes et Enfants du Monde • Scouts de France – SDF • **Germany** • Kinderschutz und Mutterschutz e.V. • **Serbia and Montenegro** • Child Rights Centre – CRC Belgrade • **Switzerland** • Faire le Pas • Zuger Fachstelle punkto Jugend und Kin • **United Kingdom** • Boy's and Girls Welfare Society – BGWS • British Unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (WFM + UCW)

**THE AMERICAS** • **Colombia** • Fundación Oriéntame • **Mexico** • ÁMBAR, Profesionistas por una Vida Digna • **USA** • Sisters Offering Support – SOS

## ➤ Open Letter to coalition members and partners 2004

### Dear coalition members and partners,

The World Day is a process for the emergence of a culture of prevention and for the promotion of responsibility, dignity and respect for the rights of the child. It is our mission to expand the process by reaching out to as many governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, educators, experts and professionals as possible to rally a collective stand for zero tolerance for child abuse and violence. You are key in creating this emerging culture with annual activities around the world.

We wish to acknowledge all those among you who marked the Day last year (500 organizations in more than 90 countries) and thank you for sending us hundreds of reports of workshops, demonstrations, theatre plays, programs in schools, churches and on television and Internet, video clips, press releases and action alerts, all focusing on either physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse. You kept the issue on the front burner and identified your organization and local partners as powerful agents for change. A global impact report is featured on Internet. WWSF also thanks the many experts who presented their programs at the Geneva Round Table: "Progress in preventing child abuse - annual review II ([www.woman.ch/children/1-coalitionimpact.asp](http://www.woman.ch/children/1-coalitionimpact.asp)).

### Call to Action : Invite your Mayor to proclaim 19 November Day for Prevention of Child Abuse for his/her town

We encourage you to mark the Day with continued pertinent activities and invite your Mayor to proclaim the Day, following the example of the Mayor of Los Angeles (USA) who, invited by the International Child Abuse Network (YES, ICAN –USA), issued a proclamation for the residents of L.A. A clear and repeated message from your authorities about their stand for the right to dignity will reinforce your local presence and programs. WWSF will post all the Mayors' proclamations on Internet.

### Prize Betty Makoni, awarding innovative prevention initiatives

As announced last year, WWSF will select from the 2003 coalition reports innovative activities for the awards. Prize winners will be announced early November and an award ceremony will be organized on 19 November in Geneva at the Palais Wilson, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

*Betty Makoni, a committed child rights advocate in Zimbabwe and victim of abuse herself, created the Girl Child Network that accompanies 20'000 abused girls country-wide. Naming the Prize after her, honors her exceptional leadership in abuse prevention.*

### Reminder of objectives

- **Sensitize** all citizens as well as national and international actors on the need for more effective prevention measures.
- **Develop** national coalitions and increase exchange of existing programs and participation in

the formulation of new programs.

- **Reinforce** collaboration with your Government, local political and religious leaders, your Mayor and social institutions.
- **Inform** the media about the Day and invite them to report on your activities and events.
- **Participate** in creating 'a World fit for Children' and remind your Head of State of the promises made at the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children via the WWSF "Walk your Talk" postcard campaign.

### Working Principles

- **Identify** organizations and groups that will mark the Day in collaboration with you.
- **Invite** children and young people to participate in your activities and become real actors of the Day.
- **Send** a brief report about your local and/or national activities and events organized on 19 November.
- **Share** information about violations of concern to their mandates with the
  - UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography ([www.unhchr.ch/children/rapporteur.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/children/rapporteur.htm))
  - Independent Expert on the UN Study on Violence against Children ([www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/6/crc/study.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/6/crc/study.htm))

*"Observance of the World Day for the prevention of child abuse is critical to ensuring that we address the problem of child abuse, but it also highlights that violence against children is a global issue."*

- Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Independent Expert on the UN Study on Violence against Children.

### Dear coalition members and partners,

We honor our relationship and collaboration and wish you a most successful World Day event. We look forward to receiving your activity report 2004 for which we thank you in advance.

**Laure Maitrejean**, Global Co-ordinator World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November

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**II ) BETTY MAKONI PRIZE  
for innovative prevention activities**

## ➤ Why a Betty Makoni Prize ?



Created in 2003 to address the many requests for financial assistance WWSF receives from coalition members marking the World Day and participating in the creation of a culture of prevention of child abuse, the Betty Makoni Prize has as its principal mission to award innovative activities in the field of prevention of child abuse and encourages continuous efforts by NGOs to develop effective prevention measures and catalyze new energies. Laureates are selected among active WWSF coalition members that mark the World Day for Prevention of Child abuse - 19 November.

Four awards are annually presented to organizations that carried out significant prevention activities.

### **Prize categories:**

#### **First prize: Prize for innovative prevention activities (US\$ 3000)**

Honoring a unique and visionary activity serving as example for annual events

#### **Second prize: Prize for significant prevention activities (US\$ 1000)**

Honoring perseverance, past accomplishments and facing new challenges

#### **Two additional prizes: Prize for specific activities (US\$ 500 each)**

Honoring a particular pertinent activity at the grassroots level



### **Biography Betty Makoni**

Betty Makoni is a child rights advocate in Zimbabwe. Herself victim of abuse in her childhood, she used her experience to fight against all forms of child abuse and founded in 1998 the Girl Child Network. This network of 155 clubs offers various training programs including prevention of child abuse to thousands of girls. Betty is known as an outstanding community leader and her initiative has so far resulted in the protection and rehabilitation of 20'000 girls who experienced rape, early marriages, genital mutilation and other forms of sexual abuse countrywide.

Betty is a beacon of light for the rights of the child and a message of hope to all those who have been abused and wish to transform the horror of their childhood into positive action.

## ➤ Betty Makoni Prize – Laureate organizations 2004

WWSF awards four organizations for innovative prevention activities on the occasion of World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November

### ***First Laureate 2004 (US\$ 3000)***

#### **Women Action Coalition Child Abuse - WACCA, Nigeria**

Women Action Coalition Child Abuse WACCA, whose mission is to uphold and promote the rights of the child by establishing and developing prevention strategies (through advocacy, training, counseling services, discussions, seminars and media discussions) was created in 2002 by the Women Action Committee WAC **in response to the launch of the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November**. The need to establish an international link with WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation as a strategy for preventing child abuse in Nigeria emerged after a collaboration workshop with Nnamdi Azikiwe University (Awka, Anambra State - Nigeria), the Ministry of Education and the State Primary Education Board SPEB. The initiative led to the **creation of an international coalition** with SPEB, known as **WACCA**.

WACCA first joined the WWSF international coalition marking the World Day in 2002. Its activities have resulted in the establishment of **twenty-four counseling clinics and rehabilitation centers** and in the creation of **programs to address child abuse in primary schools** (guidance- and counseling modules). A module for the teachers and **a guide to prevent child abuse in the family** were also launched by WACCA.

In 2003, WACCA organized a one-day event with **experts and personalities addressing child abuse**, progress made in preventing abuse, guidance- and counseling services and law enforcement. Other activities included **drama, music and debate competitions on preventing child abuse** (the six best debaters were selected for State presentation and were given scholarships), as well as a **march** with children from primary schools carrying placards and banners with messages on prevention of child abuse.

**Thanks to WACCA, the government of Anambra State endorsed the celebration of the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November as an annual event. Institutionalized in all Primary schools of Anambra State, the Day's main objective is to ensure that parents, teachers and the society at large join hands to prevent child abuse.**

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### ***Second Laureate 2004 (US\$ 1000)***

#### **Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights - PCSW & HR**

Established in 1992 and working for Human rights, Minority rights, Child rights, equality, social justice and durable peace, the Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights joined the WWSF international coalition for the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November for the first time in 2003. On that occasion PCSW & HR **organized remarkable activities throughout Pakistan**.

After convening meetings with the Education Department and various district authorities to inform them about the observance of the World Day in the country, instructions were issued to Heads of colleges, secondary-, elementary-, primary- and technical schools, inviting them to organize special activities to mark the Day. Thus, on 19 November, **teachers held special sessions in about 1890 educational institutions and thousands of parents participated**.

Observed throughout the whole country, the World Day provided information on the rights of the child and stressed the need for protection and prevention of child abuse.

Many **awareness walks for prevention of child abuse** were organized at various locations in collaboration with Union Councils. Thousands of parents, students, teachers, lawyers, etc. participated and carried banners. The walks were followed by **Public gatherings** and many personalities addressed the issue of prevention of child abuse. **Special ceremonies** were also organized in collaboration with the **Sialkot Cathedral School** (with many personalities, hundreds of students, teachers, vendors, factory owners, etc. attending) and at **the Union Council level** where about **1000 Union Councils** organized ceremonies with thousands of people participating.

**All national newspapers published articles** on child rights and prevention of child abuse and highlighted activities organized by PCSW & HR.

As a result of the World Day, it was decided that **child rights protection committees would be formed at every Union Council** and that **strategies would be developed to protect child rights and prevent child abuse at every level**.

## ***Two additional awards (US\$ 500 each)***

### **Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse of East Asia, STA - CPCA, China**

CPCA, an organization which has been actively involved in prevention of child abuse and neglect and the promotion and protection of child's rights since 1998, has organized for the third year remarkable community- and professional education activities on the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse:

- ❶ Films on prevention of abuse were shown in the streets of Xi'an and in the Shaanxi Provincial Hospital. Over 1000 copies of prevention materials and newsletters on the Convention on the Rights of the Child were distributed
- ❷ Three large banners with messages on prevention of child abuse (in Chinese and English) were displayed. Over 300 people signed the banners
- ❸ A ceremony was organized in an international school and experts addressed the issue of prevention of child abuse. More than 800 students, teachers and social workers signed pledges of support
- ❹ A workshop on prevention and children's psychological problems was organized with 230 participants attending.

**The activities were reported on regional TV, as well as in the national, regional and Xi'an media.**

CPCA also convened a Conference on Child's Rights and Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (3-5 November in Xi'an). More than 180 representatives from China, Germany, Turkey, Vietnam, France and New Zealand participated. Presentations focused on strategies to prevent child physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

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### **Vienna Network for Prevention of Sexual Abuse against Girls, Boys and Youth, Austria**

Since the launch by WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation of the global awareness Day for Prevention of Child Abuse in the year 2000, the Vienna Network for Prevention of Sexual Abuse against Girls, Boys and Youth participated in 2003 for the third time in the yearly campaign.

**In cooperation with over 20 partner associations**, the Vienna Network organized a one-day conference (300 people attended: social workers, therapists, school teachers, police personnel, criminal agents, etc.) and 10 workshops: ❶ Prevention in the very first years of life ❷ Abuse dynamic in sexual violence against children and youth ❸ All can happen, avoiding secondary damages ❹ Sexual abuse - I have a suspicion - What can I do? ❺ How to deal with damaged intimacy? ❻ Decisions for prevention - abuse suspicion ❼ Weakness and workability - concern and distance ❽ Language - part of the work with youth sexual abusers ❾ Violence prevention in caring and assisting young women, girls and men with disabilities ❿ The language as a tool for violence (German and most other languages in the world are languages dominated by the male gender).

**Austrian TV: ORF - ZIB 2 presented the World Day for prevention of child abuse on 19 November during prime time evening news**, followed by an interview with the well-known Pediatrician and Manager of the psychiatric children's section of the AKH (Main Hospital in Vienna).

On 19 November 2004, the Vienna Network, in collaboration with other groups (i.e. associations of mothers and women, school teachers, etc.) is organizing a **one-day benefit- and information event** in Klosterneuburg, near Vienna. There, they will be lecturing on the importance of prevention of sexual child abuse and organizing a **"Reading"**, together with teachers and pupils in a public hall. On that occasion, the Betty Makoni Prize will be presented by Ilse Moser, German Coordinator of WWSF.

**III ) MESSAGES OF SUPPORT &  
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE-DEBATE 2004**

➤ **Juan Miguel Petit**  
**Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Pornography and Child Prostitution**

I am honored to address all the organizations, experts, professionals, educators and human rights activists gathered together to mark the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse.

I commend the Women's World Summit Foundation for organizing this important event and for taking the initiative of creating an award on innovative prevention initiatives.

Prevention is the key word in social policies, even more so we talk of children. In my work as Special Rapporteur I encounter everyday evidence of this. Policies and programs addressing the problems falling within my mandate, namely trafficking of children and child sexual exploitation, cannot be effective if they do not tackle the root causes and contributing factors of problems. This means a strong investment in prevention.

This is why I wanted to devote the thematic report of this year to programs and policies to prevent child sexual exploitation. In the report I refer to over 60 experiences in the area of prevention of the child sexual exploitation, valuable initiatives that are going on in the corners of the world.

A good practice is not a simple recipe or a ready-made solution that can be replicated in all contexts with guaranteed success. Nevertheless, a number of common ingredients can be identified: political will; a sound knowledge base; a multidisciplinary approach; coordination with relevant institutions; the participation of children and their families; outreach to the grass-roots level, especially to marginalized groups; attention to gender issues and the concerns of groups exposed to higher risks of abuse and exploitation, as well as adequate human and financial resources.

Achieving these conditions at the local level is more feasible as this requires fewer resources and involves smaller groups of people. Achievements at the local level are also more visible and easier to measure. At the same time, child abuse and exploitation are global phenomena and cannot be solved by adding together an endless series of local-level initiatives. That is why national policy frameworks, legislation and international instruments are indispensable tools in prevention policies. That is also why different levels of action, international, regional, national and local, need to coordinate their efforts.

Initiatives such as that of today go in direction and deserve the support of all the human rights community. Thank you.

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➤ **Vernor Muñoz Villalobos**  
**Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education**

**Message of Support**

The abuse against children is a dramatic reality that demands of all people greater attention and urgent action. We consider the direct, indirect, subtle or brutal forms of violence against children an inexcusable crime, an injury to human dignity and a factor which delays development and peace.

Therefore, we believe that the only desirable development is one that secures human rights and takes into account the need to protect children from all forms of physical and mental abuse. We consider States as necessary participants in the fight against child abuse, but hope that civil society in its manifold expression and numerous organizations will be an indispensable participant in the prevention of child abuse.

Consequently, the contribution of the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) must serve as an example and inspiration for all, not only because this Foundation has wisely conjugated the gender perspective with the necessities of our Time, but also because its commitment goes beyond words.

The struggle for the quality of life begins with the awakened consciousness and continues with the humanity of actions.

Thank you very much for supporting the most important inhabitants of the planet.

➤ **Maria Francisca Ize-Charrin,  
Chief, Treaties and Commission Branch  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**Welcome Remarks – 19 November 2004**

I am pleased to welcome all of you here today, at the Palais Wilson, home of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

OHCHR appreciates greatly the work of WWSF in the promotion and protection of women's rights and of the rights of the child. Marking the "World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse" offers an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved so far and what still needs to be done. "World Day on the Prevention of Child Abuse" already counts on the support of close to 500 non-governmental organizations, at the national level.

Tomorrow, as we all know, we will celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the event today is an occasion to remind us of this important celebration.

Child abuse and neglect exists in various forms in all countries, whether in the family, at school and in the community at large. All stakeholders need to make use of human rights tools and processes, such as the one proposed by this initiative, including the identification of best practices deserving awards.

I want to underline two elements, innovation and a grass-root approach, that are captured by the "Betty Makoni Prize", both elements are equally key in the promotion of human rights. I wish to congratulate all the awardees this year (the first laureate Women Action Coalition Child Abuse from Nigeria; the second laureate, the Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights; and the two additional awardees, the Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse of East Asia, from China; and the Vienna Network for Prevention of Sexual Abuse against Girls, Boys and Youth). Congratulations on your work and achievement, duly recognized by these awards.

I thank you all, the winners, the organizers, and the future winners for promoting the idea that we all can have a role in the prevention of child abuse.

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➤ **Prof. Jaap E. Doek  
Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child**

**Keynote address – 19 November 2004**

**The Convention on the Rights of the Child CRC and Prevention of Child Abuse**

On behalf of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child I first like to use this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the initiative of the Women's World Summit Foundation to mobilize the international and national NGO's and others in marking November 19 as the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse.

The global picture of the plight of children is grim and disturbing. Millions of children are the victims of a wide variety of abuses, some of which go beyond our imagination. The individual damage for the child often lasts for the rest of her/his life, the loss of human potential is hard to measure and the costs run most likely in the billions of dollars per year.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child contains various provisions, reflecting the reality of the many forms of abuse of children, calls for effective prevention, for protection of children and for measures of intervention, recovery and reintegration (see art. 19, 32-37, 38 and 39).

To underscore the seriousness of the problem the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC Committee) devoted two of its consecutive annual Days of Discussion to Violence against Children, the one in 2000 on State Violence against Children and the one in 2001 on Violence against Children within the family and in schools. Both Days of Discussion resulted in two sets of recommendations and the request for an international study on violence against children. This study is currently underway and is headed by Mr Pinheiro, the international expert appointed by the S-G Kofi Annan. He will tell you more about this study.

In the Concluding Observations issued by the CRC Committee one can find for every State Party recommendations for further actions regarding the various forms of child abuse.

In the context of to-day's meeting I will limit myself to some observations on the prevention of child abuse within the family.

First and foremost the CRC requires (art. 19, para 2) that States Parties establish social programmes to provide necessary support for the child and for those who have the care of the child. This support is meant to contribute to the prevention of child abuse and should therefore target the possible causes of this abuse. This includes inter alia and in line with the obligations under art. 18, para 2 + 4 that the State Parties develop institutions, facilities and services for the care of children, with particular attention for children of working parents. In this regard one can also refer to art. 26: the right of the child to benefit from social security and to art. 27: the right to an adequate standard of living which requires that States Parties in case of need should provide the parents (or other caretakers) with material assistance and support programmes, particularly with regard to nutrition, clothing and housing.

In short, the CRC calls for a social policy regarding parental support and assistance, which is not only comprehensive but also very concrete (food, cloths, housing) and creates a society in which child abuse becomes less likely/unlikely to occur.

But prevention of child abuse is not only a matter of attitude, a matter of respect for the child's worth and dignity. In that regard the acceptability of corporal punishment in a society is an indicator for the quality of child abuse and prevention.

The credibility of politicians or other authorities who preach the importance of prevention of child abuse but at the same time accept that beating children is - under circumstances - a good and necessary tool for disciplining them, is at best "ZERO". The Committee has recommended and continues to recommend States Parties to prohibit and abolish the practice of corporal punishment.

Progress has been made, both in terms of legal measures and in terms of implementation. The number of States Parties that still use spanking or flogging in the juvenile justice system as a court ordered sanction for children in conflict with the law or as a disciplinary measure in juvenile detention centres is small and becoming smaller. A considerable number of States Parties are now explicitly in the law or in decrees prohibiting the use of corporal punishment in schools.

But the explicit legal prohibition is in itself not enough to change the attitude and practice of, for instance, teachers. In some countries teachers were the strongest opponents of the abolition of what they consider a necessary, indispensable tool in correcting and disciplining children. It did seem like they felt powerless without this tool.

The legal prohibition should be fully and effectively implemented. Information and education for e.g. teachers, professionals working in institutions and others, is necessary, not as a one time event, but permanently. This also applies for parents and the children themselves. They often believe that tough disciplining (incl. corporal punishment) is necessary and good. Some parents even encourage or support teachers in tough disciplining.

It is also important to establish a simple but effective procedure for the filing of complaints if corporal punishment continues to be practiced. A procedure in which efforts are made to mediate and reconcile, but in which disciplinary and/or criminal law sanctions are possible and if necessary applied.

The prohibition has no preventive effects if it is not implemented and it does not change attitudes if that implementation does not come with systematic information and education about the negative and lasting consequences of violence against children, including the often as rather innocent described corporal punishment.

The greatest challenge is however the prevention of child abuse in the family. It is a very disturbing fact and one of the greatest tragedies of the human kind that millions of children, often at a very vulnerable age, are seriously abused (physically, mentally and/or sexually) by those they trust and are depending on, by those who are supposed to be loving and caring parents, relatives or other caretakers.

In the more serious cases of abuse the criminal law process (investigation, prosecution, conviction) will result in punishment of the perpetrator. But the so-called lighter forms of abuse, in particular corporal punishment, rarely results in a punishment under the criminal code because the justice system accepts that "reasonable chastisement" is not a crime, on the contrary that it is a right or even a duty "not to spare the rod" because it will "spoil the child". It has been and still is the opinion of the Committee that every form of violence in the upbringing of children, both outside and inside the family, should explicitly be prohibited and that this includes corporal punishment. That prohibition could be placed in the criminal law but it could also be part of the civil code, in particular the section on parental responsibilities, rights and duties. The purpose of the prohibition is not in the first place to punish the parents and/or criminalize their behaviour, but to set a standard and to work on the acceptance and full implementation of that standard: any form of violence in the upbringing of children is wrong and bad. That standard is based on the right of the child - which is similar to that of very adult - to have her physical integrity, her dignity and worth respected.

Only if all adults do fully respect this right we will succeed in preventing child abuse.

**IV ) GENEVA ACTIVITY REPORT  
19 NOVEMBER 2004**

## ➤ Geneva program

# World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse

**Friday 19 November 2004**

Palais Wilson, 52 Rue des Pâquis, 1201 Geneva

Entry free. Registration obligatory for security reasons at the Palais Wilson - UNOHCHR



## Conference – Debate / Award Ceremony Prize Betty Makoni \*

### **“Progress in preventing child abuse” Annual Review III**

#### 17h30 Opening

Message from Louise Arbour, High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Elly Pradervand, WWSF Executive Director  
Professor Jaap E. Doek, President UN Committee - Convention on the Rights of the Child  
Laure Maitrejean, WWSF Co-ordinator - Children's Section, Report on the International Coalition

#### 18h00 Conference - Debate

##### ➤ Prevention in Switzerland

- In the field of sports, **Fachstelle mira, c/o Kinderdorf Pestalozzi – Trogen, Urs Hofmann**
- In youth associations, **Unions Chrétiennes Suisses – Hauterive, Catherine Jobin**
- In training sessions for adults working with children, **Limita – Zürich, Suzanne Dietler**
- In theatre, **Artmonie, Rémy Boileau**

##### ➤ Prevention at the regional, international and United Nations level

- In the field of nursing worldwide, **International Council of Nurses, Pat Hughes**
- Through networking in Asia, **World Council of Churches, Ruth Lee**
- With street children in Central America, **Casa Alianza, Myriam Ernst**
- “Child sexual abuse in Europe” **Council of Europe, Corinne May-Chahal**
- UN Study on Violence against Children, **United Nations, Amaya Gillespie** representing *Prof. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Independent Expert on the UN Study*
- Sexual Abuse: issues for the international development agenda, **Chitra Radhakishun**

#### 19h30 Award Ceremony - Prize Betty Makoni\* for innovative prevention programs

Musical Interlude. The first prize will be awarded to WACCA - Women Action Coalition Child Abuse, Nigeria, whose representative will be present in Geneva.

#### 20h00 Reception / Interviews

Interpretation French/English.

## **Saturday 20 November 2004 / Samedi 20 novembre 2004**

Maison des Associations, 15 Rue de Savoises, 1205 Genève. Entry free

#### 14h00 - 17h00 **Conférence publique** (en français uniquement).

« Faut-il parler de ça aux enfants ? Comment prévenir sans traumatiser ? » par *Gérald Brassine, Psychothérapeute - Belgique*



## ➤ Conference-Debate Summary – 19 and 20 November

### World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse

#### Advance Geneva Summary Report Conference/Debate

#### “Progress in preventing child abuse” - Annual Review



**Geneva, 19 November 2004, Palais Wilson** - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. *“What we are establishing with the World Day is an annual rallying call to act, address progress and good practices with regard to prevention of abuse, violence and neglect and to empower organizations and individuals concerned to move forward, gain insight and knowledge and speak out to preserve the moral fabric of our societies”* said Ely Pradervand, Executive Director of WWSF. Launched in the year 2000 by WWSF and marked every year by more than 450 organizations in over 100 countries, the World Day was commemorated in Geneva for the fifth year with a **Conference-Debate “Progress in preventing child abuse - Annual Review III”**. Swiss, European and international experts presented prevention programs in different fields such as sport, theatre, youth associations, nursing, etc. Following the conference, Ely Pradervand opened the **award ceremony for the “Prize Betty Makoni for innovative prevention activities”**. Mr. M. Noori, representing one of the laureate organizations, the “Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights”, presented his programs in Pakistan. The event attended by more than 100 persons was followed by a reception graciously offered by Mr. Pierre Müller, Mayor of Geneva.



### Conference Presenters



**Welcome remarks by Maria Francisca Ize-Charrin, Chief, Treaties and Commission Branch - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights OHCHR – Geneva, Switzerland**

Ms. Ize-Charrin emphasized the OHCHR's great appreciation of the WWSF's work to promote and protect women's rights and the rights of the child. Marking the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse offers an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved so far and what remains to be done. She also underlined the innovation and grass-roots approach captured by the “Prize Betty Makoni”, promoting the idea that we all have a role to play in preventing child abuse and congratulated the four laureate organizations of the Prize.

**Professor Jaap E. Doek, President of the Committee on the Rights of the Child – Geneva, Switzerland**

Jaap E. Doek made a comprehensive presentation of the legal framework for treating children and presented the special procedures which exist to help protect children from abuse and violence. He drew attention to relevant articles in the Convention of the Rights of the Child and reminded governments to comply with the ratification of the Convention. He stated that the CRC calls for a social policy which is a matter of attitude, worth and dignity. WWSF greatly appreciated his presence and his support for the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse campaign, which serves the calling forth of a culture of prevention.



**Laure Maitrejean, WWSF Children's Section Coordinator – Geneva, Switzerland**

Laure Maitrejean presented examples of NGO activities marking the World Day around the world and mentioned some of the ambitious programs organized on 19 November. She underlined that local and national events not only inform and sensitise the population on the issue of child abuse, but primarily focus on prevention measures. She noted that WWSF coalition members involve children, parents, schools, experts and local and national authorities to participate in activities. Laure Maitrejean invited participants to read the annual global impact report published on the Internet ([www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)).

**Urs Hofmann, Fachstelle mira, c/o Kinderdorf Pestalozzi – Trogen, Switzerland**

Urs Hofmann presented the mira Association and its work in preventing child sexual abuse in the field of sports. Mira targets sports associations, youth movements and brass band associations at local and national level in an effort to prevent sexual abuse, offering reports, articles for newspapers, courses for group leaders, and consultations in case of suspicion.



**Catherine Jobin, Unions Chrétiennes Suisses U. C. – Hauterive, Switzerland**

Catherine Jobin presented U.C. and its work in preventing child abuse in youth associations. The U.C. has developed a prevention of child sexual abuse project for instructors focusing on situations that favor child abuse. The U.C. elaborated principles of work, as well as effective tools (e.g. games) to sensitise children.

**Suzanne Dietler, Limita – Zurich, Switzerland**

Suzanne Dietler presented Limita Zurich and its work in preventing child abuse by organizing training sessions for adults (professionals and non-professionals) who are in charge of children, including parents. Limita, headquartered in the German-speaking part of Switzerland, is a leading institution in the development and teaching of specific programs for prevention of child sexual abuse. Limita imparts knowledge and prevention measures, organizes seminars, advisory sessions, lectures on prevention, and publishes manuals and brochures. Ms. Dietler is co-editor of a book entitled "Stark sein allein genügt nicht" (Strength alone is not enough).



**Rémy Boileau, Compagnie ARTmonie – Geneva, Switzerland**

Rémy Boileau, actor at ARTmonie, presented his next theatre performance "Coupable" (Guilty), focused on paedophilia issues and intended to increase public awareness on different abusers' profiles. Performances will be followed by public debates with experts.

**Pat Hugues, International Council of Nurses ICN – Geneva, Switzerland**

Pat Hugues presented the International Council of Nurses and its child abuse prevention in the field of nursing worldwide. ICN is concerned about protection, support for and prevention of abuse of girls from both a human rights and a health perspective. ICN launched a global initiative, the Girl Child Project, mobilizing nurses for the health of urban girls as well as a birth registration campaign. ICN believes that every nurse has a professional responsibility to prevent child abuse and calls on its national member associations to mark the World Day in their countries and lobby their governments, NGOs and others to combat child abuse in all its forms.

**Myriam Ernst, Casa Alianza – Geneva Branch, Switzerland**

Myriam Ernst presented Casa Alianza and its work preventing child abuse of street children in Central America: in the streets (games, thematic workshops, street schools), in families (visits by educators and schools for parents), in communities, as well as inside Casa Alianza itself, with daily workshops, individual therapy and mutual aid groups. Myriam Ernst also presented the organization's Ethical Charter, Denunciation Charter and work principles.

**Corinne May-Chahal, Council of Europe – Strasbourg, France**

Corinne May-Chahal presented her book "Child sexual abuse in Europe" which offers a pan-European perspective on the issue, drawing on the rapidly growing evidence base and current policy. She mentioned that responses to the many different forms of abuse are still in development and shared European activities to combat sexual abuse of children such as prevention, legal and therapeutic measures among others.

**Amaya Gillespie, UN Study on Violence Against Children, Geneva, Switzerland**

Amaya Gillespie presented an overview of the UN Secretary General's mandate to prepare a Study on Violence Against Children and encouraged everyone to get involved in the process. The study, to be presented to the UN General Assembly in 2006, should lead to the development of strategies aimed at effectively preventing and combating all forms of violence against children.

**Chitra Radhakishun, Lawyer / United Nations – Geneva, Switzerland**

Chitra Radhakishun expressed her personal views and research on sexual abuse as an issue for the international agenda. According to Ms. Radhakishun, the time has come to look at the topic in a holistic manner and formulate policies and strategies to create balanced interrelations between sex, society and development, based on the important work done by the UN system. Global action can only be effective if NGOs and the UN join hands.



## “Prize Betty Makoni” First Geneva Award Ceremony



**WWSF awarded the Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights PCSW&HR with the “Prize Betty Makoni” (second Laureate organization 1000 US\$).**

WWSF briefly explained why the Prize was named after Betty Makoni, a Zimbabwe Child Rights activist, and presented the four organizations awarded for the first year : ❶ Women Action Coalition for Child Abuse of Nigeria (3000 US\$) ; ❷ Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights (1000 US\$) ; ❸ Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse of East Asia in China and Vienna Network for Prevention of Sexual Abuse against Girls, Boys and Youth in Austria (500 US\$ each). Mr. Muhammad Noori, Chairman of PCSW&HR, invited by WWSF, personally received the award in Geneva for innovative activities organized under his leadership in Pakistan on 19 November 2003.

## “Prize Betty Makoni” Vienna Award Ceremony



WWSF representative, Ilse Moser, presented an additional award to the Vienna Network for Prevention of Sexual Abuse against Girls, Boys and Youth – Austria, in the presence of twelve network representatives, the media and members of the Vienna Network for Peace and Non-violence. A panel discussion on the subject of child abuse was organized in the evening and attended mostly by parents. The Austria Press Agency communicated the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse and the Prize award to the national media.

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**Geneva, 20 November 2004, Maison des Associations.** Invited by WWSF on the occasion of the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse, Mr. Gerald Brassine, psychotherapist from Belgium, presented his book “Prévenir, détecter et gérer les abus sexuels subis par les enfants” (Preventing, detecting and dealing with child sexual abuse). He proposes to explain sexuality to children in a healthy and happy way (as of the age three) in order to abolish manipulations by abusers. He advocates to break the taboo around sexuality which in fact perpetuates abuse and serves the abuser. According to him, good prevention measures can avoid many cases of abuse.

To order the book (available in French), please contact [Gerald.brassine@tiscali.be](mailto:Gerald.brassine@tiscali.be)