

Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF

*Newsletter December 2020***SEASON'S GREETINGS**

and a peaceful New Year!



Dear Partners and Friends,

After a challenging year for many of us around the world, we wish you, your partners, and your family health and strength and an opportunity to celebrate safely this festive season. We are grateful for your engagement with our annual campaign initiatives moving more and more members of civil society into bold action to help correct the emerging hardship and neglect caused by the Covid-19 challenge in many communities. It's a wake-up call and the world is learning the lesson slowly, but surely.

A brief summary of our activities for empowerment and hope for 2021.

As you know, WWSF has launched and currently implements **three campaigns** annually. Our work is about empowerment and mobilization of civil society to rise, claim their rights, be moved into transformative action, use and share ideas for action, hold leaders accountable, and demonstrate courage and compassion during these trying times.



1) Empowerment Kit and WWSF Prize for rural women leaders and their communities. All 2020 prize winners are presented on our website. *Reminder: Nominations for the 2021 Prize for Women's creativity in rural life are now open till the end of April.*



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19
Days of
Activism
1-19 Nov.
For Prevention of
Violence and
Abuse Against
Children / Youth

«Every 5 minutes a child
dies as a result of abuse»
*Reaching the UN Sustainable Development Goals
(SDGs) by 2030 needs our compassion and support.*

SDG Target # 16.2: «End abuse, exploitation,
trafficking and all forms of violence against and
torture of children»

2. 19 Days Kit for the prevention of violence against children and youth, including creating « **Community Circles of Compassion** » to increase action for change. *Reminder: Use our online training kit on « how to create your community circle of compassion » and share it with us so we can inspire others by your local initiatives to change the world compassionately.*



It takes compassion to end violence against children & youth

The SDG Target 16.2 **needs your contribution!** www.woman.ch



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3) White Ribbon Switzerland, our national campaign for the elimination of violence against women and youth by 2030, in support of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals #Target 5.2 – Agenda 2030.



SDG Target #5.2

Agenda 2030:

«Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking & sexual & other types of exploitation»

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Upcoming events in 2021

- **8 March:** – International Women's Day: WWSF 30th anniversary of the Women's World Summit Foundation
- **15 - 26 March - CSW65 - UN Commission on the status of women (virtual event)**

Priority theme: Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

Review theme: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development ([agreed conclusions](#) of the sixtieth session)

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- **30 April: Prize nomination deadline** for your candidates for our annual « Prize for women's creativity in rural life » (462 awards given to-date since 1994).
- **31 May:** Release of our 2021 Campaign Kits mentioned above.



Dear Friends and Partners,

To make progress towards the many Sustainable Development Goals and Targets and the systematic mainstreaming of a human rights perspective is our ultimate aim. We thank you for your solidarity in reaching these goals.

About us: *The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), created in 1991 in Geneva, Switzerland, as a not-for-profit, humanitarian, international, lay organization for the realization of women's and children's rights, mobilizes via its annual campaigns, round tables, world days and prize awards civil society actors to catalyze increased action for change so that we will reach the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.*

Use and share our annual campaign Kits to empower you and others into bold action for change.

"Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it; Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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