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## Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF



### WWSF June-July 2020 - Newsletter

**Dear Campaign Coalition Members, Partners, and Friends,**

We wish to inform you that our annual campaign Kits will be published online by the end of July. COVID-19 has changed our world in the way we work, and learn. Beyond the challenging effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we all are reminded of the profound inequalities in many societies, aggravated by the global crises. Every country is touched by it and we are called to move beyond awareness-raising into robust community action to ensure we are not spreading the virus. We cannot allow that the promises for the Decade for action are not met. We thank you for your understanding of this year's delay and hope that our coalition member organizations, and all new partners, will again mobilize their communities into transformational action.

# 17

## Days of Activism

1-17 Oct.

For the Empowerment of Rural Women Leaders and communities

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### Participate in the annual 17 Days Campaign!

**To Empower Rural Women Leaders & their communities**

- Build** local/national broad alliances with grassroots groups and rural networks
- Nominate** candidates for the WWSF annual Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life
- Meet** local government representatives and advocate for legislative changes in compliance with CEDAW, the Beijing Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goals - 2030

# 19

## Days of Activism

1-19 Nov.

Prevention of Violence & Abuse Against Children & Youth

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### Participate in the annual 19 Days Campaign!

**Prevention of Violence & Abuse Against Children & Youth**

To help reach the UN Sustainable Development Goal **SDG Target # 16.2:** «End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children»

**I takes compassion to end violence against children and youth**

**«Every 5 minutes a child dies as a result of violence»**

Arundhati Roy, Indian author, and political activist sent us this message re COVID-19 to share with you. <https://www.ft.com/content/10d8f5e8-74eb-11ea-95fe-fcd274e920ca> "Nothing could be worse than a return to normality. Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it ..... with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it."

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet said: "Ultimately, efforts to tackle COVID-19 and to begin the recovery process will only be successful if **everyone's rights to life and health are protected, without discrimination.**"

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## WWSF 2020 - Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life



Source: LBW Blog



Despite the COVID-19 lock-down, we received interesting candidates for the annual Prize award. We have retained again 10 candidates who will be officially announced on 1 October to the prizewinners, nominators, and international press. We thank all our partners who have sent us information on candidates working under challenging conditions and especially in today's world of an unprecedented climate challenge and health pandemic.

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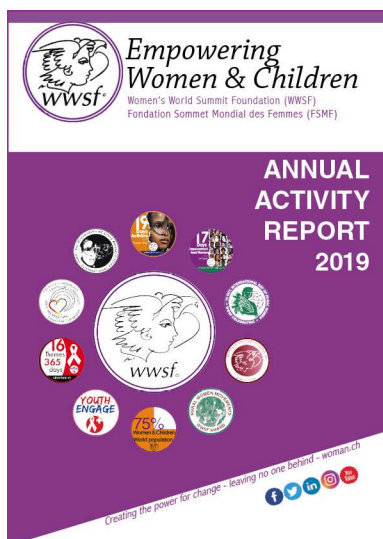
**Still open for signatures: WWSF MANIFESTO 2020 - Moving Forward!**  
Keeping governments reminded of the unfinished business of the Beijing Platform for Action.

**You can still co-sign** the WWSF MANIFESTO before we forward it to the UN General Assembly in New York 15 - 30 September 2020. Make your voices heard! Now is the time to claim our rights and empower others to do the same. To co-sign the Manifesto [pdf version online](#): Send us an email ([wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch)) with your organization name (and country) and we will include you on the final version of the Manifesto.



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If you wish to learn about our activities, consult our **ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2019** online. The



We thank you for your partnership and look forward to working with you. Feel free to share the Newsletter with your network and friends.

In solidarity,  
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*"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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