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Message from the President & CEO

## 2020 Achievements and 2021 Outlook



**Dear Partners and Friends,**

2020 is undoubtedly a year that will be remembered. We are all affected by this ruthless pandemic. Our working relations have changed, moved mostly to Zoom and fundraising has also suffered. Many have lost loved ones and domestic violence has increased in many countries.

Yet we need to continue speaking up and out for women's and children's human rights to become reality.

With our humble contribution via our 3 annual campaigns, presented on pages 17 to 53 we not only add to our movement building initiatives but also to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - Agenda 2030.

Whatever it is worth, it is our sincere effort to help reducing poverty, especially in rural areas, end gender-based violence and discrimination, and prevent violence against women, children and youth.

We closed 2020 with our planned activities completed in spite of the lockdown and the limited space for meetings. We wish to thank our members, board directors, sponsors, staff, interns and volunteers for their continued support on many fronts.

Brief summary of the 3 WWSF campaigns:

### 1) "17 Days of activism for the empowerment of rural women leaders and their communities 1-17 October" (Kit available online)

• **The Call to action Kit "17 Days"** presents 17 themes and ideas for action, including how to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.



• **The WWSF Prize program** selected again 10 prizewinners for its annual award «Prize for women's creativity in rural life» (US\$ 1000 per laureate). You can read their profiles on pages 22-28 (462 laureates in over 140 countries have so far been honoured by WWSF 1994-2020).



2020 WWSF-Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life: 10 lauréates change leur communauté / Prix pour la Créativité des Femmes en Milieu Rural / 10 laureates in 2020

### • International Day of Rural Women – 15 October

As every year, WWSF publishes the annual poster for the Day to empower action in rural communities including confronting climate change, exposure to the COVID-19 pandemic, facing increased poverty, discrimination and abuse.



### 2) "19 Days of activism for the prevention of violence against children and youth 1-19 November" (Kit available online)

**The 2020 Call to action Kit "19 Days"** presents 19 themes and includes ideas for action plus how to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic. You also find excerpts of our annual 19 Days "Global Impact Report 2020" (pages 31 to 41) of local and national activities carried out by participating coalition organizations.

One highlight :


«**FICE Romania** mobilized 1'188 schools in all regions of the country, attended by over 260'000 students, and over 20'000 teachers, psychologists, police, social workers, journalists, doctors as well as parents» We are so proud of their ongoing annual participation with the 19 themes of the Campaign to help end violence and abuse against children and youth in Romania. A beacon of hope and a great example to other partners to follow!

«**Violence against children and youth is a universal problem and affects one billion children and youth a year**».

WWSF has selected the **SDG Target 16.2** as its core campaign slogan for public advocacy and mobilization to reach the SDG Agenda 2030. **"End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against children by 2030."**







**It takes compassion to end violence against children & youth**  
SDG Target 16.2 needs our contributions! [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) - [wdpc@wssf.ch](mailto:wdpc@wssf.ch)

Due to the fact that violence against children and youth is increasing, especially during the pandemic COVID-19, we continue to promote our online training program «Creating Circles of compassion» to mobilize people everywhere to create their own local community circle of compassion and decide together to make their communities violence-free for children and youth.

Guidelines on how to create your Circle of compassion in English and French are published on our website.  
Link: [English](#)  
Link: [French](#)

### 3) “365 Days of activism for the elimination of violence against women and youth in Switzerland” (Kit available online in French and German)



Due to the pandemic, we had to change our program of work in 2020 and cancelled most of our planned activities for the mobilisation of Swiss youth to become representatives and ambassadors of the Swiss Campaign.

The Annual Call to Action Kit “365 Days” was updated and our “I pledge...” postcards in French and German were also updated and distributed where ever possible during the challenging year.



**Je m'engage moralement**  
à ne pas commettre, tolérer,  
ni rester silencieux face à la violence  
envers les femmes et les jeunes.


Campagne pour 1'000'000 signatures. Merci de retourner cette carte signée.  
Pour plus d'informations, consultez [www.ruban-blanc.ch/rejoindre-la-campagne/](http://www.ruban-blanc.ch/rejoindre-la-campagne/)

According to UN Women, “137 women across the world are killed by a member of their family every day, which makes over 50'000 death per year, exposing an increase in femicides and an increase in domestic violence occurring during the pandemic.”

### 2021 WWSF Outlook

We must continue to be civil society activists in 2021 and create much-needed systems change, empowering men and women to construct a new societal order, where disarmament, ending extreme poverty, ending gender-based violence and climate justice become a priority. ‘Leaving no one behind’ is the central, transformative promise for the success of the SDG-2030 Agenda.

**2021 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Women's World Summit Foundation**, created on 8 March 1991, and we take stock of our humble contributions during so many years of creating programs and initiatives to empower civil society action.



**WWSF 30th Anniversary**  
8 March  
1991 - 2021

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**WWSF gives thanks, from the bottom of our hearts, to all partners and sponsors who support our annual empowerment initiatives**

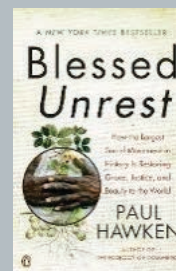
*Women and Children first*  
*Women's & Children's rights are human rights*

Over the years we have realized that «we cannot do great things like many others, but we can always do small things with great love». And that is what we will continue to do as the world is facing new challenges that need new initiatives and new solutions for a world in crisis like we have never seen before.

**Elly Pradervand**, WWSF President and Executive Director

We take this opportunity to share with you a note of HOPE, [visit](#) “Blessed Unrest : How the Largest Social Movement in History is Restoring Grace, Justice, and Beauty to the World.”

*The New York Times bestselling examination of the worldwide movement for social and environmental change “Paul Hawken has spent more than a decade researching organizations dedicated to restoring the environment and fostering social justice. From billion-dollar nonprofits to single-person dot.causes, these groups collectively comprise the largest movement on earth, a movement that has no name, leader, or location and that has gone largely ignored by politicians and the media. Blessed Unrest explores the diversity of the movement, its brilliant ideas, innovative strategies, and centuries of hidden history. A culmination of Hawken's many years of leadership in the environmental and social justice fields, it will inspire all who despair of the world's fate, and its conclusions will surprise even those within the movement itself.”*



### 2021 UN Outlook

**World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021 - António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations**

25 January 2021 - <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/publication/world-economic-situation-and-prospects-2021/>

“A once-in-a-century crisis—a Great Disruption unleashed by the COVID-19 pandemic—hit the world economy in 2020. The pandemic reached every corner of the world, infecting more than 90 million and, so far, has killed close to 2 million people worldwide. Governments around the world responded rapidly—and boldly—to stem the health and economic contagion of the crisis. Fiscal and monetary stimulus packages were quickly rolled out to save the economy. The crisis responses, however, entailed difficult choices between saving lives and saving livelihoods, between speed of delivery and efficiency, and between short-term costs and long-term impacts.”



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# WWSF Program of Work



## Introduction

As an international, not-for-profit, non-governmental, lay organization (INGO), created as a Swiss Foundation on 8 March 1991 in Geneva, WWSF serves by building an international network coalition and by designing and promoting programs for the empowerment of women, children, youth and relevant NGOs. With its annual conferences, campaigns, world days and prize awards, WWSF advocates for the implementation of women and children's rights and serves the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. Since 1995, WWSF enjoys UN consultative status with ECOSOC, UNFPA and DPI and is an active member of several global partnerships and NGO working groups connected to the UN in New York and Geneva.

## Specifically, WWSF seeks to fulfill its mission by organizing annually the following campaign initiatives

- 1) • **17 Days of activism** for the empowerment of rural women and their communities 1-17 October
  - **Commemorating** International Day of Rural Women – 15 Oct. (created in 1995 at the Beijing 4th World Conference on Women)
  - **WWSF Prize** for women's creativity in rural life (462 prizes awarded to-date)
- 2) • **Swiss White Ribbon campaign - Youth Engage** and its **365 Days of Activism** Kit for the elimination of violence against women and youth in Switzerland by 2030
  - **Training webinars** to train representatives and youth ambassadors
- 3) • **19 Days of activism** for prevention of violence against children and youth 1-19 November
  - **Innovation Prize** for creative prevention activities submitted by coalition members
  - **Circles of Compassion training workshops** to increase civil society action for the end of violence against children and youth

## Communicating

- With a global network of common understanding, broad solidarity, cooperation and collaboration with NGOs, women's groups, UN entities, the media and civil society at large.
- Via occasional oral and written statements to the UN Commission on the Status of Women
- Via press releases, regular e-Newsletters, Activity Reports, social media, etc.
- Via our websites: [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) and [www.white-ribbon.ch](http://www.white-ribbon.ch)
- Via 16 Days alerts on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram
- Networking and partnership building with organizations, institutions and grassroots actors to expand outreach and increase action for creating a world that works for all
- In various Working Groups, see page 10.

## Maintaining

- A secretariat for administration and management of relationships with WWSF Board members, Swiss authorities, donors and partners, coalition member organizations and prizewinners, as well as with UN contacts and the media, the, including relations with NGOs and our civil society coalition members.

## WWSF recommendations to governments and civil society actors for the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development - Agenda 2030

- **Delivering** the transformative Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 with a **strong human rights-based focus**
- **Reducing** the gap between the very rich and the very poor, which continues to rise
- **Achieving** the full implementation of the binding UN Conventions CEDAW and CRC, as well as the unfinished business of the Beijing Platform for Action
- **Achieving the elimination of violence with SDG Target 5.2:** "End all forms of violence against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking, sexual and other types of abuse and ensure women's full participation in decision making and equal rights to own land and economic resources"
- **Giving value** to unpaid work in gender roles by redistributing the unpaid care work and domestic work
- **Supporting** robust action by rural women and youth addressing extreme poverty, climate change and gender norms
- **Assisting small farmers and especially women farmers** who are feeding the majority of the populations in the global South and encouraging them to keep protecting local seeds and livestock diversity
- **Achieving the elimination of violence against children and youth with the SDG Target 16.2:** "End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children, including harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage, and female genital mutilation"
- **Creating** strong partnerships between governments and civil society organizations, institutions and groups, engaged in realizing the SDG Agenda by 2030 - Transforming ourselves and our world, leaving no one behind.



**8 MARCH 2020** *International Women's Day*



# WWSF MANIFESTO

## *Moving forward !*

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- **Because International Women's Day** (launched in 1857) is an annual occasion for women everywhere to UNITE & RISE to claim their right to peace, equality and sustainable development also for women. On this day, we also celebrate our 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's World Summit Foundation-WWSF.
- **Because in 2020 we commemorate 8 important anniversaries in the human rights family:** the UN 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary / 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary CEDAW / 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child / 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Women's Conference / 20 years of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda / 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of UN Women, 5<sup>th</sup> birthday of the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030. Clearly the time has come to review and renew government commitments and make sure they are matched with strong accountability to obtain lasting results.
- **Because 2020 is the beginning of a new decade**, a decade in which we expect governments finally deliver the unfinished business they signed up for at the Beijing 4<sup>th</sup> World Women's Conference (1995), and to demonstrate accountability for the 12 critical areas that remain of concern today, as well as accept independent monitoring for their implementation of policies and activities with regard to ending violence against women, equal pay for equal work, women's participation in decision-making, climate action, as well as achieving gender equality. Priorities set by governments need to connect with the people on the ground and the women of the world are impatient for decisive change to move forward.
- **Because only three quarters of all countries** have laws on domestic violence to-date, "... yet 137 women across the world are killed by a member of their own family every day; unpaid care and domestic work are largely shouldered by women everywhere, often at the cost of their career growth and economic participation. While global poverty has declined, it remains highly feminized: women aged 25-34 are 25 % more likely than men the same age to live in extreme poverty ..." (UN Women, 2020).
- **Because Women's Rights are Human Rights**, we are Rising in order to empower the women of the world to lobby their governments to ensure that the fulfilment of their basic human rights becomes the hallmark of this decade. A decade in which all promises are kept and results widely celebrated. The world is indeed waiting for transformative action from our leaders to turn the world around for good. What is good for women is good for all. The Time is NOW!

The list of organizations that signed the Manifesto is published overleaf.



## Endorsements of the WWSF Manifesto 2020

- Acamage-Cameroon\*
- Actions pour la protection et l'encadrement de l'enfant (DR Congo apee)
- African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS)\*
- ALL WIN NETWORK\*
- Amman center for Human Rights Studies(ACHRS) Jordan\*
- Asentamiento Cultural «Pueblo Grande»
- Asociación El Mundo de los ASI contra el abuso sexual infantil
- Asociación española para el derecho internacional de los derechos humanos (AEDIDH)\*
- Association Espoiroumanie
- Bengerana Jabiro/Muhanga (Rwanda)
- Center Women and Modern World (Azerbaijan)
- Coast Women In Development - Kenya
- Comité Régional Solidarité des Femmes pour la Paix en Casamance CRSFPC/USOFORAL
- Developmental Action without borders (Naba'a)-Lebanon
- Femmes en Situations Difficiles pour le Développement Durable et Intégré, IFESID DI-Sud-Kivu
- Femmes Solidaires pour la Paix et le Développement» (FSPD)
- Foundation for Human Rights (FHR)-South Africa
- Giving Women-Switzerland
- Global Welfare Association (GLOWA) – Cameroon
- Hope for Second Change Foundation
- International Federation of Educative Communities (FICE Romania)\*
- International Pestalozzi Society, Switzerland
- KHALIL WELFARE COUNCIL - Pakistan
- Ladies Circle-CEFAP-Cameroon
- Ligue des Droits de la personne dans la région des Grands Lacs (LDGL)
- Louise McLeod, UN Rep., Women Graduates-USA\*
- Mahak Charity-Iran
- Olof Palme International Foundation
- Ozi Empire Limited
- Pacificwin Pacific
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- Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International (PLEII)-Nigeria
- Peace and Shammah Foundation (psf)-Uganda
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- Rural Women and Youth Fund Uganda
- SAHFA/JamboMama!\*
- Smart Access to Health For All, France\*
- Society for the improvement of rural people (SIRP Nigeria)
- Udisha-India\*
- VoiceTrust, India
- WANEPCI (West Afrcica Network for Peacebuilding) Ivory Coast
- Women and Youth in Agricultural Development Initiative (WaYADI) Sierra Leone
- Women First International Fund - USA\*
- Women Graduates- USA\*
- Women Initiative for Peace and Good Governance (WIPGG Nigeria)
- Women's Comfort Corner Foundation (Zimbabwe)
- World March of Women – Kenya



# WWSF main campaign activities

Brief presentation of our three annual empowerment initiatives



«17 Days for the Empowerment of rural women and their communities»  
1-17 October

The 17 Days Campaign, its action Kit, the Rural Women Prize awards, and the Intl. Day of Rural Women (15 October) empowers rural women to Rise, claim their rights, mobilize for action, and hold their leaders accountable.

You can read about the 2020 Campaign online, including the profiles of all the prizewinners who received our annual 'Prize for women's creativity in rural life, awarded on 15 October (462 prizes have so far been awarded with US\$ 1'000 per laureate in over 140 countries).

The ten 2020 prizewinners are presented on pages 20 to 25 for you to learn about their courage, creativity and compassion in their struggles for sustainable development that includes equality, women's rights and non-violence.

WWSF launched in 2017 an additional occasional Prize, the «**Rural Women Movements Award**» (US\$ 10'000) for outstanding groups and associations working to empower their members to become self-reliant.



«19 Days for prevention of violence against children and youth»  
1-19 November

The Campaign and its action Kit help create a culture for better prevention of violence and abuse against children and youth, and mobilize civil society actors and organizations to increase programs for robust implementation of the rights of the child, the relevant Sustainable Development Goal and in particular **Target 16.2**, and hold local and national leaders accountable. The 19 Days Campaign published its 10th edition in 2020 and annual Prevention Kits and Global Impact Reports are available online.

In 2020, we had less coalition member organizations participating, due to the world wide pandemic that reduced public gatherings and outreach work. However, WWSF awarded one coalition member organization with our annual Innovation Prize for their creative social media outreach (US\$ 1'000) to move Nigeria into action.



«365 Days of activism for the elimination of violence against women & youth in Switzerland»

The Swiss national White Ribbon Campaign with its tool kits in German and French continues to mobilize men and boys, women and girls to build a Switzerland free of gender-based violence against women and youth.

The campaign convenes monthly meetings to strategize for societal transformation in our country. To-date, 50 Swiss White Ribbon Ambassadors signed a «Declaration for the elimination of gender-based violence in Switzerland by 2030».

Due to the pandemic in 2020, we were obliged to cancel our annual activities, which usually focus on progress made. However we developed our initiative Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc, which will be our focus for the next years.

We continue to share our postcards and online registration process for the creation of a Switzerland free of gender-based violence by 2030.



Supporting the realization of the UN Agenda 2030 for global transformation



All year round, WWSF includes the relevant UN SDG Targets - Agenda 2030 in all its programs of work to help realize this bold promise for sustainable development - Agenda 2030.





# WWSF participation in the following UN/NGO Working Groups

## 1) Working Group - NGO CSW Geneva Committee on the Status of Women under the leadership of Graduate Women International (representative: Elly Pradervand)

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva (NGO CSW Geneva <https://ngocsw-geneva.ch/>) is a not-for-profit association established under Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. This working group acts as a strategic platform for UN accredited Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) with consultative status with ECOSOC for the advancement of human rights and the empowerment of women. It facilitates the activities of its member organizations, in support of the United Nations and its goals and with Member States, for gender equality and the empowerment and defense of the rights of women and girls across the globe.

The Committee acts as a forum for the exchange of information and views on matters of common interest and coordinates the drafting of joint statements to UN agencies and commissions. It cooperates with its sister committees in New York and Vienna and supports the work of UN Women and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

In particular the NGO CSW Geneva Committee supports implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the UN Security Resolution 1325, the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) in particular SDG#5 on gender equality and women's empowerment.

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## 2) Working Group - NGO Committee on Ageing under the leadership of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) (representative: Elizabeth Williamson)

WWSF participates in the meetings and activities of this Committee in collaboration with international organizations and other NGOs. Older persons in general and older women in particular are victims of physical, emotional, financial and sexual abuse as well as neglect, and are subject to a higher risk of living in poverty and of facing barriers in accessing basic rights. The lack of adequate legislation at national level to protect the rights of older persons and the absence of a dedicated internationally agreed legal framework contribute to the vulnerability of older persons.

WWSF therefore actively supports the Committee's advocacy in international fora for the establishment of a new convention on the rights of older persons. Website: <http://ageingcommitteegeneva.org>

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## 3) Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning under the leadership of Soka Gakkai (representative: Elizabeth Williamson)

WWSF participates in the meetings and activities of this working group of the NGO Committee on Human Rights in Geneva, which aims to ensure civil society participation in global policy making on human rights education.

Together with other NGOs, WWSF co-signed several Joint Oral Statements delivered at sessions of the Human Rights Council at the UN in Geneva in 2020.

The statements emphasize the urgent need to integrate human rights education for all young people, including those with disabilities, into all public and private educational systems and curricula to prevent human rights violations and abuses, and to achieve peaceful, inclusive, and just societies.

A 25-panel exhibition "Transforming Lives: The Power of Human Rights Education" created in 2016, illustrates the importance of human rights education and can be downloaded at <https://www.power-humanrights-education.org/exhibition/>

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## 4) Working Group on Violence against Children under the leadership of Child Rights Connect (UN accredited NGO) (representative: Elly Pradervand)

The Working Group on Children and Violence aims to promote action that will prompt violence prevention strategies and protect children who are vulnerable. In particular, the Working Group focuses on the framework provided by the UN CRC and works towards the implementation of this instrument as a legal obligation for governments and as a core protection tool for children.

The WG aims to (1) speak with one voice and work together alongside UN Human Rights mechanisms and UN agencies based in Geneva which are pertinent to the theme of violence against children; (2) act as Geneva focal point for advancing the Post 2015 Global Sustainable Development VAC related goals and targets, to ensure the continuous implementation of the recommendations put forward in the UN Study on VAC, notably by means of advocacy towards key players in Geneva (the UN, permanent missions and regional institutions) in collaboration with civil society organizations and networks; and (3) continue to maintain strong links with, and provide collaborative support to the SRSB/VAC and the CRC.



# Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2020

By UNWomen Link: <https://data.unwomen.org/publications/progress-sustainable-development-goals-gender-snapshot-2020>

In its 22 pages, the publication shows progress and also remaining challenges.

WWSF shares the gender snapshots 2019 with its international network and coalition partners as it provides an excellent overview of the state of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 and where we can all play our part to reduce gender inequalities.

## PROGRESS ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS THE GENDER SNAPSHOT 2020





# Excerpts from Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals Gender Snapshot 2020 - Leave no woman or girl behind

(The Progress Report empowers us to continue to develop our advocacy for women's and children's rights and help realize the UN SDG Agenda 2030)

## Selected relevant SDG Snapshots for the WWSF campaign



«The COVID-19 pandemic could reverse decades of progress in the eradication of poverty and inequality. Already, women are more likely than men to live in extreme poverty. As the crisis exacerbates labour market instabilities along with gender inequalities in access to economic resources and in the division of unpaid care and domestic work, many more women are expected to fall into destitution. The total number of women and girls living on less than \$1.90 a day is forecast to total 409 million in 2020 (up from 398.5 million in 2019), and peak at 435 million in 2021. That number is not expected to revert to pre-pandemic levels until 2030.

The two main regions that will be affected most in terms of increased poverty will be sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia. In sub-Saharan Africa, between 2021 and 2030, the number of women and girls living in extremely poor households is expected to increase from 249 million to 283 million. By 2030, this region will be home to 71 per cent of women and girls living in extreme poverty. Central and Southern Asia, particularly the subregion of Southern Asia, has made major strides in reducing extreme poverty over the last several years. However, it will also see a resurgence in extreme poverty. Before the pandemic, projections suggested that, by 2030, Central and Southern Asia would comprise 15.8 per cent of the world's women and girls living in extreme poverty. Revised projections now put that share at 18.6 per cent.»



«At the global level, and more markedly in Northern Africa and Western Asia and in Latin America and the Caribbean, the gender gap in accessing sufficient food increased from 2018 to 2019, particularly at the moderate or severe levels. Women face more food insecurity than men, even when they have the same income and education levels. When various social and economic characteristics are controlled, statistical analyses reveal that the chances of being severely food insecure are about 27 per cent higher for women than for men at the global level. The bias is largest among individuals aged 25 to 49 years and among those who are separated or divorced.

The number of people facing acute food insecurity in low- and middle-income countries will nearly double to 265 million by the end of 2020. Emerging data from humanitarian settings already point to increases in food insecurity, particularly among population groups whose nutritional needs are higher, such as pregnant and lactating women, women of reproductive age, adolescent girls, sick people, and those who are older.»



«The pandemic is placing significant stress on health systems. Even the best-resourced systems in the most advanced countries have been strained to the breaking point at peak periods in the crisis. In addition, disruptions to routine health services

are likely to limit women's access to sexual and reproductive health care, including access to safe maternity care and modern contraception. Despite the ambitious goal to end preventable maternal deaths by 2030, at the current rate of progress the world is expected to fall short of the target by more than 1 million lives. Compounding the problem is the fact that more than 250 million women of reproductive age globally who want to prevent pregnancy are not using modern methods of contraception.»



«Women represent 70 per cent of the world's health-care workers. Thus, they are on the front lines of the pandemic and at increased risk of exposure to the virus. Emerging data from the Dominican Republic, Germany, Ireland, Italy and Spain have confirmed that among infected health-care workers, 72 per cent are women.»

The year 2020 was supposed to be momentous – in a good way. World leaders and women's rights activists had planned to celebrate the anniversaries of key legal and policy instruments that are central to the realization of women's human rights, including the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 40th anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. However, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted those plans and may reverse many of the hard-won gains of the past two decades. Women and girls are facing acute hardships, including higher rates of poverty, increased care burdens, greater exposure to violence and obstructed access to sexual and reproductive health services. And with few women directing policy responses at the national and local levels, such issues are not being sufficiently prioritized and resourced. Discriminatory laws and social norms also persist.»



«In countries with women at the helm, confirmed deaths from COVID-19 are six times lower than in countries led by men. This is attributed in part to a faster response by women leaders and greater emphasis on social and environmental well-being over time. Likewise, women's direct participation in peace processes has shown to be a building block for durable peace agreements. As peace processes continue under the shadow of violent conflict and a global health emergency, sustained attention must be given to the much-needed perspectives that only women can provide, and that are context-specific. Yet, between 1992 and 2019, women represented, on average, 6 per cent of mediators, 6 per cent of signatories, and 13 per cent of negotiators in major peace processes worldwide. The women who do try to exert influence and raise their voices against injustice and human rights violations face sometimes lethal consequences. Across 81 countries, between 2015 and 2019, 225 killings of women human rights defenders, journalists and trade unionists were reported, which is likely an undercount.»

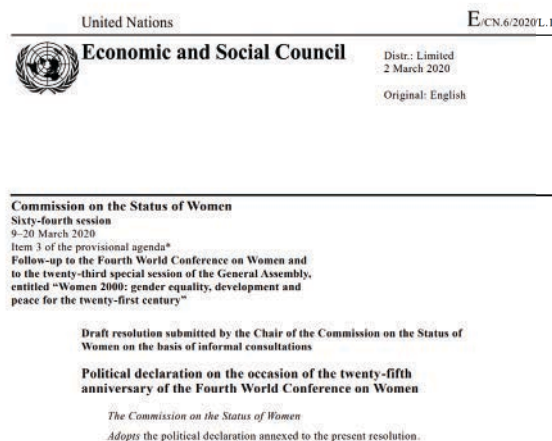




## CSW64 (2020)

In the light of concerns regarding coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the Commission on the Status of Women convened, on 9 March, for a meeting that included opening statements followed by the adoption of the draft Political Declaration (E/CN.6/2020/L.1). **The session was then suspended until further notification.**

The link to the Political declaration on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women: <https://undocs.org/en/E/CN.6/2020/L.1>



## CSW65 (2021)

The sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place from 15 to 26 March 2021. In light of the evolving COVID-19 situation, and taking into account the latest guidance from the United Nations Secretary-General and the World Health Organization (WHO), CSW65 will take place in a hybrid format with mostly virtual meetings. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSO-Caccredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to attend the session.

### Themes

**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)

### Excerpts from the draft agreed conclusions

«The Commission expresses concern that the COVID-19 pandemic is rolling back the limited progress made towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and that the effects of the of the pandemic are compounding existing obstacles to women's participation and decision-making in public life.»

«The Commission also expresses concern that women politicians as well as women voters, candidates and administrators have faced targeted gender based violence in elections, intended to stop women accessing power and limit their perspective in policy formulations.»



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## List: Active Coalition Member organizations that participated in the 2020 «17 Days» campaign

Due to the pandemic restrictions, 17 Days coalition member organizations also suffered from social distancing guidelines and overall activities for the empowerment of rural women and their communities could therefore not be implemented as usual.

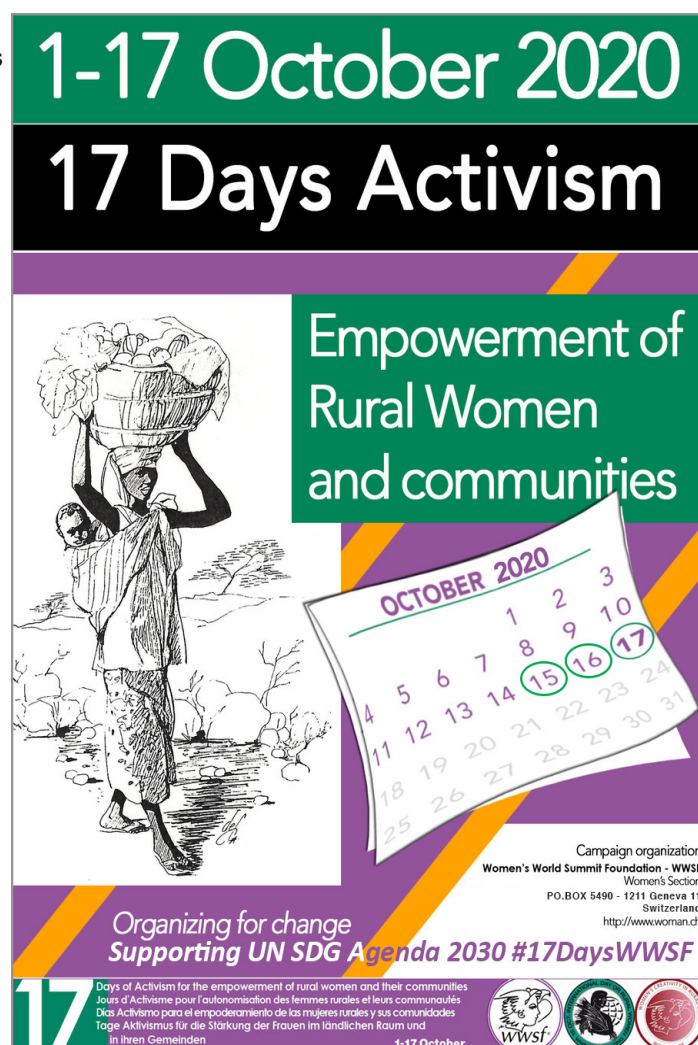
### List of registered coalition members in 2020:

#### AFRICA

- **Benin:** ONG Women Be Free, Abomey-Calav
- **Congo Democratic Republic (CDR):** Coordination pour le Développement de la Femme Rurale – CODEFER, Kinshasa / Réseau des Femmes Agricultrices du Sud-klvu, RFA, Sud-Kivu
- **Nigeria:** Society for the Improvement of Rural People SIRP, Enugu / Great Eagle Foundation and Development Konsult, Ibadan Oyo State
- **Ivory Coast:** ONG Adoka, Abidjan Lagunes
- **Kenya:** Village of Hope Community Based Organisation, Kendu
- **Nigeria:** Chiezedimma Edward foundation for human rights, Owerri / Ugonma Foundation, Abuja / Leojacin Foundation, Lagos
- **Somalia:** Kanava Youth Development Organization (KYDO), Bay Region Baidoa

#### ASIA

- **Afghanistan:** Cooperation for Peace and Development (CPD), Kabul
- **Bangladesh:** Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio & Communication (BNNRC), Dhaka
- **India:** BGM Medical Science Research Foundations, Madurai / DORAI Foundation, Tamil Nadu / Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur, Jharkhand / Association for Social Solidarity and Empowerment Training Trust (Asset), Tamil Nadu / Social Empowerment and Welfare Alliance, Punjab
- **Nepal:** Himalayan Grassroots Women's Natural Resource Management Association (HIMAWANTI), Okhaldhunga



#### THE AMERICAS

- **Puerto Rico:** Nuestra Escuela, Inc., Caguas

#### EUROPE (ECE countries)

- **Greece:** Mera25 parliament, Attiki
- **Macedonia:** Association for rural development Local Action Group AGRO LIDER
- Network of LAGs (Local Action Groups), Pelagonia Regio
- **Switzerland:** The Women's World Summit Foundation, convener of the 17 Days campaign and the annual Prize for Rural Women, manages the annual 17 Days initiative by publishing the Kit, selecting candidates for the Prize and creating the annual poster for the International Day of Rural Women - 15 October.



## 5 selected Activity Reports from WWSF coalition members



### 1) COVID-19 Impact on SEWA members (Self Employed Women's Association, Gujarat, India)

Note prepared by SEWA Bharat, April 2020

<https://www.wiego.org/sites/default/files/resources/file/SEWA-Bharat-Covid-19-Impact-on-Members.pdf>

*We thank the SEWA General Secretary, Jyoti Macwan (also a WWSF Board Member) for sharing this COVID-19 Impact Report.*

#### About SEWA

«More than 90% of Indian workers are informal economy workers: workers with no formal employment contract, and few to no active state protections for their work or well-being. Despite comprising much of India's workforce and contributing substantially to India's GDP, they are routinely undervalued and exploited. Within this socially and economically disadvantaged group, women face a double disadvantage due to cultural, educational, social (uniquely gendered), and other barriers.

Founded by Ela Bhatt in 1972, the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) works to empower poor women in India's informal economy by equipping them with both the personal confidence and practical tools necessary to fulfil their needs and exercise their rights. On the one hand, SEWA "organizes" women so that they can have a strengthened collective voice. On the other, SEWA runs development programs - relating to health, skills, livelihoods, etc. - that can empower women to become self-sufficient members of their community. SEWA envisions creating a society where no woman feels afraid or alone.

With over 2 million active members across seventeen states, SEWA is one of India's largest and oldest trade unions and nonprofit organizations. At the national level, SEWA is coordinated by SEWA Bharat.

#### Introduction

According to the last published Census of India data, there are as many as 48.2 crore (482 million) workers in India. Of these, only 3.3 crore (33 million) are in the formal sector; the remaining 93 percent includes 11.9 crore (119 million) farmers, 14.4 crore (144 million) landless agricultural workers, and 21.9 crore (219 million) non-agricultural workers. Almost none of them get a monthly pay cheque or bank transfer. Their cash flows are dependent on them working.

The informal sector, despite being a huge contributor to India's GDP, is often neglected when it comes to supportive policies especially in times of crises. Currently, with the spread of the COVID-19 virus, there is significant rallying by governments, policymakers and health professionals for 'social distancing' and maintenance of proper hygiene. This implies minimising contact with the outside world and taking precautionary personal hygiene measures such as frequent use of hand sanitisers, wearing masks when ill and other such.

While these advisories may seem simple enough to carry out for a large proportion of the formal sector workforce, they are exclusionary towards informal sector workers as it is impossible for them to observe these measures due to the nature of their livelihood and their socio-economic standing. For instance, a very quick study of informal sector workers across States and trades reveals unique challenges they are facing in combating this pandemic. SEWA is a central trade union that works with women in the informal sector.

We draw here from SEWA members and workers from 20 different trades across 11 states who were interviewed about their awareness of COVID, how it was already impacting their income

and their families, their access to clean water, and medical services. Some key insights are presented below:

1. Difficulty in procuring essentials like ration and medicines because of panic buying, as well the shortage of supplies at the allocated PDS or ration shops.
2. Since many members are dependent on daily-wages, they are facing a challenge with a drastically reduced inflow of cash in hand for day to day necessities.
3. The ration being distributed is through the established network of registered members under the NFSA. Those who are not registered, or lack the proper documentation are not being able to avail the scheme.
4. Migrants constitute a sizable portion of the informal workforce in the country - they face acute uncertainty. They may have access to food through PDS or shelter homes, but they will be unable to pay rent.
5. Increasing concerns are centered around the access to health facilities, and growing shortage of necessities such as sanitary pads, and regular ongoing medication.
6. In rural areas, a shortage of freely available fodder as they are unable to go out and collect, as well as inability to reach markets with agricultural produce.

SEWA being a Central trade Union and the only one for the informal sector, had sent a petition to the Central Government for securing the lives and livelihood of the people working in this sector and many of the recommendations have been considered. SEWA is also carrying out advocacy at the state levels.

On March 26, the central government announced a relief package of 1.7 trillion rupees (US\$22.5 billion) to provide free food and cash transfers to the poor and vulnerable populations, and health insurance for healthcare workers, among other things. However, many workers in the informal sector may not be able to benefit from the relief package announced by the state as ensuring last-mile connectivity is likely to be a big constraint.

Therefore, it is essential to develop and sustain linkages with the government to ensure the poor reap the much-needed benefits of the relief package.

#### SEWA has identified the following areas of interventions

1. Support and supplement government measures, wherever possible
2. Finance their testing for COVID 19, where required as well as providing health care kits
3. Reach rations to vulnerable households especially those who are being left out of the PDS system.
4. Reach employment and hence income to households by making essential supplies such as masks, gowns, sanitisers etc.
5. SEWA has a unique network of grassroots leaders called agevans who would strengthen the government outreach through a mechanism of community monitoring of PDS and cash transfers. The main work for all these activities has to be done locally, and for that we will be supporting local 'agevans' or SEWA leaders with some remuneration.



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6. SEWA has sponsored over 140 social enterprises which are run for and by the poor women. Unfortunately, as the lockdown proceeds each of these enterprises will lose their liquidity which will make it difficult to recover when the crisis is over.

Currently, taking cognizance of the nationwide lockdown and the resultant constraints in mitigating its impact on informal economy workers and their families, we hope to work around the following measures on a priority basis to provide immediate and short-term support –

**Support and supplement government measures, where required as well as providing health care kits**

- Create awareness and dispel fear among low-income households as there is reported aggression towards those who test negative or are symptomatic, and spread the importance of practising social distancing.
- Provide information regarding the schemes launched by central government and respective state governments, if any.
- Volunteer to work in collaboration when the government calls for help; stay in contact with local elected representatives. Facilitating provision of rations to vulnerable households especially those who are being left out of the PDS system is a top priority.
- SEWA has a vast network of grassroot leaders (agevans) amounting to approximately 5000, across 17 states in the country that will spearhead the linkages with the government at the local level. SEWA and its agevans have also been recording informational messages and videos and circulate them among our informal women worker members ~ A mobilisation cost of INR 200 per agevan per day will be essential to remunerate this work i.e. INR 10,00,000.
- Once lockdown gets over, our local outreach centres called SEWA Shakti Kendras which are located within the informal settlements that house the informal workers can propel linking the beneficiaries to the relevant government schemes.

**Finance the testing for COVID 19, providing with basic healthcare kit**

- Through our deep networks within the communities, we shall prepare a log of those seeking testing for COVID and will provide them with the fee for getting tested as it is currently not free of cost~ cost of a COVID test is INR 4500 in a private lab.
- Issue orders and provide raw materials to SEWA's enterprises across the country to make sanitisers and face masks ~ total cost of producing each unit of sanitiser and cotton washable face mask is xx and INR 50 respectively. SEWA Lok Swasthya, a social enterprise dedicated towards health services has already been licensed by the government to produce hand sanitizers.
- The basic healthcare kit will consist of toiletries and health packets ~ total cost of the toiletry and health packet is approximately INR 350 and INR 650 respectively (exclusive of transportation cost)

**Ensure sustenance of affected households and their daily needs**

- During the lockdown, it has become practically impossible for many households employed in the informal sector to sustain their daily lives in absence of newly generated incomes. Therefore, SEWA will procure and supply food packets to such households ~ each food packet will cost approximately INR 1000 (exclusive of transportation cost).
- The toiletries, health and food packets will collectively cost approximately INR 2000 per household.

**Support rural livelihoods**

- Help women to get their agricultural produce to market by hiring tempos/rickshaws.
- Help to buy fodder from nearby fodder banks.»

Link to SEWA website: <https://www.sewa.org/>



**WWSF Geneva shared their creativity on social media:**

«In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, read about the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA-India) how they deliver fresh vegetables and milk to curfew-affected wards of Ahmedabad by electric 3 wheel rickshaws. Creativity is the mother of invention.»

[https://www.wiego.org/blog/vegetables-wheels-ahmedabad-india-sewa-partners-municipality-ensure-food-access-during?utm\\_source=WIEGO&utm\\_campaign=3e413895e6-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_03\\_30\\_03\\_33%20ENG%20June%20Digest&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_8ef746a546-3e413895e6-330751609&fbclid=IwAR2KT-0jDWg1LNL1ZOIhUuUm2u2KPdC\\_dMIJ9vI3qBNdZnssLPQqMUTxrM](https://www.wiego.org/blog/vegetables-wheels-ahmedabad-india-sewa-partners-municipality-ensure-food-access-during?utm_source=WIEGO&utm_campaign=3e413895e6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_30_03_33%20ENG%20June%20Digest&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8ef746a546-3e413895e6-330751609&fbclid=IwAR2KT-0jDWg1LNL1ZOIhUuUm2u2KPdC_dMIJ9vI3qBNdZnssLPQqMUTxrM)



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## 2) Nuestra Escuela, Puerto Rico

### Description of selected activities (selected excerpts)

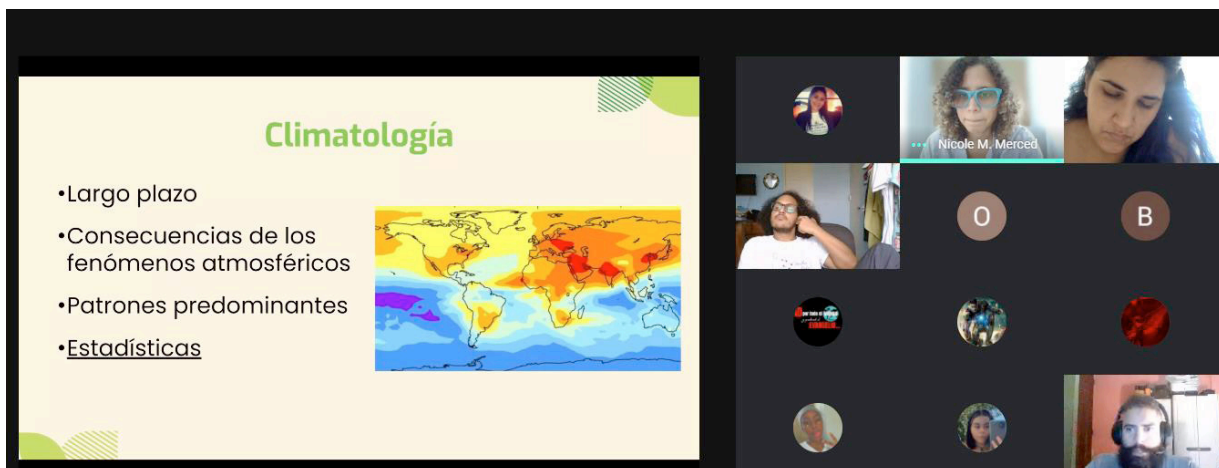
#### Clean Environment Workshop on 13 October

«As part of the Campaign of 17 days of activism for Rural Women in October, Nuestra Escuela held a workshop for its students, girls and boys, where the issue of a clean and healthy environment was discussed, such as the importance of maintaining a healthy, clean and contaminant-free environment was discussed in order to guarantee a healthy lifestyle for everyone and the reduction of many diseases caused by contaminated water, polluted air and garbage, including the issue of the Community, which is the place where people live together. The factors that pollute the environment was also a topic, and the students had the opportunity to clarify doubts and express themselves on the subject. Audiovisual material related to the theme were shown.»



#### Climate Change Workshop on 15 October

«The main question was about the relationship of COVID-19 to climate change and students discussed whether the virus had a direct relationship to climate change and environmental issues. Most of the students answered «no» as climate change takes time and is a long term issue while the virus is a recent problem. It was explained why they are related and how this worsens the pandemic. Information was shared on how to contribute to making our planet a healthy and sustainable one. Discussions about renewable energy and recycling were also presented.»



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### 3) LAG AGRO LIDER, Macedonia

#### Brief Activity Report (selected excerpts)

«On the eve of International Day of Rural Woman - 15 October, the LAG AGRO LIDER has organized a Conference “**Equal opportunities for sustainable communities**”. More than 60 people participated: representatives of national institutions, academic institutions, business entities, non-governmental associations, rural women etc. have attended the event.

Participants discussed, shared knowledge, networked, and supported one another through the challenges that face rural women. The aim of the conference was to highlight the importance of gender equality and decent work for rural women, followed an evaluation of the experience of rural women working in agriculture and the food sector during COVID-19 and to explore effective response methods at this time of crisis.

The key priorities to support rural women were presented:

Mag. Harald Fugger- Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and consumer protection of Republic of Austria

PhD Ivona Susak – Law faculty, University “Ss Kliment Ohridski” Bitola

Prof. Blagica Srkovska – Department of rural economy, University “Ss Cyril and Methodius” Skopje

Mrs. Snezana Karatosheska - Journalist

Mr. Borce Petkovski – Representative of the National Extension Agency

At the event, the representative of the LAG AGRO LIDER, shared its organizational experience, demand and perspective as a non-governmental organization which actively works to empower rural women economically, to achieve gender equality, to reduce rural women' burden of work, and to strengthen their voices and participation in decision-making that affect their lives. Some of the key priorities for rural women to engage in the agricultural sector in North Macedonia is the right to a paid maternity leave for women farmers, access to land, and opportunities for their active participation in the decision-making processes.

The rural women are heroines, and what all of them need is inspiration and support. They may be independent and strong, but they also need to take time to support and learn from each other.»

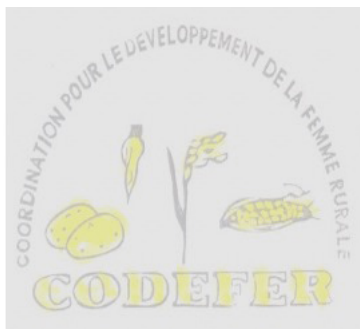
Marina Tosheska

Local Action Group AGRO LIDER



Image on the conference participants.





## 4) Coordination pour le Développement de la Femme Rurale (CODEFER), République Démocratique du Congo

### Introduction

La Coordination pour le Développement de la Femme Rurale, « CODEFER », en sigle, est une association sans but lucratif de droit congolais créée à Kinshasa la capitale de la République Démocratique du Congo le 25 octobre 1993 et dont le siège social est établi au camp Livulu, sur avenue Oasis n°30/13, Commune de Lemba, dans la ville Province de Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo.

été diffusés.

Dans le cadre de la Journée Internationale de la Femme, célébrée le 8 mars, la CODEFER a acquis une nouvelle concession de 20ha dans le quartier de Kindombo, de la Commune de la N'Sele. Ce nouveau site est un don du Gouvernement, qui entre dans le cadre de la protection des démunis et de leurs titres fonciers.

L'association « CODEFER » a été créée dans le but d'assumer un développement rural intégré en articulant les aspects de production, de santé, d'éducation ainsi que l'assainissement, afin de consolider le processus de prise en charge et d'autonomisation de la femme rurale. A cet effet elle poursuit plusieurs objectifs, entre autres :

- (i) satisfaire les besoins fondamentaux de la femme rurale, actrice principale de développement en milieu rural, ainsi que de leurs enfants ;
- (ii) stimuler les activités de recherche de l'autonomisation financières des femmes rurales.

Le présent rapport a pour but de dresser le bilan des activités de la CODEFER allant de la période de 20019 à 2020. Cependant, les activités de la CODEFER furent limitées en raison de la crise sanitaire liée au COVID 19.

### Programmes Réalisés

#### Célébration de la Journée Internationale de la Femme 8 Mars, et la Journée Internationale de la Femme Rurale le 15 Octobre

Dans le cadre de la Journée Internationale de la Femme Rurale, célébrée le 15 octobre, la CODEFER a organisé des séances de plaidoyer d'appui de son Programme de Sensibilisation, Mobilisation et Animation des Femmes Rurales en vue de la Sécurité Alimentaire, ainsi que l'autonomisation financières des Femmes Rurales en RDC.

Une émission fut ainsi organisée avec des femmes rurales membres de la CODEFER auprès de la Radio Okapi, des reportages télévisées présentant les réalisations de reboisement des arbres fruitiers (palmiers, manguiers, avocatiers, safoutiers), ainsi que des arbres de réchauffement climatiques (acacias, bois noirs) ont







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## 5) Aide d'urgence contre la pandémie une campagne de sensibilisation contre la COVID-19 - une action conjointe !

### Réduction de la vulnérabilité des femmes face au COVID-19

#### Introduction

«A l'instar d'autres pays dans le monde, le Togo est confronté à la pandémie du Coronavirus depuis le mois de mars 2020. Cette maladie affecte tout le pays mais certaines régions le sont plus que d'autres. Mais, les conséquences socioéconomiques touchent toute la nation togolaise. En fait, les franges sociales les plus vulnérables notamment les femmes rurales sont encore plus fragilisées. La pandémie de COVID-19 et la baisse des activités économiques vont accentuer la pauvreté des parents qui s'énervent pour un oui ou un non et déversent leur colère sur la femme ou l'enfant.

Dans cette situation de pandémie, les efforts de tous les acteurs sont focalisés sur la prévention à la contamination, la prise en charge des victimes. C'est dans ce cadre que ADF-SVF Suisse, Deutscher Frauenring DFR et des personnes privées ont témoigné leur solidarité envers vingt femmes vulnérables par un don de 400 euros avec pour objectif de les aider à résister à la crise par la fourniture des moyens pour barrer les voies de contamination; dispositif de lavage de main, masques, savon, kits alimentaires.

#### Activités réalisées

##### 1) Identification des femmes et filles vulnérable

Les critères de sélections des femmes et jeunes filles sont: être une fille sans emploi, une fille mère, une jeune femme avec 2 enfants, une femme veuve, des filles serveuses dans des bars ou gargote et femmes revendeuses d'aliments. Une vingtaine de femmes ont été enregistrées à Lomé.

##### 2) Acquisition de dispositif de lavage de main

Deux dispositifs de lavage de main (DLM) fabriqués par des soudeurs à Lomé ont été acquis. Chaque DLM comprend un support, un grand seau et un petit seau de recueil d'eau usagée. Ils sont installés devant une gargote de fofou et un hangar de vente de boisson locale. A la gargote de fofou (bouillie de manioc, mais, bananes etc.) les gens viennent manger des aliments dont le fofou.

##### 3) Acquisition de solution hydro alcoolisée

Des masques et la solution hydro alcoolique ont été produits par les étudiants de l'école de médecine de l'Université de Lomé. C'était une opportunité d'affaire pour ces jeunes.

##### 4) Apprentissage

Des séances d'apprentissage de lavage de main et du port de masque ont été réalisées au lieu d'installation des DLM. La plupart des personnes mettent le masque sous le menton, sur la bouche ou sur le nez.

##### 5) Formation en préparation de savon liquide

Des séances d'apprentissage de préparation de savon liquide se sont déroulées au siège de l'ONG LA COLOMBE.

##### 6) Fourniture de matériel et de fonds de commerce

Des seaux, cuvettes, assiettes, entonnoirs, bouteilles ont été fournis aux filles. Chacune a reçu 20 euros pour acheter la matière première et payer d'autres charges d'exploitation.

##### 7) Confection d'affiche autocollante

Le message véhiculé est « STOP COVID-19 ». « Respectons les mesures barrières ».

Les petites affiches autocollantes ont été placées sur les bouteilles de savon et de solution hydro alcoolique.

##### 8) Remise des kits

Des kits composés de savon liquide, de solution hydro alcoolique et des masques ont été remis aux femmes.

##### 9) Suivi des bénéficiaires

Les femmes bénéficiaires ont été suivies pour vérifier du respect des mesures barrières et l'utilisation de l'équipement.

#### Résultats

- Deux DLM ont été installées
- Une vingtaine de personnes ont été formées sur les techniques de lavage de main
- 20 femmes ont reçu des kits
- 4 filles mères formées en préparation de savon
- 4 filles sont capables de préparer du savon liquide de qualité
- Les filles mères s'auto emploient
- Les filles mères ont fait un chiffre d'affaire de 70 euros en 10 jours.

#### Conclusion

L'aide fourni par ADF-SVF Suisse, Deutscher Frauenring DFR Allemagne et des personnes privées a changé la vie des filles et femmes vulnérables. Elles peuvent affronter les conséquences du COVID-19.

LA COLOMBE remercie vivement les bienfaitrices pour leur geste de solidarité qui a apporté un changement significatif dans la vie des femmes.»



Mme Thérèse AKAKPO Adjoa,  
Coordinatrice, ONG LA COLOMBE  
Lomé Togo, Lauréate du Prix WWSF  
pour la Créativité des Femmes en milieu  
rural décerné en 2019.



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# WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life

## Nomination process



Awarded since 1994 by the Women's World Summit Foundation, the Prize (US\$ 1000 per laureate) honors women and women's groups around the world that exhibit exceptional creativity, courage and commitment for the improvement of the quality of life in rural communities (462 prizes awarded so far 1994-2020). All laureates are featured on our [website](http://www.woman.ch).

The Prize aims to draw national and international attention to the laureates' contributions to sustainable development, household food security and peace, thus generating recognition and support for their initiatives and projects.

While rural women are vital in providing examples of sound practices in their communities, they still do not have full access to tools needed for sustainable development, such as relevant education, credit, land rights and participation in decision making.

By awarding creative development leaders and highlighting their work, innovation and experiences enhancing the quality of rural life, WWSF participates in acknowledging rural women in their contributions to help end poverty, fight for gender equality, and advance women's rights as human rights.

### Eligibility

Nominees should be women and women's groups currently active in rural life whose efforts have not yet been acknowledged with an international award. They may not nominate themselves. The nominating organization or individual must have a direct experience of the nominee's work. The nominator may not nominate a family member, be a member of the nominated organization, nor can an organization nominate its senior officer (i.e. founder, president, etc.). No more than 3 candidates may be presented by the same person/organization in the same year. The nominator commits, if possible, to organize a local award ceremony if his/her candidate is selected and invites the local and/or national media to give visibility to the Laureates' contributions and work to improve visibility of rural communities.

### Nominations must include the following items:

- An original signed letter of nomination, indicating how the nominator knows the nominee and for how long.
- **Biographical data on the nominee** (full name, age, address, education, place of work, background) and a detailed history of the nominee's creative project (written personally by the nominator), including her motivation, innovative aspects, obstacles overcome, and the impact in the community.

- Nominations must specify whether the nominee has received or is currently being nominated for other international awards, and at least two original and signed endorsement letters from organizations or individuals other than the nominator and additional supporting materials such as newspaper articles or publications. A few labeled photographs clearly showing the candidate for possible publication.

### Prize criteria

The long-term impact of the Prize depends on the integrity of the nominators and the quality of their candidates. The Prize is an award for successful accomplishments rather than a fund for future projects. The nominee's history (2-3 pages) should demonstrate the creativity, courage and sometimes sacrifice in her efforts at the grass roots to improve life in rural communities. Descriptions should be as specific as possible.

### Any of the following elements should be emphasized:

- Exceptional courage and perseverance in improving rural life
- Creativity in the approach
- Preservation of and respect for the environment
- Continuing impact on the community and supporting the realization of the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030
- Participating in the WWSF annual 17 Days of Activism

campaign 1-17 October, if possible.

### Prize laureates are selected

by an international Jury composed of the WWSF Board of Directors.

### Announced officially on 1 October each year, and celebrated on 15 October - International Day of Rural Women

WWSF has a commitment to award annually between 5-10 creative rural women leaders and women's groups around the world.



## WWSF for Rural Women Movements Award

(created in 2017)

Occasional Prizewinners are selected by the WWSF Board of Directors from a selection of relevant networks, unions, cooperatives and movements who research potential candidates for this new additional Award (US\$ 10'000 per Laureate organisation). To read about the first prizewinner, visit our website [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)



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UN Consultative status (ECOSOC, UNFPA, DIP)



## PRESS RELEASE - 1 October 2020

### 10 Laureates receive the

### Prize for women's creativity in rural life - 2020

We are happy to announce the 10 recipients of the 2020 "Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life", launched by WWSF in 1994 in Geneva, Switzerland, with 462 Prizewinners awarded to date in over 140 countries. (US\$ 1000 per laureate).

We are selecting and honoring creative and compassionate rural women leaders who are committed to improving the quality of life in rural areas, overcoming obstacles, sharing challenges and knowledge, protecting the environment, reducing gender-based violence, saving children from abuse, mobilizing civil society, holding governments accountable and uniting rural women of the world.

The list and profiles of the 462 Laureates awarded over the past 27 years are published on our website. The 2020 Prizewinners and the WWSF annual rural women's empowerment programs are published in our "2020 WWSF Prize Brochure". <https://www.woman.ch/campaign-17-days/prize-for-womens-creativity-in-rural-life/>



### 15 October 2020 - International Day of Rural Women

is the Day to celebrate the prizewinners in their respective communities to give credit where it's due. Use and share the poster with your network and via social media.

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**15 Oct. 2020**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN**

*Journée internationale des femmes rurales*  
*Día internacional de la mujer rural*  
*Internationaler Tag der Landfrauen*  
*اليوم العالمي للمرأة الريفية*

**2020 theme: Celebrating all award winners receiving the WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life**

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 UN Resolution Day (A/Res/42/136/2007)



## Reminder: WWSF annual campaign “17 Days of activism for the empowerment of Rural Women Leaders and their communities 1-17 October 2019”.



**Women's World Summit Foundation-Call to Action**

### Rural Women Rise & Claim your Rights!

Right to Development	Right to Education	Right to Safe Water	Right to Health
Right to Housing	Clean Environment	Climate Change	Economic Development
Right to Information ICTs	Land and Inheritance	Decision-making	Security & Safety End Violence
Right to Peace	Leader's Accountability	Empowerment Rural Women's Day	Right to Food
			End Poverty

**17 Days Campaign for the Empowerment of Rural Women & Communities 1-17 October 2019**  
Kit available at: [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) - Supporting the SDG Agenda 2030

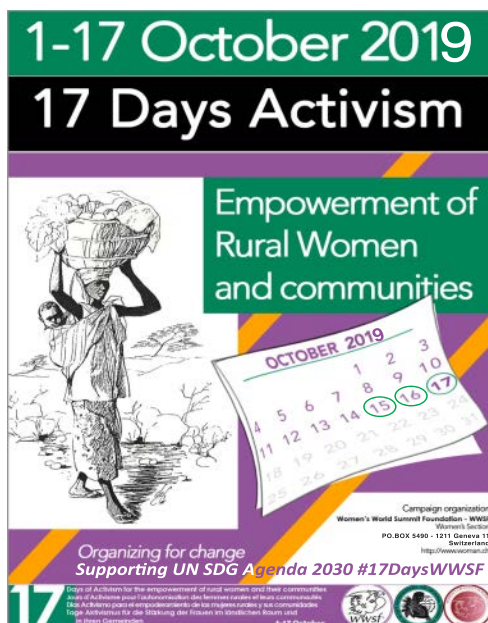
WWSF seeks to mobilize via its [17 Days of activism campaign Kit](#) (presenting 17 themes) rural women and their communities, as well as men, youth and faith-based leaders for creating change. This annual empowerment campaign is designed to increase local and national activities and stimulate rural women to rise and claim their basic right to development while connecting their initiatives with relevant SDG targets for 2030. Registration online: [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)

**For those who cannot register online**, please inform us via **E-mail: [wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch)** of your events and empowerment programs in your country during the 17 Days campaign. We would be happy to announce your initiative through our regular communication channels and in our annual reports and send you our media kit.

### Share the 2019 PowerPoint

(available upon request)

We all have a role to play.



**1-17 October 2019**  
**17 Days Activism**

**Empowerment of Rural Women and communities**

**October 2019**

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**Organizing for change Supporting UN SDG Agenda 2030 #17DaysWWSF**

**17 Days of Activism for the empowerment of rural women and their communities**  
Days of Activism pour l'empowerment des femmes rurales et leurs communautés  
Días de Activismo para el empoderamiento de las mujeres rurales y sus comunidades  
Tage Aktivitäten für die Stärkung der Frauen im ländlichen Raum und  
in ihren Gemeinschaften

**1-17 October**

Campaign organization  
Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF  
Women's Section  
PO BOX 5450 - 1011 Geneva 11  
Switzerland  
<http://www.woman.ch>

### 17 Days of Activism 1-17 October 2019

**Campaign Kit 2019**  
**Creating the Power for Change**  
**Beijing+24 – SDGs+4**

**Rural Women Rise  
and Claim your Rights**



Supporting the realization of the UN Development Agenda 2030

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17 DAYS

List of Laureates - WWSF Prize for Women's Creativity In Rural Life

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**BOUBA Aeisatu (30)**  
Cameroon

**WHEN A RUNAWAY CHILD BECOMES  
AN ACCLAIMED AND RESPECTED  
LEADER**



Bouba Aeisatu has had a both rare and challenging career. She is a member of the native Mbororo group, an indigenous pastoralist minority from the predominantly English-speaking North-West region of Cameroon. When she reached 12 years, her family wanted to withdraw her from school so as to marry a man much older than her. She resisted, escaped, and later had to face a great deal of marginalization and discrimination from her community.

Despite constant family pressures, she managed to obtain a university degree. Many young women in her community (as in most parts of the continent) are forced into early marriage with all the ensuing health, social, psychological and other trauma, not to mention great gender violence in couples. So she created the "Forum des Femmes Autochtones du Cameroun" (FFAC - link to the website: <https://ffacameroon.org/>) to help these women - the vast majority of whom stem from rural areas - to free themselves from the iron-fisted grip of patriarchal customs and also to educate

them in basic environmental issues, help the women improve their agricultural skills for food security and finally to train women to take leadership positions in the decision-making bodies in the administrative and political areas. So far over 1200 indigenous pastoralist girls have been rescued from forced marriages and now continue their education. And in the highly traditional Adamania region, over 6000 indigenous rural women have been sensitized on the importance of participating in the electoral process, and 15 of their 20 candidates were elected on local councils. A well-earned prize!

Her work contributes to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 **Targets #2, #4, #5, #8**



**DR. AHMED-AMSHI Mairo (60)**  
Nigeria

**A POWERFUL ADVOCATE OF  
WOMEN'S RIGHTS**



Dr. Ahmed-Amshi is the Commissioner for Agriculture of Yobe State in N. Nigeria. She has a PhD in plant physiology and production. She has been nominated due to her extensive contribution via various gender inclusive actions. As part of her activities, she established the Yobe State Youth and Women's Agricultural Employment Program. She has played a special role to get the central importance of Fulani woman pastoralists in the field of nutrition and health accepted. All across the Sahel region, the Fulanis enable small children to have access to the vital milk products necessary for their growth.

enabling women and youth to access soft loans. In her action she is guided by the UN SDGoals 1 to 5 and is passionate about achieving results by 2030. She is also a role model for the rural women and girls of N-E Nigeria where girl-child education is still being threatened by patriarchal attitudes inherited from the past.

Her work contributes to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 **Target #1, #2, #3, #4 & #5**



In a male dominated culture and tradition, implemented under the directives of the Islamic religious doctrine, Dr. Mairo needed to be truly creative to enable women in rural areas to progress in terms of their rights. She has also played a key role in

Link to her Facebook profile: <https://www.facebook.com/Hon.Dr.mairoahmadamshi/>







## ARRIOLA SANCHEZ Jeannette Maitee (43) Mexico

**A RARE CREATIVITY IN ENABLING  
THE MOST REJECTED TO BECOME  
RESPECTED**



This outstanding candidate has devoted 22 years in helping the poorest and most neglected of her country, the indigenous communities, regain a sense of their dignity and their worth. With tireless labor, lasting passion and above all love, Dr. Jeannette Arriola has played an absolutely unique role in her country. She has proved to the world that eradicating extreme poverty does not have to be costly if one manages to gain the full trust of the groups concerned, on the condition of manifesting the deepest respect (rather than the usual suspicion) for the indigenous cultural norms and practices.

Traditionally, these rural communities suffered from a historical debt, were living in conditions of high and often extreme marginalization, with great levels of poverty and an almost complete lack of opportunities. With her wise leadership, Dr. Arriola has achieved a close cooperation between public and private actors from different sectors of Mexican society. Her unique "Comprehensive Model for Sustainable Development" has enabled indigenous communities to better manage their own development based on food security strategies, provision of drinking water, environmental care initiatives, gender equality and mainstreaming, citizen and civic participation,

community empowerment and the generation of sustainable employment opportunities in the indigenous sector. Her work has finally enabled society at large to better appreciate the ancestral and spiritual knowledge of indigenous peoples of Latin America which form the basis of their unique cultural identity. Finally, at the academic level, professor Jeannette Arriola has been responsible for giving a vibrant and relevant space to the indigenous communities of Mexico. She organized six Annual National Meetings of indigenous groups at the university level. These meetings have been a watershed at the national level where actors of all kinds have had the privilege of witnessing and learning more of the unique customs and traditions of those who are after all the original inhabitants of Mexico.

Her work contributes to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 Target #1, #2 & #5



Link to her LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jeannette-arriola-s%C3%A1nchez-365a90196/?originalSubdomain=mx>



## MARVAN Alicia (30) Mexico

**CONNECTING WITH HER ROOTS**



Alicia is a leader. Her career of a socially engaged multidisciplinary artist, educator and cultural manager has taken her to academic and cultural institutions across the US, Europe, and Mexico. Yet she is equally at home in rural Michoacán, Mexico, where over years of hard work, she has built a project that connects her artistic work with her roots. The Guapamacátaro Center for Art and Ecology is a community-oriented residency program that brings together artists and scientists with the local population of Maravatío, Michoacán, to foster collaborative and creative approaches to sustainable development.

The project was born out of Alicia's deep desire to do something to help address issues of social inequality and ecological degradation in her native Mexico. She convinced her family to cede control of a crumbling family estate, or hacienda, that had once been an important agricultural producer in the region. Over the years she has painstakingly rehabilitated the property and built the trust of the local community while transforming the site into one of the most innovative ecology-focused creative residencies. Over the last 14 years she has brought close to 200 artists, scientists, community organizers, and other creative professionals to engage with the landscape and community of Maravatío.

Each year up to twenty residents representing a broad range of artistic and academic disciplines, cultures, and backgrounds participate in three-week residencies at Guapamacátaro. Each participant commits to organizing at least one program with local elementary and secondary school pupils and are asked to organize at least one presentation or workshop for the community. These projects have focused on key social ecology issues, such as water, land and craft.

One of the innovative projects that Alicia and the visiting artist, Kaitlin Bryson, worked on with the adult community was to create a series of Mycelial Bio-remediation "pillows" filled with oyster mushroom cultivations (known for their detoxifying qualities) that were placed as filters between an unregulated communal septic tank and the water stream. The community self-organized shortly after to build a better wastewater system.

Her work contributes to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 Target #2, #6, #11 & #13



Link to her website: <https://aliciamarvan.com/>



This year, WWSF selected among the ten candidates, three laureates from Ekta Parishad (India), nominated by IGINP Cesci – the International Gandhian Institute of Non-violence, India. The three laureates participated in the one-year Jai Jagat march from India to Geneva starting in 2019. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the march was interrupted in Armenia and postponed to continuing in 2021 so as to terminate the march in Geneva as a wake-up call to respond to the world's deepening economic, social and environmental crises. The campaign is an urgent appeal for people to transform and achieve one planet for all people.



# JAI JAGAT 2020

ON THE MOVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

## We are #OnTheMove to Nonviolent Transformation

One Planet All People!



«Jai Jagat is a vision of bringing people together to promote justice and ethics as a way to realize peace. This vision draws from Gandhi's use of nonviolence in the Freedom struggle in India against the oppressive colonial forces. Jai Jagat is a campaign that enacts this vision at a global level through people's engagement in multi-year events and actions. Although the Jai Jagat began in India in 2007 with a Janadesh march of 25,000 landless people, nonviolent action has since touched other locations in countering oppressive policies, laws and governments. Our World Can Be Different If We're Not Indifferent.»



**UIKEY Saraswati (43)**  
India

**WHEN A POOR TRIBAL WOMAN BECOMES A POWERFUL AND RESPECTED ROLE MODEL**

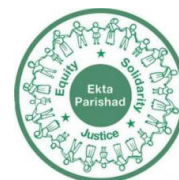


The tribal populations of India are among the most despised inhabitants of the country. Saraswati comes from such a tribe, the Gond. She comes from a very poor family of laborers working the land. At 14 years old, she is already a mother, living the challenging life of a day laborer. But her contact with **Ekta Parishad**, an organization of landless farmers, transformed her existence and at 18 she starts a new life. She becomes an active militant fighting for the right of access of her people to land, water and forest rights, not without having had to overcome major prejudices where she lives. But thanks to the practice of non-violent communication and great inner stren-

gth, she overcame all obstacles and was **included in the 50 marchers of the Jai Jagat organization** which in 2019-2020 undertook to walk the 11'000 km. separating New Delhi from Geneva.

Her work contributes to achieving the **UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 Target #1, #2, #10 & #16**

Link to <https://jaijagat2020.eu/>  
<https://www.ektaparishadindia.org/>



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**





**SHAH Shabnam (33)**  
India

**INNER STRENGTH AND STRONG  
DETERMINATION WIN THE DAY**



Since the age of 18, Shabnam has been striving with great tenacity for the land rights of tribal people, among the most discriminated populations of India. Being a young woman who was also a member of a minority religion, she needed to and has manifested great strength, talent and determination. She joined an organization fighting for the rights of the dispossessed, **Ekta Parishad**, at the outset of her struggles for land rights (she was still in high school!). Her work for the most dispossessed of all extends to over 100 villages and she has succeeded in getting land rights for 1470 families. She is gifted with a natural ability to deliver strong speeches. Her work has been mainly for one of the most primitive and exploited tribal people of India, the Saharya tribe. Alcohol was wreaking havoc among these people and she

has managed to reduce drastically the all-pervading threat alcohol posed to these tribal populations. **In June 2019, she was selected to be one of the 50 Jai Jagat marchers for this organization's New Delhi-Geneva march on foot. Her commitment to her family and her work is such that she chose to stay single, a quasi-heroic decision in the Indian cultural context.**

Her work contributes to achieving the **UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 Target #2, #3, #10 & #16**



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**KUJUR Nirmala (37)**  
India

**A CHAMPION FOR THE POOREST OF  
THE POOR**



Nirmala Kujur is an inspiring, self-made, independent woman activist who took part in the Jai Jagat 11'000 km peace march on foot from New Delhi to Geneva (which was interrupted due to Covid -19 in Erevan, Armenia). She has committed herself with both rigor and skill to defending the forest, water and land rights of the poorest of the poor. These three areas constitute the very basis of the survival of farmers. Take one of the three away, especially land or water, and the result will usually be fatal. Nirmala was born close to the Indian state of Chattisgarh (center East of the country) and is from the Uraon tribe, the oldest of 6 siblings in a family living off the land (farming). At the end of her high school years, she chose to work on a program of self-delivery of babies in remote areas. Very early she chose to abandon her marital home and husband owing to their confining and patriarchal

values. A person with a both cheerful and bold disposition, she emerged over the years as a true grassroots leader. Just in recent years, she helped over 400 families get legal entitlement to land and has filed an additional 1000 requests (which now await the response of the authorities), all since working with **Ekta Parishad**, a grass roots movement active with Adivasis (tribal groups considered as the original inhabitants of the country).

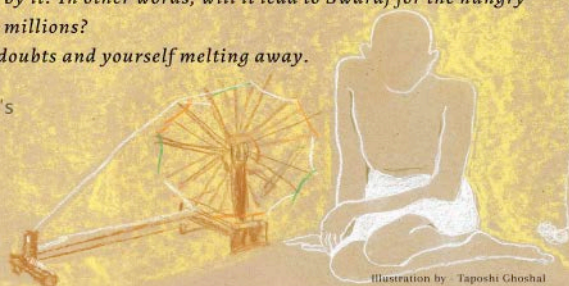
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*Whenever you are in doubt, or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test. Recall the face of poorest and the weakest human whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to them? Will they gain anything by it? In other words, will it lead to Swaraj for the hungry and spiritually starving millions? Then you will find your doubts and yourself melting away.*

Quote from Gandhiji's  
Talisman







## PAWAR Vijaya Shriram (34)

India

### *TRANSFORMING SUGARCANE WORKERS INTO ARTISTS OF BEAUTY*



Vijaya belongs to the indigenous nomadic Banjara community of the Beed district in Maharashtra state. She walked 6 km daily to reach her school which she had to stop when she got married at age 16. However, after her marriage she decided to resume her studies in a local college, the first girl of her community to ever undertake such studies. She had a great attachment to the splendid Banjara traditional embroidery, a craft handed down from mother to daughter. However, most women in her tribe had to work as sugarcane cutters 3-4 months in the year, an extremely challenging activity in the hot sun. So Vijaya had the idea of opening up commercial outlets for the beautiful traditional tribal handicrafts and for the first time ever, the women started earning. It was the dawn of a new era for them.

Vijaya started taking part in exhibitions at the local, state and national levels. She discovered the possibility of producing their handicrafts on a really large scale with modern machines. However, such a step would ruin the local artisans and kill a unique traditional cultural and local art and put the income into

non-local hands. But at the same time, even the younger local Banjara women were turning away from this local craft due to its heavy production costs. So Vijaya went through a formal technical training in embroidery and related techniques and decided to introduce innovative contemporary designs. With a few like-minded colleagues, in the year 2000 she started a movement for the revival of traditional Banjara arts and crafts. And after nearly 20 years of struggles, the first fruits are coming forth. She is now working in close to a hundred hamlets with almost 1000 women artisans who can make much better income creating beauty than what they earn in the back-breaking work of sugar-cane cutters.

Her work contributes to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 Target #4, #5, #8 & #12



Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ChT1aT47RM>



## KHAPERDE Subhadra (52)

India

### *"WHAT IS DIFFICULT, I'LL DO IMMEDIATELY, THE IMPOSSIBLE WILL TAKE A LITTLE LONGER"*



Certainly, very few women activists in India have managed to transcend in their personal lives the deep-rooted caste, class and gender inequalities that Subhadra had to face. Born in the lowest cast in the hierarchical cast structure that has dominated the subcontinent for eons, the hurdles Subhadra had to face are unfathomable, as Dalits continue to face deplorable prejudices in practically all walks of life in India. In addition to this entrenched caste-based discrimination, she had to struggle against the deep-rooted patriarchal inequity practiced within Indian society at large. Finally, coming from a marginalized family from rural areas, she had in addition to face the class-based barriers so solidly implanted at all levels of the social structure. However, thanks to her unbending determination and grit, an unshakeable, clear intention and her deep compassion for the most downtrodden, Subhadra overcame these huge challenges and also many others to become an amazingly innovative, productive and creative community leader. In her fight for the rights of the most oppressed, this social worker was even imprisoned when she dared face administrative and police corruption fighting alcohol bootlegging. Among her many achievements, one can mention:

a) Her activity with the well-known **Ekta-Parishad** rural mass movement working for the rights of tribal people over natural resources and the establishment of their land rights in western Madhya Pradesh.

b) Her fight for women's reproductive health rights which for quite a while was funded by crowdfunding. She went far beyond the State's narrow vision of simple family planning to addressing the numerous gynecological problems which haunted so many women.

c) During this period, she also spearheaded a women's movement against alcoholism and illegal bootlegging of alcohol at considerable danger to her life and for which she was illegally imprisoned with 17 other Adivasi women.

d) Other areas of activity include mobilizing Adivasis for soil and water conservation and improvement of the food women consume. This led her to oppose high chemical fertilizer and pesticide-based intensive farming and work to revive traditional sustainable agricultural practices with the use of indigenous seeds so as to empower women to become controlling partners in farming operations.

e) In addition to all these activities and others we have not even mentioned, Subhadra continues to promote the education of Adivasi girls as she believes that without this one cannot fight patriarchy.

Her work contributes to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 Target #2, #3, #4 & #6



Link to her website: <https://subhadra khaperde.in/about/>



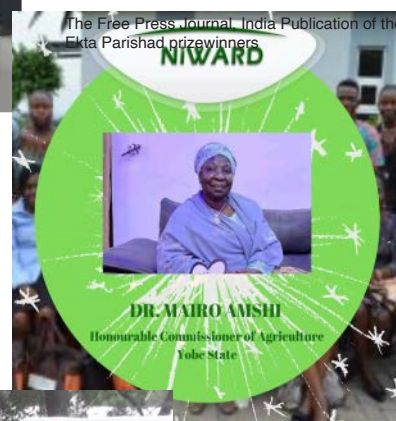


## A NATURAL BORN LEADER

A teacher by profession, she got involved very early on with the local women's base as a volunteer in community forest user groups (CFUG). Very early on, her remarkable abilities as a natural leader, her strength in the face of strong male opposition to her dynamic drive for gender equality, her broad and far-sighted vision caught the attention of Himalayan Grassroots Women's Natural Resources (HIMAWANTI Nepal), a non-

Her work contributes to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Agenda 2030 **Target #4, #5 & #15**

Link to her Facebook profile: <https://www.facebook.com/kanti.raibhandari>



### Examples of local Prize events and press coverage in 2020.





## WWSF PRIZE FOR WOMEN'S CREATIVITY IN RURAL LIFE

Awarded since 1994 by WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland  
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### Nomination Form 2021 Guidelines available online

<http://womensection.woman.ch/index.php/en/prize-for-rural-women>

Nomination materials should arrive no later than **30 April** through the post.

E-mail nominations are no longer accepted.



#### CANDIDATE

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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#### NOMINATOR

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Internet \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

#### List of supporting materials

- ☐ Endorsement letters
- ☐ NewsPaper articles
- ☐ Publications
- ☐ Other (photos, videos, etc.)

#### International Prize Jury:

Elly Pradervand (Switzerland); Gulzar Samji (Canada); Jyoti Macwan (India); Anne Pelagie Yotchout (Cameroon)

#### Next awards in 2021

**Nomination materials should arrive no later than 30 April through the post and be addressed to :**

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# International Day of Rural Women - 15 October 2020

(The International Day was created by several International NGOs in 1995 at the Beijing 4th World Conference on Women. After many years of lobby work by WWSF the NGO Day was adopted and declared in 2007 at the UN General Assembly as an official UN day)



## Objectives:

- **Mobilizing** relevant NGOs and grassroots women's groups and organizations, government networks and international institutions, as well as the media, to mark the Day in sharing transformative action by rural women.
- **Raising** awareness of rural women's participation in the development process with a focus on their needs and rights, highlighting their contributions to sustainable development, household

food security, safeguarding traditional knowledge, biodiversity and peace building.

- **Sensitizing** the public at large and lobbying governments on the crucial role rural women play in climate change management and to prioritize action for their support.
- **Encouraging** local and national initiatives on the annual Day and using the WWSF Call to action, included in the KIT "17 Days of activism for the

**empowerment of rural women leaders and their constituencies 1-17 October";**

- **The 17 Days campaign** includes the **International Day of Rural Women 15 October**, which is also the day when prizewinners are celebrated in their local communities. WWSF shares the profiles of the prizewinners widely to increase visibility and support for their courageous and hard work for sustainable development in their rural communities.

Annually on 1 October, WWSF informs all the prizewinners with a personal letter of congratulation, and the announcement of their selection as a WWSF laureate. WWSF also informs the nominators and thanks them for identifying creative and courageous rural women leaders as candidates for the prize.

It is custom that prizewinners are celebrated by their organizations in their own country to ensure that national and local appreciation for their courageous and creative services towards their rural communities.

WWSF also informs the international press in the hope that they will announce the prizewinners and their work, and make rural women's contribution towards reaching the sustainable developments goals and respecting women's rights visible.

In 2020, WWSF also shared in its 17 Days Campaign Kit, information about the newly launched «**Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas**», launched in 2019.

«As the most basic rights of rural people continue to be trampled on in many parts of the world, the Commissioner for Human Right, Michelle Bachelet, welcomed the adoption by the UN General Assembly of a new declaration to help safeguard them.»

Link to declaration:

<https://www.geneva-academy.ch/joomlatools-files/docman-files/UN%20Declaration%20on%20the%20rights%20of%20peasants.pdf>

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# Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Excerpts of relevant CEDAW articles. Full text of the Convention: <https://www.ohchr.org/documents/professionalinterest/cedaw.pdf>

## Article 14

1. States Parties shall take into account the particular problems faced by rural women and the significant roles which rural women play in the economic survival of their families, including their work in the non-monetized sectors of the economy, and shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the application of the provisions of the present Convention to women in rural areas.

2. States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in rural areas in order to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, that they participate in and benefit from rural development and, in particular, shall ensure to such women the right:

- (a) To participate in the elaboration and implementation of development planning at all levels;
- (b) To have access to adequate health care facilities, including information, counselling and services in family planning;
- (c) To benefit directly from social security programmes;
- (d) To obtain all types of training and education, formal and non-formal, including that relating to functional literacy, as well as, inter alia, the benefit of all community and extension services, in order to increase their technical proficiency;
- (e) To organize self-help groups and co-operatives in order to obtain equal access to economic opportunities through employment or self employment;
- (f) To participate in all community activities;
- (g) To have access to agricultural credit and loans, marketing facilities, appropriate technology and equal treatment in land and agrarian reform as well as in land resettlement schemes;
- (h) To enjoy adequate living conditions, particularly in relation to housing, sanitation, electricity and water supply, transport and communications. PAR

**Article 14 should be read in the context of CEDAW as a whole and it is important that States Parties ensure that all provisions of the Convention are applied to rural women. Articles that have a particular bearing on rural women include:**

## General recommendation No. 34 on the rights of rural women

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/1\\_Global/INT\\_CEDAW\\_GEC\\_7933\\_E.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/1_Global/INT_CEDAW_GEC_7933_E.pdf)

## Article 4.1 which states that:

Adoption by States Parties of temporary special measures aimed at accelerating de facto equality between men and women shall not be considered discrimination as defined in the present Convention, but shall in no way entail as a consequence the maintenance of unequal or separate standards; these measures shall be discontinued when the objectives of equality of opportunity and treatment have been achieved.

## Article 5 which requires State Parties to take all appropriate measures:

- (a) To modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view to achieving the elimination of prejudices and customary and all other practices which are based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of either of the sexes or on stereotyped roles for men and women;
- (b) To ensure that family education includes a proper understanding of maternity as a social function and the recognition of the common responsibility of men and women in the upbringing and development of their children, it being understood that the interest of the children is the primordial consideration in all cases.

## Article 6 which requires States Parties to take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women.

**Article 7** which requires State Parties to take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the political and public life of the country and, in particular, shall ensure to women, on equal terms with men, the right:

- (a) to vote in all elections and public referenda and to be eligible for election to all publicly elected bodies;
- (b) to participate in the formulation of government policy and the implementation thereof and to hold public functions at all levels of government;
- (c) to participate in non-governmental organizations and associations concerned with the public and political life of the country.

## Article 10 which requires States Parties to ensure that women have equal educational rights;

## Article 11 (b,c,d) which requires States Parties to ensure women the same employment opportunities, conditions and remuneration for the same work as men;

## Article 12 which requires States Parties to ensure that women have equal access to healthcare;

## Article 13 (b) which requires States Parties to ensure women the same rights to financial credit as men;

## Article 15 (2) which requires States Parties to ensure that women have equal rights to conclude contracts and to administer property;

## Article 16 (h) which requires State Parties to ensure the same rights for both spouses in respect of the ownership, acquisition, management, administration, enjoyment and disposition of property ».



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## 2) Introduction to WWSF Children/Youth Section

A separate detailed 2020 Global Impact Report, published online, shares examples of activities and events organized by registered coalition member organizations which sent activity reports.

2020 Kit Cover

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# List: Active coalition member organizations that participated in the 2020 «19 Days» campaign

## AFRICA:

- **Benin**— ONG Women Be Free, *Cotonou*
- **Cameroon**— Collectif des Femmes pour la Protection de l'Environnement et de l'Enfant (COFEPRE), *Douala*
- **Cameroon**— Centre d'accueil et de Volontariat pour Orphelins Abandonnés et Handicapés du Cameroun CAVOAH-CAM, *Ngoumou*
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**— Union for Promotion / Protection, Human Rights Defense and the Environment-UPDDHE/GL, *Province Goma*
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**— Œuvre Sociale pour les Amis chrétiens
- **Ghana**— Defence for Children International, *Ashanti Kumasi*
- **Kenya**— Village of Hope Community Based Organisation, *Kendu Bay*
- **Liberia**— Rural Women Rights Structure, RWRS, *Bong County*
- **Malawi**— Youth Net and Counselling - YONECO, *Zomba*
- **Mauritius**— Halley Movement Coalition, *Port Louis*
- **Nigeria**— The Association for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Non-Governmental Organisations in Nigeria (AONN), *Oyo State*
- **Nigeria**— Hope for Second Chance Foundation, *Oyo State*
- **Nigeria**— Haven Initiative, *Ibadan*
- **Nigeria**— Justice, Development and Peace Movement, *Oyo State*
- **Sierra Leone**— Girl Child Network Sierra Leone
- **Sierra Leone**— Children's Forum Network, *Makeni City*
- **Uganda**— Amani Initiative, *Kampala*

## ASIA:

- **Afghanistan**— Cooperation for Peace and Development (CPD), *Kabul*
- **India**— Bhagidari Jan Sahyog Samiti, *New Delhi*
- **India**— Navjyoti India Foundation, *New Delhi*
- **India**— Udisha, Society for Education, Employment & Sustainable Development, *New Delhi*
- **Iraq**— Ur Organization for woman and child cutler, *DhiQar*

- **Nepal**— Action on Disability Rights and Development, *Kopundol Bagmati*
- **Pakistan**— Parwash Guranwala, Eshan Khan
- **Sri Lanka**— SUNFO

## THE AMERICAS:

- **Argentina**— Profesionales Latinoamericanos contra el Abuso de Poder, *Buenos Aires*
- **Puerto Rico**— Nuestra Escuela, Inc., *Caguas*
- **United States**— Child Advocacy Center Pitt County Coalition Against Human Trafficking, *Farmville*
- **United States**— Child Advocacy Center of Rutherford County, *Murfreesboro*

## EUROPE:

- **France**— ONG Samba Mwanas Gabon/Association Samba Mwanas Eysines, *Nouvelle Aquitaine*
- **Croatia**— Ombudsman for Children, *Zagreb*
- **Poland**— Foundation PO DRUGIE, *Warsaw*
- **Romania**— **FICE Romania, Bucharest**, in addition to the 1'188 national schools mobilized by FICE in 2020, the following schools registered separately:
  - Școala Gimnazială Gheorghe Bibescu
  - Liceul Tehnologic "Dumitru Dumitrescu" Buftea
  - ȘCOALA GIMNAZIALĂ "ALEXANDRU VLAHUTA" IASI, ROMANIA
- **Switzerland**— WWSF Geneva Headquarters, Convener of the 19 Days Campaign, reached via its coalition members network and information taken from Activity Reports received, that overall more than **1 million** children & adults have been mobilized by the campaign in 2020. We do not know about other members' activities that could inform us of local/national programs. It is difficult to assess the impact created by civil society actors engaged with creativity and compassion in many regions of the world to prevent violence against children and youth. WWSF organized two "Circles of Compassion training workshops" in 2020 during the UN Human Rights Council sessions in *Geneva*.

### Sharing a 'Thank You' letter from the FICE Romania President in response to the WWSF participation in the international online FICE conference "Child abuse and violence: an approach in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic" on 19 November 2020 in the Romanian Senate in Bucharest

"Dear Mrs. President,

*It has been a great honor and a privilege to me, FICE Romania members and the hundreds of professionals who participated in the International Online Conference "Child Abuse and Violence- an Approach in the Context of the COVID 19 Pandemic" to have such a special intervention from you, the voice and golden hand for the vulnerable children and youth in the world!*

*Your presence at the event was highly appreciated by all participants, professionals in social welfare and education from all around the country that adhered to your mission few years ago animated by FICE Romania, and still enthusiastically implement your international campaign in their own community every single year. I use this opportunity to express gratitude and commitment to make our partnership even stronger on behalf of each and every participant in the conference!*

*The partnership between Women's World Summit Foundation and FICE Romania has gone beyond the boundaries of collaboration, it is a fusion of ideas, visions and concrete actions of specialists. Thank you for providing us such a great opportunity and I hope our cooperation will make a better future for children worldwide!"*

*With invaluable respect,*

*Toma Mareș*

*President of FICE Romania (sent on 20 November)*



## Highlights at a glance

### Examples of 2020 selected coalition members' activities



#### International Federation of Educational Communities, Romania section

##### FICE ROMANIA, mobilized in 2020:

**1'188** schools, **26'000** students, more than **20'000** teachers, psychologists, policemen, social workers, journalists, physicians and parents.

Organized over **187** workshops, roundtables, debates, participation in local, regional and national TV programs. Over **2'000** direct activities carried out with and by children in kindergardens and participating schools. Carried out over **200** activities with parents / grandparents / relatives of children.

Over **700** meetings with specialists (policemen, doctors, psychologists, priests...

**83** circles of compassion and forum theatre and puppet shows.

Involvement of local institutions: (public social assistance services within the 588 localities involved), **at county level** (General Directorates of Social Assistance and Child Protection, County Police Inspectorates, County School Inspectorates, County Centers for Drug Prevention and Evaluation), **regional** (Regional Centers for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings) and **central institutions** (National Authority for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Children and Adoptions) **in the field of child protection and law and order, as well as other NGOs working in the field of child protection** (Association of Directors of DGASPCs/AD-DGASPC, Association of Communes in Romania/ACoR).



#### PO Drugie Foundation, Poland

estimated **16'000** participants (**6'341** children, **5,215** youth and **4'591** adults) and **565** workshops.



#### Navjyoti India Foundation, India

total reach: **4'776** participants in two states: Haryana (Gurugram) & Delhi



...together we can make a difference!

#### Amani Initiative, Uganda

Through social media key messages, community dialogues and school outreach, mobilized over **12,000** people.



## Examples of webinars organized during the 2020 19 Days Campaign



### International Online Conference

"CHILD ABUSE AND VIOLENCE – AN APPROACH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC"

NOVEMBER 19, 2020 13.00 (CET) [14.00 Romania]  
„International Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse”.

Moderators: Gabriela Cretu and Toma Mares

- Opening speech - **Mares Toma** president of FICE ROMANIA
- The message of the lady-president and CEO of the "WWSF – Women's World Summit Foundation"- **Elly Pradervand**
  - Reflections about the results of a survey about residential care during the pandemic -**Emmanuel Grupper**-president of FICE International- ✓ Professor for child and youth care at the Ono Academic College, Israel
  - "The current pandemic context - agent generating information and situations with negative semantics in the environments of education actors" Prof. univ. emeritus **Dr. Neacsu Ioan**
  - Violence, structural distress and negative resilience in special and inclusive schools - expert **Calin Dragoi** -Germany
  - Violence in the virtual environment against children in the context of the COVID Pandemic 19- Associated Professor Ph. D. **Urea Ionela Roxana** ,University of Bucharest,Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences
  - "Ways to prevent online child abuse in the context of the COVID pandemic 19" .- **Dr. Eugen Simion**, Head of DGASPC Neamt Service, FICE Romania
- "Significant aspects of child abuse and violence in South Africa"- **Donald Nghonyama- Johannesburg Area, South Africa**
- Management of violent / aggressive reactions of children with hearing impairment in a pandemic context. Good practices- drd. prof **Adler Carmen**
- Message from the Association of Directors of the General Directorates of Social Assistance and Child Protection **Ion Florin** -DGASPC Iasi
- Radiography of cases of abuse and negligence registered at DGASPC Constanta in the first 3 quarters of 2020 - **Roxana Onea**



### Hope for Second Chance Foundation, Nigeria

reached during their school sensitization **8'605** students, and approximately **5 million** people were reached during their media advocacy campaign.



### Udisha, India

**263** participants registered, and **15'000** participated in their webinar on "Has COVID 19 Pandemic Heightened Potential Impact of Existing Forms of Violence, Abuse and Exploitation in Children?".



### International Webinar on

**Prevention of Online Violence, Abuse and Exploitation of Children during Pandemic**

in partnership with

**Women's World Summit Foundation** on

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2020  
1600 hrs to 1800 hrs IST

### Speakers



Elly Pradervand  
President  
Women's World  
Summit Foundation



Karnal Singh, IPS (Retd.)  
Former Director  
Enforcement Directorate,  
Govt. of India



Dr. Sheryll Kaizer  
President  
Coalition for  
Children



Dr. B. Ramaswamy  
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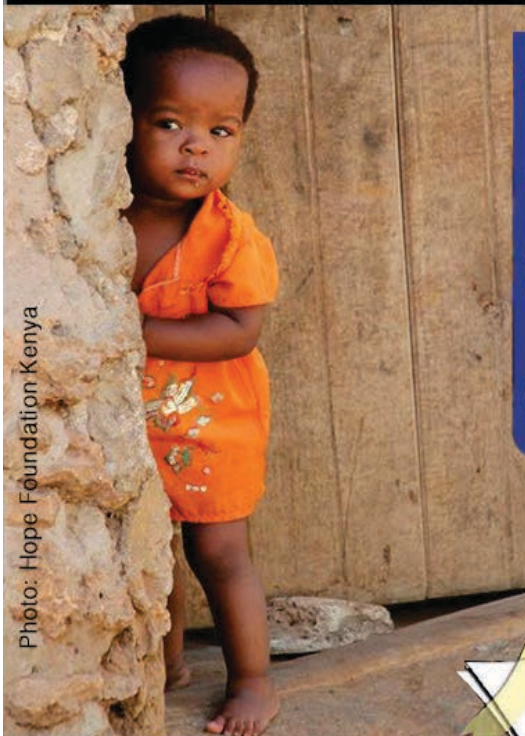




# 1-19 Novembre 2020

# 19 Days Activism

Photo: Hope Foundation Kenya



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## Announcement of the 2020 Innovation Prize for prevention of violence and abuse against children & youth

### 17th Prize edition

WWSF Prize US\$ 1000

Congratulations to  
**Haven Initiative**, Ibadan, Nigeria

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A special Children's Day celebration with  
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Child's Rights and Safety Coach

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Dear WWSF,

"We are very excited about us being selected for the annual WWSF 'Prize for Innovative Prevention Activities' of violence against children and youth. The selection is indeed a wake up call to do more and we are fully ready for it.

We thank you so much for putting us in your thought and finding us worthy of this great opportunity.

You have been a major source of inspiration to us and we won't take that for granted.

Thank you for creating a platform for the 119 Days Campaign."

Omotayo Adebayo  
Founder Haven Initiative

Daily social media alerts covering the 19 themes of the Campaign.

**19 Days ACTIVISM: Nov. 1-19**  
Prevention of Violence & Abuse against Children and Youth

**DAY 12 PREVENTION OF HARMFUL TRADITIONS**  
A child in pain is no gain.

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**DAY 17 PREVENTION OF ICTs DANGER**  
A child in pain is no gain.

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**DAY 13 PREVENTION OF STREET CHILDREN**  
A child in pain is no gain.

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**DAY 11 PREVENTION OF CHILD SEX TOURISM**  
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## List of recipients: WWSF Innovation Prize for prevention of violence against children 60 Coalition Member Laureate organizations awarded (2004-2020)

**2020** - Prize (\$US 1'000) for the Haven Initiative, Ibadan, Nigeria

**2019** - 2 Prizes (US\$ 1'000 each) for VILLAGE OF HOPE COMMUNITY, Kendu Bay Town, Kenya and the Child Protection Network, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria

**2018** - Prize (US\$ 2000) for the Amani Initiative, Arua Uganda (for their campaign: "Prevention of teenage pregnancy and early marriage")

**2017** - 2 Prizes (US\$ 1000 each) Network Movement for Youth and Children's Welfare (NMYCW-SL), Sierra Leone / "Hol dir Hilfe", Switzerland

**2016** - 3 19 Days Campaign partner organizations: The Foundation po DRUGIE, Poland (US\$ 2000) / Giving Children Hope Initiative (GCHI) Uganda (US\$ 1000) / Navjyoti India Foundation, India (US\$ 1000)

**2015** - No Prizes were awarded

**2014** - 5 Laureate organizations: 3 for US\$ 1000: Cooperation for Peace and Development Afghanistan / Nuestra Escuela, Puerto Rico / Giving Children Hope Initiative, Uganda. 2 additional awards of (US\$ 500): International NGO "Ponimanie", Belarus / Asociatia Buna Ziua, Romania

**2013** - Total of 6 Laureate organizations. 2 for (US\$1000 each): Union of Crisis Centers, Almaty, Kazakhstan and ONG Samba Mwanas, Libreville, Gabon 4 Additional Awards (US\$ 500 each): Humanitarian Organization of Mercy (HOM) Cotonou, Bénin / FICE Romania, Bucarest / Centro Integrado de Apoio Familiar CIAF, Sao Paulo, Brazil / Solidarité pour la Paix et le Développement Communautaire des Hauts Plateaux de Fizi-Minembwe, Masina-Kinshasa, RDC

**2012** - 4 Laureate organizations (US\$ 1000 each) Xi'an Philanthropic Child Abuse Prevention & Aid Centre, China / Queen Rania Family & Child Center Production, Jordan / The National Family Safety Program, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia / Asociacion Metropoli, Colombia / 1 Additional Award (US\$ 500): Action Enfance Sénégal

**2011** - First Laureate (US\$ 3000): UDISHA - Society for Education, Employment & Sustainable Development, India Second Laureate (US\$ 1000): Taia Development Programme, Sierra Leone / 2 Additional Award (US\$ 500): Chantier d'appui, de loisirs, de bricolage des Lapinos (CALBRIL) Cameroon / Centre for Human Rights "AMOS" Bitola, Macedonia

**2010** - First Laureate (US\$ 3000): Xi'an Philanthropic Child Abuse Prevention and Aid Center PCAN, China Second Laureate (US\$ 1000): KAFA (Enough) Violence and Exploitation, Lebanon Third Laureate (US\$ 500): Somali Society Development Association (SOSDA), Somalia / Honorary Award: Terre des Hommes, Italy

**2009** - First Laureate (US\$ 3000): Children-Women in Social Services and Human Rights (CWISH) Nepal / Second Laureate (US\$ 1000): BZN Atlas / Movement Without a Name (MWN Atlas), Belgium / 2 Additional Awards (US\$ 500 each): Saba Media Organization (SMO) Afghanistan / Laboratório de Análise e Prevenção da Violência (LAPREV), Brazil / Honorary Award: SOS Kinderdorf International, Bosnia & Herzegovina

**2008** - First Laureate (US\$ 3000): The Office of the Ombudsperson for Children, Croatia Second Laureate (US\$ 1000): Corporación Gestión Ecuador, Ecuador / 3 Additional Awards (US\$ 500 each) Fairland Foundation (FAFO), Uganda / Stairway Foundation Inc. (SFI) Philippines / Community Human Rights and Advocacy Centre (CHRAAC), Cameroon

**2007** - First Laureate (US\$ 3000): Society for Empowering Human Resources (SEHER), Pakistan Second Laureate (US\$ 1000): Ass. Mondiale pour les Orphelins et les Enfants Abandonnés, Togo / 2 Additional Awards (US\$ 500 each): Observatorio sobre Infancia de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia / Organisation Nationale des Femmes Rurales "Fleurs de Centrafrique" (ONFR/FC)

**2006** - 2 First Laureates (US\$ 3000 each): Tulir Centre for the Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse (Tulir CPHCSA), India / Queen Rania Family & Child Center at Jordan River Foundation, Jordan / 2 Awards (US\$ 500 each): Association Najdeh, Lebanon / Cercle de Réflexion et d'Action pour Christ (CRAC), Togo

**2005** - First Laureate (US\$ 3000): International Child Abuse Network Inc (Yes ICAN), USA / Second Laureate (US\$ 1000): Asociación Afecto contra el maltrato infantil (AFECTO), Colombia / 2 Additional Awards (US\$ 500 each): Muhammadan Women Welfare Society, Pakistan / Youth Net and Counseling (YONECO), Malawi

**2004** - First Laureate (US\$ 3000): Women Action Coalition Child Abuse (WACCA), Nigeria Second Laureate (US\$ 1000): Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights (PCSW/HR), Pakistan Additional Awards (US\$ 500 each): Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse of East Asia (STA – CPCA), China / and Vienna Network for Prevention of Sexual Abuse against Girls, Boys and Youth, Austria



**Our 19 Days Global Impact Report 2020**  
is available online (31 pages)

The report includes examples of activities and photos selected from the reports received from registered member organizations that organized events during the 19 Days of Activism campaign 1-19 November and/or on the World Day for prevention of violence against children and youth - 19 November





The WWSF World Day for prevention of violence against children and youth - 19 November was created in synergy with the Universal Children's Day - 20 November. Today, more than ever before, we have a new opportunity to use the World Days to mobilize civil society into action and demand accountability from governments to implement the Sustainable Development Target **16.2**, described below. We thank all coalition members who marked the two Days in 2017 with renewed energy and compassion to deliver a world fit for children & youth.

# 19

## Nov. 2020

**WORLD DAY Prevention of  
violence against children &  
youth - SDG Target # 16.2**

*In synergy with  
Universal Children's Day*

# 20

## Nov. 2020



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**It takes compassion**  
to end violence against children & youth



**Journée Mondiale prévention de la violence envers les enfants  
Día Mundial Prevención del violencia contra los Niños  
Welttag Vorbeugung von Gewalt an Kindern**

Every 5 minutes a child dies as a result of violence. We all have a role to play in ending abuse & violence

- ➡ You are invited to use this poster and this space to publish your event and move others to join you. Share with us your plans and posters to help realize the UN **SDG Target # 16.2**: *«End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children»*.
- ➡ **Endorsement from the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate**  
*"I support the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November. Tragically thousands of children are abused daily, often by those closest to them. I endorse this campaign enthusiastically and hope that many more will offer their support."* (2005)

Organisation: Women's World Summit Foundation / Fondation Sommet Mondial des Femmes - [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)



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The world is waiting for our contributions to end  
violence against children and youth by 2030.



## **CALL TO ACTION 2020: Commemorate the World Day – 19 November** **In synergy with the Universal Children's Day – 20 November 2020**

We call on all our coalition members, partners and friends around the world to participate again with local and national activities in the realization of the **UN Sustainable Development Goal Target #16.2 « End abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms of violence against and torture of children »** to speed up urgent prevention of violence against children and youth in our challenging world today.



We invite you to use the campaign poster, add your name, logo and program of action and thereby increasing participation in creating a world fit for children and youth. With every 5 minutes a child dying as a result of violence around the world, we need to mobilize not only governments, but also all citizens – adults and youth - to commit to the full implementation of children's right to dignity and non-violence.



For those of you who are new to the 19 November World Day for prevention of child abuse, please note that the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) inaugurated this Day in the year 2000 with endorsements from many dignitaries, including from Kofi Annan, Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Desmond Tutu, Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan, Jean Zermatten and Prof. Yang-hee Lee, both former chairs of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on violence against children; Najat Maalla M'jid, former UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, to mention some of them.



We propose to use our annual **campaign Kit "19 Days of activism for the elimination of violence against children and youth 1-19 November"**, with 19 themes and ideas for action, including for faith-based leaders and youth, and create circles of compassion published on our website. You can register your participation via email [wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch) and send us a copy of your program and poster, which we will share. **Together we can be the change that is needed to turn this world around.**



In solidarity, Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) Geneva -Switzerland - [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)

Convener of the **19 Days campaign and the World Day for prevention of violence against children and youth 19 November**

## **APPEL À L'ACTION 2020 : Commémorez la Journée Mondiale pour l'élimination de la violence envers les enfants et les jeunes 19 novembre, en synergie avec la Journée mondiale de l'enfance 20 novembre 2020**

Nous appelons tous nos partenaires et amis de la coalition à travers le monde à participer à des activités locales et nationales pour la **réalisation de l'objectif 16.2 des Objectifs de Développement Durable de l'ONU « Mettre fin aux abus, à l'exploitation, au trafic et à toutes les formes de violence à l'égard des enfants et à la torture »** pour accélérer la prévention de la violence à l'égard des enfants et des jeunes dans le monde.

Nous vous invitons à utiliser l'affiche de la campagne, à ajouter votre nom, votre logo et votre programme d'action pour accroître la participation mondiale à la création d'un monde digne des enfants et des jeunes. Toutes les 5 minutes, un enfant mourant des suites de la violence dans le monde entier, nous devons mobiliser non seulement les gouvernements, mais également tous les citoyens - adultes et jeunes - pour qu'ils s'engagent à appliquer pleinement le droit des enfants à la dignité et à la non-violence.

Pour celles qui ne sont pas nouvelles à la Journée mondiale de la prévention de la maltraitance d'enfants du 19 novembre, veuillez noter que la Fondation du Sommet mondial des femmes (WWSF) a inauguré cette journée en 2000 avec l'aval de nombreuses personnalités, parmi lesquelles Kofi Annan, Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Desmond Tutu, Sa Majesté la reine Rania de Jordanie, Jean Zermatten et le professeur Yang-hee Lee, tous deux ex-présidents du Comité des droits de l'enfant des Nations Unies; Marta Santos Pais, Représentante spéciale du Secrétaire général des Nations Unies sur la violence à l'encontre des enfants; Najat Maalla M'jid, ancienne Rapporteuse spéciale des Nations Unies sur la vente d'enfants, la prostitution des enfants et la pornographie mettant en scène des enfants, pour ne citer que quelques-uns d'entre eux.

Nous proposons d'utiliser notre Kit «19 jours d'activisme pour l'élimination de la violence à l'égard des enfants et des jeunes du 1 au 19 novembre», traitant 19 thèmes et idées d'action, y compris pour les leaders religieux et les jeunes et de créer des cercles de compassion. Vous pouvez enregistrer votre participation auprès de la WWSF par e-mail à l'adresse [wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch) et nous envoyer une copie de votre programme et affiche, que nous partagerons sur notre site Web et sur les médias sociaux. **Ensemble, nous sommes le changement nécessaire pour transformer ce monde.**



En solidarité, Fondation Sommet Mondial des Femmes (FSMF/WWSF), CP 5490, 1211 Genève 11, Suisse – [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)

Organisation de la campagne **19 Jours d'activisme et de la Journée Mondiale pour l'élimination de la violence envers les enfants et les jeunes - 19 novembre**



## SELECTED ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE WORLD DAY FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE - 19 NOVEMBRE

Created in 2000 by the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) Given our vision and the mission to end violence against children, now included in the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 – Goal 16.2, we are empowered to promote the World Day for prevention of child abuse - 19 November with renewed enthusiasm as a tool to create increased results. The World Day is an opportunity to raise your voice against violence against children. We invite you and your organization to take part and commemorate this World Day in your communities and country.

**Together we shall achieve what no one can do alone.**

- 2000: - Unicef Geneva Regional Office sent a message of support
- 2001: - Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary-General, welcomed the WWSF advocacy on behalf of the world's children...
- 2003: - Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Independent Expert of UN Study on Violence against Children  
- Dr. Yang-hee Lee, former Member of the UN Committee of Child Rights  
- The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
- 2004: - Vernor Munoz Villalobos, former Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education  
- Prof. Jaap E. Doek, former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child  
- Juan Miguel Petit, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child pornography and child prostitution  
- Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of California
- 2005: - Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus, South Africa "I support the Day for Prevention of child Abuse on 19 November most willingly. Tragically thousands of children are abused daily, often by those closest to them. I endorse this campaign enthusiastically and hope that many more will offer their support and encouragement..."
- 2006: - Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, Jordan
- 2007: - Jean Zermatten, former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child  
- Prof. Yang-hee Lee, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, South Korea  
- The Government of Argentina passed a law to declare 19 November a National Day
- 2008: - L'organisation ACPDH avec le gouvernement de Burundi, commémore chaque année la Journée 19 novembre  
- The Government of the Republic of Croatia included the World Day in their national strategy for the protection of victims of domestic violence  
- Association l'Ecole des Citoyens – ASEC-B de Burkina Faso
- 2009: - Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of UN SG on Violence Against Children
- 2010: - First Ladies Save our Youth Campaign, Owerri, Nigeria. "Happy to be associated with such a noble cause..."  
- Care Trust Foundation, Itamerom, Nigeria "... this event will surely make a global impact in reducing child abuse all around the world..."
- 2013: - Najat Maalla M'jid, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
- 2014: - Nuestra Escuela, Puerto Rico
- 2016: - The Foundation Po DRUGIE, Poland, celebrated the World Day and the 19 Days Campaign with 140 organizations
- 2017: - The Foundation Po DRUGIE, Poland, celebrated the World Day and the 19 Days Campaign with 262 organizations
- 2018 - 2019: - FICE (Federation of Educational Communities in Romania) are excelling in national awareness raising via thousands of schools with workshops, roundtables, debates, regional and nation TV stations, etc. They are an example of how civil society action can transform an entire country.





# RUBAN BLANC

## Campagne Suisse

# Rapport d'activité 2020



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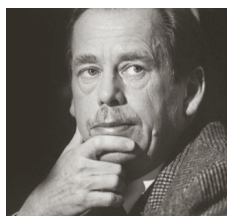
## Éditorial - Ruban Blanc Campagne Suisse

2020 est sans aucun doute une année dont on se souviendra. Alors que le monde est aux prises avec l'impact dévastateur de la pandémie COVID-19 et son impact négatif partout dans le monde, y compris en Suisse. Nous sommes tristes de vous informer que notre programme 2020 n'a pas pu se réaliser selon nos promesses, ce que nous regrettons.

Nos relations de travail ont changé, et la collecte de fonds a souffert. Beaucoup ont perdu des êtres chers et la violence domestique a augmenté dans de nombreux pays. La Covid-19 a impacté nos finances, mais également notre manière de travailler. Les webinaires et le télétravail sont désormais devenus la norme pour notre équipe.

**Le temps presse pour arriver à notre objectif : «Une Suisse sans violence envers les femmes et les jeunes d'ici 2030».**

**Ceci est notre espoir car il s'agit d'une idée dont le temps et définitivement venu.**



**Qu'est-ce que l'espoir?**

**Vaclav Havel, ancien président de la République Tchèque en 1993, année de laquelle date le texte sur sa vision de l'espoir qui suit.**

« L'espoir auquel je pense souvent... est, je crois, un état d'esprit plutôt

qu'un état du monde. Ou bien nous avons l'espoir en nous, ou bien nous ne l'avons pas. L'espoir n'est pas un pronostic - c'est une émanation de l'esprit. Chacun de nous se doit de trouver l'espoir réel, fondamental, en lui-même. Vous ne pouvez le déléguer à qui que ce soit.

L'espoir - dans ce sens profond et puissant - n'est pas la même chose que la joie quand tout marche bien ou la disponibilité à investir dans des entreprises qui se dirigent vers le succès. **L'espoir n'est décidément pas la même chose que l'optimisme. Ce n'est pas la conviction que quelque chose va s'arranger, mais la certitude qu'une chose a du sens, quels que soient les résultats.** C'est cet espoir, par-dessus tout, qui nous donne la force de vivre et de continuellement essayer de nouvelles approches, même dans des conditions qui semblent aussi démunies d'espoir que les nôtres ici et maintenant. En face de cette absurdité, la vie est une chose trop précieuse pour que nous nous permettions qu'elle soit dévaluée en vivant une existence sans but, vide, dénuée de sens, une existence sans amour et finalement sans espoir. »

Au nom du comité d'action Ruban Blanc CH

**Pierre Pradervand**, sociologue, écrivain, formateur et Ambassadeur Ruban Blanc.

### La violence domestique dans la législation suisse - Juillet 2020

La loi suisse réprime les actes de violence, qu'ils soient commis dans l'espace public ou dans la sphère privée. Les actes de violence commis dans le couple sont sanctionnés pénalement et poursuivis d'office, c'est-à-dire sans que la victime n'ait à déposer plainte. Les lois fédérales et cantonales réglementent la gestion de la violence domestique et les procédures qui y sont liées.

### AIDE EN CAS DE VIOLENCE DOMESTIQUE Pour les victimes

#### En cas d'urgence

- Police : [www.police.ch](http://www.police.ch), tél. 117
- Aide médicale : tél. 144

Informations et adresses de consultations gratuites, confidentielles et anonymes dans toute la Suisse

- [www.aide-aux-victimes.ch](http://www.aide-aux-victimes.ch)

#### Adresses des maisons d'accueil

- [www.aide-aux-victimes.ch/fr/ou-puis-je-trouver-de-laide](http://www.aide-aux-victimes.ch/fr/ou-puis-je-trouver-de-laide)
- [www.frauenhaus-schweiz.ch/fr/page-daccueil](http://www.frauenhaus-schweiz.ch/fr/page-daccueil)

#### Pour les auteur-e-s

Adresses de consultations et de programmes de prévention de la violence :

- [www.apscv.ch](http://www.apscv.ch)

### INFORMATIONS DONNÉES PAR LE Bureau Fédéral de l'Egalité entre femmes et hommes (BFEG)

Sur le site [www.bfeg.admin.ch](http://www.bfeg.admin.ch), sous la rubrique Violence vous trouvez :

- d'autres feuilles d'information qui examinent de manière succincte différents aspects de la problématique de la violence domestique,
- des informations sur la Convention d'Istanbul, entrée en vigueur en Suisse le 1er avril 2018,
- la Toolbox Violence domestique qui donne accès à toute une série de documents de travail et d'information,
- d'autres publications du BFEG relatives à la violence domestique.



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En participant à la campagne Ruban Blanc, vous contribuez à la mise en œuvre des «Objectifs de Développement

Durable (ODD) – Agenda 2030 de l'ONU», que la Suisse a signés en 2015, en particulier à l'**Objectif N° 5.2: «Éliminer de la vie publique et de la vie privée toutes les formes de violence faites aux femmes et aux filles, y compris la traite et l'exploitation sexuelle et d'autres types d'exploitation.»**

## Remerciements

Aux membres du comité d'action, aux coordinateurs, stagiaires universitaires, ainsi qu'aux consultants.es pour leurs contributions, sans oublier les contributions importantes des bénévoles. Ils/elles nous aident à communiquer nos initiatives par le biais de nos brochures, cartes postales, rapports, newsletters ainsi que par nos publications sur Internet et sur les réseaux sociaux, nos stands d'informations de de mobilisation public.



Merci  
Danke  
Grazie  
Thank you

## Rapport financier 2020

Le Comité d'action Ruban Blanc exprime sa gratitude pour le soutien financier reçu de Vivre Autrement, d'une Fondation privée genevoise, de plusieurs communes genevoises, des partenaires et entreprises et de membres individuels de la campagne. Sans cette solidarité et cet engagement pour une Suisse sans violence d'ici 2030, la campagne ne pourrait pas avancer dans sa mobilisation de chacun et chacune à s'engager « à ne pas commettre, tolérer, ni rester silencieux face à la violence envers les femmes et les jeunes. »

Le coût total de l'initiative Ruban Blanc en 2020, y compris les frais de secrétariat, coordinateur, consultants, manifestations, conférences, impressions, traductions, médias sociaux, etc. (activités réduites dû à la pandémie COVID-19) s'élève à : CHF 24'801.09

Revenu total en 2020: CHF 30'892.51

Fondation privée genevoise



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**GENTHOD**



**ANIÈRES**



Commune  
de **Dardagny**



Commune de  
**Meyrin**



Fondation FSMF / WWSF



Dons privés annuels Ruban Blanc CH





# Rapport d'activité 2020

## ● Janvier



### Invitation par le Genève-Servette Hockey Club SA

Le Ruban Blanc CH fut la cause à l'honneur lors du match du Genève Servette Hockey Club, le 5 janvier 2020. **6650 spectateurs** ont pris connaissance de la campagne Ruban Blanc et beaucoup ont signé notre carte d'engagement moral « Je m'engage à ne pas commettre, tolérer, ni rester silencieux face à la violence envers les femmes et les jeunes ». Nous remercions le Club Servette Hockey pour nous avoir permis de faire notre promotion auprès de ses fans. Les bénévoles ont distribué nos flyers, pins et cartes postales à des milliers de participants du match Servette Hockey Club sur notre stand d'information qui a été un vrai succès.



### Publication de la stratégie 2020-2022 – campagne Ruban Blanc CH

La stratégie a comme but d'informer nos sponsors et membres sur les différentes étapes de la campagne, par exemple :

1. Stratégie pour la mobilisation
2. Stratégie pour un dialogue public
3. Stratégie pour les partenariats cantonaux
4. Stratégie pour la promotion de la campagne

## Stratégie 2020—2022 Ruban Blanc Suisse



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Stratégie 2020-2022

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## ● Février

Organisation de plusieurs stands d'information à la gare de Genève avec l'autorisation de la police pour la distribution de nos cartes postales d'engagement afin de susciter des promesses morales « Je m'engage à ne pas commettre, tolérer, ni rester silencieux face à la violence envers les femmes et les jeunes. »

Continuation dans la recherche de mises à jour à faire dans notre Kit d'Outils «365 Jours d'activisme avec 16 thèmes» pour une nouvelle version en ligne et disponible pour nos ateliers de formation.



## ● Mars

**Organisation d'ateliers de formation Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc** au secrétariat Ruban Blanc (FSMF)  
Dernière rencontre du comité d'action Ruban Blanc en présentiel avec notre représentant cantonal du canton de Vaud, Wener Boxler, avec qui nous avons élaboré plusieurs plans d'ateliers de formation à Genève et à Lausanne.

Par la suite, nous avons été obligés d'annuler toutes nos dates pour la formation en présentiel en raison des mesures sanitaires liées à la pandémie COVID-19.



## ● Avril - juillet

### Refonte du site web

Engagement d'une coordinatrice expérimentée (50%), Viviana Barbato, psychologue et responsable des ateliers de formation et pour la refonte de nos sites web Ruban Blanc et Weisse Schleife qui avaient subi des dommages malveillants. Après 4 mois les deux sites [www.ruban-blanc.ch](http://www.ruban-blanc.ch) et [www.weisse-schleife.ch](http://www.weisse-schleife.ch) ont été à nouveau opérationnels.

## ● Août

Mois de vacances et fin des trois mois d'essai de la coordinatrice, Viviana Barbato, qui a décidé de retourner dans son canton d'origine, le Valais. Egalement, notre représentant cantonal du canton de Vaud, Wener Boxler, s'est senti obligé de quitter sa fonction comme représentant au sein du Ruban Blanc à cause de son nouvel engagement dans «Les Amis de la Constitution».

## ● Septembre - octobre

- **Reprise des activités**
- **Continuation de la révision de notre Kit d'outils « 365 Jours d'activisme »** et le programme Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc pour mobiliser surtout la jeunesse en vue de notre objectif.
- **Atelier de formation Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc** : 19 septembre, Espace 3 DDD, Rue David-Dufour 3, 1205 Genève
- **Atelier de formation Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc** : 10 octobre Espace 3 DDD, Rue David-Dufour 3, 1205 Genève

Nous avons été à nouveau obligés d'annuler les autres dates pour les formations en raison des mesures sanitaires liées à la pandémie COVID-19.

## ● Novembre - décembre

- **Campagne annuelle 16 jours/16 thèmes du 25 novembre au 10 décembre**

Début : 25 novembre, «Journée internationale pour l'élimination de la violence à l'égard des femmes», et la clôture le 10 décembre, «Journée internationale des droits humains». Pendant cette campagne, nous avons publié, comme chaque année, les 16 thèmes de notre **Kit d'outils « 365 Jours d'activisme »** (notre document éducatif de base) en présentant chaque jour un thème de notre Kit via LinkedIn, Facebook et Twitter avec définitions, statistiques, lois suisses et notre liste « Idées générales pour agir, y compris des Idées d'action pour les hommes et pour les jeunes ». Ceci nous a permis de rester visible et d'accroître les engagements. Nous avons eu de bonnes réactions à notre campagne virtuelle de 16 jours.



# Foire aux questions: Les signes de la violence dans les relations et comment aider

« **La violence contre les femmes** est une violation des droits humains qui a lieu chaque jour dans le monde. **Dans le monde**, une femme sur trois subit des violences physiques ou sexuelles, principalement de la part d'un partenaire intime (**En Suisse** une femme sur 5). Bien que la violence domestique et la maltraitance soient parfois cachées, si nous connaissons les signes d'une relation abusive, nous pourrions peut-être mieux la reconnaître et chercher ou offrir de l'aide.

## Quels sont les signes courants d'abus?

- Votre partenaire suit tout ce que vous faites. Il surveille à tout moment où vous êtes et avec qui vous êtes. Il vous empêche ou vous décourage de voir vos amis, votre famille ou d'aller au travail ou à l'école.
- Votre partenaire insiste pour que vous répondiez immédiatement à ces SMS, e-mails et appels, et exige de connaître vos mots de passe pour les sites de réseaux sociaux, les e-mails et autres comptes.
- Un partenaire violent peut être jaloux, y compris vous accuser constamment de tricherie. Il peut tenter de contrôler la façon dont vous dépensez votre argent et votre utilisation de médicaments ou de contraceptifs. Il peut prendre des décisions quotidiennes pour vous, comme ce que vous portez ou mangez.
- Il peut être humiliant. Il peut vous rabaisser en insultant votre apparence, votre intelligence ou vos intérêts. Il peut essayer de vous humilier devant les autres et tenter de détruire votre propriété ou ce qui vous tient à cœur.
- Un partenaire violent peut être en colère ou avoir un tempérament rapide ou imprévisible, de sorte que vous ne savez jamais ce qui pourrait causer un problème. Il peut vous blâmer pour son excès de violence et ses blessures physiques ou menacer de vous blesser, lui-même et les membres de votre foyer, y compris les enfants ou les animaux domestiques.
- Il peut vous blesser physiquement, comme frapper, battre, pousser, bousculer, gifler, donner des coups de pied ou mordre. Il peut utiliser, ou menacer d'utiliser, une arme contre vous.
- Il peut être sexuellement abusif, y compris le viol ou toute autre activité sexuelle forcée. Il peut supposer à tort que le consentement à un acte sexuel dans le passé signifie que vous devez participer aux mêmes actes à l'avenir. Il peut également supposer à tort que le consentement pour une activité signifie le consentement pour des niveaux accrus d'intimité. Par exemple, un agresseur peut supposer qu'un baiser devrait conduire à des relations sexuelles à chaque fois.
- Un partenaire violent peut menacer de vous dénoncer aux autorités pour activité illégale si vous signalez l'abus ou si vous résistez.

Vous pouvez parler à quelqu'un qui a été formé pour vous aider en appelant une ligne d'assistance locale. (A Genève 0840 110 110)

## Que puis-je faire pour aider quelqu'un que je connais qui est victime de violence?

Si vous êtes préoccupé par une amie qui peut être victime de violence domestique ou de maltraitance ou qui ne se sent pas en sécurité avec quelqu'un, lisez ces conseils pour l'aider à trouver sécurité et soutien.

- Si vous vous inquiétez pour la sécurité d'une amie, restez en contact et soyez créatif. Évitez de rendre l'agresseur méfiant afin que les lignes de communication puissent rester ouvertes. Si vous avez tous les deux des enfants, par exemple, vous pouvez suggérer des appels communs entre vous et les enfants. Vous pouvez créer des mots de code secrets à utiliser dans les conversations qui peuvent vous aider à communiquer de manière plus sûre.
- Demandez à votre amie comment elle préfère se connecter. Il est important d'établir un canal de communication sûr car elle sera, dans de nombreux cas, physiquement proches de l'agresseur qui pourrait surveiller les conversations. Demandez-lui si elle préfère un message instantané ou un SMS à un appel, et s'il existe une plate-forme ou une application spécifique qu'elle préfère utiliser.
- Soyez solidaire et croyez-la. Rassurez-la qu'elle n'est pas seule et que de l'aide et du soutien sont disponibles. Reconnaissez qu'il peut être difficile pour elle de parler de la violence. Si elle veut parler, écoutez attentivement et soyez empathique.
- Aidez-la à réfléchir à la manière de rester en sécurité pendant la COVID-19. Aidez votre amie à créer un plan pour les situations de confinement. Y a-t-il d'autres amis ou membres de la famille avec qui elle pourrait rester pendant cette période? Pensez à l'aider à contacter ces personnes pour élaborer un plan.
- Respectez son droit de consentement. À moins que vous ne croyiez fermement que la vie de votre amie est en danger, évitez de prendre des mesures sans son consentement. Elle connaît le mieux les risques pour sa sécurité et, par conséquent, elle devrait prendre toutes les décisions liées aux abus dont elle est victime.
- Respectez sa vie privée. En raison des problèmes de sécurité, de la stigmatisation, des sentiments de honte et des reproches aux victimes auxquels les survivants sont souvent confrontés, il est essentiel que ses expériences et son identité restent confidentielles, à moins qu'elle ne consente explicitement à les révéler.
- Offrez une assistance pratique et partagez des ressources. Faites savoir à votre amie que vous souhaitez l'aider. Si vous le pouvez, offrez-lui un lieu de séjour sûr, un moyen de transport ou d'autres formes de soutien qui pourraient accroître sa sécurité.

Faites savoir à votre amie qu'elle peut parler à quelqu'un qui a été formé pour l'aider. Fournissez-lui des informations sur les services locaux et les lignes d'assistance. (A Genève 0840 110 110). »

Vous trouverez dans notre [Kit](#), à la page 63, les adresses utiles pour l'aide aux personnes victimes.

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# RUBAN BLANC Campagne Suisse

L'élimination de la violence envers les femmes & les jeunes d'ici 2030

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# ANNONCE - ATELIERS DE FORMATION: INVITATION À DEVENIR AMBASSADEUR-DRICE



LA CAMPAGNE RUBAN BLANC CH CHERCHE À FORMER LES JEUNES (HOMMES ET FEMMES ENTRE 18-30 ANS) INTÉRESSÉ-E-S À AVANCER LE MOUVEMENT NATIONAL POUR L'ÉLIMINATION DE LA VIOLENCE ENVERS LES FEMMES ET LES JEUNES D'ICI 2030.



## VOTRE MISSION

- 1) **Vous engager** en ligne, vous et votre entourage, « À ne pas commettre, tolérer, ni rester silencieux face à la violence de genre envers les femmes et les jeunes ».
- 2) **Mobiliser** la jeunesse suisse à devenir des ambassadeurs-drices pour créer une Suisse libre de toute forme de violence envers les femmes et les jeunes.
- 3) **Promouvoir** notre Kit d'outils « 365 Jours d'activisme » (avec 16 thèmes) dans les écoles, associations, ONG, entreprises, le grand public, etc.
- 4) **Transformer** notre société par les droits humains, la bienveillance, le respect et l'égalité de genre.

Le comité Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc CH prendra contact avec les écoles, enseignants, clubs de jeunes, institutions et ONG pour encourager la diffusion de cette formation.

**REJOIGNEZ-NOUS ET PARTAGEZ L'INVITATION !**



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## COMMENT POSTULER

Envoyez-nous votre lettre de motivation à **contact@ruban-blanc.ch**

Nous vous ferons parvenir le programme des ateliers et l'adresse du lieu des formations (centre de Genève).

La formation de 4 heures qui inclut du matériel est gratuite. Un certificat sera délivré suite à la formation.

## PROCHAINES DATES DE FORMATION

### SAMEDI

**10 octobre 2020** – de 14h à 17.

Inscription en ligne :

<https://ruban-blanc.ch/formations/>

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## Ruban Blanc Suisse

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### Nouvelle fiche de présentation

La Campagne Suisse Ruban Blanc, lancée le 14 février 2009 par la Fondation WWSF à Genève, fait partie d'un mouvement international précurseur qui cherche à mobiliser les hommes, les femmes et les jeunes, à s'engager à «ne pas commettre, tolérer ni rester silencieux face à tout acte de violence envers les femmes et les jeunes».

La Campagne Ruban Blanc s'est fixé l'objectif de rassembler les citoyen-ne-s autour d'un plan d'action national pour l'élimination de la violence à l'égard des femmes et des jeunes d'ici 2030. En tant que principaux auteurs, les hommes doivent être considérés comme un groupe cible pour prévenir, réduire et à terme éliminer cette violence.

Une prévention durable doit désormais passer par la mobilisation des hommes qui n'exercent pas de violence, qui vivent harmonieusement avec les femmes et qui constituent la majorité, une majorité qui a cependant encore de la peine à prendre position sur le changement qui s'impose.

Cette campagne s'adresse donc tout particulièrement à ces hommes, qui doivent se mettre au front pour en finir avec ce fléau. A partir de 2020, les jeunes hommes et femmes de 18 à 30 ans peuvent devenir des ambassadeurs-drices Youth Engage–Ruban-Blanc CH. Des ateliers de formation sont offerts gratuitement.

### Vision

Notre vision est celle d'une masculinité qui incarne les meilleures qualités de l'être humain, qui ne tolère pas cette forme de violence et qui travaille en partenariat avec les femmes pour la création d'une culture de bienveillance et de respect. Nous souhaitons que la Suisse figure parmi les premiers pays dans le monde à réussir à mettre fin à cette violation des droits humains d'ici 2030.

### Mission

Notre mission est de bâtir un mouvement national qui soutient notre ambition d'éliminer la violence à l'égard des femmes et des jeunes, ce qui implique, en temps voulu, l'élaboration d'un plan d'action national porté par la société civile et soutenu par le gouvernement et le monde économique.

### Objectifs

- **Mobiliser** la société civile pour s'engager moralement «à ne pas commettre, tolérer, ni rester silencieux face à la violence envers les femmes et les jeunes» (en ligne et à l'aide de cartes postales pour atteindre 1'000'000 de signatures d'ici 2030)
- **Mettre en place** des mesures transformatives pour l'élimination de la violence envers les femmes et les jeunes
- **Promouvoir** le Kit d'outils «365 jours d'activisme» pour permettre à tous d'en parler et à trouver de solutions
- **Renforcer** le mouvement Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc dans chaque canton et poursuivre la formation de la jeunesse avec nos ateliers réguliers - dates en ligne
- **Promouvoir** le «Guide Éducatif et Pratique» à l'attention des écoles et des jeunes de 12 à 18 ans
- **Organiser** des Tables Ronde annuelles pour une masculinité adaptée à notre époque et respecter les droits humains
- **Associer** à cette initiative les partenaires de tous les milieux, y compris le monde politique et financier
- **Inviter** les membres Ruban Blanc à porter le pin's Ruban Blanc et de proposer aux entreprises, institutions, ONG et divers clubs de s'engager comme partenaire.

**Consultez** notre Kit «365 Jours d'activisme» pour mobiliser votre entourage à participer à créer une Suisse sans violence.

**Inscrivez-vous** aux ateliers de formation (hommes+femmes) «Comment devenir représentant.e /ambassadeur(drice) Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc CH»

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