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Newsletter October 2021

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Launch:

WWSF 19 Days campaign 1-19 November 2021 for the prevention of violence against children and youth

Dear Partners and Friends,

First, we wish to inform you of our successful campaign: "17 Days of activism for the empowerment of rural women leaders and their communities 1-17 October" engaging members and readers to use the Kit, stats, and ideas for action, including Messages to Honorable World Leaders to put rural women's rights more prominently on their agenda and deliver improvements in their status around the world.

We also celebrated 15 October - International Day of Rural Women - with ten Laureates receiving our annual award, the PRIZE for women's creativity in rural life. Local and national prize ceremonies were organized in their honor and we share with you an example from India Link to the video of one. of the winners, Sr Jessy Maria

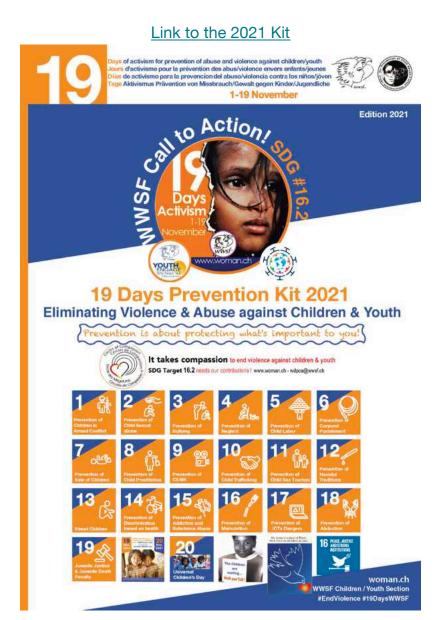
We also remind you that you can begin to propose nominations for the 2022 Prize by clicking here.



Today,

we wish to inform you that we launch our annual "19 Days Campaign for the prevention of violence and abuse against children and youth 1-19 November", and thank those among you who have registered their participation and program of action with WWSF. Registration is still open till 19 November and the link to the Registration form is here.





While the Corona-19 pandemic still impacts our global outreach with still too many affected by the virus, we decided to continue our Call for increased local civil society action and for more robust mobilization to help reduce the increasing statistics of violence against children and youth around the world, especially during the pandemic. We hope you will continue organizing events and alerts using our 19 themes presented in the Kit and its <u>many general ideas for action, which include not only "What youth can do", but</u> also "What faith-based leaders can do" to speed up achieving the Sustainable Development Goal #16.2: "End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence <u>against and torture of children".</u> The children are waiting. We have also started to include in our annual campaign Kits to address our World Leaders personally to share with them our deep aspiration for a more just world where

Sharing an example of our Open Letters to World Leaders, published in our Prevention Kit - Edition 2021, Page 23

WWSF Message to Honorable Presidents & Ministers

Excellencies,

everyone cares and shares.

Your duty is to protect children from all forms of violence and abuse, including sexual violence. "Just 21% of countries have national plans of action that include specified indicators on the prevalence of violence against children." The time has now come for all countries to develop their national plans in order to speed up solutions and share their commitments to eliminate sexual violence against children and youth. You may recall the 1990 Global Summit for Children, held at the UN in New York, where over 70 world leaders pledged to do better by the world's children. Their promises were eloquent, their goals ambitious. 31 years later, we need to tell you that children cannot survive or strive on promises only.

You and all world leaders have an obligation to find the resources and political will necessary to translate, 31 years later, promises into reality. The purpose of the Global Summit for Children was to exact a universal commitment from you to make children's lives better. All the delegates unanimously adopted a declaration and a plan of action designed to meet 7 major promised goals by the year 2000.

How can we understand that such a major international event, creating such an enormous promise for the children of the world, needs us to remind you in 2021 of the alarming abuses and sexual violence still being carried out on children today? When will the promises to the children be kept?





We also wish to remind you of our online <u>Training Workshop</u>:

"Creating Community Circles of Compassion",

and participate in changing the world compassionately.



It takes compassion to end violence against children & youth

SDG Target 16.2 needs our contributions! www.woman.ch - wdpca@wwsf.ch

Use and share the instruction Link online below to empower and help increase civil society action. https://www.woman.ch/19-days-of-activism-prevention-kit/training-workshops-creating-community-circles-ofcompassion/

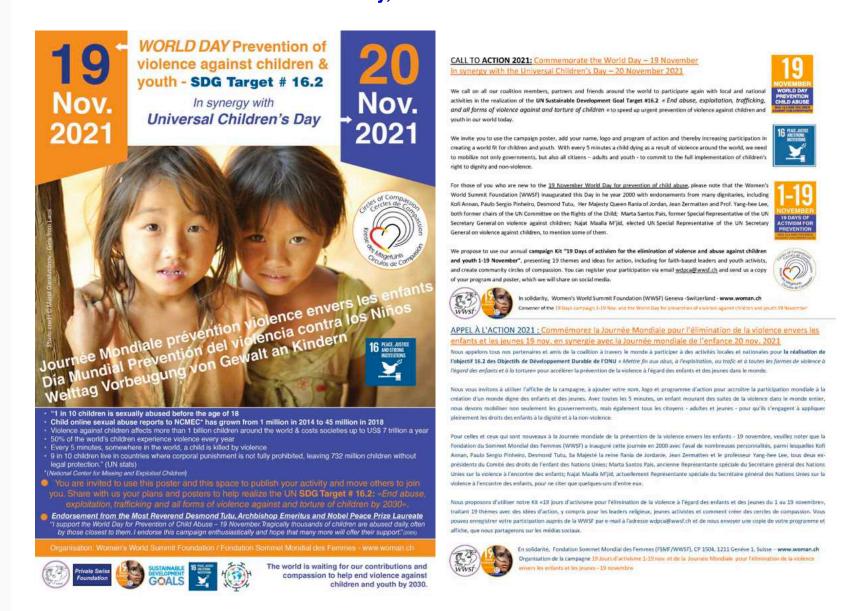
Some of the facts and figures 2020 (source: UN SDG Target #16.2)

- Violence against children affects more than 1 billion children around the world and costs societies up to US\$ 7 trillion a year.
- 50% of the world's children experience violence every year.
- Every 5 minutes, somewhere in the world, a child is killed by violence
- 1 in 10 children is sexually abused before the age of 18.
- 9 in 10 children live in countries where corporal punishment is not fully prohibited, leaving 732 million children without legal protection.
- 1 in 3 internet users worldwide is a child and 800 million of them use social media. Any child can become a victim of online violence.
- Child online sexual abuse reports to NCMEC* have grown from 1 million in 2014 to 45 million in 2018.
- 246 million children worldwide are affected by school-related violence each year.
- 1 in 3 students has been bullied by their peers at school in the last month, and at least 1 in 10 children has experienced cyberbullying. *(NCME: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (USA)

You are invited to register your Circle of Compassion with our Registration Form online ????????, and we will keep in touch and share our partners around the world with you.

Last but not least,

we also share our annual poster Call to Action for the "WORLD DAY FOR **PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND YOUTH 19 NOVEMBER",** which was founded in 2000 to be in synergy with the Universal Children's Day, commemorated on 20 November.



Use the Day and Poster,

add your program of action on the cover and send us a copy of your program. W will share with our network on social media.

we wish to share with you that the United Nations also seeks to promote and protect civic space in a variety of ways, as its policies and programs on development, peace and security, humanitarian action, and human rights, under its Charter, are dependent on effective civil society partnerships, engagements, contributions, feedback and critical voices at all levels". We are one of their many partners around the world supporting their vision and mission for good.

In partnership,

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About us: WWSF, created in 1991 in International Geneva, Switzerland, as a not-for-profit, humanitarian, international, lay organization for the realization of women's and children's rights, mobilizes via its annual campaigns, round tables, world days, and prize awards civil society actors to catalyze increased action for change to help reach the UN Sustainable Development Goals Agenda by 2030.

For those among you who are new to our annual campaigns, here are the links to our three campaigns:

Link to 19 Days Campaign Kit 1-19 November 2021

Link to 17 Days Campaign Kit 1-17 October 2021 Lien vers notre Kit d'outils (in French) "365 Jours d'activism pour l'élimintation de la violence envers les femmes et les jeunes en Suisse".



"Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it; Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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