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2010 International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

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"My UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign, and the Network of Men Leaders I launched last year, have generated welcome momentum and engagement. The word is spreading: violence against women and girls has no place in any society, and impunity for perpetrators must no longer be tolerated. On this International Day, I urge all – Governments, civil society, the corporate sector, individuals – to take responsibility for eradicating violence against women and girls."

-- [Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon](#)
[Message for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)
25 November 2010

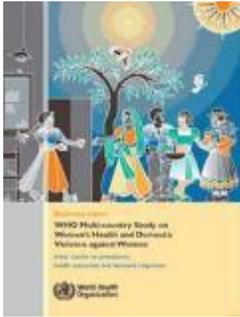


In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly designated 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Violence against women and girls is a problem of pandemic proportions. At least one out of every three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime - with the abuser usually someone known to her.

Governments, international organizations and NGOs are invited to organize activities on the day to raise public awareness of the problem. The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women also launches the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, which runs through 10 December, Human Rights Day.

ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

16 Forms of Gender-Based Violence - From November 25 to December 10, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) joins with other rights organizations worldwide to bring greater attention to violence against women, a pervasive and deeply entrenched human rights violation. The 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women involves groups all over the world who speak up for support services for survivors, call for greater prevention efforts, press for legal and judicial reform, and use international human rights instruments to address the issue. Read more about the issue and the UN's efforts to combat gender-based violence [here](#).



[WHO Multi-country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence against Women](#) - Violence against women by an intimate partner is a major contributor to the ill-health of women. This study analyses data from 10 countries and sheds new light on the prevalence of violence against women in countries where few data were previously available. It also uncovers the forms and patterns of this violence across different countries and cultures, documenting the consequences of violence for women's health. Read the full report [here](#) [PDF format; 676KB; 38 pages].

U.S. ACTIONS AND EFFORTS



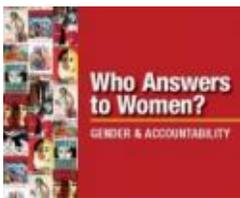
16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign - Violence against women touches Thailand just as it does every other nation. Gender-based violence is a global pandemic that cuts across all borders - ethnic, racial, class, religious, and educational level. The United States is working bilaterally and multilaterally to define gender-based violence not as solely a woman's issue, but one of international human rights and security. Read more about how the United States is working on gender-based violence awareness in this Op-Ed. [[English](#) | [Thai](#)]



[Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women](#) - "The United States is firmly committed to the principles of women's equality as enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. Our ratification will send a powerful and unequivocal message about our commitment to equality for women across the globe. It will lend much needed validation and support to advocates fighting the brutal oppression of women and girls everywhere, who seek to replicate in their own countries the strong protections against discrimination that we have in

the United States. And it will signal that the United States stands with the women of the world." [Read Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer's Testimony Before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law](#) (November 18, 2010).

HOW WIDESPREAD IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?



Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009: Who Answers to Women? is the United Nations Development Fund for Women's biennial investigation of progress made towards a world where women live free from violence, poverty and inequality, demonstrates that one of the most powerful constraints on realizing women's rights and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is a deficit of accountability to women. Read the report [here](#) [PDF format; 5.09MB; 163 pages].

MAKE WOMEN COUNT FOR PEACE



Say NO - UNiTE to End Violence against Women is a global call for action, launched in November 2009, on ending violence against women and girls. It is an expanding global coalition of individuals, organizations, governments and the private sector to realize a vision that is ambitious, but must never be impossible - a future that is free from violence against women and girls. Find more information about Say NO - UNiTE [here](#).

DON'T MISS OUT! JOIN LIVE WEBCAST

Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer invites you to a live webcast of: "Changing Attitudes: What Men and Boys Can Do to Address and Prevent Violence Against Women" held in the Loy Henderson Auditorium at the U.S. Department of State on November 29 at 22:30 Thailand time (10:30 EST). The program will also include a text-based webchat with Justin Sosne, Special Assistant in the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, who will respond to online questions. Simply click the following URL

<https://statedept.connectsolutions.com/women> and log on as a guest to join the program.

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