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COMBATTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

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Over 30% of women worldwide have been a victim of physical violence. Violence against women and girls is a global problem that demands urgent action from families, and societies all across the globe. This weblibliography is in support of the **“16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence”** initiatives promoted by the United States, the international community including the United Nations, and numerous non-governmental organizations (NGOs). It presents a compilation of online resources representing a sampling of worldwide initiatives and offers ideas to those interested in creating strategies to combat violence against women and girls, and promote both gender equality and respect and dignity for human persons.

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U.S. Government Initiatives

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and 16 Days of Activism (Nov 25, 2013)

Press Statement by Secretary John Kerry, Washington, D.C.

<http://goo.gl/ZRa7KK>

“This fight is deeply personal to me. As a prosecutor, I saw firsthand the ravages of violence against women. As a proud father of two daughters, and as a husband to a strong woman who has invested so much of her public passion towards improving the lives of women, I know the difference it makes when women and girls have the opportunity to pursue their full potential and live free of violence.”

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (Nov 25, 2013)

Statement by Ambassador Samantha Power, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York

<http://goo.gl/Yp8nZr>

“Violence against women is a global scourge. It’s an international shame that affects 35 percent of women during their lifetimes. That means one out of three of our mothers, daughters, and wives beaten, raped, or killed. According to *UN Women*, 64 million girls worldwide are child brides, often resulting in early pregnancy that threatens the life of the mother and leaves them vulnerable to domestic violence and marital rape, and 140 million women and girls have been subjected to genital mutilation.”

The Global Gender-Based Violence Threat (Nov 20, 2013)

Testimony by Catherine M. Russell, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Washington, DC

<http://goo.gl/XTRdhh>

“It is estimated that women and children make up more than 75 percent of displaced populations worldwide. At the UN General Assembly this year, Secretary Kerry announced ***Safe from the Start***, an initiative to prioritize the needs of women and children at the onset of emergencies. With an initial funding commitment of \$10 million, this new State-USAID initiative will assess and address the needs of women and girls in emergencies.”

Video Remarks on *Call to Action* on Protecting Women and Girls in Emergencies (Nov 13, 2013)

Remarks by Secretary John Kerry, Washington, DC

<http://goo.gl/x7xpQm>

“We’ve made tremendous progress in recent years – in the U.S. and internationally – but it’s still true that, in too many places, women and girls face horrific abuse, rape, and sexual assault. And as we’ve seen recently in places like Syria and Mali, when emergencies strike and chaos erupts, the risks they face only increase. That’s why the *Call to Action* is so important. In times of emergency, protection against gender-based violence should be a critical part of international humanitarian aid.”

International Day of the Girl (Oct 11, 2013)

Press Statement by Secretary John Kerry, Washington, DC

<http://goo.gl/p3wHA4>

“In too many countries, the promise of the next generation of girls is at risk. In too many communities, the contributions of girls are not valued, their well-being is not protected, and their aspirations are not taken seriously.”

Ending Violence Against Women: 19 Years of Progress (Sept 13, 2013)

By Lynn Rosenthal, White House Blog

<http://goo.gl/1SOPlu>

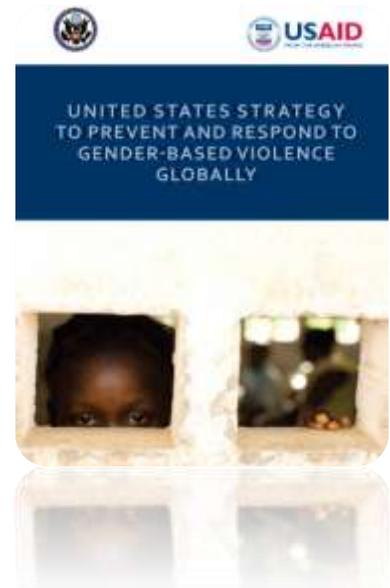
“As the original author and champion of VAWA, Vice President Biden brought national attention to what had too-long been a hidden problem. Then-Senator Biden held the first hearing on violence against women in the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1990 and introduced the first version of the Act that same year. After five years of hearings exposing the extent of rape, battering and stalking, the Act finally passed Congress and was signed into law by President Clinton on September 13, 1994.”

United States Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally (Aug 2012)

Department of State

<http://goo.gl/OXyK53>

Preventing and responding to gender-based violence is a cornerstone of the Administration's commitment to advancing gender equality. Such violence significantly hinders the ability of individuals to fully participate in and contribute to their families and communities—economically, politically, and socially. This strategy provides Federal agencies with a set of concrete goals and actions to be implemented and monitored over the course of the next three years with an evaluation of progress midway through this period. At the end of the three-year timeframe, the agencies will evaluate the progress made and chart a course forward.



Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

<http://goo.gl/HPVZGm>

For decades, USAID has been leading global efforts to achieve gender equality. While great strides have been made, gender inequality remains a significant challenge across every development initiative worldwide, from education to global health.

United Nations

Official Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (Nov 25, 2013)

Statement of UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

<http://goo.gl/jgGcHa>

"I pledge the continued commitment of UN Women to work with governments, with civil society, with the private sector, with women and men, young and old, and across all faiths and cultures to END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS."

UN Women Deputy Executive Director Lakshmi Puri calls on the world to unite to prevent violence against women and girls. (Nov 27, 2013) –

Press statement by Lakshmi Puri

<http://goo.gl/7oRtXt>

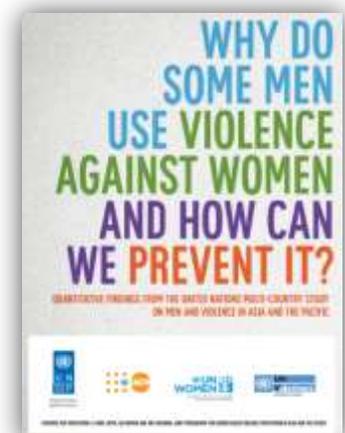
"Violence against women and girls is a gross human rights violation that knows no boundaries of age, race, religion or nationality. At its roots lie gender inequality and discrimination. It lurks on the streets of our cities and in offices and schools; in conflicts, it is used as a horrific method of warfare. And disturbingly, it is most prevalent at home, where women should feel safe: Up to 70 percent of women in some countries have reported experiencing violence from their husbands or partners."

Why Do Some Men Use Violence Against Women And How Can We Prevent It? (Sept 2013)

Quantitative Findings from the United Nations Multi-Country Study on Men and Violence in Asia and the Pacific

<http://goo.gl/z7OgV5>

The study, which collected and analysed data from thousands of women and men across the region, provides the largest multi-country data set on men's perpetration of violence against women and can inform more evidence-based interventions to prevent such violence.



Facts & Figures (UN Women): The Violence against Women Prevalence Data: Surveys by Country (2011)

UN Women

<http://goo.gl/eYD9Fo>

Compiled by UN Women in 2011, presents data available for 86 countries on the prevalence of physical and sexual violence against women, forced sexual initiation and abuse during pregnancy, mainly drawn from leading international surveys, including: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Reproductive Health Surveys, Demographic and Health Surveys, Violence Against Women Surveys and the World Health Organization Multi-Country Study.

Global And Regional Estimates of Violence Against Women Prevalence and Health Effects of Intimate Partner Violence and Non-Partner Sexual Violence. (2013)

Report by the World Health Organization (UN public health arm), Department of Reproductive Health and Research, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, South African Medical Research Council

<http://goo.gl/Vs2iKp>

The report shows that violence against women is pervasive globally. The findings send a powerful message that violence against women is not a small problem that only occurs in some pockets of society, but rather is a global problem which also impacts on the health of the abused. A life free of violence is a basic human right.

International NGOs

The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)

<http://www.gnwp.org/>

A program partner of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN), is a coalition of women's groups and other civil society organizations from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, South Asia, West Asia, Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe. Their work entails advocacy and action for the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 1325 and 1820 on women and peace and security including the supporting resolutions 1888, 1889 and 1960 at the local, national, regional and international levels.

The National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

<http://www.ncdsv.org>

The National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Austin, Texas. Deborah D. Tucker, MPA, and Sarah M. Buel, JD, co-founded the National Center in May 1998. Their vision was to create an organization that encouraged and created unprecedented levels of collaboration among professionals working to end violence against women. It designs, provides, and customizes training and consultation, influences policy, promotes collaboration and enhances diversity with the goal of ending domestic and sexual violence.

Say NO - Unite to end violence against women

<http://saynotoviolence.org/>

Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women is a social mobilization platform on ending violence against women and girls, contributing towards UN Secretary General's system-wide campaign, UNiTE to End Violence against Women. Launched in November 2009 by UN Women, Say NO – UNiTE showcases advocacy efforts and engages people from all walks of life, online and on the ground.

Vital Voices

<http://www.vitalvoices.org>

Their mission is to identify, invest in and bring visibility to extraordinary women around the world by unleashing their leadership potential to transform lives and accelerate peace and prosperity in their communities. Vital Voices Global Partnership is the preeminent non-governmental organization (NGO) that identifies, trains and empowers emerging women leaders and social entrepreneurs around the globe, enabling them to create a better world for us all.

V-DAY: Until The Violence Stops

<http://drc.vday.org>

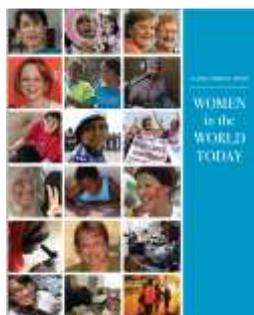
V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler's award winning play The Vagina Monologues. To date, the V-Day movement has raised over \$50 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it.

World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)

<http://www.omct.org>

OMCT's program on violence against women aims to raise awareness, both among members of the SOS-Torture network and within the United Nations mechanisms, of the problem of violence against women, its causes and consequences, and to act on behalf of victims of this violence through urgent alerts, assistance, monitoring, analysis and reporting. Created in 1985, the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) is the main coalition of international non-governmental organisations (NGO) fighting against torture, summary executions, enforced disappearances and all other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

Other Digital Publications

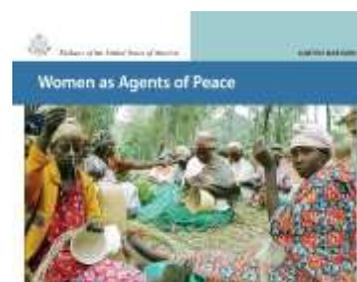


Global Women's Issues: Women in the World - <http://goo.gl/R8g2XX>

"Women in the World shows how far women have come since 1995. It explores what we need to do now, so that all countries can fully benefit from the wisdom, compassion and energy women bring to every aspect of society. Readers may volunteer with a women's organization or start their own projects. Above all, ensure that young girls grow up feeling safe, valued and powerful." – From the Preface by former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Women as Agents of Peace - <http://goo.gl/XXOdsT>

"The U.S. plan requires government agencies working with other countries to help increase women's skills for political peacemaking; this includes training women to take active roles in their local and national governments. Other tasks include helping develop laws and policies that promote women's rights; increasing the capacity of U.N. systems (law enforcement, military and others) to prevent and respond to conflict-related violence against women; and helping ensure women's equal access to aid distribution and other emergency services."



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