



**JOIN US!**  
**TO STOP VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN**

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# MAKE RIGHTS REAL

**Our goal is to make women's rights a reality for all women, everywhere. The laws and policies that should protect women's rights must be put into practice.**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN  
TAKE REAL STEPS TO  
COUNTER VIOLENCE  
AND ACHIEVE JUSTICE  
AND EQUALITY.**

Amnesty International's members and supporters around the world are campaigning to stop violence against women. We want to expose the extent of violations, to hold those responsible to account and to build a world where women and girls can live free from the fear of violence.

Our campaign takes many forms. Sometimes we press officials to prosecute abusive partners, or to provide shelters for women escaping violence. Sometimes we campaign to protect women human rights defenders from attack or call for medical care for survivors of sexual violence.

Always, we campaign for the protection of women's rights, for women's equality with men and for women to be free from violence.

## **WORK WITH US TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Our message is that a life free from violence is a basic human right. Organizing to combat violence against women can be successful. The international women's movement and women's organizations have made significant gains, transforming the lives of countless women. We want to work in concert with women's organizations, to build on their achievements.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

## GET IN TOUCH

Contact Amnesty International to exchange information and ideas and explore ways to work together.

- Contact the Amnesty International Section in your country (details available at [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org))
- Contact the Stop Violence Against Women team at:  
Amnesty International, International Secretariat, 1 Easton Street, London WC1X 0DW,  
email: [svawteamcp@amnesty.org](mailto:svawteamcp@amnesty.org)

## JOIN WITH US IN ACTION

You can take part in our actions and receive regular information and updates.

- Internet-based actions and our regular newsletter can be accessed via our website [www.amnesty.org/en/campaigns/stop-violence-against-women](http://www.amnesty.org/en/campaigns/stop-violence-against-women)
- Contact the Amnesty International Section in your country (details available at [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)) for information about actions in your country.

## SPREAD THE WORD

You can use resources we have produced to spread the message about stopping violence against women. We have activists' toolkits, leaflets, reports, badges, pins and other materials available. Some can be downloaded, some can be bought, some are available on request.





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## WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Women human rights defenders work to protect and promote their own rights, and to defend the rights of others. They are often targeted because of who they are and what they do. Governments must ensure women's right to organize without fear of repression.

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## VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY

Violence at home wrecks the lives of women in every country in the world. All governments should prevent domestic violence and provide respectful and supportive services.

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## VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT

Women's lives and their bodies have been the unacknowledged casualties of conflicts for too long. We urge governments to adopt an agenda for action to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice, either through the International Criminal Court or national justice systems.

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## SAFE SCHOOLS

Women must be free to choose the path that allows them to move forward and realize their potential. Education is crucial, but violence often denies girls' their right to education. All governments must ensure that all girls have access to education free from violence.

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## WOMEN'S RIGHTS OVER THEIR OWN BODIES

Much of the gender-based violence that men inflict on women is aimed at restricting and controlling their sexuality and reproductive capacity: from so-called "honour killings" to marital rape or the targeting of pregnant "enemy" women in conflict. We call on governments to uphold women's sexual and reproductive rights.

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## TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND GIRLS

Many trafficked women and girls are physically and sexually abused to break them mentally and emotionally. We urge governments to punish the traffickers, not the trafficked, to identify and protect the rights of women and girls who have been trafficked, and to strengthen assistance and protection laws and practices.

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## HOLDING GOVERNMENTS TO ACCOUNT

Governments have a duty to protect women from violence by state agents (such as police) and by other people, such as members of their family or community. Governments must act with due diligence to protect the rights of all women.





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