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**Spanish government reacts: Your actions make a difference to women**



The names of all the women who died during the previous year as a result of violence from their partner or former partner were painted in a public square in the Spanish city of Vigo.

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An Amnesty International (AI) report on family violence in Spain makes a significant difference. Based on powerful testimonies from survivors of family violence, *Spain: More than words – Making protection and justice a reality for women victims of gender-based violence in the home* analyzes the obstacles women face when trying to escape abusive relationships.

This report prompted an immediate government response. Within a week of the report's launch, Vice-President María Teresa Fernández de la Vega met with AI Spain, and not only expressed concern about AI's findings but committed to establishing regular meetings between government delegates and AI.

More than 13,000 of you signed AI's message to government via AI Spain's website. This support significantly strengthened AI's message to the Spanish authorities on the first of their regular meetings two months after the report's launch. At this meeting AI met representatives of all the government Ministries, except one, that were targeted by AI recommendations in the report.

AI made clear that pressure would not cease until Spain's government offered more than words for those women who suffer gender based violence. With your continued support and actions against family violence in Spain, we are making a difference to women. Thank you.

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At a meeting with Governor Reyes Baeza and the Prosecutor Maria Gonzalez, Amnesty International's Secretary General Irene Khan welcomed the willingness of the State government to address the cases of killings of women.

Uganda: Women run projects to heal and bring hope

Over 600,000 women in conflict-torn Northern Uganda have lived with the traumas associated with war for nineteen years.

Guatemala: Women in danger - killings of women and girls

The lack of proper investigations and convictions in cases of killings of women and girls in Guatemala sends the message that violence against women in the country is acceptable.

Afghanistan: Women still under attack -- systematic failure to protect

Violence against women and girls in Afghanistan is pervasive, said Amnesty International launching its latest report "Afghanistan: Women under attack".

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Iraq: Call for a human rights based constitution

Iraqi authorities must ensure that the new constitution reflects all fundamental human rights guarantees.

**Voices from the frontline** Disasters like the Asian tsunami disaster make women more vulnerable to violence.

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