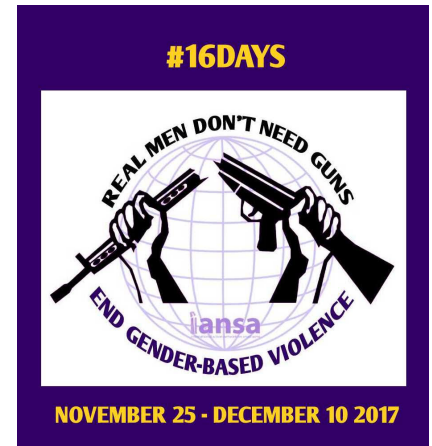


16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence November 25- December 10

About the campaign

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence is a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The focus of the 26th year of the campaign in 2017 is working together to end gender-based violence through education. The goal of the campaign is to continue to build awareness of and advocate for an end to all forms of gender-based violence.

The IANSA Women's Network invites you to join us in this campaign using our theme: **"Real Men Don't Need Guns. End Gender-Based Violence."**



Small Arms and Women

- Small arms are used in approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of all killings of women and girls (Femicide).
- Women and girls are the primary victims of gender-based and sexual violence.
- The rate of women's death by gunshot is disproportionate to (lower than) their share of the population, and is disproportionate to (higher than) the extent to which they are owners and users of small arms.
- Women are more likely to be a victim of armed violence, usually at the hands of men, than a perpetrator of it.
- Women who fall victim to femicide often have previously reported being threatened with a small arm against them by their male partners.
- Globally, between 40% to 70% of female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner or family member.
- In countries with the highest rates of femicide, more than half of killings of women and girls are perpetrated with small arms.
- Both during and after armed conflict, women and girls are exposed to many forms of gender-based violence as direct and indirect consequences of the misuse of small arms and light weapons.
- Following conflict, women may experience the lasting effects of small arms on society, as they are reluctant to return home due to ongoing violence and lasting weapons within the population.

What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

The SDGs are a universal call action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. These 17 Goals are interconnected and reach the challenges

of climate change, economic inequality, gender equality, and peace and justice among other priorities. The SDGs provide clear guidelines for tackling these challenges and provide a unique opportunity to put the world on a more prosperous and peaceful path. The SDGs offer promise to end gender based violence with target 5.2.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 5.2 : Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.

Achieving the SDGs is up to each one of us. By participating in this campaign you can help achieve SDG Goal 5.2.



Small Arms and Men

- Most the world's estimated 875 million small arms are in male hands.
- Most perpetrators of small arms violence are male.
- Marginalized young men frequently perceive violence as a way to attain positions of social and economic status and exert control over their communities.
- More than 84% of people who die violently every year around the world are male.
- Young men (15-29) are especially vulnerable and are the primary victims of violence in general.
- The association of masculinity with small arms possession and violent behavior is socially constructed.
- Addressing the problem of violent masculinity requires a redefinition of what it means to be a man-giving meaning to manhood that does not involve aggression or violence.
- Male soldiers and police officers suffering from post-traumatic stress are much more likely to use psychological and physical aggression against their intimate partners.

International Days Coinciding with the 16 Days of Activism

November 25- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

December 1- World AIDS Day

December 3- International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 9- International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of the Crime

December 10- Human Rights Day

Faces of Change

"Striving for the wellbeing of people in my country gives me strength--not guns."



Baffour, Ghana

"Women in the US are 11 times more likely to be murdered with guns than women in other high-income countries. This can and must be stopped."



Erica, United States

"Education & learning about the UN give me strength--not guns."



Aaron, Taiwan