



# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10, 2021

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WorldYWCA

The #16Days is a global international campaign annually held between November 25 to December 10 to bring awareness on violence against women (VAW). The initiative was launched by the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) in 1991 and since 2008 counts with the leadership of United Nations Secretary-General under the UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women campaign - an opportunity to raise awareness and advocacy around the topic.

**In 2021, the campaign completes its anniversary with the theme of femicide or the gender-related killing of women.**

The World YWCA invites you to look at the theme from an intergenerational lens, inviting all generations to work together for the 16 days. We have one common end goal: a world free from violence of any form<sup>1</sup>.

## Trends on femicide and domestic violence across the globe:

**According to the World Health Organization (WHO), femicide is generally understood as the intentional murder of women because they are women.**

- The data on femicide across the globe remain unrecognised, under reported and undocumented. Reliable sources of information are often not available and a considerable amount of cases are classified as a general homicide, instead of femicide.
- Femicide affects women from different cultures, religions, across ages.
- Femicide is not covered by national laws in most of the countries around the world, which makes impunity frequent in this type of violence against women, young women and girls.

### Global data on femicide



**87,000**

women around the world were intentionally killed in 2017



**6 women**

per hour are killed by men, mostly by men in their own family or their partners



More than

**1/3 of women**

who are intentionally killed are killed by a current or former intimate partner

### Domestic violence



**1 in 3 women**

worldwide are subject to physical or sexual violence caused by an intimate partner or non-partner.



**42% of women**

who experience intimate partner violence report an injury as a consequence of this violence.

### Different types of femicide across the globe

#### Honour killings

Murder committed by male against female family members who are perceived to have brought dishonor upon the family



**50% of victims**

worldwide were tortured before dying

#### Female infanticide

Intentional killing of female children due to the preference for a male son



**1 in 9 deaths**

of females in India Below 5-years-old may be attributed to postnatal sex selection

#### LGBTIQ+ Murders

Violence against LGBTIQ+ women includes violence faced by women who are sexually and/or romantically interested in other women, transgender women, transgender men, and women who may not identify with any of these groups but are perceived by others as defying gender or sexuality norms



**4 LGBTIQ+**

people are murdered every day in Latin America and the Caribbean

<sup>1</sup>In 2019, during a World Council, the World YWCA movement adopted the term 'Femicide' when referring to murders of women and girls, caused due to their gender, as opposed to the general term homicide. It is our conviction that the official use of the term will actively and directly contribute to the sensitization and pressure towards national governments and institutions so that this issue is addressed



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## HERE IS HOW YOU CAN ENGAGE DURING THE #16DAYS

Throughout this period, we encourage you to:

- Coordinate online or in-person events and activities for #16Days to address the main issues concerning violence against women;
- Create safe spaces to stimulate conversations and awareness activities on: What individuals and organisations can do to raise awareness on femicide? What can you do to prevent femicide in your community? How can you support victims of gender-based violence?
- Do you know survivors, activists and/ or women's rights advocates that work to end or prevent femicide? Get in contact with them to gather their perspectives on how to tackle the topic;
- Wear the colour orange (you can take pictures with a group of people wearing clothes in this same colour) and/or add orange to physical and virtual spaces throughout the 16 days of activism, like workplaces or monuments in cities and communities, online spaces such as the websites, e-signatures, social media accounts etc. We advise you to take pictures of this type of activity and post online to stimulate others to do the same;
- Follow our campaign on social media by engaging with the posts under the hashtags #YWCALeaders and #16days
- Host a virtual prayer for the victims of femicide and/or an event with your local community or church to discuss ways to internally prevent domestic violence and femicide.



Here are some tools that can support you with the organization of these activities:

- How to conduct a virtual safe space (video).
- How to conduct a virtual safe space (written guide).
- How to support survivors of gender-based violence when a gbv actor is not available in your area.
- 10 ways you can help end violence against women, even during a pandemic.
- 16 ways to end violence towards girls.
- 10 ways men can prevent gender-based violence.



Keen to learn more around what is happening around the world for #16Days?  
Access the **16 days around the world map**. You can also add your event to this database to reach more people online.

Did you know about these special days?

Between November 25 - 10 December, different international dates are celebrated. We advise you to take note of them as you engage offline and online:

Follow the calendar:

**25** November  
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

**29** November  
International Women Human Rights Defenders Day

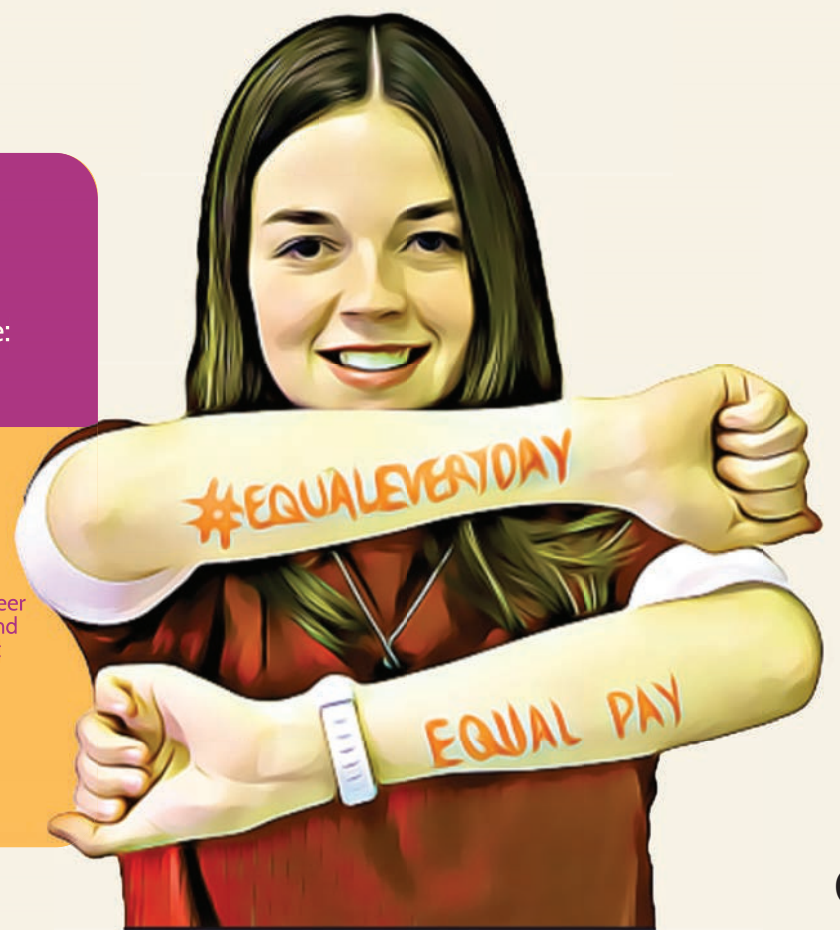
**29** November  
International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

**01** December  
World AIDS Day

**03** December  
International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**05** December  
International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

**10** December  
International Human Rights Day







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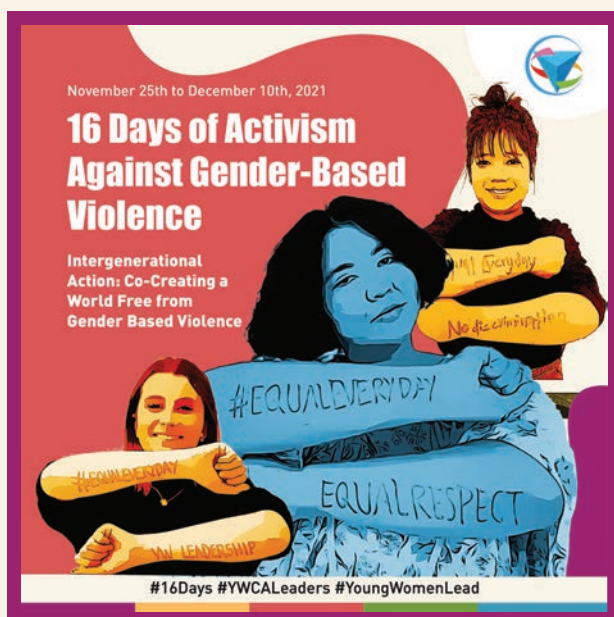
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HERE ARE SOME TEMPLATES AND RESOURCES FOR YOU!

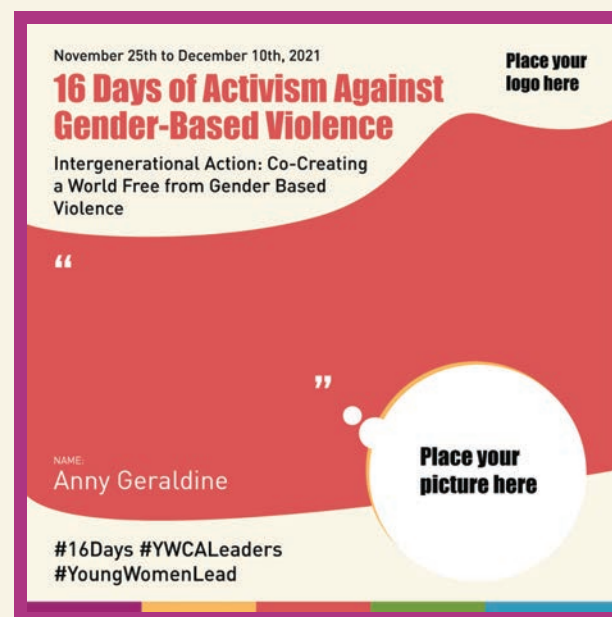
## Orientations to use social media templates

(Use the hashtags: #YWCALeaders #YoungWomenLead #16Days)



(1) Share this year's ready-to-use template with your favourite description:

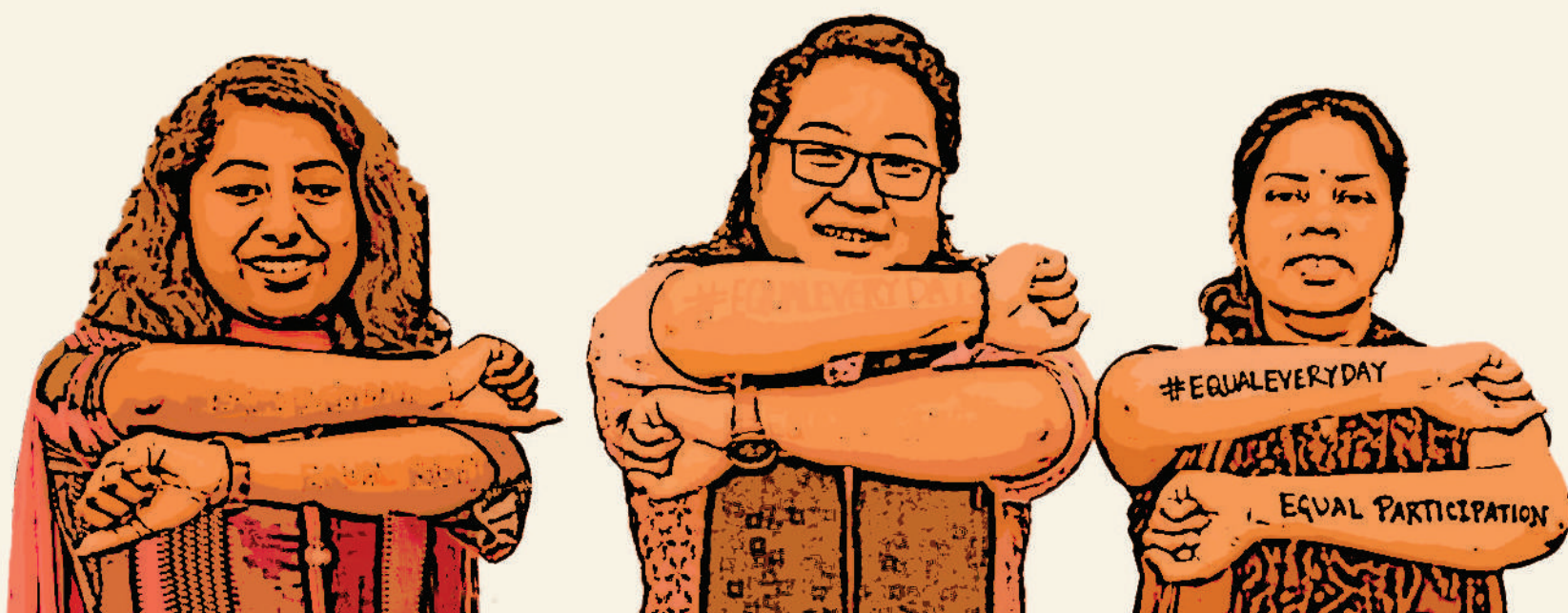
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(2) Want to add your own message to the campaign? We invite you to use our customisable template following the instructions below:

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Access more templates, documents, resources and event links here on this customized board



## RESOURCES

### Virtual Safe Spaces:

English  
Spanish  
French

### Glossary

World YWCA Glossary and Definitions

### Comics

Engaging with Consent  
More Inclusivity, More Power to All  
Safe Space

### Videos

Apinya's story: Domestic Violence  
Muskan's Story: End Child Marriage  
Afia's Story: Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)  
ABC to CSE  
A Better World is Possible - English  
A Better World is Possible - Spanish  
A Better World is Possible - French  
COVID-19: YWCAs are addressing the pandemic of gender-based violence

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