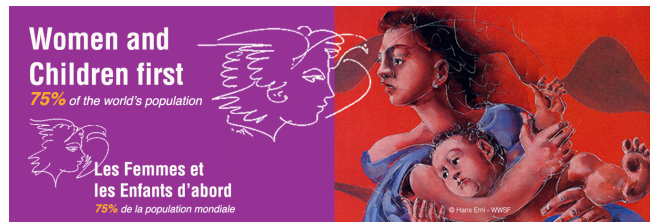




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Serving Humanity: Women, Children and Youth First!



WWSF Newsletter - Edition November 2023

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Dear WWSF Partners and Friends,

We are happy to inform you of the launch of our annual 19 Days Campaign Kit comprising 19 themes that demand urgent participation and new ideas for change as violence against children and youth is still increasing in our world today according to the latest UN reports.

Editorial

Message from the WWSF President / CEO



Editorial

August 2023

Dear Campaign Partners and Friends,

We invite you, as every year since 2011, to use our annual **Campaign Kit "19 Days of activism for the Prevention of Violence and Abuse against Children and Youth - 1-19 November"** edition 2023, and commemorate the **19 November - World Day** (poster available on p.64).

As always, you are invited to choose from the selected 19 themes and ideas for action (not exhaustive) for your civil society action to turn the world around for better and more robust prevention measures to guarantee - one day - a world fit for children and youth.

Why do these issues still exist today?**Why, in this modern world, do we find ourselves still fighting for basic rights for children in 2023?**

With the introduction of the 19 Days campaign, WWSF started a dynamic way to draw attention to increase not only civil society activities, but also to increase action by Governments. How can we hold our Leaders to account is the question we must ask ourselves today and begin to strategize new ways to influence progress.

We wish to thank our registered members and partners who sent us their 2022 activity reports, which are always a gift to read, and which we mentioned in our official annual WWSF Activity Report, submitted to the Swiss government, and published on our website. www.woman.ch

For 2023, we decided to give visibility to children from around the world reminding world leaders to "Walk their Talk" when it comes to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. (most signed-on UN Convention to-date).



In solidarity and partnership, and collaboration with our secretariat team,
Maria Elfriede (Elly) Pradervand, WWSF President / CEO / UN Representative in Geneva and New York

Find us on social media and give us a follow, like, and/or a share!



2023 Call to Action Kit: 19 Days of Activism for prevention of violence against children and youth 1-19 November
Convener: Women's World Summit Foundation / Children-Youth Section - wdpca@wssf.ch - www.woman.ch

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More and more people are asking "when will our leaders let women, children and youth co-lead with them the world we want and the UN we need? After all women, children and youth represent 6 billion of the world population and have so little to say in decision-making. This must change.

Follow our daily Social Media alerts on Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook, and use our appeals in your communities, schools and families to empower the world for more conscious relationships in communities and families for children to grow up with more care and protection from abuse and violence.

More and more youth are emerging as conscious change-makers and remind world leaders that the time has come to WALK the TALK. We are still asking ourselves how is it that in 2023, with so many organizations, great UN strategies, experts and

Download the Kit from [our website](#) and find your theme(s) and let us know what your plans are for this year's call to action.

[Registration Form](#)



2) Use our 19 November - WorldDay Poster - for prevention of violence and abuse against children and youth for your activities and events.

Use our 19 November 2023 - World Day Poster for your activities and events

19

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violence against children & youth - SDG Target # 16.2

In synergy with
Universal Children's Day
Respect for Children's Rights

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Journée Mondiale prévention violence envers les enfants
Día Mundial Prevención del violencia contra los Niños
Welttag Vorbeugung von Gewalt an Kindern




- You are invited to use this poster to publish your activity and move others to join you. Share with us your plans and posters to help realize the UN SDG Target # 16.2: « End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children by 2030 »
- **Endorsement from the late Revered Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate**
"I support the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November. Tragically thousands of children are abused daily, often by those closest to them. I endorse this campaign enthusiastically and hope that many more will offer their support." (2005)
 - (UN stats) "1 in 10 children is sexually abused before the age of 18
 - In 2022 NCMEC's CyberTipline received more than 32 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation
 - Violence against children affects more than 1 billion children around the world & costs societies up to US\$ 7 trillion a year
 - SDG Target 16.2 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to "end abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against, and torture of, children".
 - Every five minutes, a child dies as a result of violence.
 - Only 14% of the world's children are legally protected from corporal punishment.

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Create your Circle of compassion

<https://www.woman.ch/19-days-of-activism-prevention-kit/training-workshops-creating-community-circles-of-compassion/>

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It takes compassion to end violence against children & youth. The SDG Target # 16.2 needs our commitment!

3) Create your community "Circle of compassion" to speed up reaching SDG Target #16.2

Consult our presentation for Circles of compassion, and share it with your network, work place and family, and be creative in uniting your community to organize a Circle of Compassion for the end of violence and abuse against children and youth.



<https://www.woman.ch/19-days-of-activism-prevention-kit/training-workshops-creating-community-circles-of-compassion/>

You may even wish to create your city to become a “A city of Compassion”, an idea that already exists in the USA.

Find out about their programs, get inspired and follow living and leading from the heart.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/toyota/2013/09/23/the-10-most-compassionate-u-s-cities/>

4) Sustainable Development Goal # 16

Global progress report on Sustainable Development Goal 16 indicators;
A wake-up call for action on peace, justice and inclusion

- UNODC / UNDP / Office of High Commissioner on Human Rights

<https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2023-09/undp-unodc-unhchr-global-progress-report-on-sdg-16-indicators.pdf>

Selected excerpts:

“SDG Target 16.2:

“End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against children”



This target is far from being achieved. Violence against children remains prevalent in the domestic sphere and in exploitative situations. More than half of all children in most reporting countries continue to experience physical punishment or psychological aggression as a form of discipline and child victims of trafficking in persons are almost twice as likely to be subjected to physical or extreme violence as

at the global level, mainly due to a reduction in the capacity of national authorities to identify victims and prevent traffickers from operating.

Key Policy Implications: National justice systems should enforce current laws that address violence committed against children, particularly in low- to middle-income countries, where a significant portion of victims of trafficking in persons is composed of minors...”

- **UN Secretary General BRIEFS MEMBER STATES ON PROGRESS AND OUR COMMON AGENDA**

A wake-up call for action on peace, justice and inclusion

“The Global Progress Report on SDG # 16 Indicators warns that progress on Goal 16 “is moving in the wrong direction” and calls for action to reverse the current trend.

Rising violence and evolving nature of conflict: At nearly 17,000, the number of civilians killed in war operations jumped 53% from 2021, a first-time increase since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- **Child trafficking is on the rise:** While the number of detected victims dropped in 2019-2020, the percentage of child victims grew from 28% in 2014 to 35% in 2021
- **Access to justice remains limited:** Crimes such as robbery, physical assault, and sexual assault go unreported by more than half the victims, while the total number of persons in detention and the share of unsentenced detainees increased in 2021.
- **Bribery affects individuals and businesses:** More people were asked to pay or paid a bribe to a public official differs in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) than in upper middle-income countries (MICs) and high-income countries (HICs).
- **Human rights defenders and journalists are facing increased risks:** The report flags a 40% rise in killings and a nearly 300% increase in enforced disappearances from 2021 to 2022.

“The report points to increasing evidence of the interlinkages between peaceful, just, and inclusive societies and ending poverty and inequality, between reduced homicide rates and improvements in gross domestic product (GDP), and between quality governance systems and better development and human rights outcomes. It stresses the need for more investment in data to enable evidence-based decisions to better protect those most at risk of being left behind.

“Peace and prosperity for people and the planet – the promise the international community made when adopting the SDGs – will only be possible with decisive and innovative action on SDG 16,” said Executive Director of UNODC, Ghada Waly.

transformative change for the rest of the Goals,” UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Ilze Brands Kehris, emphasized.”



The report was launched during the UN General Assembly (UNGA) High-level Week, on 21 September 2023. [Publication: [The Global Progress Report on Sustainable Development Goal 16 Indicators: A Wake-up Call for Action on Peace, Justice and Inclusion](#)]

<https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2023-09/undp-unodc-unhchr-global-progress-report-on-sdg-16-indicators.pdf>

**5) The world needs leaders leading from the heart!
Join our 75% campaign**

“Leadership Training for Women and Youth”



Invitation to register your organization, your network or local group to join the 75% campaign, learn and share about its **Leadership Training Forums for Women and Youth**, to help create a new era with the inclusion of women, children and youth – 6 billion of us – and claim a seat at the Decision-making Tables co-designing our world for the general good for All, leaving no one behind.

“Women and youth belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception.” These words, spoken by the late US

decisions are being made.

« When Women, Children & Youth unite for a better world,
it will be a power such as the world has never known".

Registration Form in English and French, including the Concept Note are available on our [website](https://www.woman.ch/concept-note-vision-mission-and-objective) (<https://www.woman.ch/concept-note-vision-mission-and-objective>)

*Registered 75% members are invited to our Zoom event before the end of the year 2023 to co-create the Leadership Training Program for March 2024 Forum with member's input and empowerment. You will also receive regular information **via a Google group** that is being set up for all registered members to share ideas, agendas of events and empower each other.*

6. *How to financially support the WWSF campaigns*

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As an independent, not-for-profit, international, lay NGO, the WWSF Foundation welcomes financial support from private individuals, enterprises and organizations which share our vision and mission supporting the **75% campaign**.

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[link here for website 75%](#)



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*75% Campaign
Creating the power
for change.*

Dear Friends and Partners, **WWSF** serves with its annual empowerment campaigns the creation of a global movement “75%: Actors for the common good!” to boost the implementation of UN binding Conventions for the rights of women and children; the Beijing Platform for Action and the annual recommendations of the UN Commission on the Status of Women; the Women and Peace Resolution 1325, and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.

In partnership and solidarity, Maria Elfriede (Elly) Pradervand, Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) President / CEO / UN representative, in collaboration with our campaign team and sponsors. www.woman.ch - wdpca@wwsf.ch - Tel: +41 (0) 22 738 66 19.

About us: *WWSF, created in 1991 in International Geneva, Switzerland, as a not-for-profit, humanitarian, international, lay organization for the realization of women's and children's right to have a voice and claiming a seat at the Table. WWSF mobilizes via its annual Campaigns, Round tables, World days, and Prize awards, civil society actors to catalyze increased actions for the common good to help reach the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.*

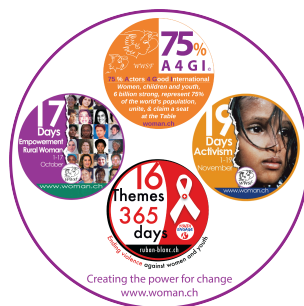
"Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it;

Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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