STOP THE VIOLENCE Speak out for girls' rights

STOP THE VIOLENCE is the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) global campaign to end violence against girls and women. Launched in 2011 the campaign is working towards the prevention and elimination of violence against girls and women through EDUCATION, AWARENESS RAISING, LOBBYING, POLICY & RESEARCH and COMMUNITY ACTION. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world are taking action in their schools, local communities and across their countries.

## **STOP THE VIOLENCE**

## **Education:**

In 2013 WAGGGS partnered with UN Women to create the Voices against Violence (VAV) curriculum. It's a non-formal educational curriculum and is delivered to girls only and co-educational groups from ages 5-25 through peer-to-peer learning. Through VAV participants learn about their rights, develop new life skills, discuss and challenge negative gender norms.

## **Deliver VAV in your**

**community:** Violence against girls and women is a very sensitive but important issue for us to teach young people about. We can provide support for you to deliver VAV and give you access to our curriculum by visiting www. stoptheviolencecampaign.org

This is a snapshot of STV and is not a comprehensive picture of the campaign

Awareness raising: To stop violence against girls and women we must expose violence in all its forms, condemn it, speak out about our experiences and support victims.

Through conversations, engaging in community action, protesting, petitions, media engagement, social media and in lots of other ways Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are raising awareness about the dangers girls and women face, the need for change in attitudes and behavior and they are calling on their communities to join them in taking action.

**Get Involved:** Start a conversation and use your voice to raise awareness about the violence girls and women in your community are experiencing. Visit www.stoptheviolencecampaign. org to get some ideas on action you can take to raise awareness, support victims and end violence against girls and women personally, locally, nationally and globally.

Get step-by-step guidance on how to build a campaign to tackle specific forms of violence to make a difference in the lives of girls and women in your community from www.stoptheviolencecampaign.org **Lobbying:** Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are lobbying decision makers that have the power to stop the violence by speaking out about their experiences, calling for laws and policies that protect girls and women and demanding that perpetrators be prosecuted for their actions.

Get Involved: Identify laws and polices in your country that protect girls and women from violence. Do they address the particular forms of violence that girls and women are experiencing in your community and in your country? Use those laws and policies to hold your government to account, demand implementation, demand action! If there is no protection through the law lobby your government to create laws and policies that hold perpetrators accountable and offer support and protection to victims. Remember many governments have signed and ratified international declarations and conventions where they have committed to protect girls and women from violence. They are responsible for ensuring that they meet these commitments.

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Convention on all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Beijing Platform for Action

.

- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Maputo Protocol African Union
- Istanbul Convention European Union
- Global Goals for Sustainable Development

Policy and Community Research Action STV IMPACT STV campaign is now in 69 countries 9000 vouth leaders have been trained • 78,000 young people have completed the VAV curriculum In Malta Support for victims of gender based violence has improved, FGM is now illegal and domestic violence laws have been improved thanks to the campaigning of Maltese Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Girl Guides in Rwanda are joining forces with boys to start anti-violence clubs in school Girl Guides in Barbados has influenced the Domestic Violence bill and have contributed to it is drafting Malaysian Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have been raising awareness about dating violence in school Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in Togo have advocated for education on healthy relationships to be part of the school curriculum Girl Guides in Rwanda are running groups for survivors of sexual violence in the community

- and delivering VAV to women in prison
  In Italy Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are partnering boys to speak out about domestic violence
- Support Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world to continue to have impact and transform lives through STV by visiting www. stoptheviolencecampaign.org



VIOLENCE Speak out for girls' rights

STOP

**STV IMPACT AROUND THE** WORLD: ARGENTINA ARMENIA AUSTRALIA BAHRAIN BANGLADESH BARBADOS BENIN BOLIVIA BRAZIL **BURKINA FASO** CAMBODIA **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC** CHAD CHILE COLOMBIA CONGO COSTA RICA DENMARK DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO EGYPT FIJI GRENADA HUNGARY INDIA IRELAND ITALY IVORY COAST

JAMAICA

JAPAN

