

International Day to Eliminate Violence against Women

"Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!"

Opening session, 25 November 2020

The [16 Days of Activism](#) against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is an international campaign that takes place each year since 1991. It commences on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day, indicating that violence against women is the most pervasive breach of human rights worldwide. It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals, institutions and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

Every year the United Nations Secretary-General's campaign, UNiTE to End Violence against Women (UNiTE), calls for global action to increase awareness and create opportunities for addressing GBV. The United Nations system participates in the 16 Days of Activism Campaign by organising a range of events: marches, exhibits, concerts, sporting events, debates, etc. The Rome-based agencies (RBAs) of the United Nations put together a joint programme.

On 25 November – the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls – the RBAs will open the annual 16 Days of Activism with an event hosted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

This year, we invite colleagues and partners to see at how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected gender inequalities at a domestic level- increasing not only physical violence against women and girls, but also sexual, economic and psychological violence.

Agenda

Time	Session	Speaker
10:30	Welcome remarks by the Vice-President of IFAD	Dominik Ziller Vice-President of IFAD
10:40	Address by a Member-State Representative	H.E. Céline Jurgensen Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to FAO, IFAD and WFP
10:45	Address by WFP Deputy Executive Director	Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director of WFP
10:55	Keynote address by Vibha Bakshi	Vibha Bakshi
11:10	Film preview	Film Director & Producer
11:15	Interact with the Film Director	
11:50	Closing remarks by FAO Deputy Director-General	Maria Helena Semedo Deputy Director-General of FAO

Master of ceremonies:

Ndaya Beltchika, Lead Technical Specialist - Gender and Social Inclusion, IFAD.

Registration Link:

https://ifad.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bVPLiIwHR824eFk_p8H9Iq

The event is in English only