

# MAKING IT COUNT

## The 2011 Global Count One Day Tracking Domestic Violence Around the Globe

Domestic violence affects women, children, families, and communities in every country. The 2011 Global Count is an opportunity for us to bring the prevalence and the extent of violence against women out of the shadows and into the light.

We hope that the below overview will help you to use the 2011 Global Count Report to raise awareness of the issue of violence against women globally and locally – **make it count!**

### **MEDIA POINTS:**

*Together, we can change attitudes, behaviours and institutions and bring community members, the justice system, and others into our efforts to eradicate violence against women.*

- Who is the Global Network of Women's Shelters
- What is violence against women/domestic violence
- What is the extent of violence against women globally
- What is the extent of violence against women in your community
- What are the legislative, public education and advocacy issues in your community
- What is the work you and your partners are doing to support women and children at risk in your community.

### **Who is the Global Network of Women's Shelters?**

The Global Network of Women's Shelters is made up of 20 shelter organizations from 17 countries. Its international membership is bound together by the following goals:

1. To be a strong and active global network with a recognized international voice
2. To ensure global awareness of violence against women and their children
3. To support and strengthen the women's shelter movement
4. To promote effective policies and their implementation in order to prevent violence and protect and empower women and their children
5. To promote social change that ends violence and oppression against women and their children

### **What is the 2011 Global Count?**

The 2011 Global Count is a snapshot of one day in the lives of women seeking refuge at women's shelters around the world. It is the third census conducted by the Global Network of Women's Shelters. It represents information provided by 2,636 participating shelters and 25 shelter networks from 36 countries.

The Global Count was presented at the **2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference of Women's Shelters**, held in Washington, D.C., USA from February 27 – March 1, 2012. The conference brought together activists and advocates to share how their shelters and safe spaces are helping victims of violence and working to end violence against women.

## **What we found GLOBALLY on the One Day Count**

On just one day around the world 56,308 women and 39,130 children sought refuge from domestic violence at women's shelters. Of those, 520 women were known to be pregnant.

Not everyone received help: 7,608 women and 4,734 children were turned away. A total of 12,342 women and children were subject to continued risk.

Lack of government financial and legislative support is a concern for shelters globally. In 18 countries, poor legislation or ineffective implementation contributed to challenges reported by shelters. Shelters in 25 countries highlighted lack of government funding as a challenge to providing services, while shelters in 17 countries cannot provide equitable wages for staff while shelters in 9 countries struggle to find trained professional staff.

## **What is happening GLOBALLY to address violence against women**

- The organization of shelters into supportive networks
- National prevention and awareness campaigns
- Programs working with men to bring about change
- New national legislation to combat violence against women

## **What we are doing LOCALLY to make a difference**

### **Who are we?**

- Identify your organization and your mission or purpose
- Identify the role your organization plays locally/nationally to address violence against women.

### **What we found LOCALLY on the One Day Count**

- How many women and children stayed at your shelter and/or the total numbers collected by your shelter network for the Global Count.
- Highlight the main trends about violence against women that are emerging in your communities (e.g., increase in violence against seniors, migrants, etc.)

### **What is happening LOCALLY to address violence against women and children in your community(s)**

- Create awareness about the partnerships, advocacy, legislative initiatives and public education that are taking place in your community, e.g., legislation against femicide, partnerships between the police and shelters/shelter networks, public education and awareness events such as days against violence.

**How you can make a difference in your community**

**Contact Person:**

**Shelter/Network:**

**Voice Phone Number FAX Number:**

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