

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!"

Opening Session: November 25th, 2020 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

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 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 IFAD. This year, we invite colleagues and partners to take a look 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 President of IFAD	Gilbert Houngbo, President of IFAD
10:40	Address by Member state representative (TBC)	
10:45	Address by WFP Executive Director (TBC)	David Beasley, Executive Director of WFP
10:55	Son Rise – Film Preview	
11:00	Key note speech by Vibha Bakshi	Vibha Bakshi, Film Director & Producer
11:10	Interact with the Film Director	
11:30	Stand-up against Gender-based Violence Voices and testimonials across regions	TBC
11:50	Closing remarks by FAO Director-General	Qu Dongyu, Director-General of FAO

Master of ceremonies: Ndaya Beltchika, Lead Technical Specialist - Gender and Social Inclusion