



E NEWSLETTER

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VAWnet's eNewsletter provides regular updates on new resources available online, and is intended for wide distribution. Please feel free to forward this information to colleagues, advocates, community members and others with an interest in issues related to violence against women. Those interested in signing up to receive VAWnet eNewsletters via email can contact us by phone at (800) 537-2238 or by using our online contact form at <http://new.vawnet.org/specialdocs/aboutus/contactus.html>.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS



March 8, 2008 is International Women's Day

Celebrated on March 8, International Women's Day is a global day connecting women around the world and recognizing their struggles to secure human rights and peace. Resources are offered below on the 2008 theme, "Investing in Women and Girls" in addition to materials on global violence against women. Also listed in this eNewsletter are existing materials from the VAWnet collection that relate to violence against women internationally.



- For more information about previous years and themes, visit the **United Nations: Women Watch** website at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/iwd/index.html>.
- To learn more about IWD and its history, visit the **UN Cyber School Bus** at <http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/womensday/index.asp>.
- There are currently 339 IWD 2008 events listed on the **IWD Web Site** from 36 different countries at <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>.

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Announcing the International Women's Day Special Collection Series

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, with support from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, has chosen to begin to explore and support women's efforts worldwide to protest, resist, organize and create in the face of oppression and violence. To this end, we introduce a series of resources organized around the theme of International Women's Day. Special Collections include: **Working To End Violence Against Women in Brazil, Iraq: Insecurity and Violence Against Women, and Little Children are Sacred: Exploring Accountability to Australia's Aboriginal Children.**

http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=781

ANNOUNCEMENTS



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) theme for 2008 is **Prevent Sexual Violence... in our workplaces**. Designed to help employers recognize the vital role workplace culture plays in the prevention of sexual violence, this theme promotes a healthy work environment. The SAAM Day of Action, observed this year on April 3, 2008, is recognized nationally as a specific day to focus awareness on sexual violence prevention. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center encourages participants and those planning activities to visit the website for ideas on how to observe this day in your community and to post your events on the online calendar. <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/>



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed April 13-19, 2008 with the theme, "Justice for Victims. Justice for All." The **2008 NCVRW Resource Guide** was developed by the Office for Victims of Crime as a ready-made guide containing materials such as posters, model speeches, press releases, public service announcements, camera-ready artwork, and crime victimization statistical overviews for use by the field when planning for local NCVRW events across the nation, and to help local communities promote awareness of crime victim issues throughout the year.

<http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw2008/welcome.html#sections>



PCADV Seeks Executive Director

The **Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV)** www.pcadv.org is seeking a new Executive Director with visionary leadership, a deep passion for women's rights and social change and the capacity to influence change in systems' responses to domestic violence as well as the public's beliefs about domestic violence. This dedicated and compassionate professional will bring a wealth of experience to an established and respected organization. To apply please email your resume along with a cover letter explaining your interest in the organization and salary requirements to: PCADV@transitionguides.com or to PCADV Executive Director Search, c/o TransitionGuides, 1751 Elton Road, Silver Spring, MD 20903. Review of the resumes begins Monday, March 3. The search will remain open until the position is filled. PCADV is an equal opportunity employer.

http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/PCADV-EDPositionSummary.pdf

FEATURED ADDITIONS



New National Report Released by NNEDV

Domestic Violence Counts: 07. A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelter and services across the United States by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (2008)

This Census collects an unduplicated count of adults and children seeking services from domestic violence shelter programs in the US during a single 24-hour survey period. On September 25, 2007, 69% of identified domestic violence programs participated.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1298>



CDC Announces New Data

Adverse Health Conditions and Health Risk Behaviors Associated with Intimate Partner Violence - United States, 2005 from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (February 8, 2008)

This report indicates that persons who report having experienced IPV during their lifetimes also are more likely to report current adverse health conditions and health risk behaviors, underscoring the need for IPV assessment in health-care settings.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1299>

* See also: **Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Victimization Assessment Instruments for Use in Healthcare Settings** from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (2007)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1237>



CDC Announces Research on Childhood Stress and Health Consequences

The Effects of Childhood Stress on Health Across the Lifespan by Jennifer S. Middlebrooks, MSW, MPH and Natalie C. Audage, MPH for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (2008)

This document summarizes the available research on childhood stress and its long-term consequences. Of particular interest is the stress caused by child abuse, neglect, and repeated exposure to intimate partner violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1309>



Funding Alert

Volume 3, Issue 10: March 19, 2008 by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Government and private grants are included in this issue.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1314>

NEW MATERIALS: INVESTING IN WOMEN AND GIRLS

Delivering on the Promise of Equality: UNFPA's Strategic Framework for Gender Mainstreaming and Women's Empowerment 2008-2011 by the United Nations Population Fund (2007)

This report articulates a corporate strategy for working with governments and partners in promoting gender equality.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1293>

Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women: Report of the Expert Group Meeting, Oslo, Norway from the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (September 2007)

Themes from this meeting hosted by the Government of Norway in Oslo include: macroeconomic policies, public finance and gender-responsive budgeting, bilateral and multilateral aid, and funding the women's movement.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1277>

Gender Justice: A citizen's guide to gender accountability at international financial institutions by The Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) & Gender Action (July 2007)

This Guide compares IFI accountability mechanisms and gender policies to facilitate efforts by locally-impacted and other concerned individuals to raise gender-related concerns and to seek redress for gender-related impacts resulting from IFI operations.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1280>

Gender-responsive call circulars and gender budget statements by Debbie Budlender for the UNIFEM Gender Responsive Budgeting Program, Guidance sheet series: No. 1 (January 2007)

This guidance sheet is designed to assist government officials and gender equality advocates in their efforts to make gender responsive budgeting a reality in their countries.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1281>

Gender Responsive Budgeting in Practice: A Training Manual by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (2006)

This training manual was produced under a UNFPA/UNIFEM strategic partnership aimed at developing a coordinated approach for effective technical assistance to gender-responsive budgeting (GRB).

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1294>

Girls Count: A Global Investment & Action Agenda by Ruth Levine, Cynthia Lloyd, Margaret Greene, and Caren Grown for the Center for Global Development (2008)

This report describes why and how to initiate effective investments that will give adolescent girls in developing countries a full and equal chance for rewarding lives and livelihoods.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1291>

The global gender gap report 2007 by Ricardo Hausmann, Laura D. Tyson, and Saadia Zahidi for the World Economic Forum (2007)

The Gender Gap Index assesses countries on how well they are dividing their resources and opportunities among their male and female populations, regardless of the overall levels of these resources and opportunities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1292>

Money & Movements: International Meeting Resources Page from the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) (November 9-11, 2006)

This resource page includes audiofiles (MP3 format) of key presentations, as well as selected PowerPoint slides on topics including funding, mobilization, movement-building, communication, new aid modalities, and impacting change.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1279>

Promoting Gender Equality in New Aid Modalities and Partnerships from UNIFEM (March 2006)

Intended for policy-makers currently adjusting to the new aid modalities, this document identifies an initial set of considerations to ensure that gender equality is central in implementation.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1276>

The Second Fundher Report: Financial Sustainability for Women's Movements Worldwide by Joanna Kerr for the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) (June 2007)

This report answers fundamental questions related to resource mobilization and movement-building including: How should we mobilize new resources to build stronger feminist movements in order to advance women's rights worldwide?

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1278>

The State of the World's Children 2007: Women and Children - The double dividend of gender equality by The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (2006)

This report examines the discrimination and disempowerment women face throughout their lives and shows how investment in women's rights will ultimately produce a double dividend: advancing the rights of both women and children.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1282>

SVAW Activist Toolkit: Making Rights a Reality - Gender Awareness Workshops by Amnesty International (April 2004)

This gender awareness pack contains over 24 hours of ready-to-use workshop material divided into two modules. It contains a total of eight detailed step-by-step session plans.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1296>

NEW MATERIALS: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GLOBALLY

Facts about Violence: U.S. Statistics & Global by Feminist.com (Updated 2007)

The article lists 45 facts about violence against women in the U.S. and globally along with their sources.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1285>

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: A statistical exploration by The United Nations Children's Fund (November 2005)

This publication analyzes available statistics on female genital mutilation/cutting, with the aim of improving understanding of related issues in the wider context of gender equality and social change.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1289>

Not a Minute More: Ending Violence Against Women by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (2003)

This publication surveys gender-based violence from various nations around the world to provide an in-depth picture of the various forms of violence experienced by women.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1290>

Profiling Domestic Violence: A Multi-Country Study by Sunita Kishor & Kiersten Johnson for MEASURE DHS+ (June 2004)

This study examines the prevalence and correlates of domestic violence and its health consequences using nationally representative data from nine countries: Cambodia, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Haiti, India, Nicaragua, Peru, and Zambia.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1283>

Violence against Women – Facts and Figures by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (2007)

This article provides facts and figures on violence against women to illustrate the devastating toll on women's lives, on their families, and on society as a whole.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1284>

WHO multi-country study on women's health and domestic violence against women: Initial results on prevalence, health outcomes and women's responses by Claudia García-Moreno, Henrica A.F.M. Jansen, Mary Ellsberg, Lori Heise & Charlotte Watts, World Health Organization (2005)

This report presents initial results of a cross-section study carried out in ten countries. Findings document the prevalence of intimate partner violence and its association with women's physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1240>

Worldwide Sexual Assault Statistics by George Mason University (2005)

This fact sheet includes worldwide sexual assault statistics along with their resources. It also gives a more specific figure breakdown for each of the following: The United States, Africa, Russia, South Pacific, Canada, Europe, Asia, and South America.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1286>

NEW MATERIALS: OTHER

A Guide to Addressing Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault in a School Setting by Peace Over Violence with assistance from the California Women's Law Center for the Crime and Violence Prevention Center, California Attorney General's Office (February 2008)

This guide details schools' responsibility to take a leadership role to prevent and respond to teen dating and sexual violence in schools and in the community. While the information is specific to California, much can be applied nationally.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1300>

Poverty and Sexual Violence: Building Prevention and Intervention Responses by Donna Greco and Sarah Dawgert for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (2007)

There is a complex and often reciprocal relationship between poverty and sexual violence. This guide is intended to support rape crisis centers in their economic advocacy efforts at all levels of the organization.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1288>

State Court Processing of Domestic Violence Cases by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (February 2008)

Report on a study comparing domestic violence and non-domestic violence sexual and aggravated assault cases filed in state courts of 15 large urban counties during May 2002 on 11 prosecution, conviction and sentencing outcome measures.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1246>

State Housing Laws and Legislation to Ensure Housing Rights for Survivors of Violence Against Women by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (February 25, 2008)

Providing comprehensive information on current, pending and unsuccessfully proposed legislation protecting the housing rights of survivors of domestic violence, this document is intended for use by advocates, attorneys and organizations.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1302>

FROM THE COLLECTION: MATERIALS ON INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Domestic Violence Against Women and Girls by UNICEF, Innocenti Research Centre (May 2000)

Highlights issues of abuse; femicide; forced prostitution; sexual abuse of children; sex-selective abortion, female infanticide and differential access to food and medical care; and, traditional and cultural practices that affect women's health and lives.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=584>

Ending Gender-Based Violence: A call for global action to involve men by Larry Ferguson, Jeff Hearn, Oystein Gullvag Holter, Lars Jalmert, Michael Kimmel, James Lang, & Robe., Sida (2004)

7 masculinity researchers write about masculinity and its link to violence around the world, suggesting ways in which men can be involved in combatting violence. This summary of research includes the Appendix, "Costs of Male Violence" by Stefan de Vylder.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=590>

Ending Violence Against Women by Lori Heise, Mary Ellsberg and Megan Gottemoeller, Series L, Number 11, in Population Reports (December 1999)

Highlights the 2 most prevalent types of abuse in the lives of women and girls around the world: intimate partner violence and rape. Demonstrates how world-wide gender-based violence is a major public health concern, suggesting strategies to respond.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=591>

Facts: Intimate Partner Violence for the World Report on Violence and Health by World Health Organization (WHO)

Describes the global epidemic of IPV in the following categories: The Extent of the Problem; The Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence; What are the Risk Factors for Intimate Partner Violence?; & What Can be Done to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence?

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=613>

Facts: Sexual Violence for the World Report on Violence and Health by World Health Organization (WHO) (2002)

Pulls from selected national studies to describe the global epidemic of sexual violence: The Extent of the Problem; The Consequences of Sexual Violence; What are the Risk Factors for Sexual Violence?; What Can be Done to Prevent Sexual Violence?

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=654>

Global Perspectives on Sexual Violence: Findings from the World Report on Violence and Health by National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2004)

This report seeks to offer a glimpse of the "serious global public health problem" that is sexual violence as well as promising practices and opportunities for those working to end sexual violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=268>

Justice, Change and Human Rights: International Research and Responses to Domestic Violence by Barbara Burton, Nata Duvvury, and Nisha Varia, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) (2000)

Examines 11 projects on domestic violence and how they influenced social and cultural beliefs to more effectively realize women' human rights. Offers a synthesis of Promoting Women in Development (PROWID) project activity on domestic violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=594>

The State of the World Population 2005: The Promise of Equality by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (2005)

Report on the eight Millennium Development Goals, an outgrowth of the Project's conclusion that gender equality is a human right that is key to achieving the other seven goals. This summary highlights Chapter 7, "Gender-Based Violence: A Price Too High."

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=597>

Third Milestones of a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention Report 2007: Scaling Up by World Health Organization (WHO) (2007)

Reviews progress that has been made in violence prevention since October 2002 and sets out what the World Health Organization and its partners can do over the next 5 years to expand programming and to demonstrate the impact of violence prevention.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1075>

Trafficking in Persons: Global Patterns by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (April 2006)

This report attempts to increase understanding about the depth, breadth, and scope of trafficking in persons in hopes of promoting more coordinated and efficient responses to counter trafficking.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1081>

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