

A Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women



25

November



Women's rights activists have observed 25 November as a day against gender-based violence since 1981. This date was selected to honour the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally murdered in 1960 by order of the country's ruler, Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961).

The UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as “any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women”



1 in 3 women and girls experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, most frequently by an intimate partner

1 in 2 women killed worldwide were killed by their partners or family in 2017; while only 1 out of 20 men were killed under similar circumstances

Worldwide, almost 750 million women and girls alive today were married before their 18th birthday; While 200 million women and girls have undergone female genital mutilation

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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