



Final report on the 16 Days to end gender-based violence

2013

UN Gender-theme group

UN Women

Background

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign originating in 1991 from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. The period from 25 November (International Day against Violence against Women) - until 10 December (International Human Rights Day) was set up in order to symbolically link violence against women with the issue of human rights violations. This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, December 1, World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. Over 5167 organizations in approximately 187 countries have participated in the 16 Days Campaign since 1991. The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign continues proclaiming the theme "From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women!" in 2013.

In Kyrgyzstan, the 16 Days campaign has been organized with support of the UN Gender Theme Group, led by UN Women. After an open call for input, feedback was received from the network of UNiTE to end violence against women and girls. UN Women, together with the Gender Theme Group mobilized more than 38 organizations and individuals to the Campaign. The organizers changed the theme into "Time to Act, Kyrgyzstan! Let's Stop Violence against women and girls!" This was perceived to be closer and more related to the Kyrgyzstan country context.

Some fast facts of Kyrgyzstan

- The Ministry of Internal Affairs, which provides a hotline for victims of domestic violence, states that approximately 8,000 to 10,000 calls are received every year
- The Bishkek Central Hospital asserts that 40 to 50 victims of domestic violence are treated each month
- The Bishkek Children's Hospital #3 reports that 3 to 5 child-victims of sexual abuse are treated each month
- The NGO "Women's Support Center" reports on around 11,800 cases of bride kidnapping and 2,000 cases of rape in 2011 (Kyz-Korgon Institute research (year: 2000))

¹ Several civil society organizations and state institutions organized activities based on their own funds.



- UNiTE T-shirts
- UNiTE orange ribbons



- Leaflets (leaflets were sent to all 7 oblasts of Kyrgyzstan on November 24; for Bishkek participants the materials were available at the UN Women office)
- CDs





Additional documents:

The 16 Days Calendar (English, Russian)
Press-release (English, Russian)

Budget²

Asian Development Bank: USD 5.000
OSCE: USD 1.500
Soros Foundation: USD 1.000
National Democratic Institute: USD 500
UNFPA: USD 1.500
UNHRC: USD 2.000
UN Women: USD 5.000
EU UN project: USD 1.000
OHCHR: USD 2.200
UNDP: USD 10.000
UNICEF: USD 2.500
British Embassy: USD 400

Results of the campaign

- **Objective 1:** raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at local, national and regional levels

Over 200 activities were conducted within the 16 Days Campaign all over the country

40352³ people were directly informed about forms of violence in Kyrgyzstan: gender based violence, domestic violence, bride-kidnapping, sexual violence, violence against elderly people, violence against children and etc.

Indirect recipients of the awareness raising campaign: 2.5 million radio listeners all over Kyrgyzstan to radio stories, consultations, information sharing, discussions organized by the implementers. Radio channels such as Yntymak Radio, Talas radio, Issyk Kul "Volna" radio, "Retro FM" radio, "Kyrgyzstan Obondoru" radio, radio "Sanjyra", radio "Most" participated.

Newspaper articles released in "Yiyk Mildet" "Vesti Yssyk Kul" "Yssyk Kul kabarlary"; "KyzylTuu" "Akyikat newspaper" "Nookat Tany" "Vechernii Bishkek" and many other newspapers

² Some of the implementing NGOs have funded the activities by themselves

³ The calculation was based on the submitted reports (some reports are still pending)

TV coverage: “El TR”, “Piramida”, Ysyk-Kul oblast TV, EMTV Karakol; “KTR”, Batken-TV, Osh Pirim TV, Osh TV, Chagilgan production studio.



Social and electronic media information flow:

<http://www.rce.kg/2013/12/06/%D1%80%D1%83%D0%B1%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%BA%D0%B8/news/obs-uzhdenie-voprovov-gendernogo-nasiliya-v-otnoshenii-pozhilyx-zhenshhin/>

<http://osh.akipress.org/news:214111/>

<http://www.avaaz.org/ru/petition/Otsutstvie nakazaniya za nasilstvennoe pohishchenie s celyu prin-uzhdeniya k vstupleniyu v brak vopreki voli devushki/?launch>

<http://openline.kg/video/344-ala-kachyrylgan-kanykeydin-kyzdarga-kayryluusu.html>

http://members.vb.kg/2013/11/26/panorama/1_print.html

http://www.vb.kg/doc/252481_kyrgyzstan_bet_trevogy_v_sviasi_s_iznasilovaniem_devyshek.html

http://www.azattyk.kg/content/kyrgyzstan_talas_region_bride_kidnapping/25187200.html

http://www.azattyk.kg/content/kyrgyzstan_rights_kidnapping/25178019.html

https://www.facebook.com/pages/%D0%9E%D0%A4-%D0%9E%D0%A2%D0%9A%D0%A0%D0%AB%D0%A2%D0%90%D0%AF-%D0%9B%D0%98%D0%9D%D0%98%D0%AF_%D0%9A%D0%AB%D0%97-%D0%90%D0%9B%D0%90-%D0%9A%D0%90%D0%A7%D0%A3%D0%A3/204812639556739

<http://openline.kg/351-fruits-schastya.html>

<http://openline.kg/video/344-ala-kachyrylgan-kanykeydin-kyzdarga-kayryluusu.htm>

www.hrab.kg

https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn_tnmn

<http://bishkekfeminists.kloop.kg/2013/11/25/installyatsiya-flazhkov-prava-zhenshhin-prava-cheloveka-gg-karakol-i-osh/>

http://osh.akipress.org/news:214135/http://osh.akipress.org/news:214135/http://fergana.akipress.org/news:214128/http://www.vb.kg/doc/253567_v_karakole_i_oshe_prohodit_akcia_v_zashity_jenshin_ot_nasiliia.htmlhttp://danek.journalist.kg/2013/12/19/v-oshe-proveli-aktsiyu-protiv-gendernogo-nasiliya/

http://www.aiymjk.kg/index.php?act=view_material&id=254

<http://cso-central.asia/installyaciya-flazhkov-kak-prizyv-pokonchit-s-nasiliem/>

UNiTE Facebook followers <https://www.facebook.com/UNiTEKG?fref=ts> increased from **300 to 500 people**. All the described activities are posted on the Facebook page. The main messages and the press-release can also be found on the UNiTE Blog www.unitekyrgyzstan.klopp.kg

Objective 2: strengthen local work around violence against women

833 people were capacitated through trainings, seminars and round tables to take further action in actively promote life free of violence

Objective 3: provide a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies

A forum was conducted where participants from all over Kyrgyzstan have developed and passed recommendations to the Parliament concerning combating violence in the area of access of women to services in rural areas. Access to healthcare services, access to political participation, access to land and water and social rights were tackled. The NGO “Women’s Support Center” will monitor the recommendations to be implemented at the level of the legislative organ.

4062 signatures were collected within the 16 Days Campaign under the overall UNiTE petition against violence that will be handed over to the President in year 2014

