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Commit to the Thursdays in Black Campaign!

- Wear black every Thursday.
- Say NO and speak out against women and child abuse.
- Encourage your colleagues, your place of worship, other NGOs and businesses to support the campaign.
- Donate resources to organisations working to end violence against women and children.
- Seek help if you are emotionally, physically or sexually abusive to your partner and/or children.
- Try and understand how your attitude and actions might perpetuate sexism and violence.
- Lobby for gender-based violence to be a human rights issue, not just a gender issue.

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Towards a world without rape and violence

Wear black on Thursdays until there is no more rape and violence against women and children. It is something we CAN do, especially in South Africa, where a woman is raped every 17 seconds.
History

The Thursdays in Black (TIB) Campaign was started in South America some years ago in order to stand in solidarity with women and children who experienced rape, abuse, sexual harassment and/or domestic violence.

The idea is that people wear black on Thursdays with the TIB button, as one way of promoting the campaign and raise awareness in society, about the extent of violence on women and children.

Diakonia Council of Churches officially launched this campaign during the 16 Days of Activism in 2008. Since then it has grown, and has been an effective tool for gender mainstreaming.

The campaign has now spread throughout Africa, thanks to the support of local and international partners.

The response has been positive and many people, both women and men, have committed themselves to wear black on Thursdays. This is an outward sign of mourning and of standing in solidarity with victims and survivors of gender abuse.

The buttons are distributed at various workshops, where gender-based violence is addressed and where the links between HIV and gender injustice are stressed.

Statistics

“Domestic violence is one of the biggest threats to women’s health and well being. Globally, approximately 1 in 3 women will experience violence during their lifetime, often at the hands of an intimate partner. The cost of this violence on women, on communities and on the development of nations - especially those recovering from conflict - is too high to accept.”

Source: Let Me Not Die Before My Time: Domestic violence in West Africa

- In South Africa, a girl is more likely to be raped than to get an education.

- The frightening truth is that the number of women raped each year in South Africa is a queue of women standing shoulder to shoulder from Durban to Johannesburg and back = 915 kms.

- 1 women is raped every 17 seconds.

- 3 ½ women are raped every minute.

- 211 women are raped every hour.

- 5082 women are raped every day.

- 152 469 women are raped every month.

- 1 829 520 are raped every year.

Where to get help, advice and resources

Counselling and support for women:
National Crisis Helpline (LifeLine) +27 861 322 322
LifeLine, Durban +27 31 312 2323
LifeLine, Pietermaritzburg +27 33 394 4444
LifeLine, Newcastle +27 4 312 8080
(LifeLine does telephone, face to face and email counselling)

Stop Gender-Based Violence Helpline +27 800 150
150 People Opposed to Women Abuse +27 11 642 4345
Family South Africa +27 12 460 0733
National Network on Violence Against Women +27 12 321 4959

Counselling and support for children:
Childline 0800 055 555

Social Security:
Child Support Grants 0800 601 011

Healthcare:
AIDS Helpline 0800 012 322
AID for AIDS 0860 100 646
Depression & Anxiety Line 0800 567 567

Legal assistance:
Legal Aid Board +27 11 845 4311
Lawyers for Human Rights +27 11 339 1960

Information:
Sexual Harassment Education Project +27 11 403 0541
Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation +27 11 403 5650
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Crime line SMS your anonymous tip-off to 32211