

# 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

*Let's work together to stop  
the trafficking of girls and women*



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## 16 Days of action and reflection...

From the anniversary of the brutal assassination of three strong women activists in the Dominican Republic (November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women), to the day the world marks as International Human Rights Day (December 10). This year the theme is:

### Together we can end Gender Based Violence in Education

Trafficking and forced labour is an extreme form of violence against women and girls. Here we offer you a focus for each of the 16 days of activism. At the ACRATH office we will stop and light a candle each day. We ask you to gather with those in your workplace, community, family or class and join us in lighting a candle in remembering:

#### Nov **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**

25: Women and girls who, in 2017, make up the majority of people who have been trafficked in our world.

Nov Girls and young women facing the threat of a forced marriage

26:

Nov Women stripped of their rights and trafficked into abusive work situations

27:

Nov Women trafficked from Asia into sexual exploitation in Australia

28:

Nov Women choosing to purchase for themselves and their families clothing with a slavery-free

29: supply chain from the cotton fields to the textile factory and the stores

Nov Girls forced into labour from a young age and thus denied their right to education

30:

Dec Women exploited and forced to work in domestic servitude or in the agricultural and hospitality industries in Australia

Dec Girls at risk of being trafficked after fleeing conflict or natural disasters in their countries

2:

Dec **1st Sunday of Advent: "Be on your guard, stay awake." (Mk13:33)**

3: Women and girls who advocate and uphold human rights and work to eradicate all forms of human trafficking

Dec Women rebuilding their lives after being trafficked and deprived of their freedom

4:

Dec Young trafficked women willing to share their stories of exploitation and healing in order to offer

5: hope to others

Dec Women from ACRATH and other NGOs who offer companionship to survivors of trafficking

6:

Dec Young people advocating for the rights of children forced to work in the mining and textile

7: industries or in the production of chocolate and cosmetics

Dec Women leaders in politics, religion, civil society and healthcare working to eliminate all forms of

8: human trafficking

Dec Women and young girls who are victims of pornography production

9:

Dec **Human Rights Day**

10: **2nd Sunday in Advent - "Prepare a way for the Lord." (Mk 1:2)**

Women and men who educate others in their homes, schools and the wider community to bring an end to the violence of human trafficking



## Some simple actions to take

- Buy only slavery free chocolate
- Ask your local coffee shop to stock only slavery-free coffee
- Find out if the clothes you wear are slavery-free.
- Share this reflection sheet



Actions



Clothing