

DAY FIVE: November 29th Cyber Bullying

Flora's Story

Flora's cousin, who had been harassing her with threats of physical violence if she did not consent to marry him, pinned her down, taking compromising photos which he stored on a USB drive. Despite his threats of physical violence, Flora filed a legal case against him for intimidation. He threatened to circulate the illicit photos via mobile phone to his friends if she did not drop the battle. He carried through on his threat when she continued to push her case.

(*guardian.com* - Aug. 2017)

In Flora's country, there are few avenues for women like her to seek support. Violence against women is increasingly connected to online forms of abuse that include blackmail.

Questions:

- What is your initial reaction to this true story?
- How can cyber bullying be tackled?



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Global Facts

- Only 52% of women married or in a union freely make their own decisions about consensual sexual relations, contraceptive use and health care. www.unwomen.org
- World Health Organisation (WHO) reports that 1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.
- Only 18 out of 173 countries have specific legislation addressing sexual harassment in public places. (*World Bank, 2016*)

Pope Francis said recently: "The spread of ever more extreme pornography and other improper uses of the net, not only causes disorders, dependencies and grave harm among adults, but also has a real impact on the way we view love and relations between the sexes." Rome, October 4, 2017



UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Most of the SDGs reference Women. Of significance are:

Goal 5 Target 5b: "Enhance the use of technology, in particular, information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women."

Goal 5c: "Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels."

CEDAW

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CEDAW

(Suggest you read this during the **16 Days**)

ACTION I will take to promote respect and equality between all women and men....

1. Read *UN Women's global data base for your country's profile* - <http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries#I>
2. Encourage people to report any form of harassment on-line and discuss dangers of divulging personal information. <https://www.icrw.org/making-internet-safe-place/>

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN -

is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries...



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16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence...



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Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence.

DAY 5

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CHILD MARRIAGE....



www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay

15 million girls under the age of 15 are married each year.



See www.mercyworld.org