

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign

November 25 - December 10



The #16Days16Stories videos illustrate that vulnerability to human trafficking entails a slow process of victimisation beginning in early childhood, rather than random acts of sexual exploitation. These women's stories, told in their own words, reveal the sinister and structural oppression of young women on which the sex trade thrives.

The narratives also reveal women's resilience and desire to be self-determining. This is expressed through their hopes and dreams for a better life.

These narratives are formative in shaping global policy to end human trafficking.

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How to use the #16Days16Stories videos:

1. Take your time to watch the videos

2. Pause on any of the slides, but in particular, the reflection slides.

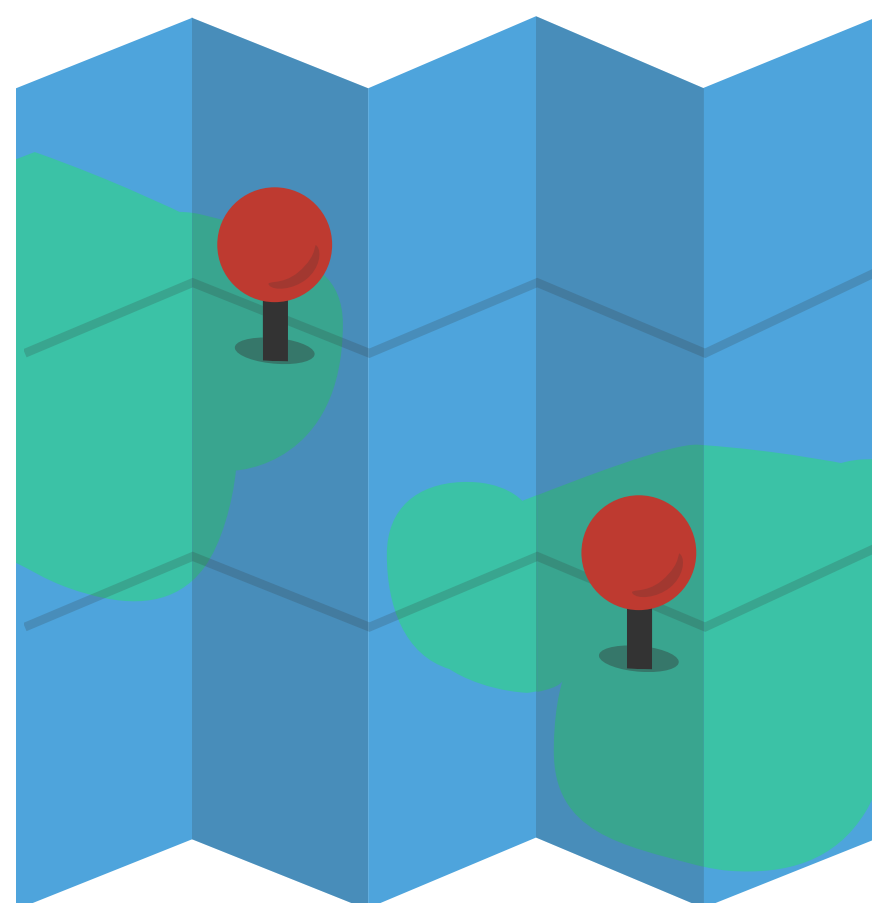
TIP: you can pause the video by hitting the spacebar on your keyboard. Hit the spacebar again to resume.

3. Think about the life course of these women. The stories of these formerly trafficked women highlight cumulative disadvantage over their life course through the interplay between their personal story and the social, economic and political context in which they live.



Who to share the #16Days16Stories videos with:

1. Friends and family
2. Organisations
3. Faith communities
4. Your local community
5. Universities and schools



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These videos are part of the #16Days16Stories campaign and have been prepared for the sole purpose of education and Anti-Trafficking advocacy in line with the United Nations 16 day's campaign to end violence against women.

The stories shared in these videos portray actual violence against women and girls. **Viewer discretion is advised.** If using in the classroom please review prior to use. The use of pseudonyms has been used to protect the identity of the narrators.

The personal stories in these video clips lay bare many of the issues in our society and its institutions that need to be confronted and challenged for us to be able to achieve a society that is responsive to its most vulnerable citizens.

If you suspect an incident of human trafficking in your community, report it immediately. By reporting these incidences you are providing victims with comprehensive anti-trafficking resources, legal advice and crisis intervention.

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