



TRAFFICKED WOMEN AND GIRLS SHARE THEIR STORIES

#16Days16Stories

Mercy Global Action at the United Nations and the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd are pleased to announce their 2016 global campaign to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25th, and ending on International Human Rights Day on December 10. The campaign, #16Days16Stories, focuses on the experience of formerly-trafficked women and girls who give testimony to gender discrimination and marginalization from childhood into adulthood. Their stories, told in their own words, highlight the many human rights violations and cumulative disadvantages in their life journeys. Through their stories, survivor advocates provide key insights into preventative measures to end human trafficking.

A series of 16 videos based on the publication 'I Have a Voice: Trafficked Women- In Their Own Words' has been developed for the campaign. These videos will be launched consecutively throughout the 16-day campaign, highlighting the stories of women who have been trafficked, as well as providing questions to reflect upon, points to ponder and actions for advocacy.

There will be a Twitter Teach-In on each day, linking the #16Days16Stories campaign with the larger #16Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign. Join the campaign and advocate for justice over the course of the 16 days as we engage with the stories, reflections and learnings about the experience of human trafficking for sexual exploitation. Resources and videos to participate in the campaign can be found at <http://www.mercyworld.org/humantrafficking> Follow us throughout the campaign to have the opportunity to engage in discussions with survivors on the last day via #16Days16Stories on Twitter.



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