



## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Base Violence Day 1

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Join Zonta International and UN Women in recognizing the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, from 25 November to 10 December, under the theme, “Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands against Rape!”

Unfortunately, women and girls universally experience rape, sexual violence, assault and abuse, both in times of peace or war. Society must rebel against the mindset that lets this happen.

Rape is rooted in a complex set of patriarchal beliefs, power and control that continue to create a social environment in which sexual violence is pervasive and normalized. Exact numbers of rape and sexual assaults are notoriously difficult to confirm given the frequent latitude and impunity for perpetrators, stigma towards survivors, and a survivor’s subsequent silence.

In recent years, the voices of survivors and activists, through campaigns such as #MeToo, #TimesUp, #Niunamenos, #NotOneMore, #BalanceTonPorc, and others have put the spotlight on the issue of sexual violence, reaching a crescendo that cannot be silenced or ignored anymore. That is why, under the umbrella of UN Women’s Generation Equality campaign that marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, Zonta International and UN Women are calling on people from all walks of life to learn more and take a stand against the pervasive rape culture that surrounds us. Use your voice and join us during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

