



The next step in ending violence  
against women & girls.

## Talking Points

### Our Goal

- Creation and adoption of a global treaty to end violence against women and girls

### Global Crisis

- Violence against women and girls is a global crisis
- The most widespread human rights violation happening today
- At least 1 in 3 women are raped, beaten or assaulted
- That's 35% or 1.3 *billion* women worldwide
- This violence harms women and families and weakens nations

### Violence Against Women is Solvable

- Interventions exist that have been proven to lower rates of violence.

### Treaty is the best way to get nations to implement the interventions.

- The treaty will create a *legal* mandate for nations to act on violence against women
- The current tools—the UN declaration on violence against women and General Recommendation on violence against women—are not legally binding
- Treaty creates the political will that gets things done
- It will generate the funding needed to do the work
- For example, 36 hours after Landmines treaty was signed, nations had pledged US\$500 million in implementation funding

### The treaty will require nations to adopt following cross-cutting, multi-sectoral, interventions proven to lower rate of violence.

- Legal reform, including the elimination of harmful laws and practices, and fill legal gaps.
- Training and accountability for police, judges, doctors, nurses, others
- Violence prevention education and campaigns
- Survivor support services
- Allocate funding

### How do we make it happen? Lead nations and the public campaign

- Lead Nations introduce the treaty and advocate for its adoption at UN level
- We are aiming for 20 lead nations to start with
- Inclusive process of government representatives and members of the civil society sit at the table and draft the treaty together, modeled after the disabilities treaty.
- Public campaign: Gathering signatures calling for a global treaty.



# EVERY WOMAN TREATY

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- Every signature builds the clout our coalition members need to make the case to potential lead nations, heads of state, ambassadors, and lawmakers—the people with the power to turn the treaty into global policy.

## **Result: a safer world for women and girls, everywhere**

- Change the system of silence into one of accountability and safety
- Change lives for women, girls, families, communities, nations, ultimately, the world

## **About Every Woman Treaty**

- We are a campaign for a global treaty to end violence against women and girls
- Our coalition includes more than 1,700 women’s rights advocates in 128 countries
- Treaty developed with an unprecedented level of women’s leadership and global collaboration
- Our leadership. **Global Steering Committee:** Dr. Eleanor Ann Nwadinobi (co-chair), Nigeria; Simi Kamal (co-chair), Pakistan; Hala Aldosari, PhD, Saudi Arabia/USA; Ilwad Elman, Somalia; Ghada Hammam, Egypt; Caroline Herewini, New Zealand; Meera Khanna, India; Marina Pisklákova-Parker, Russia; Francisco Rivera, JD, USA/Puerto Rico; and **cofounders** Vidya Sri, USA; Lisa Shannon, USA, and Charlie Clements, MD, USA.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: WHO** is Every Woman Treaty?

**A:** Every Woman Treaty is a coalition of women's rights advocates in 128 countries leading a campaign for a global treaty to end violence against women and girls. We are an NGO.

**Q: WHAT** is the goal of the treaty?

**A:** To get nations to implement proven strategies for reducing violence.

**Q: WHAT** are those strategies?

**A:** The strategies are:

1. Legal reform, including the elimination of harmful laws and practices, and the passage of new laws to prevent violence
2. Training and accountability for police, judges, doctors, nurses, and others
3. Violence prevention education and campaigns
4. Survivor support services
5. Funding

**Q: WHEN** do you hope the treaty will be adopted?

**A:** As soon as possible, but the main goal is to get it right.

**Q: WHERE** is violence against women and girls happening?

**A:** In every nation on earth. Violence against women is a global pandemic; at least 1 in 3 women is raped, beaten, or assaulted. It is a big problem, but it is *solvable* through the proven interventions mentioned above.

**Q: WHY** do we need a new treaty?

**A:** To get nations to act on violence against women. At present, there is no legally binding tool at the global level to hold nations accountable for preventing this violence. A treaty creates that legal mandate.

**Q: HOW** would the treaty generate new resources?

**A:** The treaty will generate new resources because it would make preventing violence against women a priority, prompting nations to allocate funds. This happened for the Landmines treaty. In the first 36 hours of the signing, nations pledged US\$500 million toward implementation. The fund for this treaty aims for US\$4 billion annually, or 1 dollar per female on earth.

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