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Report 16 Days of Activist WILPF/DRC



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I. Introduction

This year marks the 20th 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. The majority of activists joined the 16 Days Campaign to bring local, national, and global attention to the various forms of violence that women face.

In 2011 the WILPF 16 days for action Campaign centered on the slogan: **“Blow the Whistle to Redefine Security”**

WILPF/DRC received a grant from WILFP International which helped by doing a day of sensibilization of the population against domestic violence with a focus on peace.

In DRC, despite this increased awareness, women continue to experience violations in alarming numbers and new forms of violence are emerging. Rape is used as a tactic of war to drive fear and to humiliate women and their communities.



2. Theme

The theme for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign (2011) was: “From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World”.

3. Activities

WILPF/DRC held a seminar were carried out in 3 provinces of the DRC, (in each of the WILPF branch locations) and included outreach activities focusing on the upcoming election and promoting women’s participation , addressing SCR 1325 and providing education on the linkage between violence against women and violence in society.

These meeting brought together women’s from diverse backgrounds. Participants were given the opportunity to **exchange comments with women political candidates**.

In order to maximize discussion, the meeting consisted of small group discussions. To facilitate the discussion, we have identified some of the questions we would like the meeting to address to the candidates, as example:

- How could you help the others women's to access to the parliament?
- What kind of strategies will you made to end the violence based on the women's?

These should be viewed as being indicative and should not prevent any participant from raising different issues.

Participation in The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence was included public education seminars and outreach in DRC, advocacy and campaigns. We promoted our participation at the local level by including the education of peace.



4. The Outcomes

This meeting informed the participants at the toolkit that CWGL developed for the 16 Days Campaign in 2011. It helped to identify where more energy should be invested, particularly in terms of training and advocacy resources to better explain militarism. We intended to begin discussing some concrete actions that can be taken to create better alternatives to the use of violence or threats of violence to solve conflicts, as well as advocacy handles on these issue areas. Campaign to help other activists better understands the issues and share information with campaign participants.

5. Conclusion

Although the overall period was not good, because of insecurity and violence during the campaign of president and legislature elections, several participants come to campaign for this day. More than 52 women's raised their voice to say no to the violence against the women's.

We express our appreciation and gratitude to the WILPF International for letting us to do this activity

BUDGET FOR THE MEETING in US \$

No	DESCRIPTION	UNITY	PRICE	Total PRICE	OBSERVATIONS
01	Preparatory Meeting	4	30	120	Local Contribution
02	Office Supplies	FF	FF	100	Local Contribution
03	Mobilization	2	20	40	
06	Rent room	1	150	150	
07	Transportation for Participants	30	5	150	
08	Banners	1	80	80	Local Contribution
09	Internet Card Unit	1	10	10	
10	Communication Card Unit	5	5	25	Local Contribution
11	Media Broadcasting	1	100	100	Local Contribution
12	Amount Sent to the Focal Point South Kivu/Est of DRC	1	200	200	
13	Amount Sent to the Focal Point Katanga	1	200	200	
14	Refreshments participants	50	5	250	
15	Global Amount used			1425	
	Local Contribution				425
	Amount received from WILPF International				1000
	Global Amount for the activity				1425