

Manifesto 2007

A Call to Action to make prevention of abuse & violence against children a priority. Implementing the UN Study recommendations - A matter of urgency.

Because the year 2007 must be a new beginning with the adoption of the General Assembly Resolution of the UN Study on violence against children.
www.violencestudy.org

Because a culture of prevention is needed to help implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children are waiting for world leaders to fulfil their human rights responsibility and keep their promises.

Because prevention demands of each and every one of us to take a stand to become active agents for change for the creation of a world fit for children.

Because we are aware of our share of responsibility, we pledge in our daily lives, families, places of work, communities, countries and regions, to

Selected Facts and Figures

- 40 million children suffer from abuse and neglect, and require health and social care
- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 9 boys will be sexually abused before they reach the age of 18
- Over 1 million children are exploited every year in the multi-billion dollar sex industry
- Between 60 million and 100 million girls are 'missing' from the world's population (victims of gender based infanticide, malnutrition and neglect)
- 3 million girls are subject to female genital mutilation each year
- Some 180 million children work in the worst forms of child labour
- Over 120 million children will never go to school. 6 out of 10 are girls

→ Prioritize prevention

Strengthening international, national and local commitment and action

Prohibiting abuse and violence against children in all its forms (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect)

Raising awareness that violence against children is a violation of children's rights and encourage citizens to challenge it

Promoting non-violent values and good examples of prevention programmes www.woman.ch

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Sharing effective measures for preventing child abuse and combating violence through legislation and national action plans for the UN Study recommendations to be successful

Participating with local activities and events marking the annual World Day for prevention of child abuse—19 November

Reminding States regularly of the overarching UN Study recommendations and urging them to demonstrate political will by providing adequate resources to deliver concrete results.

