

“Every woman has the right to live a life free of discrimination, violence and poverty.”

- UN Women

## GLOBAL 2010 DATA COUNT

Armenia  
Australia  
Austria  
Canada  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Ecuador  
England  
Georgia  
Germany  
Hong Kong  
Ireland  
Iceland  
Israel



Italy  
Liechtenstein  
Luxemburg  
Mexico  
Montenegro  
Nepal  
Netherlands  
Pakistan  
Portugal  
Rwanda  
Scotland  
St. Lucia  
Sweden  
United States  
Vietnam

In just one day **2,774** participating shelters from around the world helped **57,754** women and **41,900** children. On this very same day, the shelters were unable to accommodate **11,460** women and **322** children.

4th Quarter 2010

**THIS FUNDAMENTAL VIOLATION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS  
REMAINS WIDESPREAD, AFFECTING ALL COUNTRIES.  
WOMEN NEED STRONG LAWS, BACKED BY IMPLEMENTATION  
AND SERVICES FOR PROTECTION AND PREVENTION.**

**- UN WOMEN**

The Global Network of Women's Shelters is proud to present the 2010 Data Count representing sheltering agencies from **30** countries and **2,774** shelters around the world.

At the 1st World Conference of Women's Shelters in 2008, women's shelters saw a great benefit in uniting to end violence against women and a global movement was born.

The Global Network of Women's Shelters has the following goals:

1. To be a strong and active global network with a recognized international voice
2. To ensure global awareness of violence against women and their children
3. To support and strengthen the women's shelter movement
4. To promote effective policies and their implementation in order to prevent violence and protect and empower women and their children
5. To promote social change that ends violence and oppression against women and their children

In February, 2010, the Global Network presented the first Global Data Count (conducted in 2009) to the Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

As a Global Network we seek to empower shelters - big and small - through sharing information, research and promising practices.

The Global Network of Women's Shelters is sincerely grateful to all the agencies who participated in this ambitious project. We look forward to working with you in the future as we strive towards an equal world where women and children live free from violence.

Sincerely,

Global Network of Women's Shelters

**IN JUNE 2010, THE 14TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION 12 TO ELIMINATE ALL FORMS  
OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**

*One day. 24 hours. 1440 minutes. 86,400 seconds. A short fragment of time really if you put it into the perspective of years. In that one day thousands of women and children around the world fled their homes because of domestic violence. In that one day, tens of thousands of women chose life; in order to survive they turned to shelters for help. This Global Data Count reflects the numbers of women and children who came knocking on the doors of the 2,774 shelters that so graciously participated.*

## THAT ONE DAY...

**IN  
LUXEMBURG  
A SHELTER  
HOUSED  
10 WOMEN  
AND 5  
CHILDREN.**

**IN THE UNITED  
STATES PROGRAMS  
HELPED 41,747 WOMEN AND  
26,998 CHILDREN. 9,317 REQUESTS  
FROM WOMEN AND CHILDREN COULD  
NOT BE ACCOMMODATED.**

**HONG KONG'S ONLY SHELTER HELPED  
17 WOMEN AND 23 CHILDREN.**

*"The work that we have done not only provides victims with physical protection, but also brings hope and safety to them"*  
-Staff at CEASE Crisis Center

In **Georgia**, 7 women and 9 children sought protection from domestic violence at the Sapari Shelter. That one day...4 women and their 7 children could not be accommodated.

**Women said:**

"I feel safe now, and today I will be able to sleep."

"If not for your organization, I'd be dead right now. I learned a lot from you and you allowed me to start a new life."

**Shelter Staff said:**

"If I was not working here I would not be aware of how big of a problem domestic violence is."

7 WOMEN AND 12 CHILDREN SOUGHT SAFE HAVEN FROM ABUSE AT THE ROSA CENTRE FOR BATTERED WOMEN IN **THE CZECH REPUBLIC**. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS NOT CONSIDERED AN ENFORCEABLE CRIME IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC UNTIL 2004.

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World Economic Forum

In **Scotland**, shelters helped 1,210 women and 833 children. Shelters across that country were not able to accommodate 56 women and 61 children.

**THAT ONE DAY...**

**IN CYPRUS 3 WOMEN AND 4  
CHILDREN SOUGHT SAFE HAVEN IN SHELTERS.**

*"This shelter is truly a blessing for all the women and children victimized by Domestic Violence. Especially since they have nowhere else to turn."*

*"This place was more than a shelter to me; it was like a second home."*

Shelter agencies in **Israel** accommodated 123 women, including 7 who were pregnant, and 235 children. On that one day, shelters were not able to accommodate 8 women and 26 children fleeing domestic violence.

In **St. Lucia** the Women Support Centre sheltered 15 women and 25 children.

Women who stayed there **THAT ONE DAY** said:

*"I feel safe."*

*"Very supportive staff. Very good service, particularly domestic violence counselling."*

In **Denmark**, shelter agencies helped 114 women and 309 children. Two of the women were pregnant at time of admission. **That one day...** 5 women could not be accommodated.

**Shelter staff said:**

*"The day was in many ways typical, which means it was unpredictable, busy, full of change and exciting. You can never predict the day which means that you must be ready to help all the time"*

In **Mexico**, shelter agencies helped 331 women and 809 children. 78 of the women who sought shelter were pregnant.

**Italy's** shelters helped 364 women and 116 children. 8 of those women were expecting. That very same day 13 women and their 10 children were not accommodated.

Over 14 million Italian women have experienced physical, sexual and psychological violence from men during their lives. - ISTAT

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**LIECHTENSTEIN**  
A SHELTER  
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2 WOMEN AND  
1 CHILD.

In **England**, 5,057 women and 2,334 children were helped. 198 women who sought shelter could not be accommodated...that day.

In Austria, 45 women and 11 children walked through shelter doors. One pregnant woman also sought a safe haven from domestic violence in the shelter.

## THAT ONE DAY...

### Portugal's

Alcipe's Shelter House helped 11 women and 9 children. Sadly, 15 women and 25 children could not be accommodated.

#### Shelter Staff said:

*"Our assistance to victims of domestic violence also addresses the needs of their children, including conveying the understanding that abuse is not acceptable and preventing this exposure from affecting their future intimate relationships."*

A SWEDISH shelter helped 11 women and 2 kids. It did not have room to accommodate 6 women and 5 children.

#### Shelter Staff said:

*"It is lucky that we exist. We know our work makes a difference to women."*

*"Unfortunately, we are needed....."*

*"It is really heavy but also rewarding."*

In Pakistan 360 women and 415 children were helped by sheltering agencies. 15 of the women were pregnant.

**Nepal's** two shelters accommodated 80 women and 20 children. 8 of the women were pregnant. More than 29 million people live in Nepal.

3 women and 7 children sought refuge from domestic violence at a shelter in Montenegro.

In **Rwanda**  
the Village of Hope  
and the Polyclinic of  
Hope Centres helped  
155 women and 136  
children  
escaping domestic  
violence. 15 of  
those women were  
pregnant.  
Unfortunately,  
62 women could not  
be accommodated.

In **Vietnam**, the  
Peace House helped 45  
women and 17 children.

**Women said:**

*"Since I came to the Peace House, my life has completely changed". "Now I am much more life-loving than I used to be."*

In **Ecuador**  
69 women,  
and  
29 children  
were helped.

**Shelter Staff said:**

*"Sometimes women lose hope of being helped, but somehow they are helped, so it is the last thing you do in the day..."*

Shelters across **Canada**,  
helped 2,635 women (89 of them were  
pregnant) and 1,931 children flee the danger of  
domestic violence. Unfortunately, 585  
women and 186 children could not be  
accommodated on that one day..

**Shelter Staff said:**

*"One of our residents lost their ability to pay rent to stay with us. She has no status to work but cannot leave the country because she is involved in a custody battle for her child and must stay. She doesn't have any options."*

**Women said:**

*"It's good to be somewhere it feels safe."*

*"You guys saved my life."*

In **Australia**, 320 shelter organizations helped 4,240 women and 7,174 children. 1,155 women could not be accommodated.

A child said:

*"I am safe, I feel so good about myself. This is the best day of my life."*

In **the Netherlands**, 8 shelters helped 229 women and 203 children.

In addition more than 1,192 women and their families receive ongoing support from their outreach programs.

In **Armenia**, 6 women and 11 children sought refuge in the shelter.

A woman said:

*"I came to the Center with a deep emotional disorder, I was trying to see light around me, but I failed every time. I was thinking that violence is normal and I had to tolerate and endure that situation. At the Women's Rights Center, I could rediscover myself and started to look at life and the violence differently."*

In **Germany**, 19 sheltering agencies saw 283 women and 136 children walk through the doors. 11 of those women were pregnant. That one day another 12 women could not be accommodated.

**THAT ONE DAY...**

In **Ireland**, 555 women and 324 children were helped by sheltering agencies. 22 women could not be accommodated ... on that one day.

**GNWS FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONS:**

Women's Rights Centre (Armenia), WESNET (Australia), WAVE (Europe), Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (Canada), Fédération de ressources d'hébergement pour femmes violentées et en difficulté du Québec (Canada), A Safe Place (Canada), Danner (Denmark), Women's Aid (England), Stigamot (Iceland), Naamat (Israel), Women's Network Against Violence (Italy), Red Nacional de Refugios (Mexico), Saathi/NNADV (Nepal), Federatie Opvang (Netherlands), Women Protection Project (Pakistan), Rwanda Women Community Development Network (Rwanda), Swedish Association of Women's Shelters and Young Women's Empowerment Centres (Sweden), National Network to End Domestic Violence (United States), Day One (United States), DOVIPNET (Vietnam).

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