

DAY FIVE: NOVEMBER 29th

Cyber Bullying

Flora's Story

Flora's cousin, who had been harassing her with threats of physical violence if she did not consent to marry him, pinned her down, taking compromising photos which he stored on a USB drive. Despite his threats of physical violence, Flora filed a legal case against him for intimidation. He threatened to circulate the illicit photos via mobile phone to his friends if she did not drop the battle. He carried through on his threat when she continued to push her case.

(*guardian.com* - Aug. 2017)

In Flora's country, there are few avenues for women like her to seek support. Violence against women is increasingly connected to online forms of abuse that include blackmail.

Questions:

- What is your initial reaction to this true story?
- How can cyber bullying be tackled?



pexels.com

Global Facts

- Since 2014 when the Beijing Platform for Action was last reviewed, the threat on civic space and rights is on the increase.
- 20% of young women in the European Union have experienced cyber sexual harassment and 14% of women have experienced cyber stalking since the age of 15.
[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2018/604979/IPOL_STU\(2018\)604979_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2018/604979/IPOL_STU(2018)604979_EN.pdf)
- Girls are more likely than boys to be both victims and perpetrators of cyber bullying. 15% of teen girls compared with 6% of boys.
- 83% of young people believe social media companies should be doing more to tackle cyberbullying on their platforms.
<https://africa.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2019/08/beijing25-generational-shift>

Pope Francis: "The spread of ever more extreme pornography and other improper uses of the net, not only causes disorders, dependencies and grave harm among adults, but also has a real impact on the way we view love and relations between the sexes." Rome, October 4, 2017



UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Most of the SDGs reference Women. Of significance are:

Goal 5 Target 5b: "Enhance the use of technology, in particular, information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women."

Goal 5c: "Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels."

CEDAW

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CEDAW

(Suggest you read this during the **16 Days**)

ACTION I will take to promote respect and equality between all women and men....

1. Read *UN Women's global data base for your country's profile* - <http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries#I>
2. Encourage people to report any form of harassment on-line and discuss dangers of divulging personal information.
<https://www.icrw.org/making-internet-safe-place/>

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries...



www.google.ie/search?q=images+of+orange+the+world+for+free

49 Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence. <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/violence-against-women-cause-and-consequence-inequality>.

“GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE - A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC ... endangers the life of women & girls with negative consequences not only for them, but also for their children & communities. Ending this scourge is integral to the development of women’s human capital & unleashing their contribution to economic growth.” (Feb. 2018 - World Bank study)
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2018/02/01/more-than-1-billion-women-lack-legal-protection>

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence...



DAY 5

29th

November

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CHILD MARRIAGE....



www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay

New data (2018) confirm that practice of child marriage has continued to decline around the world, with accelerated progress in the last 10 years. However, **12 MILLION GIRLS** are still married in childhood each year (UNICEF 2018).

