



Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women (ZISVAW)



ZISVAW History

ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women) was the first international service project administered by Zonta International in 1996 and was adopted as an ongoing program of Zonta International at the Zonta International Convention in Paris, France in 1998. It was created to improve education about, and to increase awareness of, violence against women and children.

The ZISVAW Resolution, adopted by the Zonta International Convention in 1998, expressed Zonta International’s commitment to utilizing its membership and drawing upon diverse international expertise and resources to develop strategies to end violence against women of all generations.

The first ZISVAW grants were awarded in amounts up to US\$25,000 to Zonta clubs that partnered with local NGOs or schools to produce programs aimed at preventing violence against women.

In 2005, the first grants were awarded to UN agencies or NGOs for projects seeking to change personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behaviors contributing to gender-based violence.

ZISVAW Today

Today, through the ZISVAW Program, Zonta International seeks to promote and protect the human rights of all women and girls and reduce the incidence of violence by:

- Supporting prevention and advocacy strategies locally and internationally.
- Awarding grants to United Nations agencies or recognized NGOs for projects that seek to change personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behaviors contributing to gender-based violence.
- Increasing awareness and actions related to preventing violence against women by encouraging Zonta club involvement in local and national advocacy initiatives and service projects.

Funding History

Since 2000, Zonta International has provided more than US\$3.5 million to support anti-violence projects in 32 countries through the ZISVAW Program.

Afghanistan	Croatia	Pakistan	Sudan
Australia	Egypt	Philippines	Sweden
Bangladesh	Haiti	Rwanda	Syria
Bhutan	Honduras	Samoa	Thailand
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Mali	Serbia & Montenegro	Uganda
Cambodia	Nepal	Sierra Leone	Ukraine
Canada	Niger	Somalia	USA
Chad	Nigeria	Sri Lanka	Vietnam

ZISVAW Projects

Zonta International has supported a wide range of anti-violence projects through the ZISVAW Program, focusing on different aspects of violence against women and children, including physical violence, sexual violence, gender-based violence in the aftermath of natural disasters, human trafficking, urban violence, early and forced marriages, burns violence, and violence in rural communities. Zonta International’s efforts to end violence against women and girls have addressed the root causes of these issues, advocated for laws and policies to prevent and punish violence against women, provided support services for victims of violence, and much more. For more information about the ZISVAW Program and Zonta International’s current projects to end violence against women and girls, please visit www.zonta.org.