

Dear Friends,

Greetings from PHM Gender Justice and Health thematic group and Sama Resource Group for Gender & Health. We hope this email finds you safe and well in these continued challenging times.

As you all know, we are currently in the '16 days of Activism Against Gender based violence' campaign, which starts from 25th November marking the 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women', and concludes on 10th December, which is the 'Human Rights Day'. Many of you and your organizations must be already involved and undertaking the campaign.

This year, PHM Gender Justice and Health thematic group and Sama are undertaking a one-day campaign on 10th December, the last day of the '16 days campaign on GBV'. As you may recall, last year too we had put out some posters/materials online, including one podcast on GBV and a Statement prepared by PHM East and South Africa ([attached](#)).

We request you to join us on this 10th December, the International Human Rights Day, in raising our voices for the recognition of Gender Based Violence (GBV) as a public health issue; for a comprehensive health system response to prevent and address GBV.

Health care including psychosocial care and medico-legal responses for survivors of GBV remains critical, particularly in the current context of the pandemic where binaries of COVID and non-COVID care have posed further barriers to access healthcare and other support services.

Please send your messages/photos/videos on this issue to <[sarojini@phmovement.org](mailto:sarojini@phmovement.org)> or <[deepika@phmovement.org](mailto:deepika@phmovement.org)>. Also, if you are planning/undertaking any local/regional campaign or events around 16 Days of Activism, please share this information with us before 10th December'20. We plan to use the photos/videos/messages on Facebook (People's Health Movement, SAMA-Resource Group for Women) and twitter (@phmglobal and @WeAreSama). Do spread the message/retweet/share on social media.

Some messages that can be used:

- Gender Based Violence is a Public Health issue!
- Gender Based Violence is a Human Rights issue!
- No tolerance for Gender Based Violence!

Please support us in the campaign on 10th December to amplify our collective voices and demands around GBV.

Look forward to hearing from you.

In Solidarity

Sarojini, Adsa, Deepika and Deepa