

# TAKE ACTION!

## International Women's Day

Activists, survivors, advocates, and lawmakers are taking part in a pivotal moment when communities are saying ***Enough is Enough*** to sexual harassment and violence against women. While we celebrate these much needed steps to dismantle the culture of sexual harassment and gender-based violence, on International Women's Day, **it's also important to take action to stop the many forms of violence faced by our sisters in other countries.**

**The International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA, S.2120, Sponsor Sen. Jean Shaheen (D-VN.H.)/ H.R.5034, Sponsor, Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Il.))** seeks to make preventing violence against women a cornerstone of U.S. Foreign Policy. **One out of every three women worldwide will face violence during her lifetime.** IVAWA seeks to address this by:

- Enabling the U.S. State Department to develop a faster and more efficient response to violence against women in humanitarian emergencies and conflict-related situations.
- Increasing humanitarian funding and update mechanisms for responding to emergency outbreaks of violence against women and girls.
- Giving the U.S. State Department new tools such as health programs and survivor resources to promote economic opportunities and education for women.



**Support IVAWA Today, Call Your Senators and Representative!**



**Call the Capitol Switch Board at 202-224-3121.**

*"Hello, my name is [name] and my zip code is [zip code]. I am calling to urge [name of Member] to support the International Violence Against Women Act (S.2120 and H.R.5034). One out of every three women worldwide will face violence during her lifetime. This number is staggering and proves that the critical conversations about gender-based violence need to be extended to our U.S. Foreign Policy.*

*The time to make your voice heard on the critical issue of violence against women is NOW. Please support and co-sponsor the International Violence Against Women Act (S.2120 and H.R.5034) today! Urge your colleagues to bring this important legislation to a floor vote."*

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