



OUR JOURNEY



Quebec, 2000.

1ST INTERNATIONAL ACTION
 2000 reasons to march against poverty and sexist violence! The call for the campaign in 2000 was far-reaching and led to the building of the WMW as an international movement. The Action mobilised thousands of women's groups in more than 150 countries and territories with popular education activities and public demonstrations for women's demands.

The mobilizations culminated on October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, with simultaneous marches in 40 countries, and demonstrations in front of the headquarters of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, in Washington (USA). At this time, the signatures of 5 million women from all over the world were handed in in support of the demands.

2ND INTERNATIONAL ACTION
 Women on the move change the world! For the 2005 Action, we prepared the Women's World Charter for Humanity. The Charter presents the world we want to build, based on freedom, equality, solidarity, justice and peace. On March 8, 2005, during a demonstration of 30 thousand women from all over Brazil, in São Paulo, the Charter began its journey around the world. Until October 17th, it passed through 53 countries and territories. In each country, the National Coordinating Bodies of the March expressed their struggles and proposals on a piece of fabric that formed the Solidarity Quilt.

The first occasion of the global action that we now call 24 hours of Feminist Solidarity (since it takes place from 12h to 13h, from one end of the globe to the other, according to the time zone) took place at the closing of the Action. While the women of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, were sewing the Solidarity Quilt, activists from as many parts of the world undertook symbolic actions in the streets.



Ouagadougou, 2005

3RD INTERNATIONAL ACTION
 We'll keep marching until we're all free! In 2010, the Action focused on four areas of struggle: women's work and economic autonomy; violence against women; common goods and public services; and peace and demilitarization. More than 100,000 women from 75 countries participated in national, regional and international actions. The axis of peace and demilitarization marked regional actions in Turkey, the Philippines and Colombia – where there were mobilizations at US military bases –, and at the closing of the Action, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Democratic Republic of Congo, 2010.

4TH INTERNATIONAL ACTION
 In 2015, the International Action of the World March of Women strengthened resistance and presented alternatives, based on three axes: work, body and women's spaces. In Europe, women organized a feminist caravan that traveled around the continent. In the Americas, a plurinational action in Argentina condemned agribusiness and mining, and an action at the border of Brazil and Uruguay defended of legal abortion. In Africa, women from 14 different countries of the continent met in Nairobi, at the closing of the 4th International Action.



Kenya, 2015

2020

5TH INTERNATIONAL ACTION

In 2020, the World March of Women will be undertaking its 5th International Action, with the slogan "We resist to live, we march to transform". With this Action, we continue to move forward in the construction of a permanent movement in struggle: feminist, anti-capitalist and anti-racist. The 5th Action resists capital's offensive against life and the rise of conservatism and authoritarianism in different parts of the world. We march for our concrete proposals and actions towards a society based on equality, justice, freedom, peace and solidarity.

WE RESIST TO LIVE, WE MARCH TO TRANSFORM!

1998: First International Meeting, in Montreal, Quebec, defined the platform of demands and action in the year 2000 for the eradication of poverty and violence. In this same year and next, many demonstrations against free trade and the World Bank agreements took place in the USA and other parts of the world.

January 2001: Participation in the first edition of the World Social Forum, in Porto Alegre, Brazil. The WMW was an active subject in the construction of the Forums process, which played an important role in strengthening alliances between social movements and in reinforcing a connected action between feminism and the anti-globalisation struggle. The campaign against the FTAA and the struggle against the WTO stand out. The process of the Forums, which gradually became globalised, served to broaden the internationalisation of the struggle of the world's peoples.

2007: Organization of Nyéléni, the Forum for Food Sovereignty, in Selingue, Mali, together with Via Campesina, Friends of the Earth and other movements. Food sovereignty is central to our feminism and has been put into action through agroecology, the solidarity economy, the struggle for the commons and for land rights.



Mali, 2007. Photo: Anna Lappe.

2008: Day of Global Mobilization and Action, organized by the social movements connected by the World Social Forum. The mobilization marked the opposition to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, of representatives of neoliberal globalization.

2012: The call for 24 hours of Solidarity said that "to be a woman is to live in a constant war" and called for the making visible of women's struggles in participating regions. In Brazil, the campaign #SomosTodasApodi denounced the actions of agribusiness and showcased alternatives created by rural women. In Mexico, women spoke out against the persecution of women immigrants.



Mexico, 2012.

2013: The collapse of the Rana Plaza textile factory in Bangladesh on April 24th killed nearly a thousand people and left many others injured. Most of the victims were women, as women occupy the most precarious and exploited positions in racist and patriarchal capitalism. Since 2015, the March has marked the date as its global day of action in feminist solidarity against the power of transnational corporations.



Basque Country, 2015.

2017: The Continental Meeting for Democracy and Against Neoliberalism took place in Montevideo, Uruguay, organized by *Jornada Continental*. In 2019, the Anti-Imperialist Meeting in Havana, Cuba, updated the unity and paths of movements with anti-capitalist agendas.



Uruguay, 2017. Photo: Cintia Barenho.



Galicia, 2008



MARCH 8

LAUNCH OF THE 5TH ACTION

Our International Action starts at the International Day of Women's Struggle. In each country and territory where we are organized, we will mark the presence of the WMW and launch the action in the streets and in our networks. That 8th March will mark 20 years since the March inaugurated the construction of an international feminist movement, against poverty and violence.

MARCH 30
PALESTINE LAND DAY

We join the struggles of Palestinian, Kurdish, Kashmiri, Saharawi, Basque, Catalan and many other women around the world fighting for existence in their territories. The World March of Women stands for the right to self-determination, against militarization and war. March 30th is in our international calendar as the day to give visibility to the struggle for the self-determination of peoples.

Brazil, 2012



Argentina, 2019



APRIL 24TH

24 HOURS OF FEMINIST SOLIDARITY
AGAINST THE POWER OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The 24 hours of Feminist Solidarity are focused on the struggle against transnational corporations, in connection with the memory of the day that the Rana Plaza building collapsed, in 2013. We will condemn the advance of corporate power, which makes life precarious, deepens inequalities and destroys nature, while trying to co-opt and weaken the agenda of feminist struggles. Between 12 noon and 1pm in each country, the March will be demonstrating its solidarity around the world, combining popular education and actions of denunciation.

MAY 25TH TO 31ST

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM

Convened by the International People's Assembly and various organizations from around the world, the International Week of Struggle Against Imperialism will be a key moment to confront the rise of the extreme right. Women are part of the resistance against imperialism in all its forms in our countries, in our territories and in our bodies. On this International Week we will strengthen the commitment to build alliances with social movements from the perspective of women's self-organization. On this date, in each country, we will build joint actions and/or carry out activities called for by the World March of Women.

Philippines



Tunisia



OCTOBER 17

INTERNATIONAL CLOSING OF THE 5TH ACTION

The closing of the 5th Action will be an international activity taking place in the presence of representatives of the World March of Women from all over the world on the border between Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, in the Americas. Borders and walls are the concrete expression of many threats that we struggle against: imperialism, hatred of immigrants, transnational corporations, attacks on common goods, expulsion of people from their land, privatization, military conflicts. We, on the other hand, affirm the principle of internationalist solidarity between peoples and between women.

HOW THE WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN BEGAN

The World March of Women is an international feminist movement, present in more than 60 countries and territories, and with contact groups in 90 other countries. The inspiration for the creation of the March came from a demonstration in 1995, in Quebec, Canada, when 850 women marched 200 km demanding "bread and roses". The women perceived that it was necessary to build a global resistance movement to confront the impoverishment, violence and exploitation imposed by patriarchal and racist capitalism.

Since its emergence, the World March of Women has developed a method for defining consensus and a form of action that involves the permanent construction of the relationship between local, national and international levels. The preparation of international actions, every five years, marks moments of political synthesis of the platform of the March, and connects our organizational processes and struggles at the local level with the global force of feminism in movement.



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Turkey, 2000

WOMEN'S CALENDAR IN 2020

2020 is the year in which we celebrate 20 years of our history as an international movement. The 5th International Action of the World March of Women is a call to confront, from the perspective of women's struggles, the progress of extreme right forces that articulate conservatism and neoliberalism, attacking life and democracy. We invite feminists around the world to participate in this journey, from March 8 to October 17, 2020. We resist to live, we march to transform!

Ungway, 2017. Photo: Alexandre Garcia

