

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN ACTION SHEET



There are some key dates women coming up in the international calendar.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY is on March 8th

MOTHERS' DAY 2012 will be celebrated on Sunday March 18th in much of Europe, including the UK, on May 13th in many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, South East Asia, and some African countries. Other countries mark Mothers Day during June.

This pack can be used in activities on any of these days. Here are some suggestions for how to use it:

- You can hold a special service. Focus on one of the key Justice themes. Each person present can light a prayer candle for a woman they know who has needed:
 - **LEGAL JUSTICE** after suffering violence
 - **ECONOMIC JUSTICE** because she is struggling with poverty
 - **SOCIAL JUSTICE** because she is in urgent need of health care.

- Working with partners in other Churches and civil society, you can hold a walk of witness to the needs of women in your community. It may be about the need for action to protect them from violence and promote community safety. It may be the need for access to markets for their produce, or it could be for better access to healthcare and education services. You can involve community or civic leaders – see the inspiring example from Zambia overleaf.
- If you have more time and resources, you can hold an information or advocacy event during the week at a time and place that women can attend. Again, chose one theme: it may be around a community need, or it may be to provide information about a service that the church provides.



INCLUDE YOUR PARTNERS IN JUSTICE FOR WOMEN

Whatever you do, make your Church leaders are central, and involve all your partners, civic and community leaders – and women's organisations.

In particular make sure you involve your local Mothers Union.

Please let us know at the Anglican Alliance know what you do by emailing us at anglicanalliance@aco.org. We will put the information on our website so that others can learn from your expertise and experience. We would especially welcome some pictures!



LEADING BY EXAMPLE – THE CHURCH IN ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Grace Phiri Mazala has been an inspiration for women in Zambia in the way she has spoken out for women. She's also been a driving force behind this pack. Grace is an Anglican Alliance steering group member and National Programmes director for the Zambia Anglican Council's work on Health and Development.

Grace put together a highly effective advocacy programme for World Food Sunday last year. Here's how she did it:

- She **built on the strong relations** she had established by working with the Mothers Union, Anglican and civil society groups and organisations – and with government departments.
- She **liaised and worked with partners** – sending the Anglican Alliance pack to the Ministry of Agriculture.
- **Working with the Church**, co-ordinated church services and activities were planned for World Food Sunday to do advocacy in the church community as well as wider society.
- **Joint actions** were planned with civil society partners and government agencies – so that the Church and Mothers Union took part in a march through the centre of Lusaka.
- She **involved the media** and covered the Church's services and actions, so that the Church's message reached a wider audience, and the Church was seen to witness to the need for improved food security.

Then comes the **follow up**, seeing actions from the Government to fulfil the commitments it has made, and to continue to press on this important issue.

These steps can help make your action for justice more effective!

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