



The red bench is a symbol of solidarity with victims and survivors of GBV.

The red bench campaign was created in Italy in 2016 but then promoted in many countries, especially in Latin America. It is a symbol of resistance and sorority. By sitting on the red bench we show solidarity to survivors and victims of violence. An empty bench is a reminder of the people we have lost along the way. **This is our contribution to the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.**

A movement is needed to end GBV and religious leaders must be on the forefront of action. This campaign is also an opportunity to have a conversation about gender-based violence in an open and non judgemental way.

You can join the conversation on social media using the hashtags #TheRoad2Equality, #16days, #Orangetheworld

How to join

You can join this campaign in many ways:

- You can paint a bench, a chair or a stool in red to show solidarity with those affected by violence. This will be a permanent symbol of support. The chair can be placed anywhere: in your home, in a park, in a church, in a square.
- Take a picture sitting on a red bench or with a red symbol. Show your support to the victims and survivors of violence. Tag yourself using the hashtags #TheRoad2Equality #16 days.
- You can film a video reflection with your phone and join the conversation providing your ideas on how we can move towards a world without violence.
- You can use the resources provided on www.actalliance.org/16days, theological reflections and social media cards to take an active part in the campaign.