



International Women's Day

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Embrace Equality

Join RESOLVE on March 8th, 2023, as we celebrate *International Women's Day* and unite with other women committed to forging gender equality worldwide!

Today, RESOLVE would like to recognize all women that are taking action to promote a diverse, equal, and inclusive world, for present and future generations. Together countless women have aimed to inspire, motivate, and empower others to unite and take action against gender inequality, and promote a world free of biases, stereotypes, and gender discrimination. While global gender equality has significantly increased, there remains several nations that fail to promote a gender-equal world. Thereby giving rise to high occurrences of gender discrimination, harassment, and even violence. According to the [United Nations](#) it is estimated that 158 countries have passed laws and regulations against domestic violence, while 37 countries have failed to follow suit. Also, 141 countries have implemented laws and regulations against sexual harassment in the workplace, while 54 countries have again not followed suit. Lack of laws and regulations within countries ultimately increases acts of discrimination, harassment and violence inflicted on women, as perpetrators are seldom penalized for their wrong-doings. However, while laws and regulations have been implemented in the majority of countries, this does not necessarily mean that countries are compliant with international standards and enforcement ([United Nations, 2022](#)).

Women living in rural areas face one of the highest levels of intimate partner violence (IPV) in Canada as police reports for 2018 indicated that IPV in rural areas is 1.8 times higher than in urban areas ([Burczycka, 2019](#)). The rate of domestic homicide is also higher in rural areas when compared with urban areas ([Dawson et al., 2018](#)). Given these alarming statistics, the RESOLVE network recently completed a research study that explored women's experiences of IPV, and help seeking in rural areas of the prairie provinces and outlined several recommendations. These recommendations include increasing education, and awareness, addressing barriers, improving accessibility, increasing collaboration, and addressing racism and diversity. To learn more about the project, visit the [RESOLVE website](#).

While research demonstrates that there is still much work to be done in terms of forging a gender-equal world, all hope is not lost as everyday there are dedicated and committed women that are engaging in research and aiming to raise awareness surrounding gender equality with the hopes that real change will result. That said, together we can bring about real change and achieve gender equality worldwide while putting an end to gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence.

“An equal world is an enabled world - and every one of us can do our bit to bring about gender equality.”

