

SOLIDARITY NARRATIVES

Compassion, Collaboration and Solidarity to End Gender-Based Violence

A Share-Net Netherlands campaign in light of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Between the 25th of November and the 10th of December 2020, Share-Net Netherlands launched its Solidarity Narratives campaign, in light of the United Nations' 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

The campaign collectivised voices from Share-Net members and their partners **highlighting how collaboration, solidarity and passion can end gender-based violence**, through so-called Solidarity Narratives. The Solidarity Narratives series consists of **15 short videos**, including illustrations of the speakers and their (audio) messages bringing forward unique aspects of the campaign's theme.

MOVEMENT MOBILISATION MATTERS

Ending gender-based violence relies on building movements to jointly catalyse change. Our contributors highlighted that by coming together and mobilizing our communities, we can create a ripple effect that can turn the tide and end gender-based violence once and for all.

See Cynthia's story [here](#)

See Nienke's perspective [here](#)



"...one finger cannot crush a bed bug..."



"We need to join forces and understand that we are stronger together."

THE IMPACT OF INTERSECTIONALITY AND INCLUSION

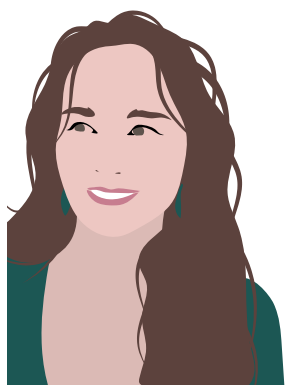
The success of our efforts to end gender-based violence depends on how inclusive and intersectional our movements are. The perspectives of our contributors offer a kaleidoscope through which we can see different ways to shape our movements to account for all lived realities and take advantage of the unique roles people can play in them.

See Lot's contribution on male involvement [here](#)

See Michelle's contribution on the role of privilege [here](#)

See Gift's contribution on representation [here](#)

See Laura's contribution on intersectionality [here](#)



"We need men to be part of the solution"



"It starts with talking with one another."



"Let's open up the space to ensure that we're including every representative who is doing great work around ending GBV."



"We need to acknowledge, support and include groups that are even more on the margins..."

BREAKING DOWN STRUCTURAL BARRIERS AND CHALLENGING NORMS

Gender-based violence is upheld by structures that may not be visible to the eye, but are ever-present in perpetuating this global issue. Looking at this bigger picture, our contributors underlined the need to break down structural barriers and challenge the different norms that work against our work to end gender-based violence.

See Daphne's vision in her Solidarity Narrative [here](#)

See Taewee's reflection on how to break down structural barriers [here](#)

See Fwazia's key suggestions to tackle gender-based violence [here](#)



"Only through solidarity, compassion and collaboration can we change the social norms that enable GBV"



"...we must work together to break down these structures..."



"...it is possible to reduce violence and its main ways, through comprehensive cooperation, love between families, fair treatment in society..."

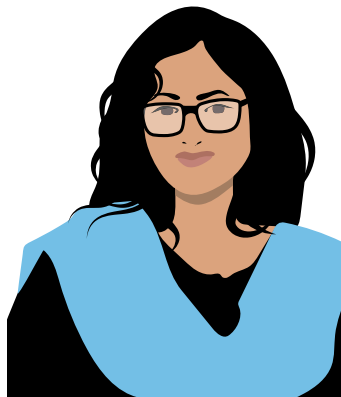
CHAMPIONING CHANGE

Change starts at home. Our contributors graciously took us along in how they are leaning in and taking up the challenge to tackle gender-based violence.

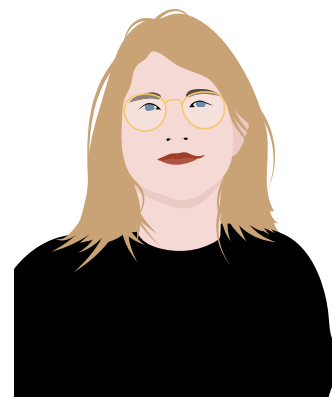
See how Mahbuba works to end gender-based violence in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh [here](#)

Dunya shares a moment that highlighted the power of collaboration, compassion and solidarity [here](#)

See Lisa, the Dutch Youth Ambassador for SRHR's, share how she works to end gender-based violence [here](#)



"We believe this change can be sustained in the long-term."



"It was powerful because there were so many people from all over the world listening to her..."



"...it's really my job to make sure there's a platform for people to share their experiences..."

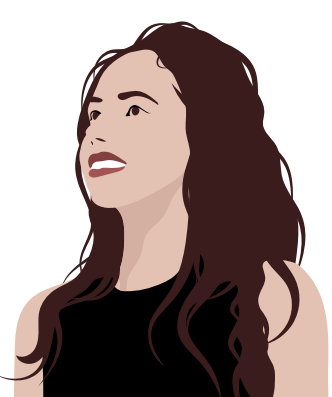
PRIORITISING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Creating a strong vision for the future calls for action to end gender-based violence to be a top priority. Our contributors emphasised that this calls for GBV to be placed higher up the agenda at the local, regional and national level and global level.

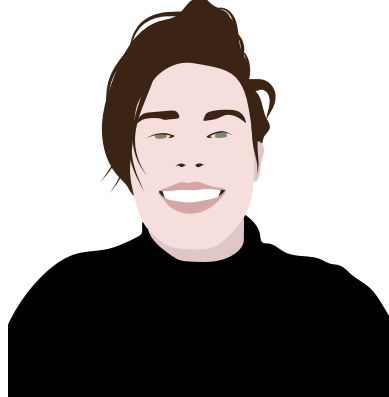
See how Hadir contributes to and calls for change [here](#)

See Roanna's Solidarity Narrative [here](#)

See Miet's inspiring statement [here](#)



"The number of GBV victims and survivors will continue to increase if solitary, compassion and collaboration to end GBV are not at the top of the global agenda immediately."



"...if we find that solidarity and real put compassion at the top of the agenda, it would be amazing."



"It's time to focus. It's time to join forces. It's time to put our priorities right."