



## 18 November 2022: 2nd Annual World Day for Prevention, Healing and Justice to End Childhood Sexual Violence

### Template Media Alert

#### **SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL VIOLENCE ARE CALLING FOR IMPROVED POLICIES AND MAJOR INVESTMENT TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

*On 18 November 2022, the 2nd Annual World Day for Prevention, Healing and Justice, survivors of childhood sexual violence, allies and partners will come together to demand action*

**DATE | MONTH 2022 | LOCATION:** 18 November 2022 will mark the 2nd Annual World Day for Prevention, Healing and Justice to End Childhood Sexual Violence, during which survivors of childhood sexual abuse will mobilize for implementation and financing of evidence-based solutions to end childhood sexual abuse for all.

The movement, led by survivors, and supported by advocates and partners, calls for policy development and sustained funding, both domestically and internationally, to support survivors on prevention, healing and justice.

Violence against children impacts more than **one billion children** and costs world economies **US\$7 trillion** annually ([World Vision](#)).

The COVID-19 pandemic placed even more children at risk ([World Vision](#)) both off and online. The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) said that in 2021, it investigated more reports of suspected child sexual abuse than in the first 15 years of its existence ([Out of the Shadows Index](#)).

This global scourge calls for immediate action on a global scale. The Brave Movement and our partners have evidence-based solutions to drastically reduce these rates if world leaders implement stronger policies and invest in programmes to support survivors in every nation across the globe.

Survivors are calling for comprehensive legislative and financial action focused on prevention, healing and justice. By making smart policy changes and funding investments we can ensure practical and cost-effective efforts to prevent child sexual abuse from ever happening.

We demand action as we build on the groundbreaking work of the [Global Collaborative](#) to establish a World Day and the Council of Europe's [European Day on the Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#).

18 November marks a crucial day for survivors, our allies and partners as we call on achievable and tangible action:

1. **Policy development:** Improved policies based on evidence-based solutions
2. **Investment:** Domestic and international investment to end violence against children and adolescents
3. **Prevention** to protect current and future generations
4. **Healing** for survivors and their families
5. **Justice** for perpetrators of childhood sexual violence and the complicit

**NAME | TITLE / ROLE | ORGANIZATION:** “Childhood sexual violence is preventable. We know more than ever the evidence-based, proven solutions to end all forms of violence against children and adolescents. With the right resources, mobilization and political will, childhood sexual violence can become a thing of the past.”

**On 18 November, we will ....**

**Join us to demand action on 18 November:**

- **Share and follow the hashtags:** #EndChildSexAbuseDay, #Nov18WorldDay, #PreventionHealingJustice
- **Tag us:** [@BeBraveGlobal](#), [@together4girls](#), [@coe\\_children](#), [@WorldVision](#), [@GptoEndViolence](#), [@WeProtect](#), [@GirlsNotBrides](#), [@WhiteHouse](#)

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## **ABOUT THE BRAVE MOVEMENT**

The Brave Movement is a powerful global survivor-centered movement that welcomes all allies in our mission to end childhood sexual violence. Supported by a [\\$10M grant from the Oak Foundation](#) to Together for Girls, this movement has become a powerful global force for change.

## **CONTACT THE BRAVE NEWSROOM**

If you are a journalist or media outlet seeking further information about the Brave Movement, please contact our Brave Newsroom at [press@bravemovement.org](mailto:press@bravemovement.org). Our Brave Newsroom supports the movement by disseminating survivor calls for action, recruiting advocates and galvanizing supporters all over the world to end childhood sexual violence.