



# WOMEN'S MARCH GLOBAL

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## **WOMEN'S MARCH GLOBAL CELEBRATES SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY WORLDWIDE**

WOMEN'S MARCH GLOBAL RELEASES 2019 Q3 IMPACT REPORT HIGHLIGHTING INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, CAMPAIGN PROGRESS AND 2020 STRATEGY

**GLOBAL | OCTOBER 23, 2019** - Women's March Global, a worldwide network of activists working towards the advancement of women's human rights, has released its [Q3 impact report](#) detailing the significant inroads in the fight for equality and social justice. The report includes major international milestones in the advancement of women's rights, updates on Women's March Global campaigns, and a summation of their 2020 strategy.

One of the most significant Q3 highlights is the abolition of a 119-year-old law that made it a criminal offense to produce or administer abortions in New South Wales, Australia. This was the last jurisdiction in Australia to have these outdated and discriminatory policies in place.

"This is a massive step forward for women in Australia and across the world," said Women's March Global Executive Director Uma Mishra-Newbery. "Thanks in part to the awareness and advocacy campaigns by Women's March Sydney, women now have the right to safe and legal access to abortion in Australia's most populous state."

Women's March Global is also celebrating Women's March Milan's tireless efforts in pushing the Indonesian government to grant amnesty to Baiq Nuril Maknun, a teacher and mother of three who had been imprisoned for six months for recording sexual assaults she had experienced by her school's headmaster.

While Women's Global March is encouraged by these significant milestones, there have been alarming reports that show a collective retreat of women's rights across the world. This includes the United States' decision to join 19 United Nations member states in declaring that there is no international right to abortion. The Indian government's illegal occupation of Kashmir has also threatened the local economy and cut off millions of families from their loved ones.

“These recent developments are extremely troubling and jeopardize the significant progress women have made in their push for civil rights and social equality,” said Mishra-Newbery. “That’s why it is so important for us to continue our fight for lasting, systemic change for women and girls across the world.”

Women’s Global March continues to make headway in their ongoing campaigns to free activists in Saudi Arabia fighting for equality and social justice, as well as the “right to bodily autonomy” campaign calling for greater focus on the impact abortion bans have on women’s human rights. The theme of the fourth annual Women’s Global March Event, March for Our Human Rights, will focus on bodily autonomy in hopes of advancing this narrative. The event is scheduled to take place on January 18, 2020.

The Women’s Global March also released its [2020 strategy](#) in Q3, highlighting the importance of grassroots organizations in creating effective and long-lasting social change. The strategy notes that these organizations are under-resourced and under-funded and highlights the need for collaboration and coalition building to move the women’s rights agenda forward.

“The importance of grassroots organizations to advancing women’s human rights cannot be understated. They bring international attention to the most pressing issues facing women and girls and have been instrumental in the progress we have made in advancing civil rights and social equality,” said Mishra-Newbery.

Women’s March Global is also helping to organize a Women’s Global Strike on March 8, 2020 to advance equality and peace for women, as well as the first-ever Global Women Veterans Convening event in May 2020.

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## **ABOUT WOMEN’S MARCH GLOBAL**

Women’s March Global is a network of 100+ Chapters and thousands of Members worldwide who take action every day in their local communities to advance women’s human rights.

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