



# WOMEN'S MARCH GLOBAL

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## **WOMEN'S MARCH GLOBAL RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTING PROGRESS MADE IN ITS FIGHT FOR THE THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS**

**ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, CAMPAIGN  
PROGRESS, AND 2020 STRATEGY**

**GLOBAL | 25 FEBRUARY 2020** – Today, Women's March Global, an international grassroots organisation committed to advancing women's human rights, is releasing its 2019 annual report highlighting global campaign successes in the fight for women's equality and social justice. Guided by the goals of radical transparency and accountability, Women's March Global has supported women's human rights defenders through 12 global campaigns, including the fight to free Saudi activists who are currently imprisoned and have experienced torture, and put an end to the unjust military occupation in Kashmir.

"It has been a transformative year for Women's March Global. Our global campaigns reached millions of people and amplified the voices of marginalised people impacted by systemic oppression," said Women's March Global Executive Director Uma Mishra-Newbery. "But we know there is still so much more to do to create a society where we are all free, equal, and safe."

The Women's March Global Community made headway in its fight for bodily autonomy. One of the noteworthy highlights of 2019 was 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 This was the last jurisdiction in Australia to have these outdated policies in place. Women's March Sydney was prominent in educating their fellow citizens about the dangers of such policies, as well as their discriminatory effects.

“Our collective action against this unjust and methodical oppression of women’s rights brought to light the connected nature of our struggles,” said Mishra-Newbery. “We must continue to fight, to protest, and to speak out. We owe it to each other to show up for our collective human rights.”

Women’s March Global also provided education, training, and support to groups across the world to raise awareness about issues that affect women’s human rights, recommending action-oriented solutions to inspire systemic change within local communities. Women’s March Global produced 20 webinars and mini-courses and created eight toolkits for mobilization actions.

Looking towards the future, Women’s March Global released its [2020 strategy](#), highlighting the importance of grassroots organisations in creating effective and long-lasting social change. The strategy lauds the importance of citizen-led women’s rights advocacy campaigns in the fight for collective liberation, but acknowledges that funding remains a challenge in supporting and mobilising women and allies globally.

“Despite our recent successes, women’s rights movements across the world are facing challenging financial circumstances,” said Mishra-Newbery. “We must work collectively to overcome these hard realities, empowering women to overcome systemic discrimination and advance their human rights.”

For more information on Women’s March Global, please visit [www.womensmarchglobal.org](http://www.womensmarchglobal.org).

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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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