Dear Principal or Administrator,

We invite your school to participate in an exciting new and innovative education initiative called a “Youth Speak Out.” Over 400 schools (possibly more) will invite or assign students to research various topics related to violence against women and girls. Following their research they will create a one to two minute speech on one of the topics. Students will then present their speeches to their fellow students via zoom or other social media platforms. Your school will then select the top speech in each category and enter it into a national contest. Our team will then put the speeches on our YouTube site where they can be seen by the general public and also a panel of judges. The judges will choose the best speeches in the country on each topic, and those students will gather in Kathmandu on March 8th, International Women’s Day to present their speeches on a national television. They will also be honored at an awards ceremony, with each student receiving special prizes for their continued educational pursuits. As long as supplies last, each school will receive a copy of the book, SOLD, as a thank you for participating in the project. Schools can also have the SOLD film transferred to their computer or hard drive. Schools can also create a Wall of Hope on a solid wall or flex.

Important Information
The Youth Speak Out will take place within Grades 8,9,10.
Speeches can be in English, Nepali or one of the national languages of Nepal. Students of any gender can participate.
Speeches can be submitted starting December 15.
Last date for submitting speeches is Feb 15, 2021.
The best speeches in each category will be presented live or on tape on a national television on or around March 8, depending on the TV channel’s schedule.

List of Topics
Trafficking, Child marriage, Street Harassment, Dowry, Verbal abuse, Spousal rape, Harassment at work, Attacks on women accused of being witches, Menstruating women forced out of their homes, Rape, Female Genital Mutilation, Acid Attacks, Physical Abuse, Denial of Educational Opportunities, Bullying, Groping in Public Transportation, Cyber Bullying

Each school should have at least one student speaking on each of the topics (so all topics are represented and learning opportunities are expanded)

Advocacy
All schools are strongly encouraged to participate in advocacy activities taking place in March, 2021, particularly on March 8, International Women’s Day. Consult with our coordinators for ideas with your schools and communities.
How to engage in the Youth Speak Out
Choose students who will participate (either assign them or ask for volunteers). There is no limit to how many students can participate in your school. Give participating students a deadline (suggest Feb 10, 2021) to submit their speeches. Be sure all of the topics are evenly represented. You or your staff choose the best speech on each subject, record all of the speeches, and turn over to our team the best sixteen speeches to our team by filling out this form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaMiutPM280RbWj_6zg0_ioUV'gi5lJ3SQ6jRL6a9q_PbDsGw/viewform?gxids=7628
Or emailing at wallofhope@hrffn.org by Feb 15, 2021.

Judgment Criteria

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Timeline
Dec 10: Youth Speak Out launches
Dec 11 - Feb 15: Schools register for the competition
Dec 10: Students create and share speeches on all the topics among their peers
Feb 10: Students submit their final speeches to the principals
Feb 10 - Feb 15: Principals select, help the selected speakers record their speech, and submit the best speech on each subject to Wall of Hope
Feb 28: Best of the Best Speeches are selected; result is announced
March 1 - 5: Speeches are filmed
March 8: Felicitation Event, Airing of the best of the best speeches on social media and national television

Social Media
Selected speeches will be placed on our website, a dedicated You Tube site, and Facebook. We encourage schools to place all of their student’s speeches on their school Facebook page and website.

Evaluation and Final Reporting
Following the conclusion of the Youth Speak Out initiative, we invite principals, students, and teachers to fill out evaluation forms, submitting them online to our team by March 15, 2021. We would also like you to write a short summary report regarding your school’s participation.

This initiative is very mindful of Covid 19 and will take all precautions to maximize the safety of students, teachers, administrators, and our team. If you have any questions or recommendations regarding making the project even more safe please let our coordinators know.

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Thank you for supporting your school’s participation in this exciting initiative. Should you want to organize other activities within the framework of the project, please contact us. All the best with your important mission of educating our young people! -Rachiv, Ashesh, and Bev