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WOMEN RISING ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018

Today, and over the next few weeks, women will be rising for their rights across the globe. Below is a list of marches and events led by diverse groups of women- from demanding political and economic justice, to standing against sexual harassment and violence. This list is not exhaustive, and is meant to highlight the diversity and strength of the women's movement across the globe, through sharing and amplifying their work. Oxfam may not be directly supporting these movements in all cases and the sharing of events is not an endorsement of all asks.

ASIA

In **Karachi and Lahore, Pakistan**, join *Aurat March*- a public march to ensure economic, political, and reproductive justice, and to celebrate women's struggle. There will also be a tribute to late Asma Jehangir, Pakistani human rights lawyer and activist. Follow the hashtag #Aurat-March2018

In **Islamabad, Pakistan**, Women Democratic Front is organizing a march starting from Islamabad Press Club: For more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2022558808014178> Follow the hashtag #UthoKayWaqtAya

In **Colombo, Sri Lanka**, a walk was organized by the Women's Education and Research Centre in partnership with the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs on the 5th of March 2018, "Walk with us calling for safe nights, safe streets and safe homes for women". For more: <https://www.facebook.com/WERCsl/posts/1638053372926873>

In **Bangkok, Thailand** a panel discussion on promoting and collectively fighting for gender equality on the political, social and economic level, will be held on 10 March. The discussion will feature young women leaders and will engage with the 2018 IWD theme #PressForProgress. For more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/238511836691272/>

In **New Delhi, India**, women are marching together to reaffirm their commitment to building a violence-free, just society. Follow the hashtag #8MarDelhi18. For a full statement about the demands from women's rights activists, read: <https://feminisminindia.com/2018/03/01/international-womens-day-2018-statement/>

RUSSIA

In **Moscow, Russia**, on 8-10 March there will be a festival "Feminism in the 2000s: Art, Media, Literature and New Practices". Female activists and professionals from art, reading groups, libraries and women-led SMEs and student organizations will discuss with the audience modern and urgent strategies for the Russian feminist movement. Link (in Russian): <https://mmoma.timepad.ru/event/675594/>

In **St.Petersburg, Russia**, on 8 March, there will be a women's march titled "#Явыбираюфеминизм" (IChooseFeminism). Everyone who wants to learn about the current initiatives which help women destroy patriarchy and who wants to share their "own" feminism, is welcome. Link (in Russian): <https://vk.com/choosefeminism>

AFRICA

In **Johannesburg, South Africa**, Oxfam South Africa is supporting the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) who will be launching a journal on African Women's Experiences and engaging young people on conversations about youth in Africa:

<https://twitter.com/OSISA/status/969527956228968448>

In **Monrovia, Liberia**, the Ministry of Gender in Monrovia and 2 other provinces will be marking Women's Day, and Oxfam and partners will be participating in this.

In **Malawi** the Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare will be marking Women's Day with women's rights organisations and partners. The Guest of Honour will be the First Lady of the Republic.

In **Rabat, Morocco**, a public sit-in will be organized in front of the Parliament on 8th March, by a national coalition of women's rights organisations gathered together.

In **Casablanca, Morocco**, a national conference on the judicial and procedural issues of the Family Code (Moudawana) and their impact on women's rights will be organized by the organization FLDF 8th & 9th March.

LAC

At the **Regional level**, Oxfam will be supporting LATFEM's demand for justice for the 56 girls who were burned in Guatemala last March, and the social media campaign of Ni Una Menos in Argentina. We will also be supporting and standing with the feminist movement in Latin America.

In **Colombia** Oxfam is supporting 20 feminist organizations under the slogan #NosotrasParamos. There are several have planned activities: seedlings, social media campaigns, actions with communicators.

In **Nicaragua**, Oxfam is supporting national and local marches, exhibition of photographs, bicycle tours and theatre.

In **Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**, on 8th March 'FemConcert' is happening at Centro Cultural de España, dedicated to respected Dominican feminist, late Magaly Pineda.

Also in Santo Domingo, women will join for the International Women's Strike on 11th March.

In **Santiago, Dominican Republic**, there will be a women's March on 8th March.

PACIFIC

In the **Solomon Islands**, young people will be marching under the 'Side by Side' Banner which aims to change attitudes and beliefs of young people towards gender equality. The event will also feature an information stall with partner organisations and an 'Equality Olympics' featuring a series of tasks that demonstrate key concepts relating to equality, such as burden of unpaid care, temporary special measures etc.

In **Vanuatu** there will be a half day event with many activities including pictures and interviews with women leaders speaking on the theme "Time Is Now", women leaders from partner organizations sharing experiences and challenges in their work and a hand printing activity to allow those attending to share their thoughts on the day.