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Remembering Women Who Have Little to Celebrate

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) has used International Women's Day 2006 to raise awareness of the abuse of women.

WiSH Chairwoman Ms Samara McPhedran said "Today is about celebrating women, but serves as a timely reminder that there are women throughout the world who suffer each and every day."

WiSH has supported humanitarian agencies in issuing a renewed plea for world leaders to deliver comprehensive aid for conflict stricken countries, in an effort to reduce the massive death toll from preventable illness and disease.

WiSH list their campaign for greater resource allocation towards emergency accommodation for women escaping abusive relationships as an ongoing success story, and one in keeping with the theme of the day.

"We have added our voice to that of other women's groups in highlighting family violence, particularly the fact that many women cannot access the help they need to escape abusive relationships. Fortunately, there is growing willingness among policy makers to allocate funding for shelters and ongoing support services. We have a long way to go, but change is slowly taking place."

"WiSH supporters are participating in Women's Day events around the globe – from New Zealand to France, Canada to Sweden. We're promoting unity and social responsibility, which is what today truly stands for," Ms McPhedran stated.

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WOMEN ON TARGET FOR POSITIVE CHANGE