

**Celebrating IWA's 10 Years of Resistance:
Strengthening the Global Militant Women's Movement against Imperialism**



We are pleased to announce the 10 year anniversary of the International Women's Alliance this August in a **Global Week of Action from August 10-16, 2020**. We invite you to join us in celebrating the victories of our work in building the militant women's movement against Imperialism and all reactions. Additionally, we will be collecting stories from our members around the world on their experiences under the current pandemic. We will feature 2-3 stories a week throughout the month of August.

The global assault on women has entered a new stage of barbarity and impunity as the crisis of imperialism drags more and more people into the crosshairs of neo-fascism, war and economic plunder. Throughout the world, women bear the brunt of imperialist wars of aggression through the neoliberal abandonment of basic social services for families, loss of decent paying jobs, lack of job security, and increase in rape and sexual assault at the hands of macho-fascist state forces.

As these conditions intensify, the masses continue to rise up. More and more women are engaged and have heightened their organizing and militancy. This is the context in which the International Women's Alliance (IWA) was founded in 2010 when 400+ women gathered in a conference and resolved to carry the torch and link arms with the people of the world to deal a decisive blow to imperialism.

The year 2020 will mark 110 years since the International Conference of Working Women in Germany declared that there should be a day dedicated to the struggle of women. Clara Zetkin, who first proposed March 8 as International Working Women's Day, played a key role in influencing women's active participation in the Russian revolution in 1917. Since then, militant women's movements all over the world followed Zetkin's legacy and became a catalyst for millions of working women to protest World War II, other wars of aggression and neoliberal policies that imperialism put in place until now.

Since its founding in 2010, the International Women's Alliance promoted the struggles of people, especially of women, in their fight against neoliberalism, economic plunder, wars of aggression, political repression, racism, patriarchy, sexism, xenophobia, etc. IWA engaged in these issues by participating, organizing or co-sponsoring activities on a country, regional and international level.

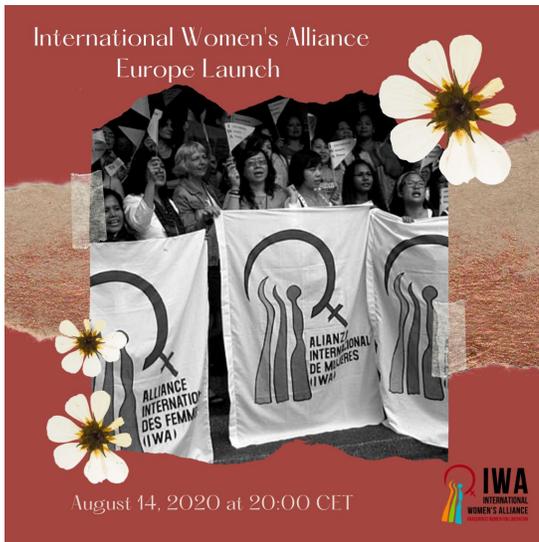
GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION August 10th -16th

All member organizations are encouraged to participate in the following events or produce your own actions, events, or prop materials during the week of action and/or the month of August. We will begin the week of

action in an educational webinar on the Global Situation of Women on August 10th, and culminate the week of action on our 10 year Anniversary Celebration on August 16th in a 2 hour celebratory online gathering.

- **August 10** - Global Situation of Women - 9pm-10:30pm Manila | 3pm-4pm Amsterdam | 8am-9:30am MEX | 9am-10:30am EST | 6am-8:30am PDT
- **August 14** - IWA Europe Launch - 8pm Amsterdam | 2am Manila | 1pm MEX | 2pm EST | 11am PDT
- **August 14** - Comfort Women Global Day of Action - TBD
- **August 16** - 10 Year Anniversary Celebration - 9pm-11pm Manila | 3pm-5pm Amsterdam | 8am-10am MEX | 9am-11am EST | 6am-8am PDT

Please send any statements, photos or social media materials to internationalwomensalliance@gmail.com.



PANDEMIC STORIES

What is your pandemic story?

While the COVID-19 pandemic affected the whole world, its most severe impact is felt by the poorest people in the poorest regions of the world. It highlighted and exposed the effects of neo-liberal policy of corporatization of basic social services, specifically in the health sector, so that governments around the world are grappling with how to respond to the emergency. In many countries militarization and authoritarianism was the answer which doubled or even tripled the burden for many marginalized people. All over the world abuse and violence against women have worsened, the limited government services available for women victims of abuse, have become scarce and nearing zero. Add to this is the mounting cases of VAW committed by state forces targeting women and people who are questioning the governments' fascism amidst the pandemic. is magnified in the lives of women struggling daily to survive.

On the other hand, the pandemic also is exposing people who have remained 'neutral' or silent in the past against capitalism, patriarchy, fascism, casteism, racism. Women are taking stand and transforming their experiences into action, uniting their communities, and rising up as leaders to build solidarity and movements.

On the 10th year anniversary of the International Women's Alliance, an anti-imperialist grassroots based organization, we would like to highlight women's stories, their struggles, their strengths, and their resistance. Every week for the whole month of August we will feature women's stories on social media. Each women will answer the following questions:

1. What is your pandemic story?
2. How are you or your community resisting and rising from the pandemic and from all forms of attack during the pandemic?
3. How do you see your future after the pandemic?

Please send us your story along with a photo and we will share on social media with the hashtags **#pandemicstories #womenresist #IWA10**

OBJECTIVES

The following objectives for our Global Week of Action leading up to the anniversary are as follows:

1. Celebrate the many victories and sum up the work of IWA over the past 10 years.
2. Raise the level of militancy and commitment to advance the anti-imperialist struggle among our members.
3. Highlight the great work and contributions of our member organizations and individuals who have advocated for the rights women around the world.
4. Foster stronger ties and relationships among each other and continue to draw in more interest to build IWA.

For any questions regarding our activities please reach out to us at internationalwomensalliancegmail.com.
To register for the August 10 Global Situation on Women click here ==> <https://bit.ly/IWAGlobalSituation>
To register for the August 16 anniversary event click here ==> <https://bit.ly/IWA10YEAR>

We look forward to your participation and celebrating 10 years with us!

Long Live the International Women's Alliance!

