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1. The Campaign

The International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion was formed in 2012. It is a network of organisations and individuals who support the right to safe abortion.

1.1 Goal setting and strategic priorities in 2018

We envision a world where access to safe abortion is universal and has an overarching goal of contributing to a decrease in maternal mortality and an increase in women's ability to achieve their rights to life and health. The work is critical as 45% of abortions worldwide are still unsafe and women and girls continue to face systemic and gendered discrimination when accessing legal abortion services.

We aim to provide a shared platform for advocacy, debate and dialogue, to bring together organisations with a shared interest in promoting and providing safe abortion, and to disseminate factual information that can inform policy and programmes. This goal-setting has directed us towards the following strategic priorities:

- Build the Campaign as a network
- Ensure knowledge creation and dissemination on abortion
- Engage with the media, and
- Contribute to international advocacy on abortion.

1.2 Institutional base

The Campaign's institutional base and fiscal agent has continued to be Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos (Promsex), based in Lima, Peru. The Campaign is steered by its Chairing Committee which brings a wide array of perspectives drawn from their longstanding experience in abortion research and medical abortion, advocacy and campaigning, and finance management, respectively. Their influence and global reach will lend weight to the International Campaign's policy recommendations to achieve safe abortion. The Campaign's current Chairing Committee consists of:

- Beverly Winikoff, President, Gynuity Health Project, USA
- Susana Chavez, Executive Director, Promsex, and Coordinator CLACAI, Peru
- George Hale, Finance Director, Promsex, Peru

At an advisory meeting on 8 September 2018 in Lisbon Portugal, three people volunteered to join the Chairing Committee and eight others were proposed during the meeting or by the Campaign team. A proposal for the new Chairing Committee will be sent to the current members in February 2019 and will be finalised with them.

An International Advisory Group for the Campaign was also discussed during the meeting on 8 September. Previously, the Advisory Group has consisted of a mix of International NGOs, regional and national members, but it was agreed at the meeting that the Campaign team would

propose a new Advisory Group following specific criteria and include participants from the Campaign's International Forum in Lisbon 2018 and the Campaign sessions at the Abortion and Reproductive Justice Conference in South Africa 2018. A proposed list will also be sent to the current Charing Committee in February 2019.

1.3 Campaign team

The Campaign team consist of a full-time International Coordinator and four part-time Campaign officers:

Marge Berer

International Coordinator, steers the Campaign's activities, coordinates the Advisory Group and reports to the Chairing Committee. She writes and edits the newsletter, coordinates international advocacy and solidarity work, gives lectures and presentations at renowned universities in London, and provides presentations and trainings at conferences and meetings. She is also responsible for fundraising and financial oversight.

Christina Boateng

Is responsible for administration, managing and posting new information on the website and managing the Campaign's finances and accounts. She publishes the twice weekly newsletter, manages the membership list, and actively recruits new Campaign members, with the aim of increasing the scope of the members' base.

Nandini Archer

Is the Campaign's Press and Research Officer with responsibility for sending news to a growing list of journalists, strengthening relationships with them, writing media guidelines and increasing positive coverage of abortion in the media internationally. Likewise, she also carries out research on trials and imprisonment for having abortions.

Elise Denis-Ramirez

Joined the Campaign team to manage the planning and organisation of the Campaign's International Forum in Lisbon. After the Forum, her work has focused on strengthening national coalition-building among members, initiate a Youth Action Network, support specific project development and coordinate team meetings.

Catarina Gomes

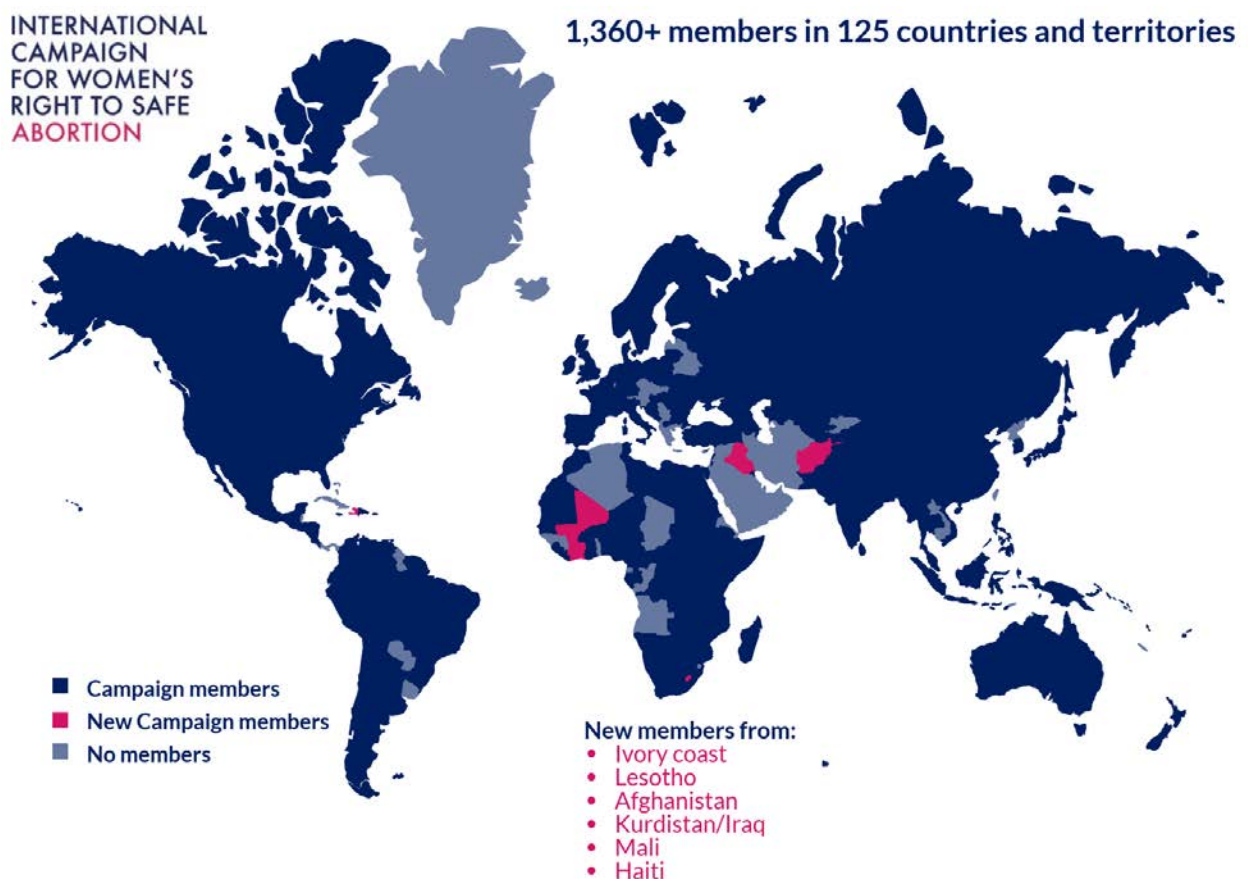
Is the Social Media Officer and manages and expands the Campaign's social media channels, where she disseminates information on news and events on access to safe abortion, from members and the Campaign newsletter, website and solidarity requests and promotes the Campaign, its members and its members' work.

2. Building the Campaign as a Network

The Campaign members play a central role in building the international network to advocate for universal access to safe abortion. As the foundation of the Campaign, they continue to influence our strategic priorities and solidarity focus. The Campaign keeps providing a space for members to share advocacy strategies, initiate conversations and dialogue.

2.1 Membership

The Campaign has a global network of members around the world in some 125 countries. The membership base has steadily increased in 2018 and we have welcomed 200 new members with an average of 3-4 individuals and/or organisations joining each week, which is twice as many as in 2017. The new members include individuals from SOFA – Solidarite Fanm Aylsyen, Yale University, Concept Foundation and Médecins Sans Frontières.



As of 1st January 2019

We are also pleased to have welcomed members from new countries such as Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Afghanistan, Kurdistan/Iraq, Mali and Haiti. This makes the Campaign an increasingly collaborative global network of individuals, students, organisations, academics, activists and

policy-makers. We are committed to a diverse network with members from all backgrounds with a common mission to advocate for the right to safe abortion. Therefore, it is important for the Campaign to continually identify gaps in its membership. The coordination team continues to reach out to abortion rights activists, academics and policymakers, health professionals, NGOs, human rights defenders, etc. to join the network.

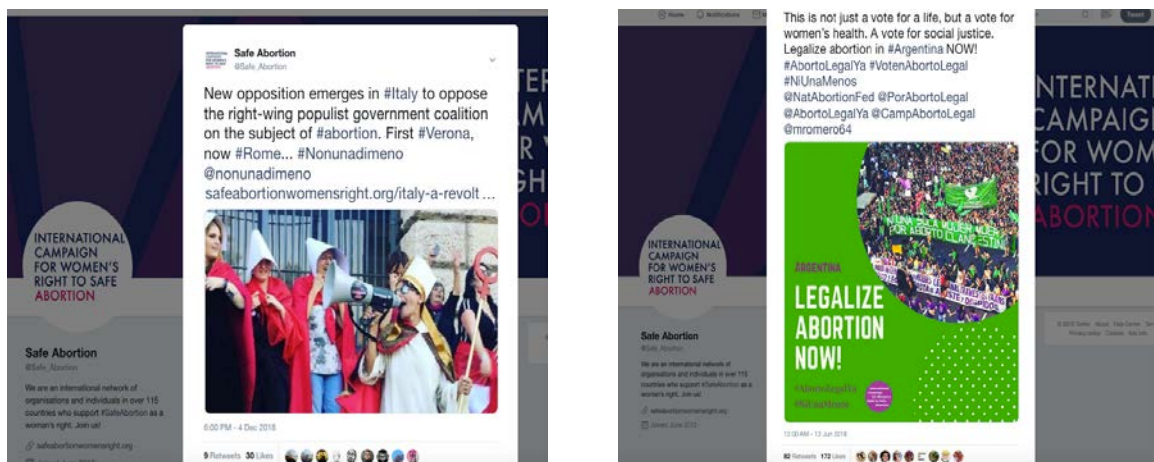
2.2 Members engagement and Social Media

Social media is a key tool to engage Campaign members and other stakeholders on the topic of abortion. In 2018, we shared several calls for action and actively supported our members on social media in events such as the legalisation of abortion in Ireland, the debate on abortion in Northern Ireland, the vote in Argentina and solidarity requests from El Salvador and Poland.

On Twitter, the Campaign reached 3,600 followers by the end of 2018, an impressive increase of 124% compared to the previous year. This demonstrates how the Campaign's news and content sparks a great deal of curiosity. We had an "organic" reach of more than 457,000 users, meaning that almost half a million people came across our content in their Twitter feed in 2018 (without us having paid for advertisements). 76% of our Twitter audience is female, and they are mostly from English-speaking countries.

The Campaign Instagram account has had a remarkable growth of 328%, going from 271 followers to 890. We not only repost other accounts' content but we have also started posting our own content. Instagram allows us to reach new and younger audiences that go beyond the traditional abortion rights and/or women's rights organisations.

The number of Facebook likes has remained steady at just over 20,000. Our Facebook audience is more diverse in location and language spoken than any of our other social media channels. The countries where we have the most engagement from are India, Kenya, Morocco, United States of America and Brazil. We mostly post in English, but also have a large following of users in other languages, with French, Spanish, Portuguese and Arabic being the most popular. We often post short campaign messages and calls to action on international days, such as 28 September, in a wider variety of languages, in order to reach a larger audience.



Examples of tweets from @Safe_Abortion

3. Knowledge Creation and Dissemination Work

We prioritise knowledge creation and dissemination and share both new and existing knowledge on the right to safe abortion. In partnership with members on the ground, our research exposes the human rights abuses associated with criminalising women for abortion and abortion providers. Meanwhile, our global news repository remains a priority in order to connect our members with the international platform.

3.1 Research on trials and imprisonment for abortion

Our legal research on trials and imprisonment summarises the laws and restrictions on safe abortion as well as details and information on individual cases and case law. We share the reports with our press list on social media and in the newsletter.

In 2018, the Campaign completed a report on the trials and imprisonment of women in Senegal, based on a range of published sources and valuable input from Senegalese human rights and women's rights advocates. The Campaign developed a particularly close relationship with the Association of Women Jurists (AJS) who worked directly with the imprisoned women and provided us with up-to-date legal information on their cases. The Campaign was in a unique position, being based in London and working internationally, to expose these cases, which many advocates working in Senegal were wary of doing publicly.

Moreover, much of the material previously recorded in Senegal was in French and so the Campaign provided this information for English-speaking advocates for the first time. It has meant evidence of imprisonment and resistance to restrictive laws in Senegal can be used in other English-speaking countries. For instance, at the Lisbon Forum, English-speakers were able to draw similarities between the Indian and Senegalese context in the high number of young teenage girls being unable to access safe abortion.

Our second report in 2018 focused on Malaysia. In recent years, only one woman has been prosecuted for abortion – a Nepali migrant worker named Nirmala in 2014, who spent four months in prison and was acquitted on appeal. The report received inputs from doctors and lawyers who advocated on Nirmala's behalf, while contacts at UNFPA read drafts and pointed us towards secondary research. The report was useful in documenting the steps that led to Nirmala's release in order to recognise what is needed to resist a regressive religious backlash. As Malaysia recently elected a new and younger government, who ran on election promises of human rights, the report is vital in ensuring the government is held accountable for change.

In 2018, we also updated the 2017 Kenya report with new information on the acquittal of Jackson Tali, a registered nurse who was arrested and sentenced to death on murder charges for an unsafe abortion.

3.2 A global news repository on abortion

For six years, the Campaign has published a newsletter, bi-weekly in 2018, to inform the network of developments on abortion law and policy around the world, report on Campaign members activities and share publications on abortion with relevant research. Sharing the newsletter is in line with the overall purpose of the Campaign, to create a platform for shared advocacy, debate and dialogue and the sharing of skills and experiences. In this way, we are able to reach our members and connect them with a broader political movement.

It is a priority for the Campaign to encourage members to submit news reports to ensure learning and knowledge sharing between members. In 2018, we were excited to observe a significant increase in news coming directly from members compared to the previous years, which we were pleased to publish.

It is central for the Campaign to champion diversity in the published news as well as ensure that the news reflects abortion issues on all levels, from academic publications and research, to grassroots activism, advocacy strategies and personal histories. Moreover, we promote countries and/or regions that are rarely reflected in the general public news to ensure inclusion of the whole abortion movement. In 2018, this included South Korea, Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Campaign published **96 newsletters in 2018**. The newsletters included features on Ireland, Argentina, Brazil, El Salvador, Algeria & Morocco, Malawi, Senegal, and Zimbabwe. Based on the percentage of emails opened by members who receive our newsletter, the most popular topics in the newsletters were:

1. 'International Safe Abortion Day' as our members are keen to find out about the theme and activities to share and prepare their own activities in line with the yearly themes. Collaborating with other members this year certainly increased the impact.
2. The vote in Argentina to reform the abortion law.
3. The developments of Ireland's historic memorandum to legalise abortion.
4. The Campaign's three-day workshop report from the Abortion and Reproductive Justice Conference in South Africa.
5. Our reports on trials and imprisonment from Malaysia and Senegal.

The news and features we publish are often shared on other listserves as well as shared by our members within their organisations and through social media. This connects us to the wider abortion rights movement and sexual health and reproductive rights community as well as ensures that we reach individuals and communities who may not know about the Campaign and/or its work. We are proud to produce thought-provoking content, it opens up a dialogue which challenges the Campaign for the better and consolidates our values as a Campaign and wider movement. All news stories from 2018 on can be found [here](#).

Website

The Campaign's website is an expanding knowledge platform. With the news reports it has become a repository for global news on abortion issues. In 2018, we successfully quadrupled the number of website visitors from 24,600 in 2017 to almost 92,000 visitors. This incredible reach was most often directed via the Campaign's newsletter and social media posts.

The total number of pages viewed also increased – from 55,000 views in 2017 to over 135,000 pages viewed in 2018. Some of our most visited content remains our [reports on trials and imprisonment](#) and [safe abortion methods](#), while the week of International Safe Abortion Day attracted the most visits of the year. We continue to optimise our website as a library of critical information by improving key terms and categorisation of the sources to make it even more user-friendly. We constantly receive requests regarding our website content for further information on the right to safe abortion.

In 2019, we will be revamping the website. In preparation, we started a process of rebranding this year, which can be seen in our logo and at the top of the website, Facebook, Twitter and the newsletter so far.

3.3 Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

We co-edited a Special Issue of the journal [Contraception](#) with 16 papers on Medical Abortion, mostly about and from the global south, which was published online in February 2018 and in March 2018 in print.

The [European Journal of Contraception & Reproductive Health Care](#) 23(2) published a letter to the editor from us in February 2018, entitled: ‘Response to “Progesterone for preventing pregnancy termination after initiation of medical abortion with mifepristone”: what’s the real point here?’

Conferences attended, presentations and lectures

Conferences

- Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, UK, Abortion Training for Medical Students, March 2018
- Inroads Second Global Members Gathering, Zagreb, Croatia, March 2018
- Gynuity Annual Mifepristone Meeting, New York, June 2018
- Report of the Lancet SRHR Commission, London, June 2018
- FIAPAC, Nantes, France, September 2018
- [Regional Conference](#) on Bringing the WHO Recommendations on Safe Abortion

Presentations

- Developing an Advocacy Agenda for Abortion in the 21st Century and Making Change Happen, International Forum, Lisbon, Portugal. 6-7 September 2018. Organised by the International Campaign for Women’s Right to Safe Abortion
- Family Planning Closer to Women in Countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Chisinau, Moldova, 15-16 November 2018. Organised by the Reproductive Health Training Centre, Moldova
- Festival of Choice 28 September, London

Lectures in the UK

- Two lectures University College London, Doctors for Choice UK for medical students
- Two lectures at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
- Pembroke College/Oxford University, Oxford
- Meetings of the national coalition Voice for Choice UK, London

4. Media Engagement

The Campaign engages with journalists, editors and news agencies to ensure that abortion is presented in an accurate way in the media, free from sensationalism. In particular, this strand of work aims to amplify the voices of advocates working on the frontline, alongside the stories of women and girls navigating abortion services.

4.1 Building contacts with journalists

From our continued engagement with the media, we receive weekly media requests from journalists who want to write about abortion. The Campaign works with journalists, particularly by pointing them to research and connecting them to our members, which has solidified the Campaign as a key go-to resource for journalists who want up-to-date international information. For instance, when Cyprus voted to reform their abortion law, the Campaign sent press releases to Irish journalists who picked up the issue in their national press. In 2018,

The Campaign continued to build our extensive press list with contact details of pro-choice, progressive journalists, editors and news agencies who produce abortion-related content. Through reading listserves and google alerts, the Campaign regularly invites new individuals to join the Campaign press list to receive the latest news and evidence tailored to their specific region. Our press list includes local, national and international journalists and it is a central part of our engagement with the media to ensure a global reach. At the end of 2017, our press list included journalists in 57 countries, which we increased to 71 countries during the course of 2018.

In 2016 the Campaign made particular progress in its communication with journalists in Europe and Africa, while in 2017 it was able to increase its engagement with journalist in South and Southeast Asia. One of the key priorities for 2018 was to improve the Campaign's press contacts in the Middle East and North Africa. For the first time, the Campaign has established close contact to freelance journalists in Algeria and Morocco, which became important in order to share news about legal reform debates in those countries, which are often under-represented in the global field of abortion rights.

Also, this year the Campaign have paid particular attention to international journalists, both freelance and from media outlets such as The Guardian, Al Jazeera, Broadly and the Washington Post. The Campaign now has a network of international reporters who reach out to us for our knowledge and advice during high-profile political events, such as the Irish referendum and Argentina "green wave".

Due to the political circumstances surrounding abortion, the Campaign always confirms with members prior to putting them in the media spotlight. In 2019, rather than solely working with journalists, we will begin to work more with members through offering more support and tools so that they are more confident to use the media to change public opinions.

Examples of media supported articles

- **CNN, August 2018**
'Argentina's Senate rejects proposed bill to legalize abortion'
[Link to article](#)
- **OpenDemocracy, September 2018**
'Dear reader, put yourself in the position of a child raped and denied an abortion'
[Link to article](#)
- **The Quint, September 2018**
'On Safe Abortion Day, A Look at India's Legal & Medical Realities'
[Link to article](#)
- **The Print, September 201**
'Busting abortion myths in India on International Safe Abortion Day'
[Link to article](#)
- **The Guardian, October 2018**
'I was given photos of the foetus': abortion stigma lingers in pioneering Uruguay'
[Link to article](#)

4.2 Media Guidelines

In 2018, we continued the work on reporting guidelines for journalists by promoting our media guidelines. The guidelines were developed alongside International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) to encourage accurate reporting. The guidelines were shared with journalists and editors and we have continued to receive positive reception of the guidelines by journalists and activists alike, this encouraged us to create a ['Press Room' page](#) on our website which we have built on throughout 2018. Now the Press Room includes a long list of images that can be used as best practice and which editors can refer to when searching for accurate imagery to accompany articles about abortion. In particular, the Campaign advocates strongly for editors to avoid the use of heavily pregnant bellies.

We also translated the media guidelines into Spanish. This was due to a request from Argentinian activists who wanted to use the guidelines in the "green wave" movement. Our media guidelines also inspired Bhekisisa Centre for Health Journalism in South Africa to draft their own guidelines adapted to the specific context in South Africa. Furthermore, an individual freelance journalist in India plans to draft similar media guidelines, which will focus more specifically on common pitfalls around abortion rights in the Indian media.

5. Advocating for the right to Safe abortion

Advocacy and Campaigning remain some of our most critical areas of work in order to keep safe and legal abortion on the global agenda and to keep bringing attention to the continued rights violations that women and girls' face.

5.1 International Safe Abortion Day – 28 September

28 September is a globally recognised day that frames campaign activities undertaken by advocates around the world to strengthen an international movement for legal and safe abortion.

For the first time, the following coalition of international and regional networks worked together in 2018 to promote 28 September with a common theme, visuals, logo and hashtag. The Campaign collaborated with Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), Ipas Africa Alliance, Campaña 28 de Septiembre LAC (Argentina), the Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW) and Asia Safe Abortion Partnership (ASAP). In addition, key organisations were also part of the coordination, such as Safe2Choose and Inroads. The collaboration marked an achievement of uniting the Campaign effort on 28 September and allowed for a truly global outreach and wider impact due to the shared theme, name, hashtags, campaign and website.

The global theme was **"Normalising abortion"** with the title **"Normalising abortion: it's part of our lives"**, and main hashtags #LetsTalkAbortion #Sept28 #28Sept #28S.

The goals of the 28 September campaign were to:

- Normalise discourse around abortion
- Bring together groups, networks, movements and organisations from around the world to work in a unified effort towards normalising abortion
- Mobilise existing constituencies and develop new partnerships with women's health groups and other social justice groups
- Engage with media and normalising abortion within the media circles.

28 September - International Safe Abortion Day was reported throughout the press this year, especially our article on "28 successes for abortion rights in 2018". A shorter version of the article was also published by openDemocracy, who first suggested the idea, and was shared widely by groups such as the International Women's Health Coalition and Inroads. The article was highly successful, and we received many comments on its uplifting tone and impact on movement building.

Around 28 September, more than 400 activities were reported by members, partners and allies in more than 85 countries. Some examples are a tour to raise awareness to safe abortion in the Democratic Republic of Congo, documentary screenings in Zimbabwe, a SexEd event, an educationally-inspirational event on sexuality and sexual rights in Macedonia, a public performance in South Korea, the launch of a virtual reality experience in India, and an art installation in Colombia.

The 28 September coordination team launched two ideas for offline actions: the bake-off for Safe Abortion and the Scarfazo.

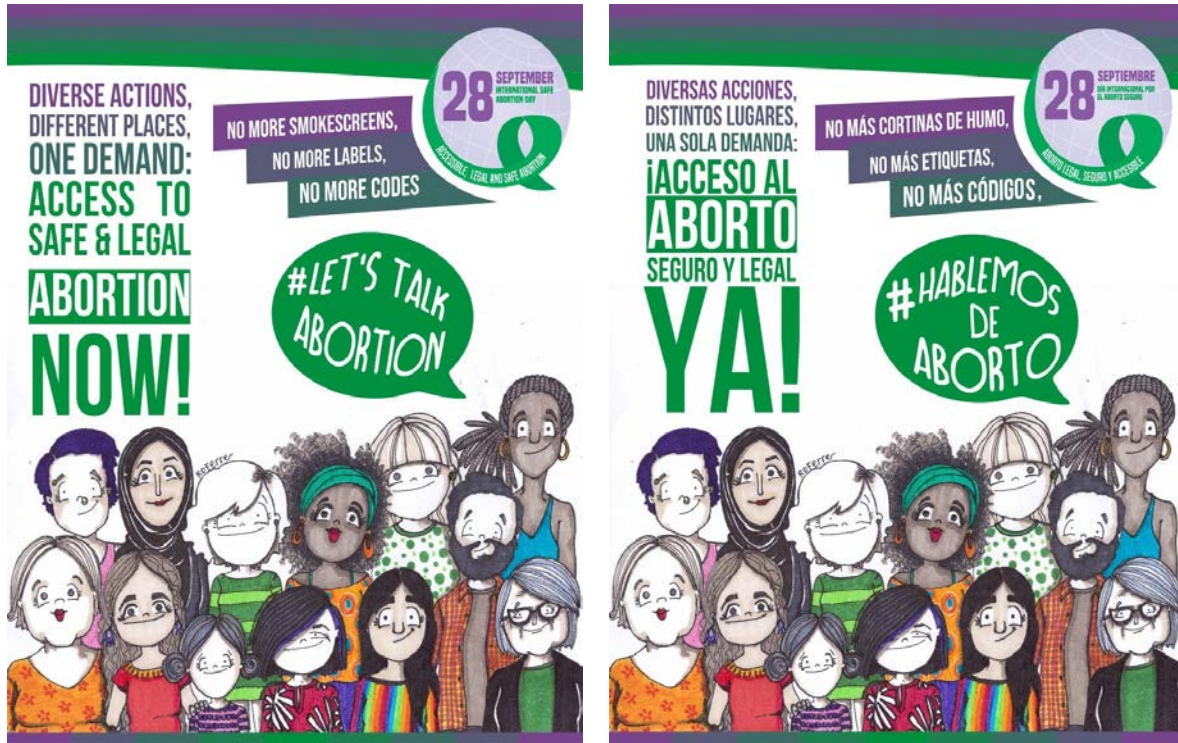
28 September online activities and Social Media

The joint 28 September Campaign included the website www.september28.org. The website was jointly managed by the Campaign and WGNRR, and it included all calls to action, social media tool kits and posters, all in four languages, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. We produced joint visual materials for social media and print in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese, to be downloaded and used by everyone.

The website has had more than 15,000 visits and more than 3500 materials downloaded. Furthermore, the Campaign published four newsletters on 3 October, 12 October, 16 October, and 30 October, with reports of Campaign members' activities and links to all the media reports we could find in English and Spanish.

We have had more than 3,368 #letstalkabortion posts by us, partners, members and allies, and an estimated reach of 12.2 million users on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Moreover, inroads organised a webinar on the 28 September's theme. The webinar was in a conversational format with activists from all over the world sharing great insights on their activities on normalising abortion.

"Normalising abortion: it's part of our lives" has been the most successful September 28 campaign yet on social media. The significant success was partly due to the global cooperation between partners.



Posters designed for 28 September campaign

5.2 Solidarity Requests in 2018

We often receive solidarity requests from members asking for our help to share and circulate call for actions. The Campaign circulated [10 requests](#) for international solidarity from members in Thailand, Argentina, Kenya, Argentina, Guatemala, Tasmania, Global Compact on Refugees, Pakistan, and El Salvador, and one from AWID.

Furthermore, the Campaign wrote a [letter of solidarity](#) to the Joint Action for Reproductive Health Network in South Korea on 27 June 2018 and another [letter of solidarity](#) to the Festival for Women's Lives in Brasilia, Brazil, on 3-6 August 2018.



Joint Action for Reproductive Justice Network, South Korea.
7 July 2018

5.3 Campaign Statements

The Campaign often writes and shares statements to set out our stand and recommendations on abortion law reform:

[Joint letter with CLACAI to Pope Francis](#) on 14 November 2018 to express our disappointment at two pronouncements he made earlier in the year related to abortion that we felt were unacceptable. We published it in a newsletter that same day along with letters from Católicas por El Derecho de Decidir, Mexico, and Catholics for Choice, USA. The latter was signed by 50 abortion providers and advocacy organisations across more than 20 countries.

Another statement was the [Letter to Simon Harris, Minister of Health, Ireland](#) recommending changes to the proposed abortion law reform bill Ireland, 20 October 2018.

Recommendations for law reform in response to the [GIBRALTAR Command Paper on abortion law reform](#), 19 November 2018.

5.4 Workshops at the Reproductive Justice Conference in South Africa

In July 2018, the Campaign facilitated a set of workshops over three days. The three workshops included almost 10 hours of in-depth discussion and sharing of experience among some 33 delegates coming from France, Gambia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The purpose of the workshops was to bring regional stakeholders together to share advocacy strategies and regional experiences in regard to decriminalisation of abortion; addressing the opposition; medical abortion and issues related to abortion services.

Ahead of the workshops, all participants were asked to prepare a short paragraph explaining what they found central to include and discuss during the workshop sessions. The submissions were collated and developed into the workshop agenda that was used throughout the three days. The participatory methodology allowed for a range of contextual issues to be reflected in the agenda. Some of the most important issues covered included:

- The role of the Maputo Protocol in promoting abortion law reform in the Africa region and the extent to which its value is understood.
- The importance of the actual lived experiences of abortion, especially those most at risk of unsafe abortions.
- How health service providers are often the ones who limit access to abortion.
- Promoting the harm reduction approach as a way to engage religious leaders.
- The media's critical role in regard to accurate reporting on abortion.

Throughout the workshop, examples from the countries represented were shared and analysed. Detailed recommendations were made for future action. A workshop report was published in the Campaign newsletter. [Link the full Report.](#)

5.5 An international Forum in Portugal

One of the key achievements of the year was the Campaign's International Forum on 5-7 September 2018. The aim of the Forum was to bring together thought leaders from around the world to examine synergies and discuss how to move global, regional and national work for the right to safe abortion forward.

Some 100 participants from 54 countries attended the Forum. The participants were abortion rights advocates, health policymakers and professionals, human rights and legal experts, youth activists, researchers, members of civil society organisations and academics. The combination of participants from the grassroots level to the UN successfully secured a dynamic exchange of knowledge and experience.

In developing a global advocacy agenda, three thematic areas stood out as key drivers of change – new technology, law reform to ensure rights protection and promote public health, and lessons learned from campaigning and working as a movement.

Day 1: Medical abortion: Re-conceptualising access to abortion

Day 2: Working towards decriminalisation

Day 3: Advocacy and the different faces of success: National case studies

The format was designed to maximise contributions from as many participants as possible. Each morning there were plenary sessions with presentations and participation from the floor, which allowed everyone to engage actively with questions and comments from their specific contexts. These were followed by panels on regional experiences and challenges.

The afternoons consisted of parallel discussion workshops with 2-6 moderators to facilitate discussion. The workshops set out key recommendations for future work on their subject area. Read the [full Forum report here](#)

Youth Action Network

During the Campaign's Forum in Lisbon, it was strongly recommended in the workshop on youth engagement and participation that a global network on abortion for young people was formed. Therefore, the initiation of a Youth Action Network as a critical part of the Campaign has become one of our new exciting initiatives for 2019.

In October, the Campaign invited a small group of young women from the Lisbon Forum to form an initial Youth Committee to develop concrete proposals and explore priorities for a new youth network. The Youth Committee consisting of regional representatives had its first meeting in December 2018 to discuss the organisation and structure. In 2019, the committee will continue the work in setting up the Youth Action Network and developing an action plan and governance structure.



Lisbon Forum participants, September 2018

6. Grants and Contributions of Funds

The Campaign is grateful for the following grants for the work carried out in 2018.

Marie Stopes International, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands supported the Campaign coordination team's work and activities for 14 months in 2018-19 with core funding. The funds covered all the core costs of the Campaign, including the salary of the four part-time officers; attending two conferences and other meetings; the cost of a co-working space and the rebranding of the Campaign. We are also grateful to DKT International for their donation to the Campaign.

In addition, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation funded the International Forum in September 2018 and the three-day workshop for the 3rd Abortion and Reproductive Justice Conference in Makhanda, South Africa, July 2018, and to support the participation of six of our members from Africa to attend. It also allowed the Campaign to hold a planning meeting for the International Forum in February 2018 and covered the fees of the Forum coordinator from January 2018 to September 2018. The funds will be used as grants for a series of national-coalition building meetings to take place in 2019.

We also want to thank the Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF), Taconic Fund, International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC), Ipas Africa Alliance, Global Fund for Women, Asia-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Catholics for Choice (CFC), Center for Reproductive Rights, and Ibis Reproductive Health, who supported the attendance of several participants for the International Forum in Lisbon.

We are thankful to all of them for the support for the Campaign's work that these grants and contributions represent.

Grants and Donations	Amount
Marie Stopes International	£200,801
Total (GBP)	£200,801
David And Lucile Packard Foundation	\$250,000
Taconic Fund	\$ 10,000
Catholics for Choice	\$ 5,000
DKT International	\$ 5,000
Total (USD)	\$270,000