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## **A.C.T. Against Violence**

### **The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations Launches A.C.T. Against Violence**

**Singapore, Monday 30 November 2020** – A.C.T. Against Violence has been launched!

The catch-all website on all forms of violence against women was launched today at the SCWO's annual *In Her Stride* event with Minister of State in the Ministry of Social and Family Development and the Ministry of Education, Ms Sun Xueling kicking off the event with a few words.

Also in attendance was Ms Bandana Rana, Vice Chair of UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), who shared about how the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted many families - especially women and what communities can do to support these families.

The two were the first of many to submit words into a cloud, which officially launched the A.C.T. Against Violence website.

You may visit the site here: <https://www.actagainstviolence.com.sg>

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## About SCWO

The **Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO)** is the national coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. We have more than 50 Member Organisations representing over 500,000 women in Singapore. Together with our members, we seek to promote the ideals of **'Equal Space, Equal Voice and Equal Worth'** for women in Singapore.

SCWO provides opportunities, platforms and services that empower and support women across the various stages of life to fulfil their fullest potential, from programmes that inspire and educate younger women and girls such as the Women's Register and Inspiring Girls, to those targeting older women through advocacy work by the **SCWO Ageing Taskforce** which aims to raise awareness on the gendered phenomenon of ageing.

The **Women's Register (WR)**, is a platform for networking, inspiration, community engagement and education that allow young women to learn, support and receive guidance from other women in the community. Public Education and Outreach to schools and organisations are done actively through the **Inspiring Girls** programme, by connecting young girls with empowering female role models and introducing them to the full variety of careers, and through the **Singapore Women's Hall of Fame (SWHF)**. SWHF recognises and celebrates the outstanding contributions of women in Singapore across all field of endeavours. **BoardAgender** is dedicated to advancing more women into senior leadership roles and boardrooms in Singapore.

**Maintenance Support Central (MSC)** empowers women with knowledge pertaining to their marital rights and provides them with all-round support by partnering with the public and private organisations to provide services such as free legal consultations on Family Law, and public education talks. **Star Shelter** aims to provide a safe temporary refuge for women and their children who are survivors of family violence regardless of race, language, creed or religion, empower them to manage and take responsibility for their lives, and assist them in rebuilding their lives free from violence.

SCWO strives to empower women holistically, to support women at every life and career stage and this is achieved by the close collaboration and cooperation with the SCWO's member organisations, as well as the public, private and people sectors to co-create solutions to empower women in Singapore.

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