

ROAD MAP

This document presents to you two different Road Maps to find out what you and your organisation can do. The first has been drafted by representatives of NGO's in 17 countries, during the International Peace Women's Conference in October 2024. It is mainly developed for the war between Russia and Ukraine, under the title "GIVE PEACE A CHANCE". The second is drafted by the Taskforce Inclusive Security from Kerk en Vrede in the Netherlands.

Road Map Give Peace a Chance

Analysis, strategies and actions for valuable female interventions for Peace:

TASKFORCE Conflict Resolution in your own Region

Analysis: War is the result of polarization, separatism and stigmatization

Strategy: it is important to start with work in small groups, which can become spaces for convergence of points of view, expression of emotions, reflection; Intergenerational dialogue is important to eliminate age gaps; It is also important to clearly formulate the idea of peace

Proposed actions: Develop region-specific conflict analysis frameworks; Create toolkits for grassroots peace initiatives; Organize cross-border dialogue sessions

TASKFORCE Women in Peace Processes

Analysis: Resolution 1325 from the Security Council that propagates women's influence to stop wars, does not work.

Strategy: collect evidence on the effectiveness of women's peace initiatives, sharing that with the International Court of Justice at the Peace Palace. It helps to install a Peace Prize for women peace leaders. Spread the evidence through media.

Proposed activities: Map opportunities for women's participation in formal peace processes; Develop training programs for women peace negotiators; Create advocacy campaigns for implementing UNSCR 1325

TASKFORCE Disarmament and Demilitarization

Analysis: Women's peace work deals with legal limitations, lack of influential contacts and difference of values.

Strategy: Develop a shared language, define rules of engagement, train mediators and dialogue with each other and with men on common values. We have to renew outdated strategies and work in partnership with influential organisations, including educational institutions. We need to organize resources to build structures that can support peace movements.

Proposal for actions: Research feminist approaches to disarmament; Organize public awareness campaigns on military spending; Develop policy recommendations for feminist foreign policy

TASKFORCE Media and Counter-Propaganda

Analysis: Many women still suffer from domestic violence, femicide, coercion and exclusion.

Strategy: These harmful practices are signs of an aggressive men-dominated culture, that shows the need for public discussion about violence against women in our culture, a root cause of war. All cultural and political activities that alert civil society to recognize and combat this structural violence will give peace more chance. We need to change the patriarchal narratives about victims and heroes. We need to include awareness on structural ongoing violence into our peace work.

Proposed Actions: Create guidelines for gender-sensitive conflict reporting; Develop digital literacy programs to combat disinformation; Produce alternative media content promoting peace narratives

TASKFORCE Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Group

Analysis: Wars cause mental disorders, lost children, refugee problems.

Strategy: We need to heal the psychological wounds and social disturbances. It requires shelter, understanding and contacts where displaced people can get help. Hate speech in the media has to be researched and denounced. Pedagogical methods and materials have to be developed to work for reunification and social/psychological recovery in (post-) conflict zones.

Proposed actions: Research feminist approaches to post-conflict healing; Develop community-based reconciliation programs; Create support networks for women affected by conflict