

# About enditnow

## an initiative to stop violence

**enditnow** is a global initiative to raise awareness and advocate for the end of violence around the world. It aims to mobilize Seventh-day Adventists around the world and invites other community groups to join in to resolve this worldwide issue.

This initiative, which extends to **more than 200 countries and territories**, was launched in October 2009 in partnership between the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)-a prominent humanitarian organization-and the Department of Women's Ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, two entities that are representative of the Adventist Church. In 2017, six other departments, namely, Children's Ministries, Education, Family Ministries, Health Ministries, Ministerial Association, and Youth Ministries added their support by joining forces to decry all forms of abuse.

**enditnow is the most important stand** the Seventh-day Adventist Church has ever taken regarding violence against men, women and children. Through this campaign, about 20 million Adventist church members – men, women, and children – are expected to create a global movement that will be mobilized within their own communities, where each person will actively work to create awareness and share solutions on ways to end this global problem.

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS AFFIRM THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EACH HUMAN BEING AND DECRY ALL FORMS OF PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE.

**enditnow** builds on the Seventh-day Adventist Church's long tradition of responding to the needs of all human beings, namely to stand up in favor of human rights, tolerance, the well-being of children, freedom of expression and conscience, and the protection and integrity of families. It is **a call to action** for all Adventists and supporters to stand up and put into practice those principles we hold true.

**enditnow** seeks to extend God's vision of love and compassion for all His children.

Domestic violence has been documented as a major issue within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Incidences of abuse follow trends documented in non-Adventist populations. This is why **enditnow** seeks to increase personal awareness, responsibility, and involvement to effectively help end violence in every family and community.

## **ALL COMMUNITIES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

Although **enditnow** seeks to primarily mobilize Adventist church members, all individuals, church congregations of every faith, social groups, schools, and businesses are invited to join.