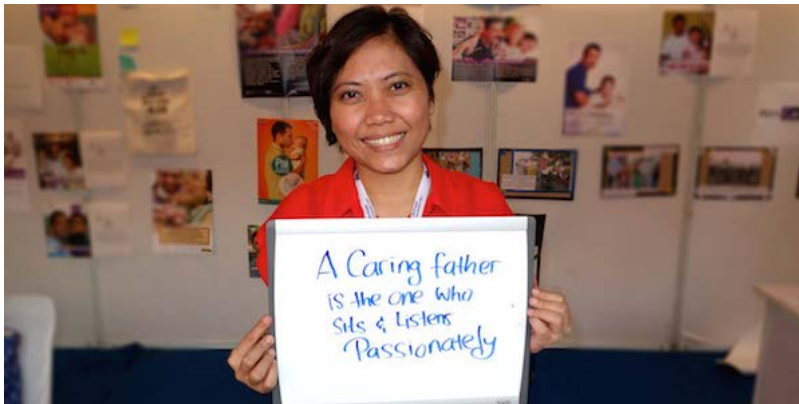


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MenCare's December newsletter features events and updates from our partners in Brazil, India, Indonesia, Nicaragua, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and around the world. Check out highlights from the MenEngage Global Symposium in New Delhi, learn how we're engaging dads to prevent gender-based violence, join us in finding innovative ways to "bring fathers in," and more. Happy holidays!

FEATURED STORY



MenEngage Global Symposium in New Delhi calls us to work with men and boys for gender justice

This November brought together more than 1200 gender equality experts, advocates, researchers, and interested individuals from 94 countries to New Delhi, India for the second-ever [MenEngage Global Symposium](#). This year's theme, "Men and Boys for Gender Justice," aimed to promote a holistic understanding of how men and boys – including fathers – can contribute to gender justice in a globalizing world.

At the MenEngage Symposium, MenCare participated in presentations and workshops about fathers' involvement in maternal and child health, men's participation in domestic and care work, and creative entry points to getting dads involved around the world. In a daylong advocacy workshop, MenCare introduced its forthcoming [State of the World's Fathers](#) report, which will be launched in June 2015. The campaign also hosted an interactive booth throughout the symposium, drawing in a diversity of individuals to share how and why they support gender equality.

Check out all of our stories from the symposium [below](#)!

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WHAT'S NEW

A tour of 16 MenCare countries in 16 days



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FEATURED VIDEO

"I accept the challenge to end violence against women"

From November 25 to December 10, thousands of organizations and individuals around the world united in support of [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#), a global campaign to raise awareness and gain wider support to end gender-based violence. We participated by highlighting 16 of the MenCare countries that are working to prevent gender-based violence around the world.

From Russia to Rwanda, check out each country's innovative approaches to ending gender-based violence [here](#).

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"Bringing Fathers In" factsheets help global activists embrace involved fatherhood



UNITED KINGDOM - The [Fatherhood Institute](#) and [MenCare](#) have launched a package of practical resources on involved fatherhood called "[Bringing Fathers In](#)." The package is designed to help professionals from a range of disciplines embrace and build on dads' vital role in improving children's outcomes. The resources include factsheets on how fathers can best support their children's early learning, improve maternal and infant health, and reduce violence in their children's lives, along with 10 research summaries and evidence-based best practice advice.

Find out more about "Bringing Fathers In" and download the resources [here](#).

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MenCare trainings in Sri Lanka transform the lives of fathers and families



SRI LANKA - World Vision Lanka, Ambagamuwa ADP – a [MenCare Sri Lanka](#) coordinator – has transformed the lives of over 400 fathers, their families, and their communities since the start of campaign activities in 2012.

MenCare Sri Lanka's six-month fatherhood training program includes ongoing classes with fathers, a two-day retreat for fathers and their families, and participant-led community campaigns which spread positive messages around men's caregiving and share fathers' stories of change. Upon completing the program's 11 sessions, fathers graduate from the MenCare program in a ceremony that includes the taking of an oath in the presence of their families and children to be loving fathers and caring husbands.

Read more about MenCare Sri Lanka's fatherhood training program [here](#).

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MenCare+ Indonesia holds forum on involving men in ending gender-based violence

INDONESIA – On November 7, [MenCare+ Indonesia](#) ("Laki Laki Peduli") held a public event with [White Ribbon Campaign](#) Co-Founder Michael Kaufman in Jakarta, Indonesia to discuss ending violence against women by engaging men and boys as allies. At the event, which around 250 people attended, Kaufman emphasized the importance of having men speak out to end



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In November, [MenCare Nicaragua](#)'s coordinator, [Red de Masculinidad por la Igualdad de Género](#) (REDMAS), was featured in the Spanish-language TV show "Hablemos un Rato."

The segment highlights REDMAS's new initiative, "I accept the challenge to end violence against women" (in Spanish, "Yo asumo el reto de acabar la violencia contra las mujeres"), an educational campaign to actively engage men in preventing gender-based violence.

The campaign is expected to reach thousands of men in ten cities in Nicaragua over a three-month period.

Watch the video [here](#) and learn more about MenCare Nicaragua [here](#).

FEATURED ARTICLES

Fatherhood, caregiving, and love in Brazil



"They arrive one by one; fathers, mothers and childcare workers. They've been invited by leaders of the Stella Maris Municipal Daycare to talk about paternity and caregiving with an NGO that at that moment wasn't very well known to them: Instituto Promundo.

"Cleber Leonardo Ramos, 35, is one of the fathers who accepts the invitation. Like all participants, he is a resident of Vila Joaniza, one of 700 favelas in Rio de Janeiro that share the same challenges every day: precarious sanitation



violence against women. He highlighted the need to promote positive masculinities and change the way that young men are brought up by redefining traditional gender norms and stereotypes.

Kaufman also discussed the impact of equality within the home on child health and development. "Children are happier, more well-adjusted when men are more involved as parents. They are less likely to use violence. Men who do childcare and house chores are proven to be healthier," Kaufman said.

Read about the event [here](#), and learn more about MenCare+ Indonesia [here](#).

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STORIES FROM THE MENENGAGE GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM

At the MenEngage Global Symposium, MenCare discusses global advocacy for involved fatherhood



INDIA - On November 10, the first day of the [MenEngage Global Symposium](#) in New Delhi, India, MenCare held a daylong advocacy workshop around the campaign's forthcoming [State of the World's Fathers](#) report. More than 60 people attended the workshop, discussing ways to use the report as a tool for policy, media, and community advocacy around involved fatherhood and caregiving worldwide.

The [MenCare Campaign](#) will launch the first *State of the World's Fathers* report in June 2015, highlighting research, data, policies, and programs from around the world related to men's participation in caregiving and fatherhood. It defines a global advocacy agenda for involving men and boys in care as part of the solution to achieve gender equality and other positive outcomes for women, children, and men themselves. The report aims to provide the basis for concentrated social, political, and healthcare initiatives; broad institutional change; and public awareness to bring about a transformation toward equitable, involved fatherhood.

Read more about the advocacy workshop [here](#).

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conditions, violence related to drug trafficking, police raids, and limited access to several basic services, among other struggles."

Continue reading on [Voice Male Magazine](#).

How corporal punishment's legality aggravates child abuse



"On a daily basis, newspapers across the country tell story after story of the horrors perpetrated against children: from the parents of a seven-week-old baby inflicting upon their baby three broken ribs, a fractured knee and brain injuries, to a man arrested after he assaulted a two-year-old boy.

"While there is little research on the prevalence of corporal punishment in the home, evidence suggests that well over 50% of parents use it."

Continue reading on [Mail & Guardian](#).

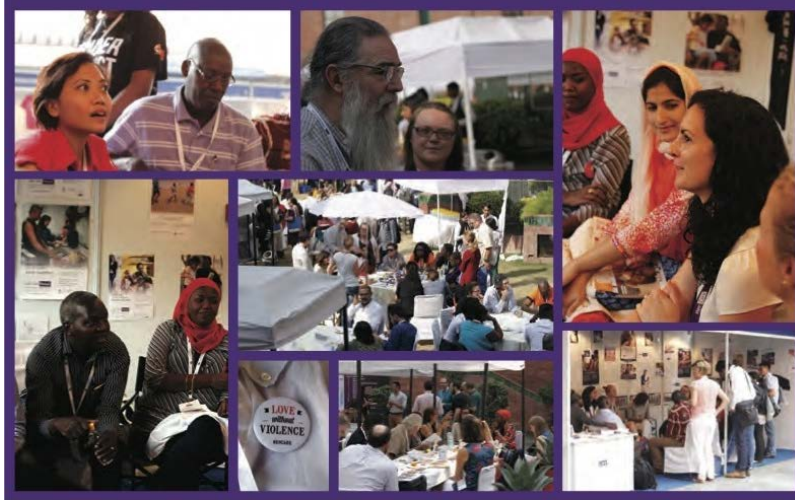
FEATURED RESOURCE

World Policy Forum shares world maps on parental leave



The World Policy Forum [factsheet](#) on "Assessing National Action on Leave for Infant Care" includes maps of paid parental and paternity leave around the world.

Participants at MenCare+ Kitchen Table Talks provide insights on gender justice



INDIA - At the second MenEngage Global Symposium, [Rutgers WPF](#) organized four [MenCare+](#) "Kitchen Table Talks" about engaging men in gender justice issues, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, maternal and child health, and gender-based violence. Here are some of the insights shared by participants:

"A convincing factor to get men to buy into gender equality and caregiving is to provide a safe space to discuss their ambitions, hopes, and insecurities with other men."

"Find out what men are struggling with every day. Mobilize them by demonstrating how caregiving will make their lives easier."

"Society should recognize the importance of father figures in the lives of children: We need to push schools, health facilities as well as social workers to include men in a child's upbringing."

Read the complete takeaways from the Kitchen Table Talks [here](#).

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MenCare Russia shares Global Symposium photo highlights



MenCare friends and partners discuss global advocacy for involving men and boys in caregiving at the State of the World's Fathers advocacy workshop on November 10.

Check out this resource (and more) on the World Policy Forum's Convention on the Rights of the Child resource hub [here](#).

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The State of the World's Fathers advocacy workshop illustrates that paid paternity leave has benefits for women, children, and men themselves.



From November 11 to November 13, MenCare hosted a booth that drew a diverse audience to share insights on involving fathers as engaged and responsive caregivers.

Check out all of MenCare Russia's photos from the MenEngage Global Symposium [here](#), and learn more about MenCare Russia [here](#).

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