

## **Press release November 25 2013**

### **Prevention and elimination of violence against women – still a long way to go!**

On the international day of prevention of violence against women, the Medical Women's International Association asks why -- with so much talk about preventing and eliminating violence against women --does the situation not improve? The answer must lie in the concept of gender and health.

The gender approach recognizes three things. The first is that women and men are different and need to be valued despite their differences. The second is that society values what is male over what is female and if advancement is to be made, both women and men must work together toward this goal of gender equality. The third is that gender is not just your biological sex, but rather the role society gives you by virtue of being female or male and the power dynamics that result.

MWIA is in the process of writing a manual for physicians on the topic of eliminating violence against women.