

Men Care

A GLOBAL FATHERHOOD CAMPAIGN

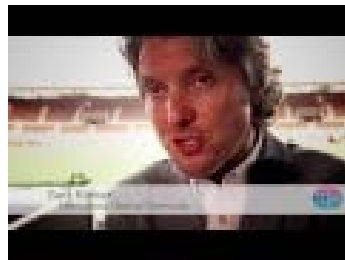
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FEATURED NEWS

Watch this Video: What About Men?



Click the image to watch!

THE NETHERLANDS - On September 4, 2013, the International Day for Sexual Health, [Rutgers WPF](#) organized the third annual John Rutgers Reading.

More than 170 guests gathered at the Olympic Stadium in Amsterdam to get inspired by the theme "What About Men." Radio Netherlands Worldwide, created this 3-minute film in collaboration with Rutgers WPF, the co-coordinator of [MenCare+](#) to discuss men, masculine roles, and what happens when men get involved at home. Watch it ([here](#)).

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UPDATES AT A GLANCE

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WHAT'S NEW

Blog: The Fascinating Story of Patrick Godana: Activist and Ally for Involved Fatherhood in South Africa



SOUTH AFRICA - Patrick Godana was highly involved in the political liberation of South Africa, had to leave the country as a boy, was trained as a combatant, and a few months after his return to South Africa, was arrested, tortured, heavily interrogated and later tried and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

He now works with [Sonke Gender Justice](#), [MenCare](#)'s Co-Coordinator, in their Community Education and Mobilization Unit, engaging fathers to take positive stands against all forms of gender violence and HIV/AIDS, and working with fathers to support them in their role in the care and protection of children, thus benefitting families and the community at large.

Read the full blog ([here](#)).

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MenCare+ Will Address Violence in 4 Districts in Rwanda

RWANDA - [Mencare+](#) has now been successfully launched in four Districts of Rwanda (Musanze, Karongi, Nyaruguru and Rwamagana) - those which were deemed to have the highest levels of gender-based violence in the country. These District Launches sparked interest from local officials as well as from journalists; several [newspapers](#) and radio stations covered the events. Check out a few [pictures](#).



The project targets about 9,000 men, boys, women and girls, and will focus on developing the role of men in promoting best family practices and ensuring better environments for both women and children. Community members will be reached through group education, campaigns, village level meetings and Umuganda (community work) in particular.

Learn more about the MenCare+ Program ([here](#)).

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Fathers Care is active in 200 Villages in Maharashtra, India

INDIA - The Fatherhood Campaign has now been implemented in 8 Districts and 200 villages in Maharashtra, India.

The campaign is coordinated by the [Centre for Health and Social Justice](#) and focuses on bringing visibility to the idea of caring fatherhood and to those fathers who are already involved in caregiving. They address the notion of 'masculinity, seeking to help fathers become in touch with their emotions.

Implementing partners work with children to disseminate their messages, and coordinate teacher trainings, fathers' groups and community campaigns as part of their efforts.

Check out some of their posters below.

Learn more about MenCare India ([here](#)).



Translation: Caregiving is also a role of father; we do so and our relation (with our kids) is great.



Let's support each other in taking a step forward to ensure the rights of our children.

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Fathers' Groups are Part of Hospital Programming in Vietnam



VIETNAM - The Center for Studies and Applied Sciences in Gender - Families - Women and Adolescent ([CSAGA](#)) has now organized 5 fathers' groups with over 100 participants and is continuing to build on their work!

Thanks to CSAGA, the National Maternity Hospital has now integrated fathers' groups into their

training programs.

Learn more about MenCare Vietnam ([here](#)).

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National Seminar on Fatherhood and Care in Brazil

BRAZIL - On 21-23 August 2013, Rio de Janeiro hosted the National Seminar on Fatherhood and Care in the Single Health System network, a partnership between Men's Health Section of the Ministry of Health, the Municipal Health Office of Rio de Janeiro, Comitê Vida, [Instituto Papai](#) and [Instituto Promundo](#). The seminar discussed: "Fatherhood and Health Care Policies," "Why it is Important to Engage Men in Caregiving," and "Fatherhood and Diversity." The photo exhibition "[Você é meu pai!](#)" ["You are my father"] was also included as part of the event.

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MenCare is a global fatherhood campaign, coordinated by [Promundo](#) and [Sonke Gender Justice](#). Our mission is to promote men's involvement as equitable, non-violent fathers and caregivers in order to achieve family well-being and gender equality.