SOLIDARITY STRIKES THAT CHANGED OUR WORLD
South Korean women wig workers protest closure of company
Date: 9th August 1979

The crackdown of women workers protest and the opposition party trigger widespread opposition against Park Chung Hee. It serves as catalyst for downfall of the military regime.
General strike in Bolivia against water privatization
Date: December 1999-April 2000

Workers in Cochabamba held a 4-day general strike. Government cancelled the privatization agreement.
All Dutch vessels in Brisbane were boycotted until 1949, when Netherlands recognized Indonesian independence.
Unions around the world responded to South African unions’ appeals for boycotts, leading to wide sanctions on SA products.
Women from a sewing cooperative in Dado village, Mindanao stop conflict and restored peace. Villagers regain use of roads, travel to trading centers and rebuild economy.
Australian builders strike to defend public space (green bans)
Date: 1973

42 development projects threatening livelihoods of the working class, the indigenous, and environment were stopped. Over 100 buildings worth of national preservation were saved.
Russian women strike that sparks the Russian Revolution
Date: 8th March 1917

Women textiles workers in Petrograd strike against shortage of bread. Later over 100,000 workers joined the protests and it led to the overthrow of the tsar.
Indian tea plantation workers strike against low wage & patriarchy in unions

Date: September 2015

Women workers excluded men in their strike. Later all-women union was formed and similar strikes took place at nearby plantations.
Polish women’s strike against abortion ban
Date: 24th October 2016

Women in Poland went on one-day national strike. Later the lawmakers abandoned the proposal.
Inhabitants in Lampedusa, Italy, strike against nuclear dumping
Date: 8th-12th September 1968

The atomic energy agency postponed the project. Their action inspired other nearby islands to do the same.
GLOBAL STRIKE TOOL KIT
OFFLINE
• Total strike – stopping work or housework for a whole workday
• Part-time strike – stopping production/work for 1 or 2 hours
• Join demonstrations, pickets, marches
• Use **images from our toolkit** to organize talks or mini exhibition on solidarity strike
• Write opinion pieces on the importance of solidarity strike and women’s rights
• Consumption strike – stop buying anything from multinationals
• Corporate strikes – picket one of the multinationals that outsources labour, avoids paying taxes, displaces communities
• Blockage of roads and streets
• Banner drop – find a prominent place to share the message of the global strike

ONLINE
• Design your own out-of-office email with a clear message. For instance: “I’m on strike. Today. With this strike we are protesting against the ongoing social, legal, political, moral, verbal, economical violence against women worldwide. We oppose neoliberal globalisation that put the interests of corporations and capitalists before women’s rights.”
• Share **history of solidarity strikes images** from our toolkit on your social media. Translate in your own language or alternatively, **share our Facebook album on history of strikes**.
• Post photos with you on strike with hashtags #IWD2017 #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike #WomenClimateJustice
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- **TRIGGER EVENT**: Trigger event leading to the awareness of the problem.
- **PUBLIC AWARENESS OF PROBLEM**
- **PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO POWERHOLDER POLICIES**
- **PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR MOVEMENT ALTERNATIVES**
MAPPING MOVEMENTS AND CHANGE

Culture of Solidarity

Capacity Building

Supporting local knowledge and resources

Supporting movement architecture

Creating advocacy Spaces

Culture of Accountability
Indigenous people strike against open pit coal mine
Date: 28th August 2016

The indigenous people in Phulbari, Bangladesh held 4-day national strike. The govt. finally agreed to end coal mine & institute people's ownership over resources.
South Asian women migrant workers strike in Grunwick factory, London. Gained large support from public and British workers union.
Women machinists won immediate wage increase. Equal Pay Act passed in 1970, guaranteeing equal pay and work conditions in UK.
About 50,000 women across 60 US cities stop doing work inside and outside of home, calling an end to arms race.
Swedish workers united against war with Norway

Date: February to June 1905

Sweden decided not to use force with Norway for declaring independence, preventing the war.
Salvadoran doctors strike against privatization of health care
Date: 17th September 2002 - 12th April 2003

The government agreed to stop privatizing health care.
The King gave in to the women’s demands and distributed bread, leading to the end of monarchy in France in 1791.
The Gurindji Aboriginal workers started an 8-year protest for wages. It resulted in Aboriginal land rights being recognised for the first time.