

# Stop the War on Children Week of Action 2019 Worksheet

## Background

From October 13 – 19, Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) is organizing the Stop the War on Children (SWOC) week of action to raise awareness around the challenges children living in war zones face. SWOC is a global campaign focusing on protecting children living in conflict zones.

Today, nearly 1 in 5 children around the world are living in conflict zones. Conflicts are lasting longer and are more likely to be urban and fought among civilian populations increasingly placing children in harms way. Schools are being deliberately bombed, torched and destroyed. In 2017 alone there were 1,432 attacks on schools verified by the United Nations.

At a time when there are 142 million children living in high-intensity conflict zones, it is critical for Congress to act to condemn attacks on schools and underscore the importance of education for children affected by conflict.

Our Stop the War on Children Week of Action will enable us to increase awareness and inspire action in support of a [bipartisan resolution](#) calling for an end of attacks on education in war zones. Working with the SCAN staff in your state and other volunteers, complete this worksheet to plan your week of action activities. Your creative ideas will make this week of action even better.

Which member(s) of Congress will you focus on for the week of action? Who or what will influence these member(s) of Congress?

What are some opportunities to share the photo gallery with your community? Will you do a standalone event, share them during another event (e.g. local festival) or house them in some public space for the week (or some mix of these)?

## Week of Action Ideas

Below are some ideas to get your creative juices flowing as you plan your week of action activities. You do not have to organize all of these activities! Pick and choose the ones that make sense for your community.

1. Organize a photo gallery event. We will provide powerful photos and artwork from children living in war zones. You can pair a photo gallery with [this virtual reality video](#), a speaker or panel discussion, action (e.g. postcard writing or phone calls) or all of the above. You can also find a public space that will share the gallery during the week (e.g. a library or local coffee shop).
2. Collect postcards: We will provide postcards for use at events and meetings. Make a plan to deliver your completed cards to local congressional offices.
3. Call your members of Congress: Making calls is a quick and easy way to have a big impact! We'll provide a script and a phone number.
4. Write a letter to the editor: Expand the reach of the week of action by writing a letter to your local paper. We'll provide a sample.
5. Post on social media: We'll provide graphics, including the photo gallery, and other content you can share on your social media channels.

What new partnerships can you develop during the week of action?

How else will you inspire people to act during the week of action?

What tasks will each committee lead on week of action? If you are a campus group of a small group of volunteers, think about how you can assign responsibilities for each of these areas.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Assigned Tasks</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Legislative</b>		
<b>Outreach</b>		
<b>Communications</b>		
<b>Political</b>		



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