

# Global Network of Women's Shelters Data Count 2013 (for Australian &

## INFO AND CONSENT

Please review the DATA COUNT 2013 Information Sheet before filling out this form.

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This is a global survey and there are different terms for women's shelters all over the world. In the Australian (and neighbours) context, shelters are more commonly known as refuges, shelters, transitional housing, or crisis or supported accommodation for women escaping domestic and family violence. It can include accommodating women in hotels, motels and caravans when necessary. These services provide or obtain some kind of housing or shelter for women experiencing domestic and/or family violence and sometimes a range of other (non-housing) services to support their clients, such as outreach or counseling for example).

More information can be found on the Information Sheet. The Info sheet should have been sent to you by email, but can also be downloaded from the website <http://www.wesnet.org.au>. It also has contact details if you need assistance with completing this survey.

**1. I agree to participate in the Global Shelter Data Count with the understanding that**  
**a) this information will be reported on a country/region basis only;**  
**b) my individual shelter name and information will not be disclosed; and**  
**c) the information will be compiled by the Women's Services Network (WESNET) Inc and the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (Canada) on behalf of the Global Network of Women's Shelters to be used for public awareness purposes.**

Yes

No (you will exit this survey)

**2. I also agree to share my individual shelter data count information with my regional/national network(s) for public awareness purposes with the understanding that individual shelter data will not be publicly disclosed.**

Yes

No (you will exit this survey)

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3. Contact Information

Name:

Company:

Position:

Address:

City/Town:

State/Province:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Country:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

4. Are you reporting the results of your shelter alone?

- Yes
- No, I am reporting the results for many shelters

5. If yes to question 4, go to question 6.

If no to question 4 - how many shelters are you reporting for?

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6. Are you part of a shelter network?

- Yes
- No

7. If no to question 6, please go to question 8.

If yes, what is the name or names of the shelter network(s) (eg., statewide, provincial, regional, national etc) that you belong to?

## 8. My organisation is (please check one box only):

- a women's shelter organisation
- a shelter network
- a co-ordinating body that includes women's shelter services
- an organisation that provides safe spaces for women in other ways
- an informal network providing services in our community
- a counselling service
- an organisation that shelters the perpetrator (with victim remaining in the home)
- a sexual violence service

Other (please specify)

## 9. Our organisation is

- a women led non-governmental agency
- a non-governmental agency
- government run
- a volunteer agency
- a foundation
- a private organisation

Other (please specify)

## 10. What was the day you chose for our count (eg., 25 November, 2013). Note that the count is for 1 day only. Please do not report your full year's statistics.

Enter a day between  /  /   
Monday 4 November  
and Friday 29  
November 2013

## DATA COUNT QUESTIONS

**11. Number of women helped today. This includes all women you helped (those who participated in groups, visited or stayed at your shelter, received online or telephone counselling etc)**

**12. Of the women helped today, how many were pregnant? If you don't know, please type in either "don't know" or "don't collect this information".**

**13. Number of children helped today. This number includes all the children you helped (those who participated in groups, visited or stayed at your shelter, received specialised support from your shelter, etc).**

**14. Number of women turned away from your shelter today due to lack of resources (money, staff, space etc)?**

**15. The number of children turned away from your shelter today due to lack of resources (money, staff, space etc)**

**16. How is your shelter funded? (Check one box for major source of funds only)**

- Government
- Foundations/Philanthropy
- Fundraising events
- Volunteers
- Volunteer run
- Private sector
- International Aid
- Individual donations

Other (please specify)

**17. Do you offer specialised services to marginalised women?**

- Yes
- No

## 18. If yes to question 17, we provide services for (check all that apply):

- Ethnic minority and/or "racial" minority women
- Women subject to immigration control
- Indigenous/Aboriginal women
- Women used in prostitution
- Trafficked women
- Incarcerated women
- Lesbian/Bisexual
- Transgender/transsexual women
- Women with disabilities
- Specialised services for women in or from high conflict areas
- Young women
- Older women
- Women who present with significant mental health issues
- Women who use drugs and alcohol problematically
- Women in rural and remote locations
- Women with HIV/AIDS
- Women victimised in the name of "honour"
- Girls and/or women at risk of/fleeing forced marriage

Other (please specify)

## 19. Can you tell us about significant achievement(s) or event(s) that happened in your country relating to violence against women in 2013?

## 20. What major challenge(s) do shelters face in your country? Please check all that apply:

- Lack of government funding
- Tendering or commissioning of shelter services
- No national violence against women policy
- No national women's shelter policy
- Poor legislation
- Good legislation but poorly implemented
- Justice system is slow to respond
- Lack of inter-institutional agreements/collaboration
- Lack of financial security
- Lack of physical security
- Hard to find trained staff
- Low wages for staff
- Run by volunteers
- Not enough shelters in our area
- Uneven distribution of shelters across the country
- Security threats
- High conflict area
- War/conflict/humanitarian zone
- There are no shelters
- Gaps in services and supports for marginalised women
- Mainstreaming of services - e.g., loss of women specific services
- Cultural and religious barriers
- Lack of training for staff working with specialised populations
- Political persecution
- Lack of supports when women leave shelter

Other (please specify)

## 21. Have any shelters in your country had to close down in the last year?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**22. If yes, how many shelters had to close?**

**23. Please give reasons why shelters had to close:**

- Lack of government funding
- Political instability
- Change in government policy or direction
- Government now places priority on men's shelters and services
- In a high conflict/war zone
- Natural Disaster
- Changes in shelter policy
- Poorly managed
- Other (please specify)

**24. Comments from women, children and seniors who have used shelter services today. (The role the shelter played in helping them, the challenges they are facing, the needs they have, their experiences that brought them to shelter).**

**25. Comments from staff about their experiences in helping women children and seniors today?**

## Issues for women in your country

The Global Network strongly believes that violence against women will not end until societal norms and attitudes support women's empowerment and they have achieved gender equality (eg., participate fully in public and social life, the economy, government, education, health systems and are reflected positively in the media).

### **26. What major challenges do women face in your country in achieving gender equity and ending violence?**

### **27. What changes have happened in your country that resulted in greater gender equity (eg., increase in social status, assets, opportunities, resources and rewards)?**

Thank you for your participation. A copy of the data count will be sent to you in March 2014.