

# For International Working Women's Day... Cut the War Budget, Invest in Women's Lives!

*Our feminism means standing with all women around the world!*

*This IWWD, we call on you to embrace a feminist outlook that includes women in the Global South. We live in a country that gives over a trillion dollars to fund wars, military bases, and occupations. When our country is harming women and communities around the world, feminist values require us to be in solidarity with them!*



**CODEPINK**

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CODEPINK is a feminist grassroots organization working to end U.S. warfare and imperialism, support peace and human rights initiatives, and redirect resources into healthcare, education, green jobs, and other life-affirming programs.

Hard working people in this country have to pay taxes to a government that uses all that money for war, not for helping the people. For our sisters all over the world, it's time we divest from war and militarism and invest in social services that support our communities!

Join the movement!  
Sign the petition to  
Cut the War Budget  
and instead invest  
in women's lives!



# THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF WAR ON WOMEN & THEIR COMMUNITIES

## PALESTINE

- Due to the ongoing U.S.-Israeli genocide against the people of Palestine, 500,000+ women of reproductive age lack access to essential services like antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, and management of sexual transmitted infections.
- There have been 591 attacks on healthcare facilities by the Israeli military since Oct 2023.
- Miscarriages have increased by over 300% since Oct. 7, 2023.

## VENEZUELA

- U.S. sanctions have worsened the humanitarian crisis by restricting access to food, medicine, medical care, clean water, hygiene, public transport, electricity, and telephone and internet services.
- The U.N has cited Venezuelan women, children and queer folks as some of the most affected groups suffering from U.S. sanctions.
- U.S. policies have crippled Venezuela's oil revenue, which funds public services, further straining the healthcare system, education system, and housing.

## AFGHANISTAN

- Decades of U.S. intervention and war have negatively impacted women's travel rights, education, healthcare, and employment.
- The continual freezing of Afghan Central Bank funds has halted core regulatory functions of managing banking system volatility and stabilizing the country's currency, which has led to increases in the price of basic commodities such as food, fuel, and medicine.

## CUBA

- According to a 2021 Oxfam report, women in Cuba carry the heaviest burden of sustaining daily life and the U.S. embargo increases their stress, lowers their quality of life, limits opportunities, and causes material shortages.
- The outright ban on the sale of American foodstuffs has contributed to serious nutritional deficits, particularly among pregnant women, leading to an increase in low birth-weight babies.
- Cubans are forced to rely on costly and delayed medical, food, and care alternatives, leading to recurring shortages and lack of access to urgent needs.

## SYRIA

- U.S. sanctions have impeded the import of medical supplies and equipment, exacerbating the challenges faced by mothers, caregivers, and healthcare workers amid destabilization worsened by Western imperialism.
- Over-compliance with the sanctions by banks has led to huge financial restraints on feminist organizations, which are usually one of the biggest support system for Syrian women and children.

## YEMEN

- With 3 million Yemenis displaced in 2023, including a large number of widows of those killed in the war, many Yemeni women have taken full responsibility for supporting their families.
- The ongoing humanitarian crisis has been marked by widespread disease and malnutrition, with millions lacking access to adequate healthcare.
- With ongoing bombings of hospitals and schools, women are left without access to basic medical necessities and forced to endure childbirth without proper medical care.

**WE DEMAND OUR TAX DOLLARS GO TO LIFE-AFFIRMING CARE, NOT MORE HARM TOWARDS WOMEN OF THE WORLD!**

**CUT THE PENTAGON**  
FOR THE PEOPLE, PLANET, PEACE & A FUTURE!

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