The Native Women’s Association first started lobbying the federal government in 2002 to address the systemic violence against Indigenous women and girls. Our Sisters in Spirit project created the first and only database of MMIWG in Canada, listing 582 cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Despite the success of this project in raising awareness about the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women, the project was defunded in 2010. However, the list of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls continues to grow.

NWAC continues to support and advocate on behalf of Indigenous women and their families who have lost loved ones. NWAC calls on the Government of Canada to implement, in a meaningful and respectful way, the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls 231 Calls for Justice.

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