### Marly, Switzerland



Thanks to a partnership between the Square (association of the Marly township) and ATD Fourth World, children from different cultures made a sculpture of Irenge. It took them two months to make this magnificent statue in paper-mâché.

### The story of Irenge (summary)

Irenge is a boy who lives on top of a hill in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He has a hard life and helps his mother a lot. He is always the one who goes down the hill to get water from the well. One day, as he arrived at the well, he saw a group of Tapori children. One of them, Basole, invites him to play with them every Saturday.

Irenge accepts and becomes friends with them. They visit him on top of the hill to sing, dance and

play. The children on top of the hill and those at the bottom become friends

and it makes Irenge very happy.

### Aix-en-Provence, France

On October 17, 2016, at the celebration for the International Day to Overcome Poverty, the children of the Tapori group of Aix sang proudly "We are writing on the wall."

"I liked it very nuch when we sang. It was a magical moment."

Shanna, 11 years old

Melinda

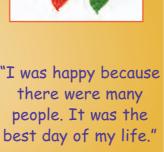
Shanna

Sofia

Laura

**Cyrine** 

Melyna



Sofia, 11 years old

Refus

Zarah

### TAPORI NEWSLETTER



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Tapori groups of the Democratic Republic of the Congo shared TRUE STORIES ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

Tapori Campaign 2017:

"Come on! Let's look together for the keys to friendship and peace!"



"The Tapori children are sitting under a tree around a table; they all play, sing and dance happily together And at the end they all go to the river to fetch some water for their families."

Hope, 13 years old

"How do you get along with your friends? What do you do with them?"



"Me and my friends, we share what we have, we help each other. From time to time my mom gives me some money to buy things. During recess time at school, I share what I bought with my friends. The next day, my mom had nothing to give me and one of my friends shared what he got. This is what we do, me and my friends!"

> Elvis. Tapori group Shalom in Goma

"In our school, there was a girl, nobody liked her. I felt bad when all the other girls were playing together at recess time and she was all by herself. I decided to speak to her from time to time and little by little she felt accepted by the others. So far it is only us boys who have been friendly towards her. I don't know why the girls don't like her. Her name is ANNA."

Patrick, Tapori group Kavumu



Tapori is friendship for all. In my neighborhood and wherever me and my friends are, we show that we are friends. We help each other to fetch water at the well. We do a lot of things together and that makes our lives better. I wish that all the children in the world could live like the Shalom Tapori children of Goma, DRC"

> Josué, 11 years old Tapori group Shalom of Goma

### Welcome to the new groups and friends of Tapori

### Dakar, Sénégal

"I would like the children to get many more friends this year."

Koumba Séne

"When I get home from school, I have to help my mom. I don't want her to be tired."

Ady Dialo, 12 years old





"I wish there could be peace for all the nildren who have a hard life." Amy Cisse, 12 years old



### London, Great Britain

Reaction to Irenge's story (see p.4)

"Come, join us!" "I would like to tell him: be brave and strong because most people have a hard life and it's not always easy to make friends but you have to believe it can happen!" Rachel Joy, 11 years old

> « "Meeting new friends!" Rebecca Grace, 10 years old



"Saving people's lives! We are a community." Dorothee, 9 years old

### TAPORI RUKUNDO

Children of a neighborhood of Bujumbura met to speak about Friendship. They were happy. Each one took a pencil and drew his or her friend.

Then they wrote: "Tapori Rukundo" which means Tapori Friendship in their language.



### Bangui, Central Africa

"Nature is important because we can eat what we grow and live. Thanks to the water nature provides. To protect nature, I shouldn't throw trash in the nature. I should throw it in the trash can."

Jean-Charles Douban

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Bouaké, Ivory Coast

## Saint-Denis, Reunion Island



exclusion in society."

Miona, 13 years old

"This is for the children of the world; to be together in happiness and peace." Nandehli

"Everybody must live ogether and be connected with each other." Sahalia

# Antananarivo, Madagascar

Here are some photos of children playing the Tapori game on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and some arrows they drew "All together for a better world!"



children study, there is less

"We shouldn't pollute the ocean. Everyone is responsible to protect the ocean." Stéphane, 12 years old

