

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 Irengé. It took them two months to make this magnificent statue in paper-mâché.

The story of Irengé (summary)

Irengé 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 Taporí children. One of them, Basole, invites him to play with them every Saturday.

Irengé 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 Irengé very happy.



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

Taporí Campaign 2017:

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



Djsmon
11 years
old

"The Taporí 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,
Taporí 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, Taporí group Kavumu

"Taporí 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 Taporí children of Goma, DRC."

Josué, 11 years old
Taporí group
Shalom of
Goma

Aix-en-Provence, France

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

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

Shanna, 11 years old



"I was happy because there were many people. It was the best day of my life."

Sofia, 11 years old

Sofia

Laura

Shanna

Cyrine

Melyna

Zarah

Welcome to the new groups and friends of Taporì

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 children who have a hard life."

Amy Cisse,
12 years old



London, Great Britain

Reaction to Irengé'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



Burundi

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: "Taporì Rukundo" which means Taporì Friendship in their language.



NEWS

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 Doubane



Bouaké, Ivory Coast



Drawings by Gog, Laelilia, Fatou, Yeo Dosso et Landry



Saint-Denis, Reunion Island



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

Nandehli



"Everybody must live together and be connected with each other."

Sahalia



Antananarivo, Madagascar

Here are some photos of children playing the Taporì game on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and some arrows they drew

"All together for a better world!"



"All children should be able to go to school. When children study, there is less exclusion in society."

Miona, 13 years old



"We shouldn't pollute the ocean. Everyone is responsible to protect the ocean."

Stéphane, 12 years old

