

ATD FOURTH WORLD TANZANIA NEWSLETTER

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Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated.
To come together to ensure these rights be respected is our solemn duty.

- Joseph Wresinski (1917-1988), founder of ATD Fourth World -



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Editorial



Dear friends,

We are happy to share with you a special newsletter dedicated to the next October 17th, the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty. As you know this year we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the day but not only. In the framework of the Call to Action campaign, we celebrate as well the 100th anniversary of Joseph Wresinski and the 60th years of our Movement. Following the first day

All year long, we, the October 17th committee prepared this event, with the hope to make this opportunity for people living in extreme poverty to be heard by the society. We want to give a special dimension with the support of all our active members and to guarantee the participation and presence from all. A special celebration will be organized on **October 14th, 2017 in Dar es Salaam.**

In page 3 you will be able to read the Joseph Wresinski's Address, "I bear witness to you", October 17, 1987 at the Human Rights Plaza in Paris. Following its spirit we planned a program which will combine our voice with those who live in poverty resisting everyday to overcome their situation. As you know this year, ATD Fourth World Movement organization has come up with the **STOP POVERTY CAMPAIGN** that was launched officially on February 12, 2017. This campaign aims to collect the number of people who want to end extreme poverty around the world. This is a way to show our solidarity with people who fight against extreme poverty.

In our last page we invite you to read the thinking of youth, future of our society. A delegation of four young from the Youth Group, Agatha, Halfani, Pazi and Vicky went to Bukavu, Congo to take part to a seminary concerning the Education for Peace. They shared the opportunity they had to discover the commitment of youth there. As said Vicky: "Cooperation from different backgrounds brings peace because through unity it shapes you to look as one."

We wish all friends everywhere in Tanzania and the rest of the world a succesful and a happy October 17th,

The ATD Fourth World Tanzania October 17th committee

"When we live such a gathering together there is something building." Rehema Abdallah (Tandale, Dar es Salaam)

I remember one day I was told that there is a day of eradication of poverty 17 October. I was told that the celebration will take place at Mnazi Mmoja. That celebration was big, different organizations and groups participated. It was my first time to hear about a world day of eradication of poverty when people get together to celebrate it. When I went I heard different testimonies people shared, then I understood that oh! there a way to eradicate poverty without being given money, those testimonies can help you to realize and recognize that there are some ways which can help you. When you follow such a way you can overcome poverty.

Every year celebration are different, sometimes big as the Mnazi Mmoja 17 October, sometimes smaller as the Tegeta's celebration or Makumbusho Village Museum. I prefer smaller celebration, when celebration is a small gathering you get to know people, you exchange some ideas.

This day is very important because you discover more things about reality from other areas. I do have experience of poverty in my area and by participating in the gathering like 17 October I learn more. When you are alone or in your neighborhood you can think you are the poorest person, but when you attend on this celebration you realize that there are poorest people than yourself. This day has big meaning to me because I listen challenges of other people and I can share mine to others because I do not hide when I share something.

Now, when I meet people I ask if they have heard about October 17, if not I share with them. On the 17 October all over the World people celebrate this day, this kind of celebration still not very known here, only few people are aware. I share with people explaining it's a time where poor people get together to speak out collectively and their voices are taken into account and are listened to. Because normally the voices of the poorest people are not listened when they speak.

It is very important to gather people on a day like this because we live in classes, separated one another. When we live such a gathering together there is something building. Then we all realize that we are all the same, people who don't live poverty realize the efforts of those who fight to overcome exclusion, they discover the challenges they have to face. When people living in poverty speak and other people listen some changes can come.

On the 17 October it would be good if there would be some representative from government to listen to the testimonies because people living in extreme poverty themselves cannot take their voices into the level of the government. If some representative could listen then they could take them into account in their work at the government level.



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**STOP
POVERTY**
ALL TOGETHER IN DIGNITY

Give your voice, leave your testimony. Ask around to other ATD Fourth World members, share with your family, friends, neighbors to join the Call.

2017 Call to Action Campaign

Sign and join the thousands of people who already signed!

Artists are mobilizing for the 30th anniversary of the International Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty



Hussein Omary Munju and Violet Nahum Malle are members of Elegant Group, an association of artists who will be mobilizing for the International Day of Rejection of Misery, on 14 October 2017 in Dar es Salaam. For months Munju and Violet are preparing this day with the Tanzanian organizing committee of the day. Munju has composed all the day's entertainment which includes songs, poems and drama. Violet will sing, dance and perform with other friends Munju's work.

Munju discovered the international day last year at Makumbusho Village and was impressed by the mobilisation of people refusing the injustice of exclusion. Munju said: "October 17 is my day as well, I had to endure poverty myself and this day will show what we are able to create as any of our Tanzanian citizens."

Violet says that October 17th is a very special day where even people living in extreme poverty can be together with others and supported to make their voices loud for them to be heard by whole Tanzania as well as the whole world.

Ask for the program!

Where?

Biafra Squares, Morocco Avenue,
Between Manyanya and Morocco Dar Rapid Transit
Station – Kanisani daladala station
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania

When?

October 14th
From 9 am to 12 am

✓ Testimonies from people
experiencing extreme poverty
that reveals the way they
fight against extremely
poverty in their daily life.

✓ Drama

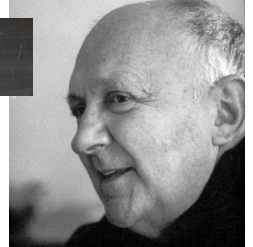
✓ Messages and testimonies
from the world

✓ Call to Actions campaign to
invite all participants to join
people who already sign to
say "Stop Poverty"

✓ Singing, Dance

30th anniversary of World Day for Overcoming Poverty October 14th, 2017, Dar es Salaam

Joseph Wresinski,
ATD Fourth World Founder (1917-1988)



On October 17, 1987, 100,000 defenders of human rights gathered together on the Human Rights Plaza in Paris to honour victims of hunger, violence, and ignorance. Joseph Wresinski delivered his famous "I Bear Witness" speech, revealing not only the suffering, but the courage, efforts, and aspiration of those living in extreme poverty around the world.

I Bear Witness to You...

You, the millions and millions of children, women and fathers
who have died from misery and hunger
and whose legacy we hold.
It is not your death that I evoke,
today on this Plaza of Human Rights and Liberties.
I bear witness to your lives.
I bear witness to you, the mothers,
whose children are cast aside in this world,
condemned as they are to sheer misery.
I bear witness to your children,
twisted by the pains of hunger, no longer able to smile,
yet still yearning to love.
I bear witness to the millions of young people
who have no reason to believe or even to exist,
and who vainly search for a future in this senseless world.
I bear witness to you, the poor of all times,
still poor today, forever on the road,
fleeing from place to place, despised and disgraced.
Labourers without a trade, ever crushed by their toil.
Labourers whose hands, today, are no longer useful.
Millions of men, women, and children
whose hearts are still pounding strong
to the beat of the struggle, whose minds rise in revolt
against the unjust fate imposed upon them,
whose courage demands the right to priceless dignity.
I bear witness to you, children, women and men,
who do not want to condemn, but to love, to pray, to work,
and to unite, so that a world of solidarity may be born.
A world, our world, in which all people
would have given the best of themselves before dying.
I bear witness to you, men, women and children.
Your renown is henceforth engraved
by heart, hand and tool,
in the marble of this Plaza of Human Rights and Liberties.
I bear witness to you, so that humanity
may at last fulfil its true destiny,
refusing forever that misery prevail.



From 2nd to 8th July, 2017, a delegation of young people represented the ATD Fourth World Tanzania youth group went to Congo for a seminar called "Building Peace in Our Community". The youth group named 4 members: Halfani, Vicky, Pazi from Tandale and Agata from Magomeni. The youth group had already an opportunity to meet friends from Bukavu, Congo in the "To be friend of the friendless" seminar in Dar es Salaam in 2016. This time it was up to our congolese friends to invite tanzanian members. How young people can live and experience such a trip and those meetings. What they discovered that could make us understand more deeply the meaning of friendship to fight extreme poverty.

Pazi: What is strong in my mind is the way ATD Fourth World Friends in Congo are trying to go to people who are living in extreme conditions in their places of living. It makes me realize that its our responsibilities to go to people left behind where they are and to be close to them. I saw small mountains and most of the vulnerable person were living there.

Khalfani: People live in cooperatively day by day, people who are not living poverty and people experiencing poverty stand up as one. Regular visiting of families, friends and people from the community, to support them to repair their house. At the Street library the talent of children, singing, dancing... is a big concern for the group.

Vicky: Their organization impressed me so much, sharing responsibilities among themselves as youth. When I participated at the Street library everyone was taking seriously his role. Street library for them its a place where everyone can show what he/she can do, not only for facilitators but even for the children.

Agatha: In the Street library, the friends are very close with children. If one is missing they try to visit home follow up to know if something happened, supporting the poor children in case of health treatment needed in collaboration with some people in community.

Pazi: The Umuseke seminar was linked to build peace in our communities. One thing I learned was we should make a research before taking decision on the

Youth Group in Bukavu, Congo: Let's build peace in our community!

things we heard or we used to see. It is very important to keep and maintain peace but a lot of factors can distort it. Sometimes we judge others because they look different, they have an unusual personality. We put people on categories and don't recognised they can have initiatives as anyone, these kind of things can impede peace.

Vicky: Cooperation from different backgrounds brings peace because through unity it shapes you to look as one. Unity can build the situation of sharing the experience and it prevent people from having social classes. The cooperation help to move more forward and to strengthen peace. If peace is sustainable it allows people to settle and find solutions on the challenge they face day to day.

Pazi: Looking more forward I see how we should be available to people who are more vulnerable, being close to them boosts more our commitment.

Khalfani: Meetings help to discover ideas, experiences and knowledge from other friends in the movement in the way people raise their voices against poverty.

Agatha: By meetings, exchanging experience in Congo, it encourages me to keep moving on and build the world which is fair to everyone and also, it gives me opportunity to encourage others who are around me. Its important to have friends because through friends you learn and you discover a lot of things by listening and seeing, its help to expand the knowledge from other people.