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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 -



Editorial



This newsletter concludes a full year for ATD Fourth World Tanzania Movement. Projects have allowed us to meet people, to discover the fight of many communities for their daily lives, their children and their families. Their testimonies remind us once again that we have a duty to know and to let people know what does it mean to live without having their rights respected.

The research project on new poverty indicators is still progressing. Team members worked with representative groups of Tanzanian society in Dar es Salaam: men, women, children, elders, disabled people, stone quarry workers, academics, etc.

We will share the fruit of our discoveries and our meetings. Enlightening testimonies invite us to reconsider what it means to live in extreme poverty: "(...) extreme poverty is not just about money. It is especially the absence of peace and permanent insecurity. A mother who cooks at the Fish Market and who can lose at any time everything she has or another mum who breaks stones and can not help and has to take her little child with her to the quarry. " In 2018, we will meet people living in rural areas.

This newsletter is also very special. It concludes the action on Education for All. The team has prepared a special article to remind us of the major issues of this project and what it has allowed us to win. This year 2017, the meetings have made it possible to raise awareness of how the meeting and unity between parents and people from school is the key to success so the child can succeed and go to the end of their ambitions at school.

We also want to share with you this key moment of our year. As every year: on the World day for overcoming poverty. Hundreds of members of the Movement came together to say that we must be with those who suffer the most the weight of a permanent struggle to attain their basic rights.

May 2018 bring us more strength and energy and allow each of us to further strengthen our ties to end the violence lived by the poorest people.

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Leadership Team Member



"It is important for teachers and parents to meet regularly and communicate about our children" - one parent.

For the whole year 2017 ATD's Education for All Team has been disseminating the research results to the public through open meetings that were attended by teachers, parents, local government officials, and councilors inside and outside of the Dar es Salaam region.

The aim was to increase understanding between teachers, parents and different stakeholders about education and to discuss and protect children's rights to basic education.

The team conducted 14 meetings in different schools within and outside the Dar es Salaam region and reached a total number of 5443 people who participated. These meetings brought positive results to society especially in the schools where parents and teachers were able to contribute and share their ideas creating strategies to improve children's development in accessing basic education as we can now observe some of these changes happening in different schools. The head teachers explained about positive changes in their schools, and the building of solidarity between teachers, parents and local government leaders through recommendations 6, 11, 14 in the research result.

Recommendation 6

Parents should provide their children with school uniforms, bags, shoes and pens. They should encourage their children to read and listen to their fears. Parents should give children homework that is within their own capacities and does not interfere with their basic schoolwork.

Recommendation 11

There is a clear communication system between teachers and parents. Communication can be through meetings, telephone calls, letters or visits.

Recommendation 14

School meetings will be organized by senior teachers and parents' representatives. Meetings should be part of parents and teachers sharing the experiences and challenges they face and focusing on further development of child education. It is important that parents' ideas should be heard.

Comments from a head teacher

"When the ATD team arrives at school and holds meetings it helps to eliminate fears. Parents often come to school and follow their children's progress"

"Parents have recognized their responsibilities as well as providing for their children's school uniforms and the necessary resources ensuring that children come to school while they are clean and enjoyable."

The head teacher from Mbeya said;

"The relationship between parents and our teachers has improved greatly and they have been working together for everything about school".

"Parents regularly visit school and we stay together to discuss the challenges facing them and suggest how to solve these challenges."

Also, the Education Team held meetings with head teachers, ward education coordinators and district education offices in two districts including the Kinondoni district, where the number of head teachers participating in this research outcomes was 60, and Ilala district where the population is less than 260 attended. Senior teachers and education officials eagerly received the proposals within the report and received one copy of the full report for each participant.

To complete this exercise of distributing research results during the whole year all members of the group Education for all which was created by people from different districts, ten-house delegates, ATD's permanent volunteers, students and people living in extreme poverty got involved. There was great importance for the existence of people living in extreme poverty in this universal education team. One mother from the Education for all team living in extreme poverty from Tegeta told us how important it is to participate in this project and the importance of education for children living in extreme poverty.

" (...) ignorance is one kind of poverty, when you know how to read it is great and you know what to do in your life and education is about a way to fight poverty. "



May 2017
Meeting at Ikulu Mbeya
primary school
Rajabu, Bi Agnes, Shabani

She told us ...

"I was thrilled to be in this project, because I was previously illiterate, but through the adult class offered by ATD I learned to read and write. Through my limited education I gained access to this great educational project and as a representative of people living in extreme poverty. Also because I was one of the people living in poverty it was very important to stand up and give my voice by representing the suggestions that are thoughts of people living in poverty. These proposals were very important as they were absorbed in the minds and were in the daily lives of children who studied at primary school. It was also a great thing for me because I never imagined doing so in my life because I knew the research and debates in schools are made by elite people, but through this project I have done a lot of things, since ignorance is one kind of poverty, when you know how to read it is great and you know what to do in your life and education is about a way to fight poverty "

During the study one child also explained the importance of education in everyday life, he said:

"Education is important because through it I can achieve my dreams, education is important in my life, and when I get older I can help my parents. Education provides guidance in our future life. If you miss education it can be a major cause of poverty and education helps me to achieve my goals. Education is the redemption of my life, my family and my community. "

By 2018 the Education for All Team in collaboration with various stakeholders in Tanzania will hold a participatory seminar to provide feedback on the findings of the research outcomes.



Education For All
The video

AMANI (Peace)
<http://urlz.fr/6p5l>

17th october 2017, The 30th anniversary of the World day for overcoming poverty.

ATD Fourth World Tanzania celebrated the World Day for Overcoming Poverty on Saturday the 14th – before the worldwide celebration the 17th october as every year. The event was at Biafra place, a public space to enable all citizens to take part at the event. Through words, drama, music, and testimonies we showed how extreme poverty undermines our freedom and violates our most fundamental rights. Stories of life from Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Dodoma and Njombe reminded us of the struggle of people to overcome extreme difficulties and search a way to peace. October 17th showed again the only way to overcome extreme poverty and find peace: is to be united. Please discover the portfolio of the day.

