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Message from Mr. Cassam Uteem, President of the International Movement ATD Fourth World

Transforming Society with the Contribution of People in Extreme Poverty

"Extrême poverty is violence. It humbles, locks in silence and destroys lives, but it is not inevitable. Those who suffer from it are choosing to resist. Our world needs their intelligence to meet the challenges it faces. We reject the misery and human waste that extreme poverty represents, as we reject slavery and apartheid. All over the world, excluded people are being heard and they are taking action. Others are joining with them to build together a world of peace that leaves no one behind."¹

This year was for the International Movement ATD Fourth World a time of mobilization around a call to action: the international Stop Poverty 2017 campaign, which was launched jointly with the International Committee for October 17.

We want to acknowledge, in the first instance, the enthusiastic participation of those thousands of families in extreme poverty who contributed to the successful mobilization around the campaign in more than 30 countries, convinced as they were that they should speak publicly and that they have an original and indispensable contribution to make to the creation of a more just and equitable world to which they all aspire.



*Mr. Cassam Uteem, President of the International
Movement ATD Fourth World*

During this year, that I can without hesitation designate as the year of Joseph Wresinski, the founder of ATD Fourth World, we have seen the publication of several books and the organisation of a high-level international academic symposium on the thought of Wresinski with the participation of academics and people in poverty, as well as the renewal of the website, "Joseph Wresinski". There was also the compilation of hundreds of stories of change showing that extreme poverty is not inevitable and that it can be defeated, while also providing benchmarks for future action. In the artistic field, in addition to

the participation of many artists and the creation of songs, hundreds of choirs echoed traditional songs of resistance to extreme poverty.

What we have seen expressed is a growing culture of the rejection of extreme poverty throughout the world as shown by the hundreds of thousands of people who actively participated in this campaign, thereby opening spaces of commitment for others to join in helping to overcome the injustice of extreme poverty.

It is this same culture that we are trying to spread throughout the international world, so that the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development can be truly achieved. We must constantly clarify and concretize the meaning of “leave no one behind”, which is the leitmotiv of the Sustainable Development Goals. We seek to promote among all decision-makers and managers an increased understanding of extreme poverty as a violation of human rights and, as a consequence, an approach to actions undertaken to address extreme poverty that is informed by access to human rights.

But the most important thing is that we are always guided, always animated, by the cry and the struggle of people living in extreme poverty. I am reminded of a mother from Madagascar who wrote to us on 17 October last: “We live on a landfill and last week, a 13-year-old boy died, crushed by a truck that was

moving garbage. But nobody talks about it here, nobody asks questions, except us who live here. This child died because of extreme poverty! This child should not have been in the dump, rather he should have been at school preparing for his future and discovering the joy of learning with his classmates. Who will protect us, who will protect our children, at a time when we are in danger of being forcibly moved on again to allow for the construction of a road?”

This woman reminds us of Joseph Wresinski’s message for today. She reminds us that it is not only a change of thinking or acts of benevolence that are required, but that our consciences need to be stirred. At a time when climate upheavals attest to the fact that our world must and will face changes that we do not yet imagine, do we know with what requirements, what ethics, and whose intelligence we are we going to face the challenges ahead?

Wanting to build a better world – a world that banishes suffering and the violence of extreme poverty – requires all of us, politicians, NGOs, ordinary citizens, to join with people living in extreme poverty. Without them, the horrors experienced by this mother will continue, or even increase. But with them, we will have benchmarks and an intelligence that will enable us to create a sustainable world for all, as evidenced by the 60-year history of ATD Fourth World and by the many actions cited in our annual report.

The International Movement ATD Fourth World is a non-governmental organization with no religious or political affiliation, which engages with individuals and institutions to eradicate extreme poverty. Working in partnership with people in poverty, ATD Fourth World's human rights-based approach focuses on supporting families and individuals through its grass-roots presence and involvement in disadvantaged communities, in both urban and rural areas, creating public awareness of extreme poverty and influencing policies to address it. ATD brings together women and men from all walks of life through cultural actions and access to rights. It is active in more than thirty countries on five continents and has correspondents in more than a hundred countries through a network called the Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty. ATD stands for "All Together in Dignity".

1. International Stop Poverty 2017 Campaign

Context and goals of our campaign

The International Movement ATD Fourth World launched on 12 February 2017, with events on five continents, a rallying cry to all people to express their determination to

overcome extreme poverty and to learn together in solidarity with people living in poverty how to liberate ourselves from the persistence of social exclusion in our world today.

Our **Stop Poverty 2017 Campaign** marked a number of key events in the history of ATD Fourth World, namely:

- The **100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Wresinski**, the founder of ATD Fourth World, who was born to immigrant parents in a poor neighbourhood of Angers, France and who grew up in a family which suffered from deep poverty and social exclusion. This early formative experience was to shape his life-long conviction that extreme poverty is intolerable and must be overcome.
- The **60th anniversary of the founding of ATD Fourth World** in 1957, when Wresinski began his work with 250 very poor families in the emergency housing camp of Noisy-le-Grand on the outskirts of Paris, and which developed into a worldwide movement committed to eradicating extreme poverty through a human rights-based approach.
- The **30th anniversary of 17 October, the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty** (and the 25th anniversary of the recognition of this International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by the United Nations). It was on 17 October 1987, in the presence of 100,000 people from every socio-economic background and continent, that Joseph Wresinski unveiled a commemorative stone at the Human Rights Plaza in Paris. Here he proclaimed his core message that poverty is a violation of human rights, and that it is our solemn duty to come together, both people living in poverty and those who support them, to respect these rights.

Our Stop Poverty campaign sought to **increase public awareness that extreme poverty is not inevitable and that, like slavery and apartheid, it can be overcome** by people joining with those marginalized by extreme poverty. Understanding extreme poverty as a form of daily violence that locks people living in extreme poverty into silence, we sought to mobilise people around the globe to help break this silence that undermines democracy, solidarity and justice, and by recognising **the critical importance of involving the knowledge and intelligence of people in extreme poverty as actors in the quest for enduring solutions.**

Our campaign's open invitation to everyone was that, through sharing in diverse initiatives both locally and internationally, we could learn from people who daily

struggle against extreme poverty, and that together we could discover ways to overcome social exclusion and build a sustainable world where no one will be discriminated against or left behind. In a global context of the call by the United Nations to national governments and civil society groups to commit themselves to the achievement of the **Global Agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals 2016 - 2030**, our campaign was both opportune and necessary.

The campaign sought also to communicate to new audiences, sixty years on, the radical roots of ATD Fourth World in the fight against extreme poverty as reflected in the inspiring life and work of Joseph Wresinski, in the lives of other pioneering individuals and families who led similar work in other countries,



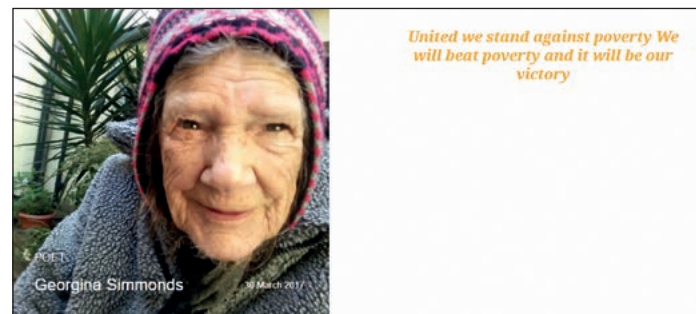
INTERNATIONAL STOP POVERTY 2017 CAMPAIGN POSTER

and in the early history of this people's movement. In particular, we sought **to present and reinterpret the continuing relevance of the revolutionary message of Wresinski for young people today** in the face of the challenges of global poverty, inequality and exclusion.

Many of our country reports provide herein detailed information on the wide range of activities undertaken by ATD volunteers², activists³, allies⁴, partner organisations and local communities over the duration of the eight month-long Stop Poverty campaign. The campaign succeeded in **reaching hundreds of thousands of people in over 30 countries**, drawing in support from dozens of organisations on the local, national and international levels, and garnering new energy, momentum and commitments into the global movement to eradicate extreme poverty with those who live it.

The following were among the **highlights of our campaign**:

Renewing conviction and commitment through the Call to Action



First 100 Supporters in the Call to Action Mosaic

Over 6,000 people from more than 80 countries signed their name, wrote a personal message and provided their photograph for the campaign's **Call to Action** as an expression of their conviction and commitment that extreme poverty be eradicated. This beautiful and inspiring **"Together We Can End Poverty" mosaic** of photographs featured on the campaign website gathered together the names and personal messages of people from different walks of life who wished to express their commitment to see an end to extreme poverty and social exclusion. **Along with global citizens, the signatories included** the President of the United Nations General Assembly, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the former director of UNESCO, the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, the Mayor of Paris, the French Ambassador to the UN, and numerous ambassadors, parliamentarians, civil society leaders, academics, artists and celebrities. An additional 10,000 signed the Call to Action on paper at local events across the globe.

Throughout the campaign, and particularly on the 17 October World Day, **additional messages of endorsement and support were received** from such dignitaries and organisations as the United Nations Secretary General, the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP), Social Watch, the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN), the French Ministry of Culture, Alliance Française, and so many others. This remarkable diversity of responses opens up many opportunities for future engagement and cooperation, with **almost 4,000 of the people who signed the Call to Action being first-time contacts** with ATD Fourth World.




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Stories of Change

AFRICA ASIA EUROPE INDIAN OCEAN LATIN AMERICA NORTH AMERICA OTHER LANGUAGES

CALL TO ACT



Follow

Stories of Change from regions in the world

Expressions of the campaign in stories, song, music and books

Over **150 Stories of Change** chosen from among hundreds received from over 30 countries during the year were published in English, French and Spanish, both online and in print. These inspiring stories of positive change in the struggle to overcome extreme poverty were read tens of thousands of times.

Olympia Concert, Paris



Over 100 **Concerts and Choral Events** were organised in France, Ireland, Belgium, Guatemala, Canada, Central African Republic, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Spain, Luxembourg and the United States, with many other small concerts elsewhere. Inspired by the hundreds of songs of resistance sung by activists and supporters of ATD in different countries, the campaign produced a **choir songbook based on a shortlist of thirteen songs proclaiming the inalienable dignity of all**, which were selected with people in poverty from nine countries and in nine languages, and with the songbook being printed over 2,500 times and running into its second edition. **Choirs and musical groups included** the Minstrels of Hope from the Philippines, the New Orleans Trinity Gospel Choir, the Strasbourg Young Singers and the *A Choeur Joie* network in France.

17 October, Trocadero, Paris





Playing for Change Video, Song Around the World

A beautiful moment in the campaign was the launch in early October of **the Song Around the World video, With My Two Hands I Can Save the World**, which was written by Ben Harper and recorded thanks to the performances of musicians from a background of poverty in the Philippines, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Canada and Spain, among others. The musical video was co-produced by Playing for Change⁵ and ATD Fourth World, and had been viewed online over 275,000 times by the end of the reporting period, thereby greatly increasing the global reach of the campaign. Thus, **Joining Our Voices to Break the Silence of Poverty** was a major feature of the campaign, building on the legacy of the 100,000 Voices for the Voiceless campaign that marked the first World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty.



Aquí Donde Vivimos (Here Where We Live)

In addition to collections of stories published in different languages, the three anniversaries were the occasions for **several books** to be published, for example *Aquí Donde Vivimos: Wresinski, pobreza y derechos humanos en América Latina y el Caribe (Here Where We Live: Wresinski, poverty and human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean)*⁶, consisting of 15 texts by authors from eight Latin American countries which explored the relationship between the life and thought of Joseph Wresinski and poverty and human rights.

Some key events of the campaign

The campaign inspired a large number of events, many of which are described in more detail later on in our report. Among the highlights were:

- **Campaign launches** on and around 12 February (the birthday of Joseph Wresinski) in Angers (France), Bangui (Central African Republic), Nijmegen (the Netherlands) and New York in the UN Headquarters, which told of the origins of ATD Fourth World and Joseph's Wresinski's life born into extreme poverty.
- In June, in **Cerisy-la-Salle, France**, the International Cultural Centre hosted an **international colloquium** which brought together 80 people, both academics and people with experience of poverty, all of whom were researchers, and who came from 15 countries for one week. The engagement



International Colloquium, Cerisy-La-Salle, France

of people in poverty helped to enhance the reflections of the intellectuals on ways in which the work and writings of Joseph Wresinski force us to rethink our world. Videos covering the major presentations were made available online in English, French and Spanish under the auspices of *Colloque TV*, and the proceedings of the symposium will be published in book form in 2018.

- In August, in **Wijhe, the Netherlands**, over **150 young people** from a background of poverty from 10 European countries came together over five days to talk about the challenges they face and the path

towards building a Europe without poverty. Many of these young people are activists in the fight against poverty and who sought, through this encounter, to deepen their commitment. As well as workshops on poverty issues, the event also included fun, artistic and sporting activities.

- In October, just before the 30th World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, over 30,000 people came to visit the **Village of Initiatives for a Better Society** on the Place de la Republique in Paris, a showcase of positive initiatives for a world without poverty, ranging from street libraries to political lobbying.



Group Photo, Youth Gathering, Wijhe, The Netherlands

Spreading the campaign's message through the media

The campaign successfully generated **widespread media coverage**, both in mainstream media outlets and on social media. For example, **our partnership with RFI (Radio France International)** was instrumental in broadcasting **75 radio stories on close to 50 partner radio stations**. The campaign also featured on TV in Guatemala, Belgium, France, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of Congo and elsewhere, as well as in print media on every continent. Thanks to our **24-hour Web TV**, more events linked to the 17 October World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, the climax of the Stop Poverty campaign, were organised than ever before and made available, including video films of commemorations in Manila (the Philippines), Dakar (Senegal), Paris (France), Dublin (Ireland), Guatemala City (Guatemala) and in New York at the United Nations.

In addition to the almost 5,000 people who watched the Web TV on the Stop Poverty website, **Facebook Live broadcasts** of the coverage reached tens of thousands more people. Broadcasts by Radio France International (RFI) of 17 October commemorations in Francophone countries reached an audience of between 6 and 7 million people. On social media, our **17 October Thunderclap challenge** reached almost 700,000 people, while **videos specially made for the campaign**, such as *Joseph Wresinski: Revisited* (250,000 views) and the campaign trailer (10,000+ views), were very popular.

Initial outcomes of the Stop Poverty campaign

As important among these outcomes was the energy and commitment ever-present through the year in every aspect of the campaign. The movement to overcome extreme poverty had never felt so real and strong! The countless concrete actions that ensued **gave great pride to people living in poverty, as well as courage** to continue their daily struggle to be respected and heard, and in their hope for the violence that is extreme poverty to be overcome. **It also was a source of inspiration and pride to members and supporters of ATD Fourth World across five continents who creatively used the various tools of the campaign to reach out to diverse audiences** and to follow up with those people who made initial commitments, such as signing the Call to Action.

Our campaign engendered increased confidence that new allies and supporters have been gained in this year, and that the campaign's message, that we come together in partnership with people living in extreme poverty to break the silence, has truly echoed around the world. Finally, key events of the campaign such as the Joseph Wresinski anniversary in Angers, France and the Frimhurst Family House anniversary in Surrey, the United Kingdom, among many others, highlighted the **radical historical roots of ATD Fourth World in the struggle against extreme poverty**, and reminded us that our continuing work today has been built on the shoulders of giants!

Our challenge as we move forward into 2018 and beyond is to sustain and build on the campaign's many achievements, with the intelligence and expertise of people living in extreme poverty to the fore of our collective efforts.



Stop Poverty at the United Nations

2. Global Outreach for the 2017 Campaign

The Stop Poverty 2017 campaign, from conception to implementation, was designed and developed in regular dialogue with ATD teams around the world. The themes, messages and tools of the campaign were also identified with people living in extreme poverty so that they could express their true aspirations and so that Joseph Wresinski's message could be

renewed through their commitments and actions. To facilitate this process, **an international steering committee** was convened which met regularly during the campaign. Teams from the Joseph Wresinski Centre, the Tabori branch of ATD and the Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty also mobilised for the campaign. Here is a summary of their actions.

Joseph Wresinski Centre for Memory and Research Making known Wresinski's philosophy and contribution



Archive storage work, Joseph Wresinski Centre

Throughout the **campaign**, which sought to promote the thought and action of Joseph Wresinski, especially to younger generations, the Joseph Wresinski Centre for Memory and Research, located in Baillet, France,

more than ever was the beating heart of the memory of ATD Fourth World and the tens of thousands of people who have accompanied the Movement over the last 60 years.

Within the campaign's momentum, the Joseph Wresinski Centre invested its efforts in two major strands of work:

► Enhancing the archival heritage of the Centre through the participation and enrichment by many of its team members in the Stop Poverty campaign, including such activities as:

- The **Cerisy-la-Salle International Colloquium** in France that entailed a major commitment of the Centre team, including: the hosting of preparatory meetings; the constitution of bibliographic references; upstream work with speakers; preparation of workshops; documentary support to Colloque TV⁷, partner of ATD, for the video recording of the plenary sessions, and subsequently, to the production of colloquium proceedings; and, finally, the promotion of documentary heritage from the 2017 campaign.
- **Documentary, photographic and personnel support to the preparations of the 60th anniversary celebration of the Frimhurst Family Home** in the United Kingdom, including facilitating a social historian sent by the ATD UK team to research the relevant archival material.

- The production of many video clips featuring Joseph Wresinski which were made available on the Stop Poverty website, and the provision of photographic images for **the book on the history of the Movement, “United Against Extreme Poverty”**⁸ by Erik Orsenna.

► We continued to develop a **new archiving system** and to disseminate more widely the historical documents of people living in extreme poverty, and their struggle for equal dignity and respect for their rights. This work also included updating the Centre’s code of ethics for the efficient and respectful use of its documentary heritage. An archivist joined the team to help the Centre keep abreast of best practices in this area.

The Centre also continued to host researchers, students and many others from all walks of life who came to consult its archives in connection with their work or activities. For example: the historian, Axelle Brodiez, as part of her research work on the history of the Movement; and Radio France International journalists who prepared broadcasts as part of the global campaign partnership between RFI and ATD. In addition, the Revue Quart Monde published four issues this year featuring a total of 85 articles and 30 new authors.

The Memory and History Group continued its work on the rediscovery of the Movement’s founding years in the Noisy-le-Grand homeless camp. The work carried out by the participants⁹ of this group, based on their exploration of the documentary archives, led to the emergence of a number of themes, particularly learnings from conflicts with other NGOs working in the camp. The group’s ambition is to produce videos and writings, gathering these elements of early history and stories, and using an educational approach, for disseminating the lessons learned from its research.

Former inhabitants of the Cité des Sablières in Créteil (France) came to deposit part of their collective history archives. It was a great moment of life and emotion for all involved.

Thierry, a former inhabitant of the city, said: “When I came here I thought that we were going to be enclosed in a building. In the housing project, we grew up with walls and this prevented us from opening ourselves. But here I experienced how this House of Memory and Research can be a source of pride. It requires that people be welcomed and recognized as actors of the ambition that Father Joseph had for his people and humanity as a whole around history.”

Tapori Celebrating 50 years of engaging with children through friendship

“When I think of you children, it gives me courage because I know you want to be happy. I know that thanks to you, friendship can win the hearts of men.” “You are the champions of happiness. Together you can change the world”, said Father Joseph Wresinski in speaking of a worldwide stream of friendship between children of all backgrounds. He believed in children and put a lot of hope in them.

Tapori¹⁰, the children’s branch of ATD Fourth World, seized the occasion of its anniversary to make Joseph Wresinski better known. Throughout this half century, children from different social backgrounds have shared their courage, their gestures of solidarity, their messages of hope, as well as their creations. Children change the ways they see things and gain strength between themselves. They reach out to a child who is alone, do not forget anyone around them, and even mobilize adults around them. They become actors in society at their level.



The Hands of Children, Mauritius, with the call to “Stop Poverty!”

In this special year, Taponi launched a worldwide campaign focused on the **true story of Irengé** based on the following theme: **“Come, let’s look together for the keys to friendship and peace.”** Irengé is a child of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and his story is part of Taponi’s mini-book collection¹¹, “The Children of Courage”. The story of his meeting and friendship with another child, Basole, was chosen to be the pivot, the heart of our campaign. Based on Irengé’s story, the children were invited to write a true story of friendship and to create a puppet to act out the story. Taponi groups, wherever they were, were encouraged to perform with these puppets.

Several Taponi groups and contacts in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Indian Ocean participated in the puppet campaign. They sent their true stories of friendship to the Taponi Secretariat¹², accompanied by their puppets. Some Taponi groups, like those of Switzerland, Madagascar, Mauritius and DRC, organized an event to perform puppet shows. The children spoke through their puppets:

“For us children, friendship is the main key to building peace. Friendship unites children from all walks of life. It allows them to forget about differences by growing up without leaving others behind. Peace is to be ready to meet one another. Peace brings joy, a smile and allows everyone to feel part of the community. Without peace our parents cannot work and children cannot go to school.” – extract from the message of the children of the DRC during a celebration of 20 years of Taponi in the country.

“For me, peace is not being racist; it is being kind, giving things, sharing, not thinking only about oneself, playing together, and especially FRIENDSHIP.” – Lydia, Aix en Provence, France.

“My puppet represents the sun. Because for me, the sun shines for everyone! Whether you are kind or mean, poor or rich, it is said to be everyone’s friend.” – Sanou and Pamtaba, Burkina Faso.

Taponi mobilized around **500 children to take part in the event that celebrated the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, 17 October** in the UN Office in Geneva. Some of the children’s puppets were exhibited alongside their true stories of friendship. On this special occasion, the children of the Choir of the College of Fuveau of Gardanne, France, sang the song “À Taponi”, as well as other songs about peace.



A puppet theatre about the true story of Fanja, who thanks to the friendship of Nadia, joins an ATD street library and finds the courage to say, “Me too, I want to go to school.” - June 2017, Madagascar

Children refuse extreme poverty in all its forms. For example, a child in the DRC said, “The hand means a lot in helping to build peace. When you give your hand that means there is peace.” The children were invited to respond to the Call to Action of the Stop Poverty campaign by drawing their hands and adding their personal messages.



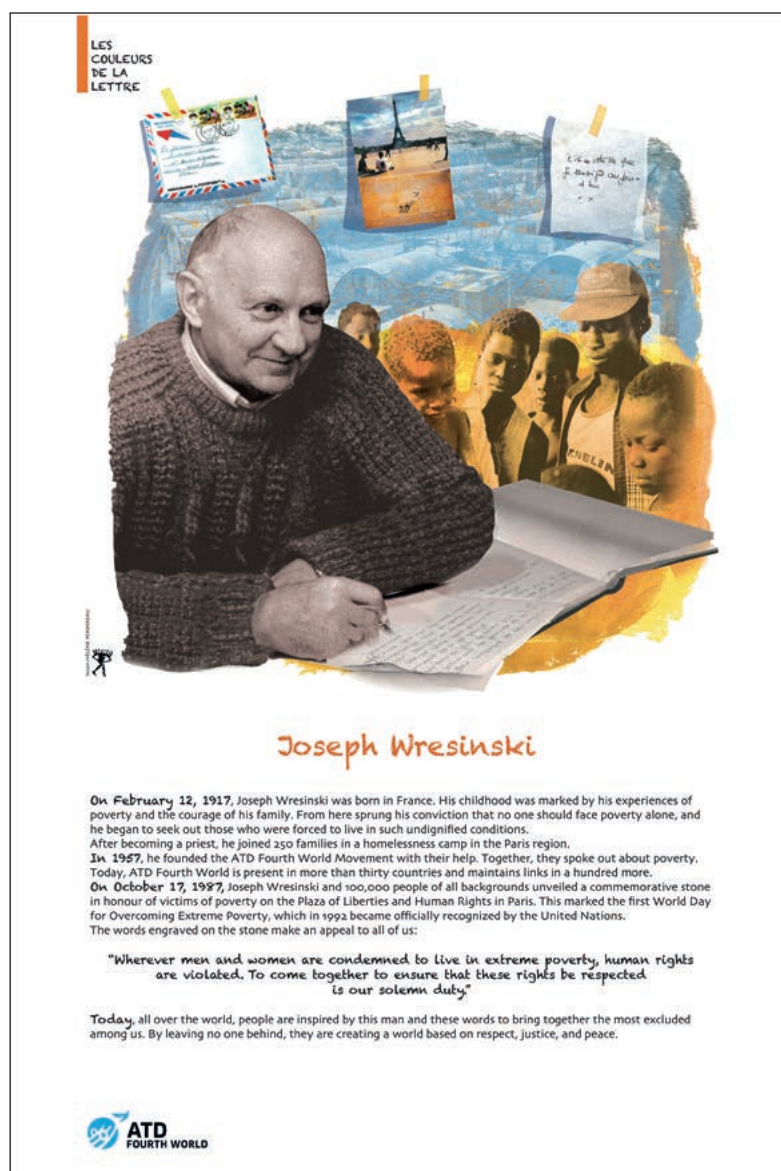
Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty Reaching out to friends around the world

The Forum¹³ is a network of people and associations that works on behalf of individuals and families living in extreme poverty. What brings them together is their commitment to those who suffer from a lack of security in many aspects of their lives. The Forum allows them to share their experiences via an exchange of letters. **The experience of Joseph Wresinski was shared widely this year as part of the Stop Poverty campaign.**

The correspondents to the Forum come from a diverse range of cultural, religious, philosophical, social and ethnic backgrounds. Excerpts from their

correspondence or testimonies are made accessible through the **“Letter to Friends around the World”**, which is sent to 2,300 persons in 100 countries and published three times a year in French, English Spanish and Portuguese.

- In 2017, the Forum’s travelling exhibition, **The Letter’s Colours**¹⁴, was displayed in Thailand, Peru and different places in France. *“This exhibition is a great opportunity to raise awareness among people. May this space of culture also be a space for reflection.”* - Johanna Roth, Director of the Alliance Française of Cusco, Peru.



LES COULEURS DE LA LETTRE

Joseph Wresinski

On February 12, 1917, Joseph Wresinski was born in France. His childhood was marked by his experiences of poverty and the courage of his family. From here sprung his conviction that no one should face poverty alone, and he began to seek out those who were forced to live in such undignified conditions. After becoming a priest, he joined 250 families in a homelessness camp in the Paris region. In 1957, he founded the ATD Fourth World Movement with their help. Together, they spoke out about poverty. Today, ATD Fourth World is present in more than thirty countries and maintains links in a hundred more. On October 17, 1987, Joseph Wresinski and 100,000 people of all backgrounds unveiled a commemorative stone in honour of victims of poverty on the Plaza of Liberties and Human Rights in Paris. This marked the first World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, which in 1992 became officially recognized by the United Nations. The words engraved on the stone make an appeal to all of us:

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

Today, all over the world, people are inspired by this man and these words to bring together the most excluded among us. By leaving no one behind, they are creating a world based on respect, justice, and peace.

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In this centennial year of its founder, the Forum created an international poster called "Joseph Wresinski", completing its exhibition. This poster, and the text accompanying it, was shared in a Letter to Friends around the World. Several people responded, saying how much this man still inspires them today. Among them, Salome M. from Kenya who said: "This year, I have thought of Fr. Joseph in a special way and how his experience of poverty became the motivation for him to ensure that poverty is eradicated from the world. His boldness is a great motivation for me."

International Poster, Joseph Wresinski

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, 17 October

On the **World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, 17 October**, everyday acts of justice and peace are publicly promoted. **To mark the World Day, 265 events were held in 40 countries**, including in Argentina and Benin:

“We watched the video ‘Extreme Poverty is Violence’ and talked about it. Together, we realised that, starting in the country we live in, we need to be involved in the daily struggle of those who are the most excluded.” – Miriam M., Argentina.

“I strongly support the 30th anniversary of the 17 October commemoration. Although we have very little means where we live, we do our best to celebrate it. It’s a day that belongs to all of us. I hope God keeps us alive and healthy for this important day.” – Herve M., Benin.¹⁵

The **International Committee for 17 October** requested the Forum and the Stop Poverty campaign team to help draft **the annual Concept Note** for the promotion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty based on the theme: **Answering the call of 17 October to end poverty: A path to**

peace and inclusive societies. The final version was agreed by the Committee in dialogue with the United Nations and shared with all Member States. The Day “recognizes the knowledge and courage of families living in poverty throughout the world, the importance of reaching out to the poorest and building an alliance with citizens from all backgrounds to end poverty. **It has its roots in Joseph Wresinski’s personal experience as a child living in poverty and his daily struggle with his family to overcome shame and social exclusion, and his lifetime commitment to make heard families living in poverty worldwide.**”

Committee members were among the first 100 signatories of the Call to Action and encouraged their networks to support the campaign.

The International Committee promotes the creation of **replicas of the Commemorative Stone to Honour the Victims of Extreme Poverty** in various parts of the world, so as to highlight the daily struggle of those living in persistent poverty and the bringing together of people from different backgrounds to overcome extreme poverty. Two replicas of the Stone were inaugurated in 2017: one in Quaregnon (Belgium) and the other in Anini-y (the Philippines). To date, there are 51 replicas across four continents.



International Committee for 17 October

3. Advocating for Poverty Eradication within International Institutions

For 60 years, ATD has sought to influence global anti-poverty policies by involving people living in poverty and by rooting this endeavour in their experience and knowledge. ATD policy advocacy actions in 2017 were guided by the following priorities set out subsequent to the adoption of the Global Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development:

- Further promoting an **understanding of extreme poverty as a denial of human rights** and advocating for **its eradication through a human rights-based approach**.

- Continuing to advocate that **no one be left behind** in the development of global policies to tackle poverty and inequality, thus building on ATD's previous success in our evaluation of the previous Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and in contributing to having this overarching ambition recognised in the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Increasing public awareness of **poverty as a form of violence** which silences the essential contribution of people in poverty to the building of peaceful societies, and calling on everyone to help break this silence.

The International Movement ATD Fourth World has had general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 1991 and consultative status with UNICEF and UNESCO since 1970. It has permanent delegations to the European Union and to the Council of Europe. It acts as the secretariat of the Intergroup on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights at the European Parliament. It is also recognised by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). Our engagement with international institutions, together with a focus on the inclusion of people in poverty, has resulted in recognition that extreme poverty is both the cause and the consequence of human rights violations.

International advocacy support to the Stop Poverty 2017 campaign

During the year, the international advocacy work of ATD supported the global Stop Poverty campaign by articulating at different international fora the central message of Joseph Wresinski that extreme poverty is a violation of human rights, that is not inevitable and that it can be overcome when people come together to seek sustainable solutions which leave no one behind and build peace.

ATD's Stop Poverty campaign was first announced at the sixth session of the International Committee for October 17 hosted by the **International Organization of La Francophonie**¹⁶, in Paris in June 2016. Key speakers, including Michaëlle Jean, Secretary-General of the OIF, Donald Lee¹⁷, Cassam Uteem¹⁸ and Isabelle Pypaert Perrin, Director General of ATD Fourth World International, stressed the importance of the message as a rallying call for international institutions and civil society to leave no one behind, which is the recognised overarching goal of the SDGs.



Isabelle Pypaert Perrin, Director General of ATD Fourth World International, announces the Stop Poverty campaign



ATD side event during the United Nations 55th Session of the Commission for Social Development, New York, 8 February 2017

On 8 February 2017, ATD organised a **side event during the United Nations 55th Session of the Commission for Social Development** on “Leave No One Behind: The Wresinski Approach, 60 Years of Experience”. This theme defines ambitions for the SDGs and gives inspiration to every stakeholder; yet, the international community has little experience of the concrete steps necessary to implement this pledge. This practice is embodied in the movement that Wresinski and those families with him founded, and in its partners. The objective of the side event was to share this experience in order to identify guidelines for the implementation of the SDGs.

Emma Speaks, an activist living in a very deprived community, was one of the panellists. Drawing on her personal experience 30 years ago as the parent of children in a street library and today as a member of the Board of Directors of ATD Fourth World US, she stressed the importance of including, from the beginning of any undertaking, the input of people living in poverty, and how genuine inclusion stimulates action against poverty. She said:

“You have to reach out. You’ll never know who is the most isolated or the most in need if you don’t go searching.”¹⁹

Another panellist, Prof. Christopher Winship, Diker-Tishman Professor of Sociology, stated that “in excluding those living in poverty, it is those who are better off, the non-poor, that lose. In excluding the poorest, one diminishes if not loses one’s own humanity.”

The commemoration at the United Nations in New York²⁰ promoted the theme for the day: “Answering the Call of October 17 to End Poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies”. On this occasion, ATD had the privilege to meet with Miroslav Lajčák, the President of the United Nations General Assembly. Isabelle Pypaert Perrin, Director General of ATD Fourth World International, urged that efforts to ‘leave no one behind’ continue as a priority. Seamus Neville, an activist from the UK, talked about living in extreme poverty, and of his experience of feeling useless and facing daily disapproval. He presented Mr Lajčák with the book “The Roles We Play”, which illustrates efforts to resisting the stigma that those in poverty suffer. Signing the Call to Action, the President of the General Assembly wrote this message: “It is a responsibility of the United Nations, but also our individual responsibility, to finally end poverty and to make sure no one is left behind. I will do my part in this noble endeavour.”

The commemoration was organized by ATD Fourth World, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Permanent Missions of France and Burkina Faso to the UN, the International Committee for October 17, and the NGO Committee for Social Development.

Two hundred and eighty people gathered for the event. The official ceremony opened with a **video message from the UN Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres**



UN Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres

“... The 2030 Agenda pledge to leave no one behind will require innovative approaches, partnerships and solutions. And that means addressing the root causes of poverty in order to eradicate it entirely. It means listening to the views and guidance of people living in poverty and getting together with them. Let us join hands to stop poverty all together in dignity. Thank you.”

~ **H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres.**

Reaching out to a global audience, he highlighted the importance of respecting the knowledge of people in poverty in addressing the root causes of poverty, while calling on people to stop poverty all together in dignity.

An international delegation of activists with direct experience of poverty and people in solidarity with them – from France, Haiti, Mali, Spain, the United Kingdom, USA – Navajo Nation – took the floor before the Under-Secretary-General, Vice-Chair UN Development Group and UNDP Administrator, Mr. Achim Steiner, other UN high-level officials, Member States, and NGO representatives.



Seamus Neville. "Everywhere in the world, extreme poverty separates children from their parents".²¹



Alex Begay. "We are struggling to live up to our hopes, hoping for peace".²²



Angélique Jeanne. "Enough is enough. We are not to be blamed. We are people who resist and who want to build peace".²³



Mahamadou Kone. "Our humanity rises from a common base, a common dignity."
Adrien Delva. "There is no risk in fighting extreme poverty. We just have to reach out to others to build peace. And all of us will benefit."



Group Photograph at the Commemorative Stone in Honour of the Victims of Extreme Poverty, 17 October, UN Gardens, New York



Ambassador of France to the United Nations, His Excellency François Delattre, presiding at the Commemoration Stone

The commemoration ended with a time of music and song around the Commemorative Stone in Honour of the Victims of Extreme Poverty located on the North Lawn of the UN Gardens led by the Ambassador of France, His Excellency François Delattre. Martine Le Corre, Deputy Director General of ATD, highlighted that people living in poverty are fighting each day to get out of their situation and to create peace around them. “Together we make this

solemn commitment around this stone. Together, we are determined and we will not give up.”

The sense of solidarity and togetherness made this day truly memorable. The UN commemoration was broadcast live to a global audience, thanks to the technical support of the UN Web TV and the WebTV event of the Stop Poverty campaign.



Mr. Michael Møller, UNOG Director-General, introduces the “Hidden Colours” event, UN Assembly Hall, Geneva

In Geneva, ATD in collaboration with UNIS (United Nations Information Service) presented an original musical performance entitled “Hidden Colours” in the UN Assembly Hall. The Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

(UNOG), Mr. Michael Møller, opened the commemoration, followed by a statement by Mme. Anne Emery-Torracinta, the State Counsellor for the Department of Public Education, Culture and Sport for the Canton of Geneva. She said:

“What better way to bring out the message around this international day than by mime, singing and music. It reminds us of the importance of dialogue and understanding between people living in poverty and the community that surrounds them, not to mention society in general.”

As part of the Stop Poverty campaign, **ATD advocacy victories were written as short Stories of Change** aimed at renewing understanding of important advocacy achievements. For example, the story, *Leaving No One Behind*²⁴, co-signed by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Social Watch and ATD Fourth World International, described how these organisations helped secure the progressive commitments of Agenda 2030 to leave no one behind and reach the furthest

behind first. At a conference held at the Amnesty International campus, ATD explained that people in poverty are not only human rights actors but also creators of new rights. Here, we drew on the story of Gaëtane²⁵ whose experience, typical or symbolic of so many others in similar situations, forged the concept of discrimination due to economic and social vulnerability, and which established the 21st criterion of discrimination under French law.

The campaign provided positive momentum to renew partnerships with **international institutions and organisations**. Promoting the campaign globally, they included the Global Campaign Against Poverty (GCAP), the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN), Emmaus International, and Franciscans International, among others.

Influencing language and negotiations, advancing commitments and change

Our ongoing advocacy efforts, geared towards creating spaces for dialogue with international institutions, continued to be developed during the year.

ATD advocates for the establishment of **social protection floors as a key element in eradicating poverty based on a coherent rights-based approach**. In Geneva, our advocacy team had facilitated the creation, in 2012, of a global coalition on social protection floors which now comprises 90 members. As an active member of this **NGO Committee for Social Development**, ATD was requested to lead the advocacy subcommittee of the committee to develop work towards a UN resolution that encourages States to establish social protection floors.

ATD continued its series of **lunch and breakfast dialogues**²⁶ at the **UN Headquarters in New York** in which UN Ambassadors to Member States could candidly and openly discuss, at the level of practice, lessons learned from good policies that contribute to achieving the promises made in the SDGs for everyone.

In March, ATD contributed **a message on bullying among young people** during a side-event organized by the **Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children in Geneva**. Several young people prepared a statement that spoke movingly of the exclusion they had

felt in school because of their ethnic origin. On this occasion, the document “Yes! I love to learn.” was presented by Tapor International. It brings together messages of children following the Tapor campaign: “What I need to learn well”.

In June, ATD and Philip Alston, **UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights**, organized a round table discussion on the concept of universal basic income²⁷. ATD stated that the right “to an adequate means of subsistence must be strongly articulated along with policies for housing, health, education, employment and culture. These rights are inseparable, and must be thought through in a global coherence.”

In September/October, in response to calls from the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR), ATD submitted **three thematic contributions to the UN Human Rights Council** on the protection of the rights of children in humanitarian situations, the right to work, and best practices to ensure the registration of children in situations of risk.

In December 2017, Philip Alston carried out a visit to the United States to assess the Government’s implementation of its obligations in relation to people living in extreme poverty and the upholding of their human rights. ATD Fourth World contributed to this assessment.

On the strength of its previous contributions in the Education for All global movement, ATD participated in the Collective Consultation of NGOs on Education 2030 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, in May 2017. ATD was given the responsibility of reporting for the working group on “Inclusion, Equity and Gender Equality”. The recommendations presented by ATD were included in the Final Declaration of the Collective Consultation, namely: the importance of understanding education in a holistic way; promoting the active participation of citizens, parents, teachers and children / learners; and the inclusion of discriminated groups.

During the COP23 on Climate Change in Bonn in November, at a dialogue meeting between NGO representatives and Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, ATD drew attention to the fact that climate actions may have an adverse impact on people living in extreme poverty and need to be taken into account when human rights protection clauses are formulated within the global mechanisms and national action plans required by the Paris Agreement.²⁸

Finally, **ATD Fourth World and Oxford University jointly collaborated in a 3-year Multi-Dimensional Indicators of Poverty research project**²⁹ in which people with lived experiences of poverty participate on an equal footing along with professionals and academics.

The study aims to increase understanding of the many dimensions of poverty (beyond just the often sole reliance on monetary criteria) and to advance global policy thinking and development on the multidimensional nature of poverty. In November, the participants in this international study met in seminars at Villarceaux, France, for one week to evaluate the progress of the work in their respective countries and to view their preliminary results. The three-year study, which includes six countries (Bangladesh, Bolivia, France, Tanzania, the United Kingdom and the United States of America), will be completed in June 2019. ATD is advocating that the orientation of the SDGs, “leave no one behind”, be accepted as the main criterion of success. This requires that the many dimensions of poverty be recognised and their indicators identified, with the participation of people living in poverty.



Measuring Poverty Research Group, Meeting in Villarceaux, France, November 2017

4. Actions Across Continents

AFRICA

Joseph Wresinski, who always sought to bring hope to his family while facing great deprivation, has inspired thousands of children, young people and adults around the world. In Africa, where ATD Fourth World is present in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Senegal and Cameroon, we have reached the point where

young children who previously attended street libraries and were part of Taporì are now young adults who have remained deeply influenced by Wresinski. **“We are heirs of this history”, they say, showing how Wresinski’s thought and action remain relevant today. These young people want to give back.**

Democratic Republic of Congo Young people bring the most excluded children together

On 18 February 2017, to launch the Stop Poverty campaign, a screening was held of two films, namely: “50 Years of Struggle Against Extreme Poverty” and a video about a youth solidarity project to help a family rebuild their home. Comments from the audience included:

“Father Joseph’s philosophy guided the action of young people.”

“Young people want to be on the side of those in poverty.”

“I just discovered that ATD Fourth World is a real movement of people working together.”

Also during the year, which marked the 20th anniversary of Taporì in the DRC, approximately 50 young people in training continued to put the lives of the most excluded children and families at the centre of their reflections, enlightened as they were by the founder of Taporì. One young person shared, “Father Joseph said, ‘We cannot help a person in poverty today and give up tomorrow’. It takes perseverance. He knew what he was talking about. He knew it was difficult.”

These young people issued an invitation to children from Goma, Uvira and Kavumu to travel to Bukavu. “Come together, let’s look for the keys to friendship and peace”, they said. Exploring **the theme of “friends of the friendless”**, the commitment that no child should feel abandoned, over 260 children expressed themselves through an object such as a

mat, puppets, a dove, or the hand as symbols of the friendship that creates peace. “Peace is like a dove that stands on a solid branch that is friendship. If the branch is too fragile, the dove will lose its balance and fly away forever, but if the branch is strong, peace and friendship will remain in us.” Children in the DRC are already contributors to building peace in solidarity projects.



A symbol of friendship creating peace, Bukavu

Young people extend their friendship to those who leave to work in other countries of the sub-region. For example, Christian from the DRC produced a song and video clip³⁰ with his new friend in Burundi to launch the Stop Poverty campaign.

Central African Republic

Young people put their learning into practice in the community

In a context where much of the country is ravaged by violence, commitment to addressing extreme poverty and building peace in the community was an anchor for many young people in 2017. While for the most part, life is very precarious, 30 young people were able to be present to children in different neighbourhoods. To go further, and in recognition of their commitment, ATD Fourth World accompanied and supported them in their responsibilities. They participated in training weekends to develop their capacity to act in the community with all people as partners for action.

Some of them participated, too, in another session in Yaoundé (Cameroon) organized by “Les apprentis d’Auteuil” (“The Apprentices of Auteuil”) to share experiences of being with children and young people living and working in the street. One of the participants said, “I have the compelling need to apply what I have learned and to share the experience with my association, “Dounia ti Kekereke” (“The World of Tomorrow”), and with other ATD Fourth World leaders. I want to work in a network of partnership, to broaden our fields of action and to work with children in places of detention.”

Ten young people who previously had participated in training in social and cultural mediation in 2016 put their learning into action in their community and networked to secure recognition of this new profession in their country. Yet for all of them, it is more than a job; it is a commitment: “It’s all the things that push us to move forward. Even if you have nothing, the construction of this country, the construction of this movement, depends on us. Whatever our social rank, we are useful for human beings and can



Participants, social and cultural mediation training, Bangui

contribute to the development of peace” – the words of one young person that echoed beyond borders on the airwaves of Radio France International.³¹

On 11 February, the **University of Bangui** welcomed the members of ATD Fourth World, professors and students to a public discussion on the theme of “Joseph Wresinski: A Philosophy that Works”. A contributor remarked that: “100 years after the birth of Joseph Wresinski, we have a worldwide movement. If Wresinski’s work continues today, it is because it is needed. With this approach, the poor and the rich come together on the same mat. They speak together, and share their ideas on overcoming chronic poverty.” At the end of the meeting, a number of the participants expressed their commitment by signing the Call to Action of the Stop Poverty campaign.

Burkina Faso

Mobilising the public for the campaign and 17 October

On 12 February in Ouagadougou, members of ATD were mobilised to inform the public about Wresinski’s life, on Joseph Wresinski Avenue, and some days later, at the Courtyard of 100 Trades, a group discussion took place to discover more about Joseph Wresinski’s life, at which participants shared the following:

“Do everything possible so that those in extreme poverty can express themselves and have their place in society.”

“Because you live in poverty, you are not less than others.”

“It is not only about ideas. You must put them into practice.”

To mark the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of 17 October, **300 people met at the Fourth World African Commemorative Stone in Manéga** around the theme: “Even in extreme poverty, people have ideas. Together, let’s build a society that respects



Walking together under the sun in solidarity with those who work hard to survive, Fourth World African Stone, Manega, Burkina Faso, 17 October 2017

everyone's dignity". The contributions from various associations and the representative of the Ministry for Social Action were very relevant. **Everyone put the imprint of his/her hand on the "Stop Poverty" banner**, before walking together to the Stone. "We

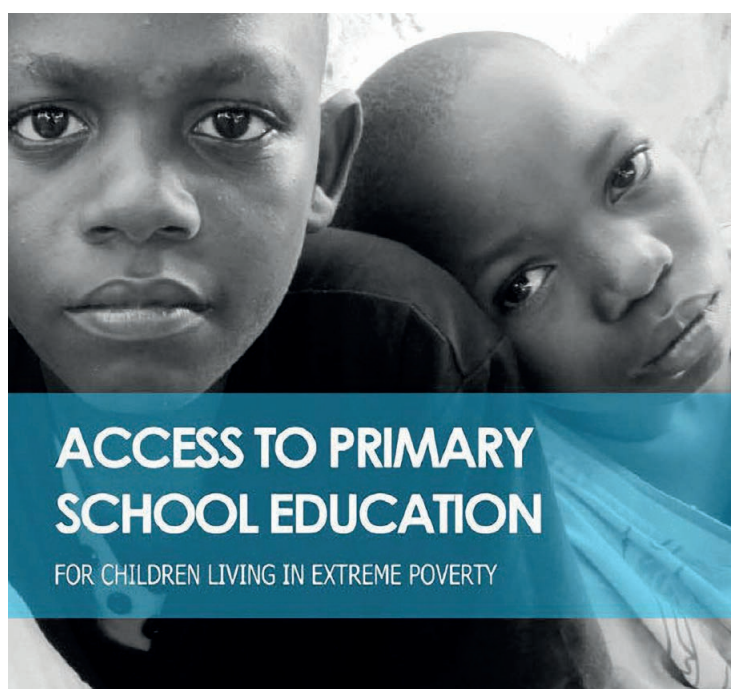
left at noon", said one of the walkers, "as this is the hour when only the poorest people are forced to work under the sun. In this march, we walked at the pace of the weakest, with no one in front and no one left behind. We were together."

Tanzania

People in poverty as partners in action research

On 12 February, **an Open Day was held at the ATD Fourth World office** where visitors discovered the work of ATD Tanzania and the origins of ATD International in Noisy-le-Grand camp outside

Paris, and signed the campaign's Call to Action. A play was performed on the theme of how a hospital was built in the community based on an approach of solidarity.



Participatory research report, "Education for All", Tanzania, 2017

In 2017, **the results of the action research project "Education for All" were disseminated**. This study examined the reasons why children, especially those from poor backgrounds, do not access primary education. As members of the project research group, people with experience of extreme poverty provided invaluable expertise throughout the process, especially when interviews and data analysis were required. They also participated fully in the development of the report's³² 15 recommendations, which included the need for additional resources for primary education, the creation of standardized curricula and the importance of developing trusting relationships among all the education stakeholders, including parents.

Not only did the report help to advance the resolution of the issue under study; the collaborative aspect of the research improved understanding among

team members, strengthened parent confidence and developed essential working relationships.

Cameroon

Reaffirming commitment to overcome extreme poverty

In Yaoundé, the Stop Poverty campaign focused on the signing of the Call to Action. The year had also begun with a meeting of about fifty women and men from all walks of life engaged with those suffering from social exclusion, who reaffirmed their determination to overcome extreme poverty. They stressed respect for human dignity as opposed to contempt and pity. Committed to moving forward through reflection and action, the group organized,

with other partners, **the World Day of the African Child**, which included Taporí workshops with cooperative games and music workshops where young people and children celebrated together. The high point of the year's mobilization came on 17 October, with the screening of the film "Joseph the Rebel" and the staging of a thematic exhibition in partnership with the artist, Rodrigue Mbock, on the violence of extreme poverty.

Senegal

Reflecting on leaving no one behind in the framework of the SDGs

Thirty two ATD delegates from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Senegal met from 2 - 8 March 2017 in Dakar for the "**Assises inter-africaines**" ("**Inter-African Assembly**"). The participants included people living in poverty and others who supported them. They shared views on how their undertakings supported the goal to "leave no one behind", as inspired by the Wresinski approach, and also in the present context of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The reflection made it possible to better understand **the Wresinski approach** which requires avoiding offering charity. A delegate from the DRC explained: "Going to the poorest with empty hands is difficult. We are afraid of hurting the person. But what can give us courage is differentiating between deprivation and extreme poverty. Deprivation is a material lack. With extreme poverty, in addition to the lacks, is the experience of rejection, marginalization, and humiliation. If you know how to make this differentiation, you will know that even if you go empty-handed, you are building bonds with the poorest person. You enable this person to break his or her isolation and to discover he or she is a person in their own right."



Delegates from seven African countries, Regional Meeting of Assises, March 2017, House of Slaves in Gorée, Senegal

ASIA

Cycles of anniversary come to mind when describing ATD Fourth World in Asia. It was on a visit to India in 1967 that Joseph Wresinski was inspired to create ATD's Taporì network of friendship among all children. In 1987, the ATD Fourth World office in Manila was set up upon the invitation of Ms. Estefania Aldaba-Lim, the then-Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development of the Republic of the Philippines. There were memorial events this year

for both Fr. Joseph and Ms. Aldaba-Lim. Friends of ATD are now spread throughout the sinophone world and in numerous countries of the Asia-Pacific region. Historical, cultural and linguistic differences are significant challenges, but through the dynamics of exchange made possible by the Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty, the Asian region provides ATD with many opportunities to engage with people left behind and with those people wishing to support them.

The Philippines 30th anniversary of ATD: friendship and peace at the core

2017 marked the thirtieth anniversary of ATD Fourth World's presence in the Philippines. The ATD Stop Poverty campaign, the Festival of Learning and Christmas Workshops were the highlights of our expanded action programme for this special year.

As part of the **Stop Poverty campaign**, a **series of short stories and videos portraying Stories of Change about people whose lives have been changed thanks to acting with others were produced and posted on the ATD Philippines website and Facebook page**. One such story describes how, Quennie, a young volunteer who had taken part with people from different social backgrounds in Street Libraries and Festivals of Learning since she was a child, shared how this experience helped her to interact with people from different social backgrounds and to have a wider view about poverty and volunteerism.

The Philippines was also one of six countries that took part in the campaign Playing for Change project in association with a local partner choral group, "Minstrels of Hope", which produced the

inspiring video song "With my own two hands I can change the world". Finally, **the celebration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October at Rizal Park, Manila, was live-streamed on the ATD Philippines Facebook page as part of the Campaign's global WebTV event on the day**. Organised by the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), ATD and other partners, the event was a unique moment when hundreds of people listened to those with experience of poverty who were centre stage in voicing their concerns and hopes for the future. Here is an extract from one of the testimonies:

"I live in North Cemetery. I am a caretaker. My earnings are never enough which is why, until now, my life has been a struggle. It is my dream to have a peaceful society that does not exclude or mock anyone. I am Lolita Mercado, and this is who I really am."

Every year, a **Festival of Learning** takes place during the summer break in April - May in different ATD communities in Metro Manila and in resettlement

Minstrels of Hope Singers



Balloon Sculpture Workshop, Festival of Learning, Manila



areas, which are initiated by community facilitators who see a need for cultural and educational activities with children. “Friendship and peace” was chosen as the theme for the Festival of Learning in 2017, reflecting the broader need in the country. The official poster for the Festival of Learning was prepared by a well-known Filipino artist and ATD friend, Robert Alejandro. Approximately 350 children took part in 11 festival days in three communities in Metro Manila and in three relocation sites. A number of old and new partners, such as Museo Pambata Children Museum, and the basketball club “The Readers”, as well as corporate companies, participated in the Festival, with the support of over 40 volunteers and the community facilitators. One facilitator said:

“The most positive memory for me was the happiness and joy in the heart of every kid that participated last summer, their artwork, and how they smiled when they saw what they had done.”

Like other programs, the **Christmas Workshop** was born out of the desire of ATD community members to create Christmas decorations like traditional lanterns, Christmas trees and garlands to brighten up their houses and disadvantaged community areas during the festive season. “We learn from each other by interacting in this activity. Also, it has become a medium for everyone to express their creativity and artistic skills in making a decoration,” explained Sana Sta. Ana, an ATD

friend. In 2017, 250 community members, parents and children attended workshops conducted in two locations in Metro Manila and in three resettlement areas, which were prepared by 15 community facilitators.

Other significant events during the reporting period were:

- **An exhibition of artworks by young people** displayed over 3 weeks in the SM Mall in Manila, with the participation of national artists, Fidel Sarmiento and Jen Utleg Consumido.
- **A community theatre play inspired by ATD Community Forums** where seven communities with direct knowledge of poverty discussed the topic: “What changes in life we can achieve by being together with others”. One participant, Joy Oco, shared: “In our society, I hope that there will be schools for those children that weren’t able to go to schools, so that in the future, they will be able to land a good job and have a better life.”
- **A live artistic interactive web event by the artists, Nina Lim Yuson and Robert Alejandro**, who in posing the question “How to overcome poverty?”, invited people to contribute words and images which reflected their thoughts.
- **The National Week for Overcoming Poverty closed with the laying of a new commemorative stone in Antique** on 23 October 2017 and acknowledging the local government’s efforts in tackling extreme poverty.

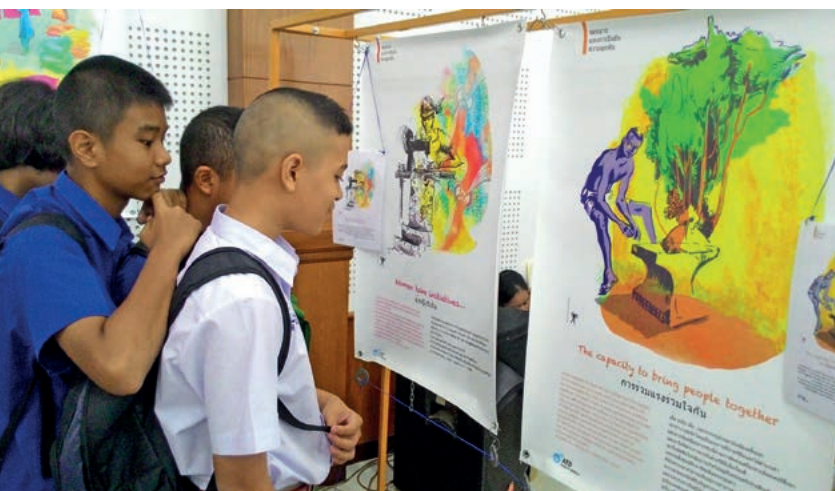


Christmas Workshop in a relocation site, Norzagaray

Thailand

Education for peace and social harmony with school children and youth in Thai society

Over the last four years, the Friends of ATD Thailand Foundation has run an innovative pilot program in schools to cultivate children's sense of friendship and empathy for children less fortunate. This initiative is a contribution to preventing school bullying caused by issues of poverty and social background among children in Thailand. ATD's International



Students of Sattree Phatalung Secondary School

Tapori Network and its Tapori Newsletter served as tools to introduce the children to international campaigns and connections among children from different backgrounds worldwide, with special attention to children living in poverty. In this regard, in 2016 – 17, the Tapori Letter campaign “Come on, let’s look together for the keys to friendship and peace!” was designed to create ideas for children to implement, in their own way, the spirit of “leave no one behind” of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2017, these educational activities were organised by 200 students and 15 language teachers from **Sattree Phatalung Secondary school in southern Thailand**. They included the sharing of the Tapori story “Ireng” and the drama based on it in the various languages taught in the school, as well as a presentation of the ATD multilingual exhibition, “The Letter’s Colours”. In harmony with the Tapori spirit of “We want all children to have the same chances”, the activities included all learners regardless of their school grades, with the more skilled learners being encouraged to support others.

Engaging with Chinese-speaking people Helping to cross borders

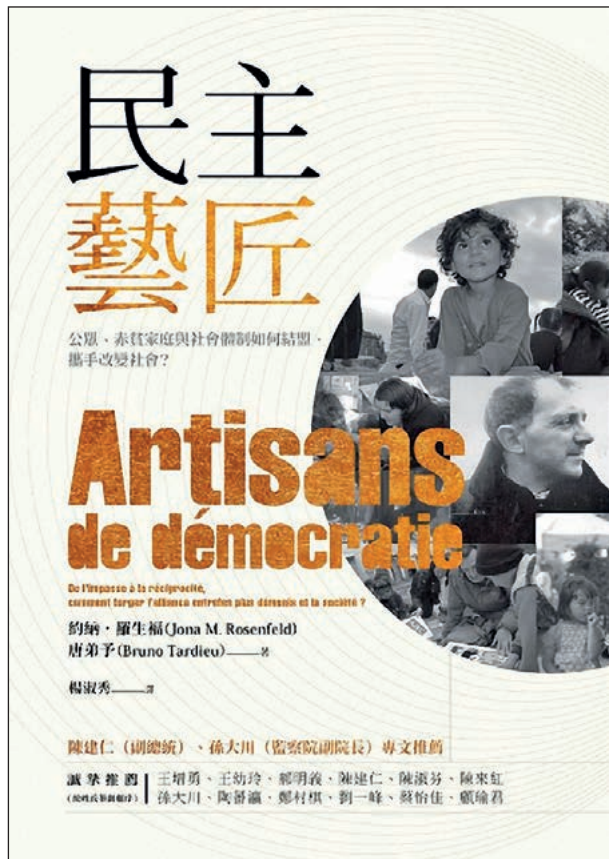
Since 1988, ATD Fourth World has sought to develop connections with the Chinese-speaking world, which has resulted in many new encounters and relationships. This year, **six videos highlighting the lives and thoughts of people with a history of poverty on the island of Taiwan and the commitment of our friends from the Chinese world were produced**. For example, one of the videos presented the international seminar in Taipei in July 2016, entitled “The right to live in family questioned by the reality of children forcibly placed in care”. The videos were presented at both the Cerisy-la-Salle International Colloquium in France as part of the Stop Poverty campaign and during the events marking the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October in Taipei.

At the colloquium, Chen Yueguang from Beijing, former Vice-President of the Foundation for the Development of Chinese Youth, in his presentation, referred to Joseph Wresinski’s book “The Poor are the Church”:



Mr. Chen Yueguang, Vice-President of the Foundation for the Development of Chinese Youth

“Since the middle of the 20th century, there had been a growing need for a dialogue between civilizations, between religions and between people. Fr. Joseph tells us that people of different faiths have a common witness: ‘The poorest are the witnesses of our sincerity’. And it is precisely this point that constitutes for mankind the foundation of a possible dialogue between civilizations.”



The translation of ATD Fourth World’s founding texts in Mandarin has been a priority in recent years.³³ **The book “Artisans of Democracy”³⁴ was published in Mandarin on the occasion of the International Day, 17 October 2017. A roundtable event, comprised of 80 participants,** was held in which 12 speakers were invited to comment on the book and where everyone could envisage new ways in which they could deepen their commitment to reach out to people living in extreme poverty. For example, the popular social enterprise “Do you a Flavor” featured the book on its Facebook page. This roundtable discussion was filmed and a Facebook page created to promote the book.

A group of 27 civil society organizations, “The School of the Poor to Act”, organised **a series of dynamic activities, called “Taipei of the Poor”**, around 17 October in Bopiliao, a neighbourhood where many people lived on the streets, which included documentaries, exhibitions, conferences, roundtable meetings, concerts, and walking tours.



15 October Commemoration, Da-an Park, Taipei

Testimony of Ms. Xiang-Ling Chen at the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Da-An Park, Taipei, 15 October 15 2017:

“Up to when I was 15 years old, I lived with my father in a small illegally built log cabin in the Wanhua district of Taipei. On 17 October 1996, I brought to this park a handful of earth from where this hut was, a land filled with the courage and perseverance of my father. With the help of other poor families and many friends, we planted a tree of hope here and for more than two decades, this growing tree has been a symbol of the hope of many families.”

EUROPE

The International Movement ATD Fourth World is active in 11 European countries, namely Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. **The Stop Poverty campaign enabled us to mobilise**

our energies and resources to further develop connections at the local, national and regional levels. People experiencing poverty met with one another and with officials from various countries and European institutions, which is essential to fighting exclusion and achieving long lasting solutions.

Stop Poverty campaign Strengthening commitment to fight against poverty

In Europe, each of the countries was active in promoting the message of the Stop Poverty campaign. Here are just some of these campaign activities:



"When Voices Unite" Project, Ireland

► In **Ireland**, our team was energised in organising a number of concerts, facilitating several community-based workshops on the life and thought of Joseph Wresinski, and organising a story-telling project which included the production of **a book of stories called "If Only You Knew"**, describing people's efforts to overcome poverty and to have their rights respected. A beautiful moment was the visit of **the Strasbourg Young Singers (Les Petits Chanteurs de Strasbourg)** who joined with young people from disadvantaged communities in Dublin's inner city to perform songs, such as Handel's and Leonard Cohen's "Alleluia".

► In **Luxembourg**, in March, ATD Fourth World activists and allies received Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg at the Fourth World Cultural House. She was among the first 100 signatories to the

campaign's Call to Action around the world in which she expressed her "gratitude to Father Wresinski for his 1987 appeal and his determination to fight poverty and exclusion". On 17 October, **a major exhibition and concert, "A new humanity without extreme poverty will be born"**, was held featuring the history of the Movement and the commitment of its founder, followed by a three-week artistic exhibition of the cultural actions of ATD.

On 25 October, **an ATD conference-debate on the theme of "Culture: the Bedrock of Our Humanity"** with the involvement of the percussionist, Paul Mootz, explored the conviction of Joseph Wresinski that culture liberates and transforms people living in poverty. The conclusion of the debate was that culture should not remain a luxury inaccessible to people living in poverty.

► In **Switzerland**, a group of professional and amateur actors performed in a **wonderful theatrical show, “Hidden Colours”**, initiated by ATD, in 17 venues across the country between September and November, with a total of 300 performers and 4,070 people in attendance. The show told the story of a child who – like little Joseph – becomes aware very early in his life of the injustice of the poverty lived by his family. Alone, he sets out on a journey against preconceived ideas, during which he experiences gestures of solidarity. Also performed at the UN in Geneva, this was a touching show interpreted by two mimics, a small orchestra and a choir in tribute to people affected by poverty. This action facilitated the participation of ATD Fourth World activists and reached out to many new contacts.

► In the **Netherlands**, young people had the opportunity to discover the writings and thinking of Joseph Wresinski, while they chose a quotation to be included in the **Titus Brandsma³⁶ Memorial**. It was inscribed for viewing at “The Wall of Peace” alongside other quotes by inspirational figures who worked for peace, such as Mother Teresa and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The quotation of Wresinski reads: “Our only weapons are our love for humanity and our passion for justice and peace.”

Also, a core group from the **youth branch of ATD, Djynamo**, organised and hosted a **major gathering of 150 young people, many from disadvantaged communities in 10 countries in Europe, in Wijhe** in August. Together, they talked about their commitment to resist poverty and to raise awareness of its continuing reality in Europe. One young person said that, “From the moment we are born, we are all humans, and wanting to dwell on our differences is tantamount to excluding someone.”



Village of Initiatives for a Different World, Paris

► In **France**, “Clearly society wants to act. It is now necessary that politicians move and seize the fight against the causes of poverty”, declared Claire Hédon, President of ATD France, at the **“Village Initiatives for a Better Society”³⁵**, held in Paris, on 14 and 15 October. More than 30,000 people visited this memorable event, where those ranging from the most excluded to the most powerful discussed and discovered together actions to combat extreme poverty.

On 17 October at the Trocadero plaza in Paris, at the very place where the original stone was laid in 1987 and unveiled by Wresinski, many hundreds of people gathered and experienced a powerful commemoration of personal testimonies, interspersed with songs of dignity and courage. Here, during a play, the commemorative stone “narrated” the story of how, over a period of 30 years, it had witnessed people in poverty and those who support them gathering in diversity and solidarity together to express their commitment, in so many ways, to overcome poverty.

Raising Hands to Stop Poverty, 17 October, Trocadero, Paris



► In **Belgium**, members of ATD Fourth World, commencing with a **campaign launch in front of the Brussels Stock Exchange**, engaged with the public to spread the campaign's message. They invited people on the street to act to create a more just society for all, and reiterated this invitation at festivals, at animation stands at cultural events, and through choral concerts and a promotional video.

► In **Poland**, a group of young people organised a **flashmob at Szembek Square, Warsaw**, on 17 October to create awareness of the message "Stop Poverty", followed by a public information meeting.

► In **south-eastern Europe** (Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania and Serbia), a **digital booklet of collected stories** was published by ATD and its friends as part of the Stories of Change component of the campaign. These are true stories inspired by excluded peoples' own experiences of seeking to find their place in society. They tell of the courage, the resistance, the dignity, and the pride of people living in poverty so as to inspire others. The booklet was translated into French, English, Hungarian, Romanian and Bulgarian³⁷. It was also used as a communications tool in meetings with



E-Book Stories of Change, ATD Fourth World South-east Europe

friends and partners in a number of these countries by the ATD team based in Sofia, Bulgaria.

These contributions to the Stop Poverty campaign were part of a wider dynamic in 2017 in which ATD Fourth World sought to better understand how people and organizations are working to overcome extreme poverty, to link them together, and to make their efforts known to others.

Defending human rights and democracy

Aside from the campaign-related activities, our projects are conducted in the long term and driven by our engagement and actions with people in extreme poverty. Here are some of the initiatives undertaken to defend the right to education, the right to a family life, the right to work, and the right to participation as European citizens.

For a school where everyone succeeds

In Belgium, a group of teachers, professionals, parents and young people living in poverty and exclusion worked for three years using a very specific methodology, the Merging of Knowledge³⁸. It enabled each group of participants to merge their knowledge with others. Together they formulated and debated proposals which are published in the report entitled, **"For a School Where Everyone Succeeds"**. They are calling for a school that values all students instead of selecting them, and that promotes and organizes collaboration rather than competition. They are calling for a move from imposed orientation to chosen orientation, and from partially subsidised to truly free

education. One of the participants with a lived experience of poverty said: "We have succeeded in working with each other. We learned from each other. Our way of seeing has changed. It gives us the strength to assert that change is possible, and that our demands are realistic and achievable."

Celebrating 60 years of Frimhurst Family House



Frimhurst Family House, 60th Anniversary, United Kingdom

In the United Kingdom, the highlight of the year was the celebration of **the 60th anniversary of the Frimhurst Family House**.³⁹ An exhibition traced the history and vision of this place of friendship which, today, welcomes for short stays families in great difficulty, often stigmatized, and struggling to survive.

Eric and his family have benefited from this support program: “Frimhurst allows families going through difficult times to enjoy a break during a stay, giving them the opportunity to forget the stresses of their daily lives. This gives them a chance to speak, be supported and learn from each other in a respectful and non-judgmental environment.”

Territories Without Long Term Unemployed

In France, a key action by ATD Fourth World was the establishment of “Territories zero long-term unemployed”, **a pilot project conducted in 10 targeted territories**⁴⁰ under a law adopted in February 2016.

This project is guided by the principle stated in the preamble to the 1946 French Constitution, namely: **“Everyone has the duty to work and the right to obtain a job”**. It is based on **three critical propositions**: no one is unemployable, given that there is work and employment appropriate for everyone; there is work available because many of the labour needs of society are unmet; and there is real money-saving because long-term unemployment is a cost to the State.

The project⁴¹ shows that it is possible to propose to any long-term unemployed person, who wishes to participate, the offer of a permanent job suitable to his or her identified skills, which meets the needs of the territory, and at no extra cost to the community. Already, **450 people were hired in 2017**. One of them testified: “We all experienced the difficulties of unemployment, the suspicion in the eyes of others, being excluded. However, through this initiative, we stick together to make it work.”

Currently, the State finances this scheme to the level of the savings realized on its actual expenditure with regard to the long term unemployed. The extension of the project to other territories will be possible if the appointed independent scientific committee gives a positive evaluation and if a new law is subsequently passed.



“Our Voices” project: strengthening the links between Europe and citizens living in extreme poverty

A total of 100 people from Ireland, Poland and Spain were part of the **18-month “Our Voices” project co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union**. The group has been gathering on a regular basis to discuss health, work and employment and relationships between beneficiaries and professionals, with a focus on social inclusion and democracy.

The final stage of the project was held in Strasbourg on 15 June 2017. This was the occasion to present the work accomplished to Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), the Extreme Poverty and Human Rights Intergroup and members of the Council of Europe. **The delegation underlined the need to strengthen EU support to the European Social Charter, as well as the need to support communities in creating inclusive spaces at local level.** Ms. Mairead McGuinness, Vice President of the Parliament, and the MEP members of the Intergroup commended the report’s conclusions⁴².

“I would like to say that we [the European representatives] are also here to listen to you, to keep in touch with you, to testify to your problems and to hear about the difficulties you are having. The only thing is that we have to meet and stay in touch more often”, said Veronica Lope Fontagné, Spanish MEP and Co-Chair of the Extreme Poverty and Human Rights Intergroup.

Collaborating with others through advocacy for positive change

Delegation to the European Union

- The **14th session of the Fourth World People's European University**⁴³ took place in Brussels, with a plenary session at the European Economic and Social Committee. Delegations from six countries (Belgium, Spain, France, Great Britain, Ireland and the Netherlands) held a two-day dialogue with representatives of European and national institutions and NGOs to reflect together on "a Europe of peace and equal dignity". **They advanced two essential rights in the fight against poverty: legal existence and adequate means of existence.**

Participants testified to their situations as "ghost citizens" of Europe. An activist from the Netherlands spoke of the violence of not existing in the eyes of others in his own country: "I had a job but I was no longer registered. My boss discovered it and I was fired. Social services told me, 'You do not exist'". Another participant spoke of people being removed from government databases against their will or refused entry for lack of a permanent address, and therefore they no longer have health insurance or have lost their benefits. This lack of legal existence concerns many migrants, Roma and asylum seekers, as well as homeless people living on the streets or in campsites.

- In a review by the European Union of its social rights floor, **a set of 20 principles concerning equal opportunities and access to the labour market, fair working conditions, social protection and social inclusion** were adopted in November at the Gothenburg Social Summit.⁴⁴ During the creation of the Pillar of Social Rights, ATD Fourth World participated actively in the European Commission's consultative process. ATD stressed the need to take into account people living in extreme poverty in Europe, and that the lack of legal status, stigma and discrimination hinder full access to social protection.

- On 10 December 2017, in Madrid, on the occasion of Human Rights Day, ATD Fourth World Spain and the Marea Básica [Basic Social Movement for the Defence of Fundamental Rights and Against Vulnerability], organized **a debate on the theme: "Social rights: poor cousins of human rights?"**. This gathering was part of a large mobilization launched with ATD Fourth

World and Caritas-Spain, Tercer Sector platform and the European Anti-Poverty Network, aimed at having the government ratify the **revised Social Charter (1996) and the additional protocol for Collective Complaints**. This would provide additional means to defend the right to protection against poverty and social exclusion and the right to housing. Collective complaints also create opportunities to change the law for people living in poverty. In France, the *Winterstein* judgement⁴⁵ was a breakthrough for the people concerned, but also for the rights of all.

Council of Europe

Through its representatives at the Council of Europe, ATD Fourth World actively participated in the work of **the Conference of INGOs**, especially through co-facilitating **the working group on Extreme Poverty and Human rights**. In 2017, the focus of our efforts was on facilitating a reflective retrospective five years after the Council of Europe signed the Joint Declaration, "Acting Together to Eradicate Poverty in Europe". In this process, the need and urgency to collect and take into account the knowledge of people living in poverty and exclusion was particularly emphasized as a key factor in the development of relevant policies.

The movement participated in the **Coordinating Committee of INGOs in the Turin Process**⁴⁶. This committee has followed the stages of the elaboration of the European pillars of social rights. The Conference of INGOs officially took a stand in favour of coherence between the European Social Charter and European Pillars of Social Rights.

European Youth Forum (EYF)

Delegates of ATD Fourth World participated in the two **Council meetings of the annual members (COMEM)**. One priority was to make known the lives of the poorest young people and related actions against poverty. Another very important priority was to support the actual participation of the young people whose lives have not prepared them to express themselves in such a setting.



Participants, Committee of Members, European Youth Forum

Through the EYF and other EU consultations, ATD succeeded in securing an official commitment that **the Youth Guarantee program**⁴⁷ takes the poorest young people into account more. However, there is still work to be done to ensure that all countries in Europe implement this program and that it effectively enables the poorest young people to have access to employment.

In summary then, in this year, the emergence of a European social protection floor placed the rights of people at the core of the European debate. The work of ATD Fourth World in Europe has contributed to this re-founding of Europe where the knowledge and experience of people living in extreme poverty is essential in identifying durable solutions to poverty and exclusion.

INDIAN OCEAN

ATD Fourth World is present in the Indian Ocean region in Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte and Reunion. Because of its history, the region is characterized by very strong multiculturalism which is both an asset and a

challenge for people to co-exist peacefully together. The main actions described herein, namely **Tapori with children, citizen and artistic mobilization, and the struggle for human rights** are all positive contributions in this context.

Mauritius

A mobilization of the art world for the Stop Poverty campaign

One of the key strands of the international Stop Poverty campaign was the promotion of song, music and the arts as cultural expressions to promote its message that extreme poverty is not inevitable and can be overcome. Throughout the history of Mauritius, the artistic world has often engaged with disadvantaged people and populations. **The Stop Poverty campaign of ATD Fourth World was the occasion for a new mobilization of this artistic world.**

“Art, music, poetry, songs and shows are the preferred means to overcome violence. They are places of expression and communion”, said Gilbert Descombes, President ATD Fourth World Mauritius.

On 12 February, in the rally for the launch of the Stop Poverty campaign, the young Marco Raboude, who as a child was a Tapori member, sung a song he had written in tribute to Joseph Wresinski and his struggle on behalf of people living in extreme poverty. The music group of Anoska City also performed a song representing their commitment.

On 26 March, **the theatre group Favory** gave a performance before an audience of a hundred people of song, dance and storytelling reflecting the thoughts, experiences and values of Mauritian families living in poverty. As only cultural events of this nature can do, this performance enthused and moved the participants.

Abaim⁴⁸ is a musical and cultural association, which includes a highly-reputed ravanne (Mauritian tam-tam) training school, working particularly with underprivileged children while using a human rights approach. On 30 September, the Abaim troupe performed a large-scale musical before an audience of more than 300 people. This show was first presented on the occasion of the anniversary of the abolition of slavery held on 1 February and was therefore a reminder of the culture of resistance



A performance by the Abaim group, Mauritius

of former slaves, a culture that is part of the heritage of Mauritius. With the colours of the costumes and the rhythms of the singing children, musicians and dancers, the attention, emotion and joy of the audience was palpable. **The show, presented to promote the Stop Poverty campaign, included six testimonies of ATD Fourth World activists**, showing the link between the struggles of people in poverty today and the cultural evocation of past struggles. One activist recounted his journey against

An ATD activist speaks at the show about slavery, Mauritius



extreme poverty, another his struggle for a better future through education, another the search for solutions to meet the needs of his family – and all seeking to break the vicious cycle of poverty.

On 17 October, the well-known singer-songwriter, Gaétan Abel, premiered a song entitled “Manz ar

lamizer” (“Let Us Overcome Poverty”) that he had worked on for almost a year, specifically to mark the World Day. The song speaks of resistance, dignity, respect and unity in the struggle against poverty and in this way, it helped situate ATD’s work in defence of human rights. Several bands, such as Soul Sagai, also participated in the commemoration.

Reunion Making children’s intelligence known



Children's Choir, Reunion

At a street library facilitated by ATD, children read Taporì stories. Discovering **the story of Irengé** an actual child of Bukavu, a child cried out: “He and I are the same, I am like Irengé, I have sun in my heart. I too have found friends here at Joli Fond”. Later he shared further: “I was afraid when my mom came to live in Saint-Pierre. We did not know anyone. I did not find a place in the school close to my building. I had to walk a long way to another school. Other children of the housing project were making the same journey and I made friends with some of them. Now the heat has replaced the cold that was in my heart. It is fear that makes one tremble and that makes the body cold.”

Like him, all the children said: “We can also be friends of children everywhere and friends of the children of the world. We agree to participate in **Taporì’s 50th Anniversary**”. This declaration ushered in a thrilling year full of creativity, enthusiasm and pride. The children listened to, read and reread the story of Irengé, and contributed to its translation into Creole.

Growing enthusiasm led adults and other children to adopt the proposal of the letter from Taporì to make “**keys to friendship and peace**” and to write messages. For all the kids, their key was not one to open a trunk or garage door, but rather to open the

heart. And each child wanted to say what this key to friendship and peace meant for him or her. These keys brought about a kind of magic where children are happy together and motivated to go further in friendship.

An article in a children's journal of Reunion, called Guétali, gathered the messages of the children's group, Taporì Joli-Fond-Basse-Terre which, thanks to the publicity, received greeting cards and messages of hope – with even a cheque arriving at the Fourth World House! May the flowers of friendship continue to grow from the seeds of Bukavu and Joli Fond.



Meeting of the Keys to Open Hearts, Reunion

Madagascar Solidarity, peace and friendship

Tapori has existed in Madagascar for many years, and is present in different cities of the country. "Solidarity, peace and friendship" is the motto of the Tapori children of Madagascar.



50 years of Tapori, Tulear, Madagascar

In this 50th anniversary year of **Tapori**, **celebrations took place in three different places in Madagascar, namely Majunga, Tulear and Antananarivo**. The objectives were: to encourage the participation of children by drawing attention to the Tapori dynamic that allows children to be actors in the struggle against extreme poverty by being aware of their rights; and to bring children from different backgrounds in contact with one another and to encourage an exchange of stories of friendship between them.

The focus of the celebrations was a tour with **the Fanja Puppet Show**. "It's my turn to read stories to others" was the theme of the puppet story that was performed to convey to everyone the courage of a little girl named Fanja who asserts her right to "be educated" despite the obstacles in her life. This story bears witness to the schooling problems of children from very poor families.

On 17 June, the puppet show and the exchanges and animations that followed took place at the headquarters of the ATD Fourth World movement in Ambohibao. Two high-ranking persons from the mayor's office came to honour the day, alongside 56 NGO partners and 250 members of ATD Fourth World. Different contributions and testimonies served to continue the story of Fanja, as for example here in this testimony of Hery:

"I grew up with a kid's street library and Tapori groups. My family life was difficult because I am fatherless and motherless. I did not have a childhood and worked at an early age. Animation around books and artistic creation gave me strength to move forward. Later, I was able to finish my professional training and got a job. By the way, I just got married and I hope I will be happy with my family."

In Tulear and Majunga, Tapori's 50 years of entertainment with children and their families enabled the participation of animators from other parts of the country. This openness to other realities was highly appreciated and strengthened everyone's determination to meet and learn together. Dorothée, a street librarian, said, "Our struggle against extreme poverty with children begins with our courage and

cultural animation. All of this gives us strength and helps children prepare for their future.”

Antohomadinika project – for a decent living environment and a strong citizenry

The Antohomadinika III G Hangar fokontany⁴⁹ is the district in which the ATD Fourth World Movement first began its work in Madagascar. It is a district extremely sensitive to floods in the rainy seasons due to the lack of adequate infrastructure and an effective waste management system. Families who live there are forced, year after year, to survive in unhealthy sanitary conditions, causing health risks and resulting in the neighbourhood becoming isolated.

For several years, ATD had facilitated a project, entitled “Promoting the fokontany of Antohomadinika III G Hangar for a decent living environment and a strengthening of citizenry”. The project, led by ATD Fourth World and the Mihary Soa association, and funded by the French Embassy, seeks to mobilize all partners and residents of the neighbourhood to contribute to the sanitation and opening up of the neighbourhood by **producing ecological pavements created from recycled bottles and plastic packaging recovered in the neighbourhood**. A total of 90 meters of lanes were paved to allow for the flow of water, and cemented canals were constructed to allow water drainage.

On 13 December, a ceremony was held to inaugurate the rehabilitated alley and the new channels of the fokontany. During her speech, Mrs. Josiane Raveloarison, President of the ATD Board of



A new ecological pavement and sanitation canal, Madagascar

Directors in Madagascar, paid tribute to the “taking responsibility” and “solidarity” of the people of the district, who had taken ownership of the project. “They are the initiators and actors of this project. They are the owners and guardians of the infrastructure installed in this fokontany”, she said.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

In Latin America and the Caribbean, ATD Fourth World supports projects in Mexico (Mexico City), Guatemala (Escuintla and Guatemala City), Peru (Cusco, Cuyo Grande and Lima), Haiti (Port-au-Prince and Jean Rabel), Brazil (Petrópolis and Mirantão), Colombia (Medellín), Honduras (Tegucigalpa), and Bolivia (La Paz and El Alto).

In 2017, ATD continued to support projects related to the major concerns of people in extreme poverty, families and communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, namely: access to medical care, education

and culture, opportunities for young people to make commitments, participation in social debate and decision-making, construction of alternatives for inclusive and sustainable food security, and the promotion of peace.

This year also witnessed the promotion of the **Stop Poverty campaign** in our region as part of a world-wide mobilisation by ATD, particularly through encouraging signatories to the campaign's Call to Action, the writing and publication of 14 stories of change, and a major book launch.

Mexico

Relevance of the thinking and action of Wresinski today

Published by Fourth World Publications, **the book “Aquí dónde vivimos”** (“Here Where We Live”) was launched in May 2017. The book is a collection of 15 texts from authors with diverse life experiences from 10 different countries in the region, including academics, activists, professionals and people in poverty, who reflected on the relevance for the region of the thinking and action of Joseph Wresinski. With four of its authors in attendance, the book was presented at the Vasconcelos Library in Mexico City, and also in Tegucigalpa (Honduras), La Paz (Bolivia), Cusco and Lima (Peru) and Guatemala City (Guatemala). Approximately 500 people participated in the various presentations and debates. In Tegucigalpa, authors were asked for their advice in taking action against poverty: “The most important thing is to rid yourself of your own fear”, said Angel Chandías who lives in one of the city’s poorest and most dangerous neighbourhoods and who explained how he overcame fear in order to stand up for peace by joining with others in running street-based cultural projects with children.

The book was also presented during the Cerisy-la-Salle International Colloquium, France, where Carlos Aldana Mendoza, an academic, spoke on the topic “In the Face of Extreme Poverty, What Critical Pedagogy? From Paulo Freire to Wresinski”, while Silvio Campana, a lawyer, addressed the topic “Rethinking Citizen and Political Responsibility”. While activities related to the campaign featured this year, our ongoing presence and work with people in poverty continued as the struggle against poverty is a long time commitment.



Presentation of the book “Aquí donde vivimos”, Vasconcelos Library, Mexico

Guatemala

Building peace with the participation of young people



"Young Builders of Peace" group, Guatemala

Since 2013, a strong concern about the lack of opportunities for young people and the harshness of the violence to which they are exposed has driven initiatives that prioritize the participation of young people, the development of their potential and the fulfilment of their ambitions. In 2017, **the "Young People Building Peace" project** brought together 30 teenagers and young people from some of the poorest neighbourhoods in Escuintla

and Guatemala cities. They participated in various workshops – painting, theatre and the making of traditional toys – so as to explore their talents, develop self-confidence, build bonds of friendship, and reflect together on the reality of Guatemala and their own future. The ATD team places special emphasis on the personal accompaniment and empowerment of the participants who suffer most due to poverty and exclusion.

In October, in the spirit of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the group participated with other members of ATD in a gathering of 70 people that brought together professionals from various institutions working with young people in Guatemala, including UNDP, and using the Merging of Knowledge approach. The themes addressed – under the title **"Young Actors #StopPoverty"** and within the frame of the Stop Poverty campaign – together with the richness of the dialogue opened spaces for inter-institutional collaboration and political advocacy that underscored the importance of youth participation, which is an important issue in Guatemalan society.

Peru

Being present to a rural community

In 2015, two ATD full-time volunteers and their three children settled in Cuyo Grande, a rural community of 800 inhabitants in the heart of the Andes in the Cusco region. Since then, they and their children have joined the many activities of this Quechua-speaking community and the traditional ways in which they strive to "live together". **The objective of this pilot project is to understand and participate in what the members and institutions of the community do to cultivate peace and a dignified life for all.**

To illustrate ATD Fourth World's approach in Cuyo Grande, the team contributed to a major concern of the community, namely to allow all children to have access to forms of culture, to books and to formal education. This led in 2017 to ATD collaborating with an early years education service, "Calandrias" ("The Lark"), in which a space in ATD Fourth World's premises was made available so that children, aged two and three years old, could experience their first year of school in a comfortable and safe environment. The team also ran 4 field libraries a week reaching 80 children in three locations on the periphery of the village.



Community festival in Cuyo Grande, Peru

In October, the Cusco Symphony Orchestra performed a **concert in Cuyo Grande in support of ATD's Stop Poverty campaign**, the first such concert to take place in rural areas of Cusco region, thanks to the collaborative effort of the schools,

teachers and residents. Overall, this long-term presence through shared living allows the community to build effective ways to resist poverty and to develop an activism for a world in which no one is left behind.

Haiti

Actions for health and child care

In Port-au-Prince, ATD has been seeking to develop since the 1990s an **affordable healthcare system** that has been worked on together with the Haitian NGO, Service Œcuménique d'Entraide (Mutual Aid Ecumenical Service) and which seeks to guarantee access to medical care for very vulnerable families who live in one of the poorest neighbourhoods in the city. The system is based on a health card that allows families to benefit from the services offered by a primary healthcare centre (including: vaccination, family planning and treatments for tuberculosis and HIV / AIDS). The system also allows – thanks to a network of institutions that are mostly public – access to secondary healthcare. The health insurance project is efficient as shown by the fact that the real cost of care at \$11.5 per person per year is extremely low, with families contributing a minimal amount towards the cost. The project is also part of an integrated program that takes into account the whole community and reaches out to its most vulnerable members. At the beginning of 2017, 918 families had a health card (approximately 4000 persons in total), of which 18% were children under the age of five.



Early stimulation in "Bebés Bienvenus", Haiti

In order to guarantee the participation of the most vulnerable families, the healthcare system forms part of a set of community projects developed also by ATD Fourth World. Among them, **“Bebés Bienvenus” (“Babies Welcome”)** is aimed at children from zero to three years of age and their families. This project, which reached 160 children in 2017, stimulates the psychomotor, socio-emotional

and nutritional development of children by focusing on the efforts that parents themselves make with their children’s capacities. “It was not a sack of rice that made me find the strength to continue in Bebés Bienvenus, but the way I was welcomed”, said one mother. Among the children reached in 2017, 53 received special attention due to a diagnosis of severe malnutrition.

Brazil

Supporting a community school where each child learns happily

Since 2014, the ATD Fourth World team in Mirantão, a small rural village in the state of Minas Gerais, has developed with families, teachers and children a **community project⁵⁰ that aims to make the only local primary school in the area a place in which each child can learn, develop happily and expand his / her potential.** The project recognizes and values knowledge emanating from rural communities, and fosters learning. The school welcomes 25 boys and girls between six and eleven years of age, all residents of this rural community affected by poverty and exodus to the cities. Despite the best efforts of the teachers, until the beginning of the project the school had very low school success rates and a low level of trust with parents, students and the community.

Throughout 2017, numerous activities were organized to encourage mutual trust and build a true learning community based on the experiences, expectations and knowledge of all, including education professionals, children, families and the wider community. Activities dedicated to sharing “life skills” were very important and it was in this context that Marcia shared her knowledge of horticulture by spending a month helping to create a vegetable garden in the school grounds, while Mauricio, a young person from the community, ran a music workshop during school time. Over time, the increase in the participation of parents was remarkable: from two or three parents in the first meetings to an average of 20 in the meetings in 2017. The project also secured recognition as an experimental school by the State education authorities, as well as the necessary funding for two of the teachers to start a training course with the pedagogical institution, Proyecto Ancora.

Colombia and Honduras

Promoters of human rights and peace through culture

In the city of Medellín, in Colombia, a group of young ATD Fourth World members started **three street libraries** in 2017 in the heart of three different poor neighbourhoods. The libraries bring together 20 young people who offer their enthusiasm and talent to invite children in poverty to discover knowledge and books in a spirit of peace and joy. This year, the libraries engaged with around 150 children a week. The efforts of these young promoters of human rights and peace through culture are linked to those of 14 other ATD street and field libraries in the region, and to various other projects promoting culture such as reading clubs, early childhood development projects, music, and creation workshops for children and adults.



Street library, Medellín. Colombia

Similarly, the group of friends in Tegucigalpa, revitalised from marking in 2016 the 25th anniversary of ATD Fourth World in Honduras, continued throughout 2017 developing **street libraries and festivals of knowledge** in two of the neighbourhoods most afflicted by poverty in the city. Despite the many difficulties they face on a daily basis, around 50 children came together in the realisation that peace and unity can bring hope. “How do we deal with the

violence that butchers our youth, our children and adults? We are all powerless in the face of the physical violence that today continues to maim many households, especially in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods, but we have a commitment to be alongside them”, said a participant in one of the working meetings of young people who are, in the main, residents of these neighbourhoods.

Bolivia

Merging knowledge and forging participation

ATD Fourth World in Bolivia is part of an **international participatory action research project to examine the Multi-Dimensional Aspects of Poverty** that is being developed in six countries in Latin America and in North America, Asia, Africa and Europe, using the Merging of Knowledge approach, which fosters meaningful participation and the exchange of knowledge, in the joint collaboration between ATD International and the University of Oxford.

In 2017, the project coordinating team worked on the first research module, which was the configuration of a national research team comprising four people with direct experience of poverty, two professionals, an

academic and two national coordinators. Joint training in the tools and methodology of knowledge-sharing was organised, while a schedule and work plan for the two subsequent years of the research were developed. Throughout 2017, the national research team designed the roll-out of the second module of the project, namely to work with approximately 150 people who, throughout 2018, will meet in separate peer groups consisting of professionals, academics and people living in poverty.

This research will contribute to the first Sustainable Development Goal of eradicating poverty everywhere in all its forms.

MIDDLE EAST

Human richness is the soil from which ATD Fourth World develops its presence in the Middle East Region. In a part of the world that contains great political, social, economic

and cultural diversities, the challenge remained one of going at the pace of civil society organizations and individuals, to accompany them in their journey, and to build on their vision for a better world.

Engaging at the pace of civil society organizations An example from Lebanon

For many years, ATD has been close to **Beitouna**⁵¹ (meaning “Our Home” in Arabic), an association created in 1999 in the marginalised neighbourhood of Naaba in Beirut. In 2017, the ATD volunteer based

there continued to be present especially to people living in great poverty and accompanied the activities carried out by Beitouna (i.e. a place of welcome, a cooperative and a library). In February 2017, ATD delegates participated in an event to mark the departure of the person in charge who had carried the spirit and the leadership of the association for many years. Later, a book describing her experience of Beitouna, entitled “Everything is Born of a Life Shared” (“Tout est né d’une vie partagée”), was issued in French at the end of 2017, and will be released in Arabic in early 2018. During their visit, **the delegates presented ATD’s international Stop Poverty campaign** and members of Beitouna participated in it thereafter. For example, many signed the campaign’s Call to Action, while a Story of Change about the commitment of young people in the Beitouna library was published on the campaign site⁵². The 17 October World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty was celebrated in Naaba and attended by a large number of adults, young people and children⁵³.



Marking 17 October World Day and the Stop Poverty Campaign in Nabaa neighbourhood, Beirut, Lebanon

Engaging at the pace of individuals Two examples from Egypt

In Cairo, a young social worker, who was working in an association called “Banati”, engaged children welcomed by this association in the Taporì worldwide campaign, “Let’s look together for the keys to friendship and peace”. The children read the story of Irengé, which was used in so many countries around the world. They made puppets, wrote short stories of friendship, and sent them both to the International Taporì team. The words of one of these children, Haydi, 14 years old, were reported in the Taporì Newsletter.⁵⁴ “Some kids made fun of me but my friend Amina, who is my roommate, defended me. It made me very happy because I realized that I was not alone in life.”

Having participated in an ATD street library and in Taporì activities in her country, a young Egyptian woman

decided to study for a Master Degree in Development from the Senghor University, Alexandria, on the theme of access to books and reading for children living in difficult circumstances. This led her to undertake a three-month internship with ATD Fourth World in France. In March 2017, she successfully completed her studies.

ATD Fourth World has links in the Middle East region with groups and individuals primarily in Egypt and the Lebanon, as well as having some contacts in Palestine and in Jordan, while a group of “Friends of ATD Fourth World in Israel”, comprising social workers and academics who are involved either directly with disadvantaged populations or indirectly through research into issues of extreme poverty, continued to meet regularly in 2017.

NORTH AMERICA

ATD Fourth World is present in Quebec, Canada, with an action team based in Montreal and members located around the province, and in the United States, with our action teams based in Appalachia, New Orleans, New Mexico and New York.

In both of these vast countries, physical distances between teams and members is a significant

challenge in gaining visibility for ATD, in building a message, and in creating opportunities for face to face encounters among members. Through music, stories, video clips, research and conferences in the region and abroad, **the Stop Poverty 2017 campaign provided wonderful opportunities for bringing people together.** These moments are so necessary to promote the spirit, goals and vitality of the ATD Fourth World movement.

CANADA

A conference and concerts to promote the Stop Poverty campaign

Jean Bedard, author, philosopher and professor of social work at the University of Quebec at Rimouski organized **a conference with ATD in Montreal** following his participation in the Cerisy-la-Salle International Colloquium in France in June 2017 as part of the Stop Poverty campaign. The conference was organized in partnership with the Justice and Faith Center, which recently published an article about 17 October in its Revue Relations. Professor Bedard is planning a seminar with ATD around the thinking inspired by Joseph Wresinski on the links between ecology, poverty and feminism.

For the Stop Poverty campaign, a friend of ATD created a beautiful fund-raising concert in Montreal with the support of local allies and the ATD team. There was a full house in the 300-seat auditorium of the College International Marie de France, the space offered by the school's director for the occasion. The event became a project for the students and the hall was alive with songs from a children's choir, local choirs and a fabulous young singer.



Concert at the French School Marie de France, Montreal, in commemoration of 17 October 2017

17 October Commemorations



Commemoration of 17 October at the Lafontaine space, Montreal, 2017

A bilingual (French/English) commemoration organized with several community groups saw some 200 people come together in Montreal.

Participation in ATD gatherings and regular contact over time enabled an activist to speak up on 17 October this year. “When I came out of foster care at age 18, I ended up living on the street for the next two years. No work, no nothing! I had been in several foster families and lived in a number of shelters. Today I support the young people around me who live the same thing and I don’t judge them.” Another activist, recently named to the International Committee for October 17, told us what helps to resist poverty: “For me, choirs, poetry and art are creative ways of expressing ourselves and nourishing our thinking, our feelings and our morale.”

During the commemoration, the well-known Quebec writer, Jean-Marc Desgent, read a poem composed during a writing workshop at ATD, while verses from Gerald Godin’s poem “C’était pour vous” (“It was For You”) were interspersed in the reading of Joseph Wresinski’s “Verses to the Glory of the Poor of All Times”, the first stanza of which reads:

*I bear witness to you,
The millions of children woman and fathers
Who have died from misery and hunger
And whose legacy we hold.*

The Mayor of Rouyn Noranda (a city of Quebec that is situated about 630 kms west of Montreal), after receiving a letter from the 17 October Committee, was inspired to set up a preparation committee for the commemoration. At a City Hall reception, he recognized the importance of “the participation of those in greatest poverty in decisions made by the city.”



Mayor of Rouyn Noranda and ATD Fourth World delegation

USA

Promoting the Stop Poverty campaign through music and song

Songs of struggle and resistance were on the program in Stop Poverty campaign fund-raising concerts in New Orleans, Boston and Gallup, New Mexico. Choirs, musicians and soloists gave freely of their talents in honor of the 60th anniversary of ATD Fourth World. Each event was also an opportunity to increase awareness of what people in poverty are facing today and an invitation to join them in their efforts to overcome poverty.



New York

The voices of people in poverty at the UN

Fourth World People's Universities are both a training space where people with difficult lives learn to speak up and to speak with people from other walks of life on issues that deeply affect them. **Activists in ATD Fourth World in New York have a special mission in bringing the voices of people in poverty to the UN**, whether it is 17 October, a hearing on sustainable development, or a consultation on children and families. They welcomed the international delegation this year and took part in the very special commemoration at the United Nations. (See pages 22-23)

Appalachia

Alternative opportunities and inclusion through 17 October



Students from Notre Dame University visit the ATD Learning Coop robotics workshop

ATD is active in Dickenson County, Virginia, through a couple of members of the International Volunteers corps of ATD who have been allying themselves with the hopes and initiatives of the people in this remote rural area of Appalachia for over 20 years. The county, heavily reliant on coal mining, experienced the “boom and bust” cycle of the coal industry. By offering **computer classes, bringing in solar panels and more recently robotics classes at ATD's Learning Coop**, the team has sought to introduce alternative opportunities that could point the way to a more sustainable model of development.

17 October commemorations in Dickenson Country attract people from far away for a time of solidarity, reflection and hospitality. Newcomers stood in the back of the senior center where the event was held, and often nodded in agreement with the testimonies they were hearing. The support of **Stop Poverty campaign videos** enabled the 80 people present to see and hear about the lives of people who fight poverty elsewhere in the US and around the world.

New Mexico

Strengthening community through the Story Garden

What happens when ATD introduces an inter-generational family literacy space in the middle of a busy flea market where vendors, buyers and their children travel 2-4 hours every Saturday to sell and buy goods? Here are some of the comments of parents, children, vendors, flea market staff and visitors that were expressed in an **“appreciative inquiry” evaluation of The Story Garden** after four years of presence and involvement by ATD.

Uplifting children: “My son is more comfortable at school with how to act with the teachers. If he needs help with his work or if he has a question, the teachers said he'll raise his hand....When he started coming to Story Garden, he was very shy.”

Strengthening families: “My kids and my younger sibling helped my husband do the origami project and they really enjoyed it....It brought us all together at one table. It gave me the idea to interact more with my kids.”



Story Garden, Gallup, New Mexico



Transforming communities: “The relations between the market staff and vendors were tense... Parents and vendors worried constantly about the children’s safety in the market...Since you all are here we know where the kids are going, we know they’re going to be safe and to have fun. The atmosphere is friendlier. It has changed a lot since Story Garden.”

This project and its evaluation have been supported by the McCune Foundation and an organization that studies and promotes the value of “emergent” real time learning in action through collective thinking.

A father and his family got to know ATD Fourth World through the Gallup, New Mexico Story Garden and this 17 October at the United Nations, he spoke up: “Even the working minimum wage isn’t enough to rent an apartment. We lived in motels, stayed with relatives and friends, but it was overcrowded. You have to be married to live together in one room in a shelter. We did not want to be separated. It should just be about families that want to stay together....I really want my kids to learn and grow even though we are going through hardships and hard times...”

Multidimensional Aspects of Poverty (MAP) - People with lived experience of poverty as actors in poverty research

Pictured here in New York are the first round of participants at an orientation for **the research to identify the Multidimensional Aspects of Poverty (MAP)**⁵⁵, the US part of the international research project overseen by ATD Fourth World and Oxford University. Work began in locations in the states of California, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Massachusetts, New Mexico and Louisiana.

An activist who is part of the research team said about this project⁵⁶: “MAP is important because usually professional researchers, such as sociologists, psychologists, economists, and statisticians, observe people as subjects. They find out the information from them and interpret what they think is important, and then tell a story. This project is the complete opposite. People with lived experience of poverty are involved from the beginning to the end.”

During the research, powerful words like judgment, respect, dignity, companionship, isolation, community, violence, bureaucracy, and many more, were used. This is not the usual language of poverty



US group for research on Multidimensional Aspects of Poverty (MAP), initial training group, New York

indicators. Rather, it reflects the voice that the MAP research is articulating, which is absolutely crucial to understanding poverty.

Cerisy-la-Salle International Colloquium follow-up - Invitation to webinars

At this international colloquium, an event of the Stop Poverty campaign, Donna Haig Friedman spoke about the challenges and merits in university settings of involving people with experience of poverty as co-researchers. Friedman is a Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Social Policy of the McCormack Graduate School (UMass-Boston) and a member of the US national research team on the Multidimensional Aspects of Poverty. Christopher Winship, on the scientific committee for the same research, addressed the Cerisy-la-Salle

International Colloquium on the power of learning to approach challenging human relations in institutional and other contexts through expanding the realm of possibilities, or “reframing”. The **reframing model** is a way of shifting one’s understanding and perceptions in social situations that make it possible to take effective social action for change and to find new solutions. These two Bostonian academics will take part in **follow-up webinars** designed to reach students in the US and in other English-speaking countries.

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The numerous positive actions and outcomes resulting from our work in 2017, including the significant mobilisation around the Stop Poverty campaign, and as described in our report, helped bring about many promising openings and new contacts in the struggle against extreme poverty, which have sown the ground for a fruitful year in 2018. In addition, they have helped in clarifying further how we can

reinforce our Common Ambitions (2013 - 17) for the next 4-year phase, in identifying and developing new strands of work in response to current and emerging issues, and in planning our specific related actions for the coming year. In the next chapter of our report, these themes and priorities are elaborated on by Isabelle Pypaert Perrin on behalf of the International Leadership Team of ATD Fourth World International.

5. Perspectives - Looking Ahead to ATD Fourth World's Future Path

- by Isabelle Pypaert Perrin, Director General.

Following this overview of ATD's work around the world in this past year, let us now consider the long-term impact of this work for families living in extreme poverty. Let us explore what can be accomplished by sharing daily life alongside these families in the most disadvantaged communities and by building partnerships with them. Let us look at the pathways needed for a rights-based approach to be integrated into daily life.

On visiting Haiti recently, I was impressed by the changes in the lives of many families I had met there twenty-five years ago. At that time, when I was part of ATD's team in Haiti, these families were living in extreme poverty. Today, life is still hard and I cannot help thinking of some of the young people from these same families who have fallen victim to the violence in their community. Despite this, housing conditions have improved for many. Even more importantly, children have been able to learn in school, and some have completed secondary school or even gone beyond that. So parents have fulfilled the dreams of education they had for their children: they have passed on values of integrity and solidarity, thus widening their children's world view and developing their abilities. Twenty-five years ago, this was unimaginable even in our most optimistic dreams. The question today is what opportunities Haitian society will offer to these young graduates who are so full of potential.

Leave no one behind

I remember the path that brought us to this point. Our team searched for a project to undertake with families who lived from crisis to crisis, just barely eking out a living, trying to put food on the table, and struggling through illness. None of us had a solution or a pre-defined program to propose. What guided us was the ethos of respecting each person's dignity, leaving no one behind, and giving the highest priority to people in the deepest poverty.

What we offered these families was a movement to take part in: the opportunity to speak freely and make common purpose with others who were

building solidarity, both locally and around the world. Our project allowed the sharing of knowledge as a way to highlight people's own knowledge and abilities beyond a daily life focused on struggling for survival. At the same time, we worked with the families to lay the groundwork for them to have basic security in their lives. We restructured and readjusted our projects. One step involved a twenty-year partnership with the Ecumenical Mutual-Help Service to ensure that the health clinic they had opened in the neighbourhood would succeed in caring for all people, including the most destitute. Then support for this grew. Allies of ATD launched an association to expand a scholarship program.

The heart of ATD's work over the years has been a project for health and education, including a pre-school, a health insurance system, and an early childhood education project called "Babies Welcome", which also combats malnutrition. Since the 1990s, ATD Volunteer Corps members have joined with a few close partners to offer a form of a social protection floor, while systematically giving priority to the very poorest families.

On my visit to Port-au-Prince, a mother who brought her 18-month-old to "Babies Welcome" told me how overjoyed she was by her child's good health. In fact, this mother who lost her five other babies, including twins, insisted that her youngest child has survived thanks only to ATD. When will the world finally eradicate the scandal of children dying because of deep poverty?

This struggle continues day after day; but what should the next step be? How should we use our experience in Haiti in advocating for a universal social protection floor? How can our collaboration with others help us to find new partners who could work with us to extend to other places the approach that underlies our community work in Haiti? How can we make it possible for young people full of potential to be useful to their country and to the world, instead of dreaming only of emigrating, a dream that erodes the country's strength?

In Madagascar, the Central African Republic, the Philippines, and other countries, we try as in Haiti to offer our movement as a forum for people in deep

poverty to come together with their compatriots, while also contributing to the development of social protection, quality education for all, and decent work for all that respects people and the environment.

Reinforcing ATD Fourth World's Common Ambitions

This challenge is at the heart of our programme of Common Ambitions 2013-17, which members of ATD Fourth World from every continent contributed to. Starting from its central focus, "Reaching out to those whose contribution is still missing", the Common Ambitions have three priorities:

1. Building knowledge and accessing education – every mind counts.
2. Shaping a people-centred and earth-friendly economic vision.
3. Organizing for human rights and peace.

These priorities reflect our long-term focus, and will continue beyond 2018. Nevertheless, in the coming year, we will take stock of what we have achieved and consider what we may need to change or reinforce given our own experiences and the changing world context.

This report has detailed the progress we have made towards the **priority of organising for human rights and peace** through our ongoing international advocacy, the Stop Poverty campaign, and the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The projects addressing the first two priorities, on education and economic vision, will be evaluated, examined, and publicised.

Through several economic projects, we are continuing to experiment and to learn how to run a social business that gives priority to people in the deepest poverty. In France, our "Territories With No Long-Term Unemployed" project creates jobs and scales up the experience gained in community micro-projects. Everywhere, ATD continues to challenge people working on environmentally friendly fair-trade initiatives by asking: How do their projects take into account the intelligence of people most oppressed by poverty? How do they aim to reinforce solidarity and to ensure that their work does not simply empower the people who are easiest to reach within a low-income population?

Concerning education, several research or evaluation projects are underway. In Tanzania, our participatory research showed that, faced with the challenge

of how all children can succeed in school, parents, teachers, and other educators can collaborate as allies to increase school registration and lower absenteeism. In June 2018, an international seminar on education will allow us to draw lessons from other successes in this area. Volunteers, parents in poverty, teachers, and educators in touch with ATD's teams in fifteen countries will meet to gain perspective on their work and to learn together from the projects carried out in recent years. They will come from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Indian Ocean, Latin America and the Caribbean, and North America.

ATD's education priority includes several goals: developing children's taste for learning and their confidence in their ability to learn; promoting partnership between parents in poverty and educators; creating synergy between scholastic knowledge and what children learn in daily life with their family; and promoting pedagogies of cooperation.

Through the collective work done on these three priorities and by consulting and collaborating with our members around the world, we will update the documents describing ATD Fourth World's Common Ambitions for 2018-2022.

Two new projects:

- The research described in this report about understanding the dimensions of poverty in all its forms will be continued in 2018. Our partnerships with Oxford University and an international advisory panel guarantee the scientific quality of the work and ensure it reflects the standards of the United Nations and other significant international institutions. The findings of the research will be made available in June 2019, following which we will invest energy to make the relevance of this study and its outcomes known to the UN and other international institutions.

- In every region of the world where ATD has teams, the question of being able to live together as a family is a fundamental issue. Deep poverty leads children to leave their village in hopes of surviving better in a city. Adults flee unemployment, poverty, or war and go abroad, often leaving behind their children and partners. Some parents entrust their children to institutions because they lack material resources. Others have their children removed by social services because they are not deemed capable of raising them. To follow up on our international participatory research project "Extreme Poverty Is Violence – Breaking the Silence – Searching for Peace", we propose a new phase to explore questions related to the right to family life.

Building a movement where we sustain long-term motivation

Very early in ATD's history, Joseph Wresinski alerted us to the crucial importance of keeping our promises. Throughout history, so many promises to people in deep poverty have been broken, whether by individuals or governments. He said, "No doubt, it is sometimes difficult to consider what is possible now and in the future; but if we commit ourselves to helping our neighbours, we must remain beside them to fulfil our promises."⁵⁷

It is not enough for us to have a central focus and clear priorities. In order to keep the promise of striving to overcome poverty and social exclusion, we also need to mobilise people, including funders, and to have a high quality of internal governance.

To help achieve our goals, **we plan the following actions:**

- In October 2018, ATD Fourth World will organise a session for our members from around the world to explore the experience of the participants in collaborating on our governance in ways that ensure that people in the worst situations of poverty influence decisions about our central focus and our daily functioning. Our governance also needs to ensure that all of us support one another and that we work together to guarantee that everyone has real access to fundamental rights.

- In 2017, ATD's international leadership team collaborated with the national coordination team of ATD France and with the Board of ATD's Foundation to plan for sustainable fundraising. In 2018, this work will be broadened to include ATD's national coordinators from five other countries.

- To make a long-term commitment to stand in solidarity with people in deep poverty, we need: Volunteer Corps members who give up their careers and offer their skills and availability in a long-term project; allies who challenge their social and professional peers; and activists who have a lived experience of poverty and who take risks to stand together with the poorest of their neighbours and with people in poverty around the world. One of our main priorities is to ensure that our grassroots teams have the means to welcome and train a new generation of Volunteer Corps members, as well as to offer opportunities for all our members to meet one another and to pool their experience and expertise.

The world today faces major challenges linked to peace, justice, the environment, and respect for the inalienable dignity of all people — men and women, elderly people and children, whatever their origin or ethnicity. To address these challenges, we need a lasting partnership with people in deep poverty. It is they who know from experience what it feels like to be left behind or oppressed and who can point the way toward a society without exclusion, without domination, without exploitation, and with protection for the earth.



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6. Finances and the Board of Directors

The International Movement ATD Fourth World Accounts 2017

In 2017, the financial responsibilities of the International Movement remained identical to those of 2016. Beginning in January 2016, financial responsibilities between ATD's French organisations were redefined in order to correspond to existing governance arrangements, and as a consequence of this, the budget for the International Centre (up to then widely supported financially by ATD Fourth World France) is now entirely supported by the International Movement. This resulted in the budget envelope being multiplied by ten, from less than €0.2 million in 2015 to almost €2 million in 2016, a level that can also be found in 2017.

As a result, for the second year in a row, the International Movement's accounts cover the following areas:

- Public Representation, International Advocacy and cross-cutting projects at the world level (Poverty Dimensions Research, etc.)
- The Movement's General Leadership and the support of the Movement's members commitment
- Coordination of actions linked to ATD's Common Ambitions and project evaluation
- The dynamics of the "Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty"
- Certain European level youth projects
- Welcoming and training Movement members on an international level
- The preservation and dissemination of the history of the people living in extreme poverty at the Joseph Wresinski Centre for Memory and Research
- Organisation-wide functions concerning Communication, International Volunteering, Administration and Finance
- Expenses related to the start-up of new regional teams or branches.

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT ATD FOURTH WORLD 2017 ACCOUNTS (in thousands €)					
EXPENSES	2017	2016	INCOME	2017	2016
Rent, Rental Costs, Mainten.	361	370	ATD Fourth World Grants	1,898	1,718
Service Costs	249	83	Other Grants	43	14
Detached Personnel	1,160	1,042	Particip. from ATD Structures	145	117
Other Expenses	390	394	Other Products	67	55
Financial Charges	0	2	Financial Products	28	4
Commitments to be Fulfilled, Non-Recurring Charges	9	11	Balance Carried Forward, Exceptional Income	11	9
Surplus	23	15			
Total Expenses	2,192	1,917	Total Income	2,192	1,917

A significant increase in service costs, representing €249,000 in 2017, is to be noted (€83,000 in 2016), and is mainly due to the communication actions related to the international Stop Poverty 2017 campaign, such as: the Playing for Change project, websites, translations, etc.

The increase in detached personnel costs, representing €1,160,000 in 2017 (€1,042,000 in 2016), can be explained by the fact that the International Movement supported the cost of more volunteers than in 2016.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT ATD FOURTH WORLD 2017 (in thousands €)					
ASSETS	2017	2016	LIABILITIES	2017	2016
Fixed Assets	121	4	Reserves	1,189	1,174
Current Assets	1,539	1,247	Financial Results	23	15
<i>of which Investment Securities</i>	997	972	Dedicated Funds	9	10
Receivables	11	647	Debts	450	699
Total Assets	1,671	1,898	Total Liabilities	1,671	1,898

And for 2018...

As part of the rationalisation of administration systems currently in progress, the International Movement will take over, beginning on 1 January 2018, all of the activities previously performed by ATD - World and People of Tomorrow, namely sending volunteers to, and providing administrative support and financial management for, ATD teams outside of Europe and North America.

Accordingly, the International Movement's budget will increase to €4,049K in 2018 from €2,192K in 2017. Grants which benefited ATD - World and People of Tomorrow will be transferred to the International Movement.

For more detailed information, see the International Movement accounts at atdfw.org/cpte2017

The Combined Accounts of ATD Fourth World in France 2017

The accounts of the International Movement ATD Fourth World presented on the previous page of this annual report are part of the combined accounts of the eight associations which make up ATD Fourth World in France. They include the ATD Fourth World Foundation (recognized as a public interest group since 1971) which collects donations and charitable bequests and redistributes them to the different structures that ensure the daily action of the Movement,

according to the donor's request or, for unrestricted donations and bequests, where they are needed in order to ensure the financial balance of each structure.

The combined French accounts presented on this page will be certified by our auditor: they give a global picture of the financial health of ATD Fourth World.

COMBINED ACCOUNTS FRANCE 2017 (in thousands of €)

EXPENSES	2017	2016	INCOME	2017	2016
Social Missions	13,416	13,055	Donations	6,556	5,518
Fundraising Costs	409	411	Charitable Bequests	2,240	1,310
Operating Costs	980	834	Other Private Resources	1,746	1,801
Dedicated Funds / Reserves	1,584	100	Public Grants	4,152	4,175
Total Charges	16,389	14,400	Other	1,343	1,346
Results for the Year	454	260	Dedicated Funds / Reserves	806	510
Total	16,843	14,660	Total Products	16,843	14,660

In relation to the 2017 income statement above (cf. charts next page):

- Excluding an exceptional donation with charges (€800K), there was a very moderate increase in donations despite the significant investment made in 2017 to mobilize new friends and donors.
- There was a good performance concerning charitable bequests following the finalization of a large number of cases, resulting in a significant reduction in the portfolio (unfavourable for 2018 as bequests take several years to be processed).
- Public grants remained at the same level as in 2016 (thanks to multi-year international projects), but are becoming rarer at the local and territorial level.
- Our fundraising costs were stable and limited to 2.5% of all our expenses.

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET FRANCE 2017 (in thousands of €)

ASSETS	2017	2016	LIABILITIES	2017	2016
Immobilized Assets	18,188	18,559	Association Funds, Reserves	39,101	38,630
Current Assets	22,937	21,259	Results for the Year	453	260
<i>of which - Investment Securities</i>	<i>15,645</i>	<i>14,519</i>	Dedicated Funds	2,767	1,871
Accounts Receivable	2,640	2,657	Liabilities	1,444	1,714
Total Assets	43,765	42,475	Total Liabilities	43,765	42,475

In relation to the 2017 combined balance sheet above, there are no significant changes to report.

Investment securities represent one year of operation. They

guarantee, long term, the necessary financial resources to carry out ATD Fourth World's missions, above and beyond the uncertainties of financing.

In summary, some of the highlights in 2017 were:

- a positive overall result, increasing mainly due to charitable bequests
- an ongoing operating deficit (see next page)
- a worrying stagnation in the number of our donors and their aging
- additional planned expenditure for the Stop Poverty campaign was as expected.

For more detailed information, see the French combined accounts at atdfw.org/combi2017

Towards a New Financial Strategy

The combined financial statements for France show a positive overall result of €454K, a clear improvement over 2016 (€260K). However, this does not reverse the situation of the operational deficit that has been in place for several years; that is, insufficient public and private resources to cover the Movement's operating expenses, without resorting to financial and exceptional income.

To tackle this recurring imbalance, the Movement updated its financial strategy in 2017. Eight working groups, each composed of Movement members and external advisers, presented in June 2017, concrete proposals on eight different themes: mobilization within the Movement; youth mobilization; relations with donors; development of charitable bequests and philanthropy; adaptation of our communication; development of corporate sponsorship; financial reserve management; and monitoring of future expenditures.

Practical decisions were made concerning collaboration with fundraising professionals, namely:

- to improve our appeal for donations, while developing personalized relationships with our donor friends
- to develop charitable requests, philanthropy and corporate sponsorship.

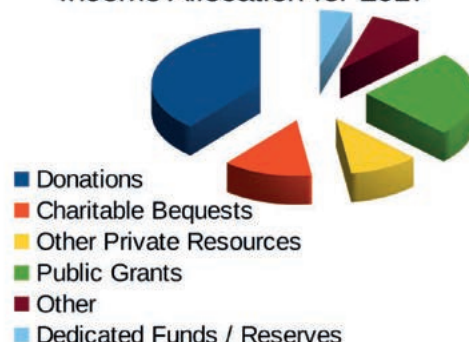
A special effort is also being made to mobilize more young people to our struggle against extreme poverty.

At the same time, actions are being put in place to raise the awareness of all Movement members in each country and within each local group regarding the financial situation of the Movement and to improve spending and budget monitoring.

Breakdown of expenses for 2017



Income Allocation for 2017



ATD Fourth World Accounts Around the World

The figures presented on the previous page correspond to the combined accounts of the eight ATD entities under French law, which carry out all of the actions in France and in thirteen countries that do not have their own legal structures (Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Haiti, Lebanon, Mexico, Philippines, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Tanzania and Thailand).

Additionally, ATD is present in sixteen other countries with structures applying local accounting rules (Belgium,

Canada, Germany, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Peru, Spain, the United States, Poland, the United Kingdom and Switzerland). These structures partially finance their actions and receive, if necessary, grants from the ATD Fourth World Foundation (grants included in the accounts presented here). The amount of actions financed directly by these sixteen countries is, for 2017, approximately €3 million, bringing the budget of ATD Fourth World to approximately **€20 million worldwide**.

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Notes

- 1.. Extract from the message of Mr. Cassam Uteem, President of the International Movement ATD Fourth World, on the Stop Poverty campaign. See full address here: <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/stop-poverty-message-president-atd-fourth-world-cassam-uteem/>
2. Volunteers: Those (numbering 411 from 40 countries working in 27 countries in 2017) who make a long term commitment to ATD Fourth World in working alongside families living in extreme poverty.
3. Activists: Those (numbering thousands) who live in, or have lived in, extreme poverty and who have chosen to join ATD Fourth World.
4. Allies: Those (numbering tens of thousands) who, in their social, cultural or professional roles and environments, inspire new people to commit to working towards a more just society.
5. For more information, see <https://playingforchange.com/>
6. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/mobilization2017/book-aqui-donde-vivimos-guatemala-honduras-mexico/>
7. <http://www.colloque-tv.com/>
8. <https://www.atd-quartmonde.fr/produit/atd-quart-monde-unis-contre-la-misere/>
9. The group comprised ATD activists, volunteers and allies, as well as a social historian.
10. For more information, see <http://en.tapori.org/>
11. <http://en.tapori.org/tapori-minibooks/>
12. At the International Centre of ATD Fourth World, the Taporí secretariat is in close contact with the children through correspondence, campaign activities and the training of Taporí facilitators.
13. For more information see <http://overcomingpoverty.org/article/permanent-forum-on-extreme-poverty-in-the-world>.
14. The exhibition brings together extracts of articles taken from the Letter to Friends around the World and showcases drawings. Its aim is to publicise the actions and initiatives of people around the world who are rallying to resist poverty. It is a way of meeting and mobilising people to participate in this struggle.
15. Photos of commemorations of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in other countries can be viewed here. <http://overcomingpoverty.org/oct17/2017/all-countries>
16. International organization representing countries and regions having French as a common language.
17. President of the International Committee for October 17
18. President of the International Movement ATD Fourth World
19. See Emma Speaks' full remarks here. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/02/Emma-Speaks-CSOCD55.pdf>
20. See a full description of the commemoration, including video excerpts, here. <https://storify.com/ATDFourthWorld/17october2017#publicize>
21. See the text of Seamus Neville here. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/11/2017-10-16-NEVILLE-Seamus-EN-def-4.pdf>
22. See the text of Alex Begay here. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/11/2017-10-16-BEGAY-Alex-EN-def-5.pdf>
23. See the text of Angélique Jeanne here. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/11/2017-10-16-JEANNE-Angelique.pdf>
24. See the story here. <https://storiesofchange.atd-fourthworld.org/leaving-no-one-behind-2903a6c80093>
25. See the story here. <https://storiesofchange.atd-fourthworld.org/gaetane-and-her-battle-for-dignity-93bc71415059>
26. With Dialogues on: socially vulnerable groups such as children without parental care or at risk of losing it, informal workers and indigenous peoples; and themes such as What a Day to End Poverty can Accomplish and Achieving Sustainable Development While Protecting Human Rights.
27. See <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/universal-basic-income-solution-ending-extreme-poverty/>
28. ATD is active in the network, "Human Rights and Climate Change" (HRCCWG), which aims to ensure that the mechanisms resulting from the Paris Agreement respect human rights norms and standards, and that they take into consideration people and communities living in extreme poverty".
29. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/poverty-pioneering-research-seeks-new-answers/>
30. See here. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fzTyHU_YMw
31. You can find the radio broadcast here <http://www.rfi.fr/emission/20171003-rca-centrafrique-bangui-combattre-misere-dignite-atd-quart-monde>
32. See here for the report <http://www.atd-quartmonde.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Booklet-EFA-FINAL-COMLETE-ENG-OK-2.pdf>
33. For example, "Overcoming Extreme Poverty", "Voices for Tomorrow", "The Secret of Hope" and 12 Taporí mini-books for children.
34. "Artisans of Democracy – How Ordinary People, Families in Extreme Poverty, and Social Institutions Become Allies to Overcome Social Exclusion" by Jona M. Rosenfeld, Bruno Tardieu; University Press of America; 2000.
35. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/mobilization2017/october-14th-15th-international-solidarity-heart-paris/>
36. Titus Brandsma was a Dutch priest who was incarcerated and died in Dachau concentration camp for speaking out against Nazism and racism.
37. The e-book can be downloaded here. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/mobilization2017/stories-change-southast-europe-e-book/>
38. Merging of Knowledge is a facilitation technique developed by ATD Fourth World for participatory research, bringing together, on an equal footing, perspectives from researchers, people who have experienced poverty and professionals such as teachers or social workers.
39. For more information, see here <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/mobilization2017/celebrating-60-years-frimhurst-family-house/> and here for the history of Frimhurst Family House: <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/mobilization2017/creation-endurance-frimhurst-family-centre/>
40. For more information, see <http://www.grandguillaume.net/2018/02/speech-at-harvard-university.22-fevrier-2018.how-france-is-fighting-long-term-unemployment-what-an-innovative-experiment-can-teach-a>

41. See here for additional information.
<http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/territories-with-no-long-term-unemployment/>
42. For further information see <http://www.atdireland.ie/wp/ourvoicesoverview/>
43. The Fourth World People's Universities are spaces where people from different social backgrounds can come together to meet, discuss, and share ideas. The basis of this kind of encounter is the recognition that the knowledge and experience of people living in poverty has value, and that creating a space where people can express themselves gives birth to new ideas and proposals.
44. The new social rights floor of the European Union does not replace the European Social Charter, an older instrument that has already proved itself in the effective defence of social rights.
45. See <http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng?i=001-127539>
46. The Turin Process aims at strengthening the treaty system of the European Social Charter within the Council of Europe and in its relationship with law in the European Union.
47. First endorsed in 2013, the European Youth Guarantee programme is a commitment by European Member States to ensure that all young people under the age of 25 years receive a good quality offer of employment, continued education, apprenticeship, and traineeship within a period of four months of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education.
48. For more information see <http://www.abaim.mu/en/who-we-are/>
49. Fokontany: In Madagascar, a political subdivision equivalent to a village or group of villages.
50. For further information, see <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/school-becomes-everyones-business/>
51. A Lebanese NGO which aims to preserve and promote Lebanese heritage. It provides legal and social assistance to residents of Nabaa district, one of the poorest districts in Lebanon, and with a focus on the issue of stateless children in Lebanon.
52. See <https://storiesofchange.atd-fourthworld.org/beitouna-a-house-that-opens-up-to-the-world-fa38e07246bc>
53. See http://overcomingpoverty.org/oct17/2017/all-countries?event_id=6613#views-noajax-exposed-form-evenements-page-1
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55. See <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/research-new-poverty-characteristics-one-year-report/>
56. See <https://4thworldmovement.org/map-maryann/>
57. Wresinski, Joseph, in a speech given in 1964, published in *Ecrits et Paroles*, [in French only], Editions Saint Paul – Editions Quart Monde, 1992, page 9.

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