



ATD FOURTH WORLD TANZANIA NEWSLETTER

“ACTING TOGETHER TO EMPOWER CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES TO END POVERTY”

EDITORIAL



Dear friends,

We hope you are doing well and making progress in your work to eradicate poverty in your area.

We are working to ensure that all activities continue smoothly, including October 17th celebrations for the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty. These events will be conducted in Oyster Bay at Don Bosco Vocational Training College.

We are also continuing our street library program, organized and run by young people involved with ATD. To improve this activity, facilitators came up with the idea of taking children to visit the National Library. This has improved the children's interest in books as well as their love of reading. The idea has been well received and the children are enjoying outing activities.

After three years of work (2016-2019) studying the dimensions of poverty, our research project ended in June 2019 with a multi-stakeholder session introducing the new participatory research methodology called Merging of Knowledge. Also in early August, a number of events took place including a youth seminar held in Rwanda in which two young men from Tanzania took part. This was organized by Tapor, a communication network that brings children together to share ideas, experiences, and knowledge. Two fulltime staff of ATD Fourth World attended another seminar on financial issues that helped them develop their expertise in this area. Lastly, two young women went to a seminar in France on communication. As we know, this is important for staying in touch with the ATD international center and other teams around the world.

Two fulltime Volunteer Corps members from the Tanzania team were transferred to France. This is a common occurrence since the idea is for Volunteer Corps members to learn from working in different areas to help them better achieve the goals of ATD Fourth World's work.

We hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter.

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United Nations International Day for the
Eradication of Poverty 2019
Theme

— “Acting together to empower children,
their families and communities to end poverty”

Concept Note

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on 20 November 1989. This landmark human rights treaty sets out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

In particular, the Convention recognizes the right of every child to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental,

spiritual, moral and social development. Poverty hurts children's development and, in turn, leads to lower income and health problems in adulthood. When child poverty is recognized as a denial of children's human rights, people in positions of responsibility and power are legally bound to promote, protect and fulfill children's rights.

Above all, it is imperative to recognize and address the specific discrimination experienced by female children. Children must be recognized as full actors in their own well-being rather than as passive objects of choices made on their behalf. Indeed, child participation is one of the core principles of the UNCRC, which asserts that children and young people have the right to freely express their views and to participate in, and access,



all relevant information in relation to decision-making processes affecting their lives.

Participation can occur at various levels where children can provide insights that others cannot automatically provide. Children's participation in activities must be systematic, structured and adequately resourced for it to be meaningful and effective. Most importantly, children's opinions, particularly the voices of most vulnerable children, should be listened to and taken seriously in the development of effective policies and strategies to prevent and eradicate child poverty. When children and young people learn to communicate opinions, take responsibility and make decisions they develop a sense of belonging, justice, responsibility, and solidarity.

The participation of children can only be fully realized when the state fulfills its obligations, and families and communities are empowered sufficiently through effective poverty reduction opportunities and initiatives to enable them to create a nurturing and safe environment where children can realize their full potential and freely exercise their human rights.

The theme this year reminds us that our efforts to overcome poverty must address the fulfillment of all the rights of children as spelled out in the UNCRC. Childhood is a special time in everybody's life. It is a time when children should be encouraged by their family and an extended community of adults to learn, play and develop physically and intellectually in a safe and caring environment. A nurturing childhood experience is an essential element in the development of healthy and productive future generations.

"How to protect children's rights without protecting parents' rights? We cannot talk about children without talking about their parents and families... It's like a tree. The parents are the roots and the children are the branches. We must care for the children but for the parents as well so that the base is solid."

ATD Fourth World Montreal, Canada

Yet, today the reality for millions of children is that they are being robbed of a meaningful childhood. Through no fault of their own, children living in poverty are deprived of their rights to survival, health and nutrition, education, and participation, as well as protection from harm, exploitation, and discrimination. For these hundreds of millions of children who suffer the daily deprivations of poverty, the promise of childhood laid down in the Convention on the Rights of the Child has not been fully realised.

The United Nations' Agenda 2030 is laying the foundation for poverty reduction and ensuring that no one is left behind. An integral part of efforts to end poverty is the implementation of social protection systems that specifically include and address the needs, concerns, and rights of children and their families. Currently, most children living in poverty are not covered by social protection. To lift children and families out of poverty and promote social inclusion and empowerment, we need to expand social protection coverage and ensure it is well designed, appropriately funded, accessible to all those in need, and adequate to meet basic needs.

However, government policies alone cannot create the social inclusion and social dialogue that is fundamental to reaching those left furthest behind and overcoming poverty in all its dimensions. The Taporí Children's Network, for example, demonstrates the important ways in which children can come together to empower themselves and to participate more effectively in their families and communities as agents of change. Such initiatives must be supported and encouraged by governments and communities as the building blocks for social inclusion.

It is crucial that children's participation is recognized as a process and not a one-off event. Too often consultation is mistaken for participation. Whereas the process of consultation gathers children's views on a particular issue or question, participation means that children actually take part in decision-making.

The commemoration of October 17 each year demonstrates how we can achieve greater participation by enabling people from all walks of life to come together to respect the human rights and dignity of people living in poverty. The participation of children and young people has always been encouraged and supported as an integral part of October 17 observances at the United Nations and around the world. This recognizes the important roles children can play by sharing and applying the valuable knowledge they have acquired from their personal daily struggle to overcome poverty.

Celebrated since 1987 as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty and recognized by the United Nations in 1992, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty promotes dialogue and understanding between people living in poverty and their communities, and society at large. "It represents an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and struggles of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard and a moment to recognize that poor people are in the forefront in the fight against poverty." (United Nations, Report of the Secretary-General, A/61/308, para. 58)

More information about initiatives, events, and activities to mark October 17 around the world can be found at overcomingpoverty.org and UNDESA

Websites. October 17 International Committee for October 17 12, rue Pasteur F-95480 Pierrelaye, France
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NATIONAL LIBRARY

For a long time, we have been conducting street library activities in the Tandale area on Pakacha street.

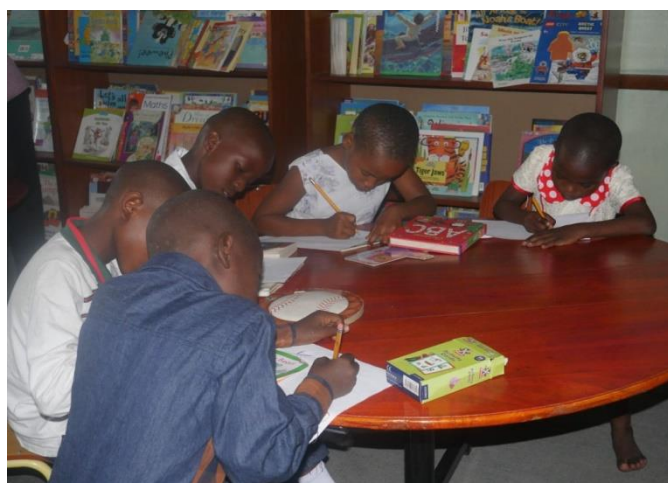
The goal of the street library is to be close to families living in extreme poverty and to provide for children in the community, but also to create communication between children from different economic conditions in a dialogue where everyone is on equal footing

To improve the local street library activities, we decided to take the children to the National Library so that they could learn more through books of different topics.

We also include parents on these trips so that they can join their children in getting to know the National Library and see what the children are going to learn.

Parents and children greatly enjoy these trips, which give them an opportunity to learn through access to the National Li-brary.

Together we are helping children grow into the citizen of tomorrow.



POVERTY DIMENSIONS RESEARCH



The first part of the research was concluded in June 2019. In May, six members of the research team attended a meeting in Paris that was convened at the OECD Center. Preparatory meetings at Villarceaux preceded this event. Members who attended the meetings were: Alexie, Professor Kitojo, Elmina, Yusuf, Chacha, and Saasita.

On 26 June, a stakeholder's meeting was held at Alliance France with more than seventy people attending. Participants included academics and representatives of local NGOs, Development Organizations, and other International Organizations. During this meeting, participants contributed to the results of the research. Soon these results will be submitted to the National Bureau of Statistics for further work.



Tapori seminar in Rwanda

In August 2019 some members of the ATD Tanzania youth group participated in a seminar held in Kigali, Rwanda.

Young people from different African countries participated in this event.

The seminar had two aims: first to create awareness among the young people about how the Tapori secretariat runs their activities, and also about challenges and success in different projects. Second, the seminar sought to enable young friends to share with each other the techniques they use to facilitate different social activities for children, such as the street library and Tapori activities.



SEMINAR IN KIGALI

From July 30 to August 2nd, 2019, a session on finances and ethics was held in Kigali, Rwanda. This session was organized by PAEFI (Pole Administration, Ethics International Financing) in close collaboration with the Rwandan Association, Umuseke. The co-training session brought together participants from different African countries namely Burkina Faso, Senegal, Cameroon, Central Africa, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and Kenya.

During the session, participants worked on questions related to the origin of funds in ATD Fourth World, ethics and decision-making related to expenses, project funding and follow up, financial reporting and tools, and local and international partnerships.

The closing event included a visit to the Tutsi genocide memorial site in Kigali, Rwanda.

COMMUNICATION SEMINAR IN FRANCE

Emma Mahengo and Elizabeth Makata attended a short seminar on communication and a youth camp at the ATD international centre in France. They left on the 1st of July and came back on July 18th. During the seminar they talked about activities in Tanzania and learned many things about communication from other participants, especially from countries such as Guatemala that have more developed tools for communication.

In the youth camp, they joined young people from other countries and worked on projects such as renovating buildings, painting, and repairing the roof of Joseph Wresinski's office. Staying together allowed the young people from different countries to talk about their different experiences working with ATD.

NEWS FROM THE ATD TEAM IN DAR ES SALAAM

Since the end of March this year, the number of full-time members of the Volunteer Corps in the Dar es Salaam ATD Fourth World team has steadily declined after two team members, Laurent Ganau and his wife Alexie Gasengayire, were asked to join another team in France. We wished they could stay with us much longer to continue strengthening our team. We really needed their knowledge and efforts to ensure that ATD in Tanzania moves forward. However, because there was an urgent need for them to work in France, they had to leave our team to strengthen another team where they are needed more.

It is common for members of the Volunteer Corps not to stay in one place forever even if they would like to. It is very important to give Volunteer Corps members the opportunity to learn things in other countries and to contribute new ideas and expertise to these teams in order to continue working successfully.

We take this occasion to remind each other that ATD Fourth World Tanzania belongs to Tanzanians and that Tanzanians are responsible for ensuring that the movement is moving forward and developing.

At present, the ATD Fourth World Tanzania team consists of three fulltime members: Hemed A. Hemed, Salma Avith Mosha and Salehe M. Seif. And since the first of July this year, Pelagie Mukampamira has agreed to join us in our daily activities and support our administrative work. This allows us to be more accessible to families living in extremely vulnerable circumstances. Therefore, we urge you to cooperate closely with them so that our movement can flourish here in Tanzania and our goal, "every human being is respected", is achieved.

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