

October 17

World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty



2019 : 30 th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child



ACTING TOGETHER

to empower **children**, their **families**
and **communities** to end poverty.

SPECIAL 17 OCTOBER 2019

FORUM ON OVERCOMING EXTREME POVERTY



UN theme for 17 October 2019

« ACTING TOGETHER TO EMPOWER CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO END POVERTY »

OCTOBER 17 IS THE WORLD DAY FOR OVERCOMING EXTREME POVERTY. It has been commemorated since 1987, the year when at the call of Joseph Wresinski, thousands of people from all walks of life gathered at the Plaza of Liberties and Human Rights in Paris, to affirm that: *“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.”*

In 1992, October 17 was recognized as an international day by the United Nations. Since then, all over the world, people are mobilizing to recall publicly that we can put an end to extreme poverty. Salah from Quebec tells us : *“On this international day, there is an opportunity, that people who live in extreme poverty express themselves in front of everyone, before the State, that they can declare : “We need help, we need dignity, we are here. We are part of humankind.”*



In 2019, year of the **30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**, October 17 is therefore an opportunity to emphasize that we need to *“act together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty.”*

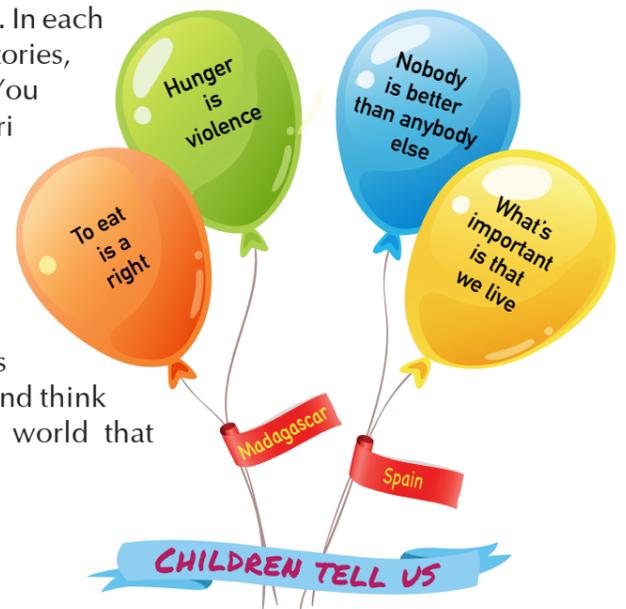
In this year of the Rights of the Child, we are happy to include in our Letter to Friends around the World the **CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY TAPORI.**



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This Campaign is a tool that you can use to prepare with children for October 17. It invites them to share the lives of other children around them through four special issues. In each of these issues, there are stories, games and activities. You do not have to be a Tapori group to participate.

Tapori brings together in friendship children from different backgrounds. They learn from other children whose daily lives are different from theirs, and think and act for a more just world that leaves no one behind.
<https://en.tapori.org>



IDEAS TO CELEBRATE OCTOBER 17

“Do puppet shows, bringing Tapori stories and its campaign into the school playground with the children, families, and teachers.” (Peru)

“Hold art workshops to build children’s capacities to express their feelings and their daily struggles in the face of extreme poverty.” (Philippines)

“Organize friendly football games.” (DR Congo)

“Propose an awareness week directed at families and authorities to better take into account vulnerable children. (Mauritania)

“Contact teachers to see how children can participate in October 17 activities.” (Canada)

“Engage young people to express themselves so that they can send a message about poverty situations and give proposals to national and international leaders.” (Madagascar)

“Broadcast radio programs around the rights of the child.” (Rwanda)

**Tell us about your projects. Send us via email or by letter what you plan to do this year.
Have a nice preparation!**