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The Vulnerability of Children and Communities



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**“We, youth,
come together
to create,
construct, resist,
and dream.”**

— Paola Andrea Muñoz



“There is a lack of equality in the opportunities young people have.”

—Viviana Muñoz León



**“Together let’s
build a freer,
more humane,
more equitable
society.”**

— Paola Andrea Muñoz



Ana Guadalupe, Guatemala and Alma Brooks, St. Mary's First Nation

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God hears a child's cry



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“We are fortunate to celebrate our first ever Christmas together as family after 13 years [of separation since my Mom was a migrant worker].”

—Isabel*



**“I wish that the
other children
would be
reunited with
their families.”**

— Isabel*



**“ It is not right to
displace us to pave
the way for a huge
development
project that will
benefit the already
privileged group
of people.”**

—Rosalie*



Boat only access to the threatened community of Dapdap in the Philippines.

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Children as prophets, servants and leaders



**“I have known
about the
climate crises
ever since
I could speak.”**

—Sophia Mathur



**“The climate
crisis...will affect
EVERYTHING.”**

—Sophia Mathur



“My parents have taught me that we are God’s hands on Earth. Humans must do the work of protecting the poor and the planet.”

—Sophia Mathur

I'M SURE
 THE
DINOSAURS
THOUGHT
THEY HAD
TIME TOO!

WE'RE THE
FIRST GENERATION
TO FEEL THE IMPACT
OF CLIMATE CHANGE
AND THE LAST
GENERATION THAT
CAN DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.
-BARACK OBAMA



Youth signs at September 2019 Climate Strike convey the urgency of the moment.

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Jesus heals and blesses children

مادة (٣١): للأطفال الحق
في الراحة والتسلية، واللعب
والمشاركة في أنشطة
ثقافية وفنية

Article 31: The right of the
Child to rest and leisure, to engage
in play and recreational activities, and
to participate in cultural and artistic
activity.



The Palestinian Child Week

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With Children

مع الأطفال
لأجل الأطفال

“Freedom to play, is something that we are missing in Palestine. This is due to the occupation.”

—George Talgieh



**“If there is love,
there is peace...
we need to
work together,
hand in hand,
to reach peace.”**

—George Talgieh



“It’s really important for me what Wi’am does, because they work with the community, children, family and youth – which I am part of.”

—George Talgieh



KAIROS partners and staff at All Parties' Women Caucus, Parliament Hill

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Become like children



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Peace is: “when everyone lives in harmony and there is no fighting”

—Marie-Katherine McLaughlin



“You can just make a difference about one thing and then it goes on to another person and another person and it keeps going”

— Lennox Cote on what children need to feel peace, freedom and safety. Photo from MISFI Academy.



**Safety is:
“you are not
in danger.
It feels great...
I’m safe.”**

—Lennox Cote



Signs of support for Indigenous women

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Children of Courage



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“We, the Lumad students are knocking in your heart and asking for your help to defend our school and our life.”

—MISFI Academy students



**“Help us fight
for our rights.”**

—MISFI Academy students



**“We want
peace and
freedom
for all!”**

**— MISFI Academy
students**



Lumad delegate at Mindano gathering in the Philippines, September 2019

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Choose Life



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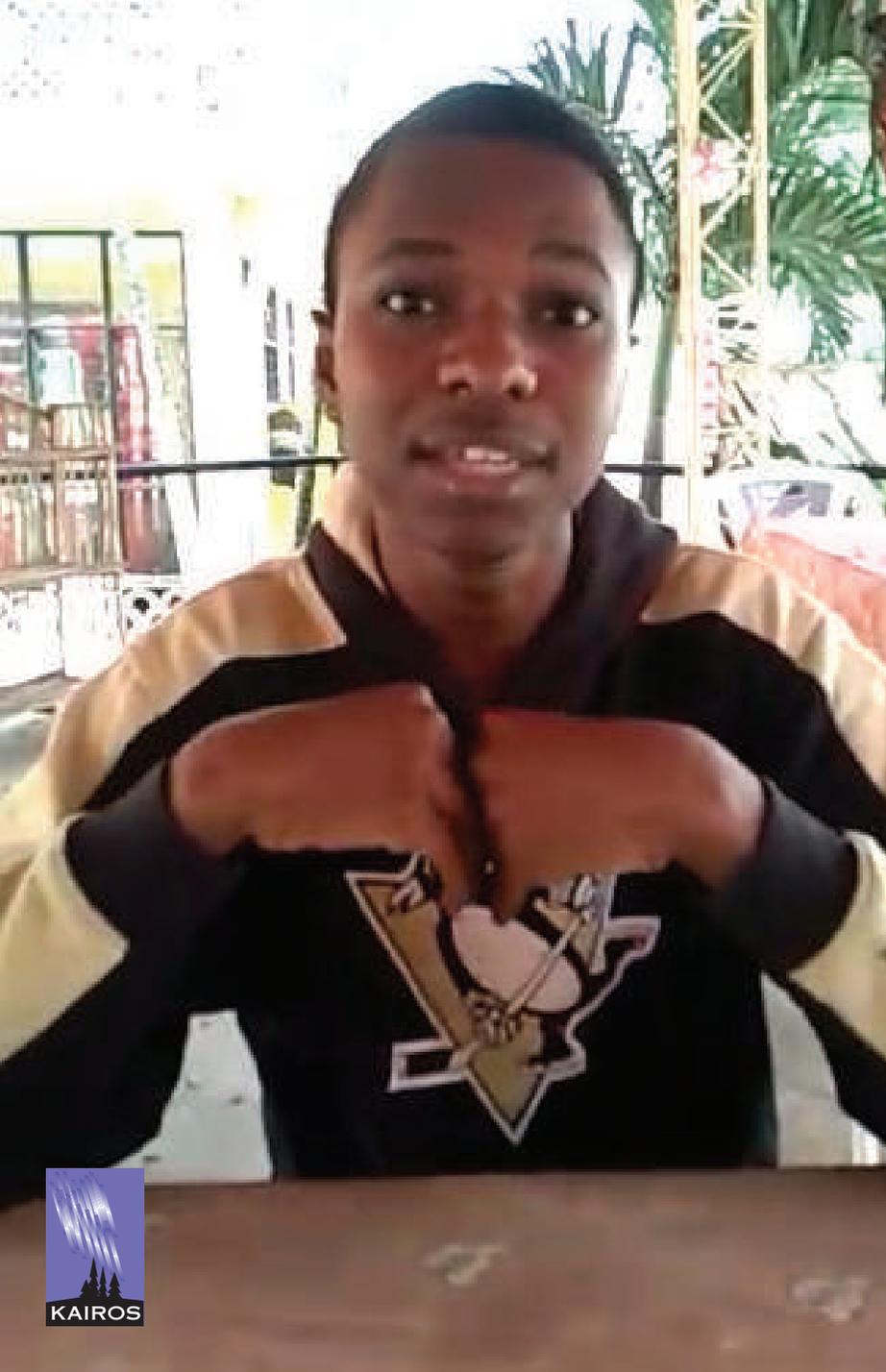
**“I consider myself
a voice for the guys
who don’t have voices,
the voiceless.”**

—Obed Mitau



For freedom, peace and safety we need “all of us, if we all work together— including the marginalized groups, that is I am also including the children, the youths.”

—Obbed Mitau



“Peace for me starts from inside...being accepting of who you are as a person, so that you are able to accept others as they are... no matter how different.”

—Obbed Mitau



Elder opens a talking circle at KBE for over 800 youth, Thunderbay 2018

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Without fear
and without
want

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**“The only real
solution is
revolution.”**

—Rebecca Hamilton



**“I’m overjoyed
that folks have
such wonderful
relationships
with this magical,
unimaginably
complex system
called Earth.”**

—Rebecca Hamilton



Surviving climate change is “going to take the kind of emotional discomfort that comes with knowing that our entire way of life is violently at odds with the physical sustainability of our only planet.”

—Rebecca Hamilton



A KAIROS crew ready to join millions in Global Climate Strike