

# Listen to the Children

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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

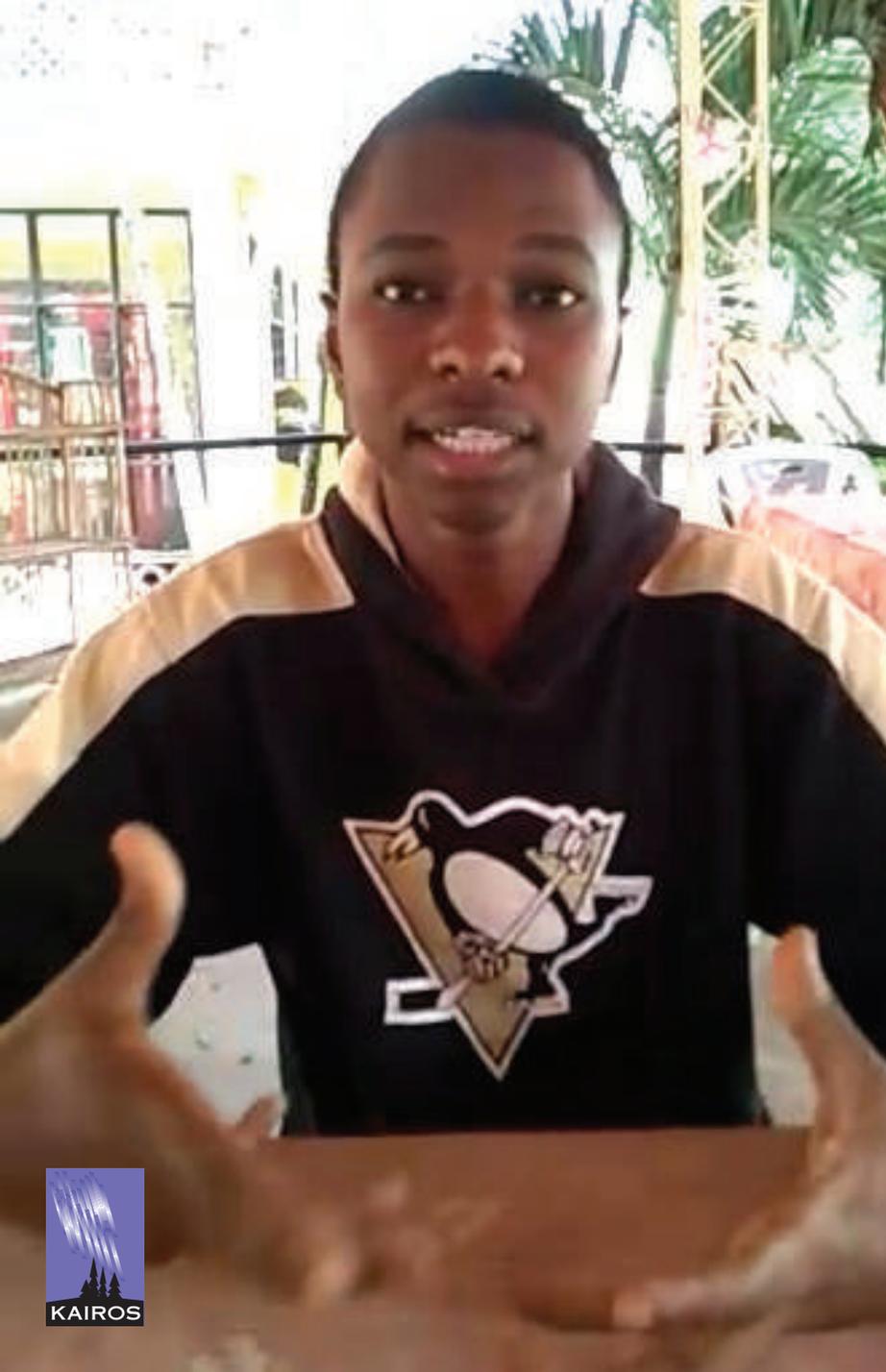


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**“I consider myself  
a voice for the guys  
who don’t have voices,  
the voiceless.”**

**—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**