

2020 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Youth Category – Honorable Mention]

Closer To The True Humanity

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Dear 2020 self

I hope this letter finds you deeply thinking on how you can make positive changes in your community and the world at large. As the title of this letter can literally tell you, I am ecstatic to let you know that, in line with your dreams, the world has tremendously changed.

We are now in a world where the possession of massively destructive weaponry no longer serves as a factor to determine the power of countries. Humanitarianism is now the main ingredient used by political leaders to have their countries branded "great powers". They now allocate more resources to the well-being of people, even beyond their borders, and the care of our precious and formerly neglected resource, the environment.

Young people of today, especially from developing countries, are no longer focusing on how they can get to the other side of the Atlantic Ocean for an already established Eldorado. They are now more concerned about which actions they can locally take to bring the changes they want to see in their countries. They now understand that fleeing their homes only for economic reasons can never change the situation at home but instead worsen the existing one through the lack of their expertise which is highly needed to make changes happen.

Impressively noteworthy is to see the majority of today's young refugees in Tongogara Refugee Camp and in other areas not any more emphasizing on having a possible future resettlement as the only starting point of their lives' rebuilding process. They now comprehend the value of education in all the possible durable solutions. They no longer

think that one stops living once stamping one's feet in a refugee camp. They are consequently now using every opportunity they have to restart new prosperous lives. Loved self, celebrate because you contributed to this good result by inspiring your fellow refugees through your achievements beyond the psychological limits they had; continue to work hard because what you accomplish gives other young refugees like you the driving force to do the same and perhaps go beyond. Thanks too to the non-profit organization, Tweens-Together We Educationally Empower Non-privileged Students, that you co-founded with other students in the camp. Tweens has made more positive impacts than its initial aim of promoting education in Tongogara Refugee Camp.

Educationally speaking, 2030 formal schools are committed to preparing children as both learners and persons. By knowing that the academic knowledge gained can be used for both good and bad actions, schools are striving to foster interpersonal skills and a deep sense of humanity in students in order to avoid watching them using their knowledge to destruct the world in the coming years.

Dear younger self, the struggle in which you engaged in order to make an end to tribal conflicts in your community has borne good fruits. People are now living in a perfect harmony despite their diverse backgrounds and cultures. Cultural diversity is now seen as an invaluable wealth in formerly tribally conflicting societies. It is worth to let you know that people are no longer persecuted in D.R Congo due to their appurtenance to given tribes. This has drastically led to a sharp drop in the number of refugees poured by D.R Congo into refugee camps. D.R Congolese, and other people from formerly unrestful countries, no more yawn of tiredness after running starvingly long miles through deserts and forests. Their actual yawns are due to having lot of time of satisfaction through the exploration and exploitation of their talents and passions.

My younger self, conclusively, we are smelling the true humanity in the world; but these good things we are experiencing here highly depend on the actions, large or small, you are taking there on a daily basis. Therefore you must always endeavor to, besides satisfying the present, make peace with the future in all your decisions. Every positive change you want to see starts with you. Go out of your zone of comfort to make people aware of the need of preparing a restful future world for the next generations. Know that it is never too early to start any change-making project.

Your 2030 self
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