



Children's Water Manifesto

In the name of love, peace and harmony - We the 109 children and young people of the world representing 32 countries, pledge to seek the support of decision makers in planning, designing, implementing and evaluating programmes related to children, water, sanitation and hygiene. We want the decision makers to guarantee the participation of children and young people, according to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), to ensure the participation, protection, survival and development of children and young people through promoting a safe environment for their healthy development and well being. We assert the following:

Governments are obliged to:

- ♣ Ensure that children and young people are involved in the decision making and policy making processes beginning from the planning through implementation and evaluation of house hold water related programmes/issues, including access, safety, conservation, and use of water.
- ♣ Improve water and sanitation facilities, particularly for girls so that they can stay in schools. Therefore allocate sufficient budget for water and sanitation programmes in schools. Reallocate investments on armaments as budgets to support school programmes and child friendly facilities.
- ♣ Strengthen partnerships and cooperate with children and young people with NGOs, government, municipalities, private companies and media to strengthen school programme and child friendly facilities
- ♣ Encourage free exchange and sharing of information, technology, and experiences across developed and developing nations, specific to household water security
- ♣ Take preparatory measures towards strengthening the infrastructure and basic services during emergencies and train children and young people to exchange ideas and support during emergencies
- ♣ Respect children and young people's opinions and different cultures in relation to water use and sanitation, as well as provide safe water areas for children and young people's play
- ♣ Promote strong environmental child-friendly education on issues related to diversified water use for boys, girls, teachers, parents and community leaders.
- ♣ Support children and young people's projects and activities relating to water and the environment that affects the access to potable water and sanitation

We as children and young people pledge to

- ‡ Establish action groups, clubs, organizations, and networks of children and young people for activities on water, sanitation and hygiene - locally, nationally and internationally
 - ‡ Be responsible for peer to peer education as young facilitators and child to adult education on conservation of water, sanitation and hygiene
 - ‡ Develop and use child-friendly resource materials and use child peer education methods like drama, poetry, drawing, web sites, etc. to create more awareness on environment, water and sanitation issues.
 - ‡ To work with decision makers to promote better water and sanitation facilities at schools in rural and urban areas and in the community so that girls do not drop out of schools or face abuse
 - ‡ Be involved in designing, implementing and evaluating child managed water and sanitation projects and other initiatives
 - ‡ Form a Global Children and Young People's Alliance on water, sanitation and hygiene.
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