



GEN 3 CENTERS
AND TEENS FOR UNITY

#ZeroHungerGeneration

#ZeroHunger A NEW OBJECTIVE
TOWARDS A UNITED WORLD!



To all teens of the Focolare Movement

From a letter of FAO to the Gen 3 Centers

« It is critical to mobilize as many teens and youth as possible, because only through awareness and sensitization can this goal become a reality. Today's teens can be the first generation to eradicate hunger in the world! »

We have wonderful news to tell you!

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) called us to their international headquarters in Rome for a very special request - **to collaborate with us in order to reach a very important objective: that is, to ensure that no one in the world will ever have to suffer hunger.**

The United Nations put together **17 important goals** (to be accomplished by 2030) **to making a better world.** Goal Number 2 is focused on eliminating hunger in the world.

The United Nations is asking our help to achieve this objective.

Why did they ask us?

Because two of the present directors, originally from Spain, were Gen and they know very well that the Teens for Unity are spread throughout the world and that they are especially committed in working for a united world.

What to do?

The problem that we want to resolve is very complex. In these recent years, hunger in the world has increased because of wars, migration, climate change, injustices... If people will adopt a new lifestyle in which love for others and for creation is put at the center, only then can we hope for a new world. The Charism that God gave us is the answer: every aspect of life is based on love.

This invitation of the UN to collaborate towards #ZeroHunger encourages us to deepen the eight pathways (see attachment) that Chiara gave to the Teens for unity in order to build a united world. Let's go through them with renewed energy, staying connected among us more than ever.

Ideas to start with right away

- 1. STUDY** Dedicate some days to study, in order to inform yourselves and gain awareness on the roots and causes of hunger problem in the world.
- 2. COMMUNICATE** to the Teens for Unity center centro.rpu@focolare.org (as soon as possible but no **later than 1.31.2018**) photos taken and experiences made going in this direction (for example, how you lived the communion of goods in a radical way, your love for the poor, for the homeless...; how you commit yourself personally or as a family to living a sober lifestyle, your fight against wastefulness; what you are doing to promote peace and dialogue among religions, in favor of migrants, what you've done for ecology, etc.). Your experiences will help us to write a book that FAO will make available to schools all over the world. (We want to remind you that we need your parents consent to be able to publish your photos and experiences).
- 3. OBSERVE** the situation in your city.
- 4. THINK** The 6x1 method can help you decide together where to start.
- 5. ACT** Think globally and act locally: work on a plan of action, taking first concrete steps in your city or your region.
- 6. NETWORK** Communicate (also with photos and videos), through the Facebook page or Instagram of the United World Project, the reflections, commitments, plan of actions that you worked on for your city as your contribution in eliminating hunger in the world. This will keep us united and make even the smallest activity important because it's tied to a larger network. By March, with the help of some Gen 3 and Teens for Unity in throughout the world, we will work on a Pledge of Commitment to spread on all social media. This will help us involve many teens in our #ZeroHunger objective.
- 7. INVOLVE** in this objective many teens, youths, and adults, as well as raise awareness in schools, parishes, associations, various groups in your cities, regions or nations.

CURRENTLY IN THE WORLD there are 800 million people who suffer hunger, approximately 1 in every 9.

MORE THAN 600 MILLION people in the world suffer obesity .

MALNUTRITION, lack of micronutrients and obesity represent the three aspects of malnutrition.

TO RID THE WORLD of hunger and of malnutrition, it is necessary to make changes and take measures on all levels of society, in its structures, but also in us - the consumers, and in our politicians. If we do not manage our natural resources well and we do not promote sustainable lifestyles, we will not achieve it.

THE ROLE OF CITIES is a key role in the 2030 challenge to promote local sustainable models aimed at eradicating world hunger and extreme poverty.

Data provided by FAO - October 2017

- 8. EVALUATE** periodically how your plan of action and your collaboration with others is going in order to revive and keep the level of joy in this commitment always high.
- 9. CELEBRATE** October 16th is the United Nations' World Food Day. That week (from 13 to 21 October) will be an opportunity to gather the first fruits of our common commitment. We can get together to thank all those who have committed themselves and let everyone know what has been achieved worldwide to encourage one another and relaunch together.
- 10. TEENS** To help you talk to your classmates and get a lot of people involved in this fight against hunger in the world, the Gen 3 of Teens editorial staff will be close by dedicating on this issue (November-December 2017) a heading for #ZeroHunger #FameZero. Furthermore, the March-April 2018 magazine will be dedicated entirely to this topic.

Let's start right away so that ours can really be the first Generation **#ZeroHunger!**



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!
Ago, Fiorella and everyone at the Gen 3 Centers and Teens for Unity Secretariat

Rocca di Papa, December 21, 2017