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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY ADETUNBI OWOLABI

We all have a role to play in our world, either individually or collectively, and it is my great desire to see our world transform into a better place for all its inhabitants.

We live in a world that is filled with suffering and poverty as a result of the greed from the people of our world and the lack of understanding and knowledge from the younger

generations. These youngsters can make changes to shape the life that we actually desire and deserve.

For the path in which our organization, the International Youth Organization for Peace and Sustainability (IYOPS) have set to make our contribution into making the world a better place for all the people in our environment and society.

We are devoted amidst all odds to collectively work towards building generations of youths with integrity so we can achieve a world of peace and sustainability.

I am, at the same time, encouraging youths to come together to fight some of the challenges we encounter in our world as a result of bad leadership and greed.



(via Pexels)

TOP NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BY ASWIN RAGHAV

USA - The President of the United States recently tested positive for COVID-19. Since then, there has been an uproar of criticisms against the safety measures followed by him and the people in the White House, as seen in the recent pictures and videos from a recent event. Check out this video from the (BBC) to see where the President and the White House possibly [went wrong](#).

Europe - Last month was the warmest September ever to be recorded, globally. European scientists confirmed that this breaks the record that was set only last year. There is also a [99.99% possibility](#) of 2020 being one of the 5 hottest years ever recorded. (NYT)

Norway - WFP (U.N. World Food Programme) wins the Nobel Peace Prize for 2020. Since its inception in 1961, the WFP has delivered food to almost a 100 million people in its fight against [hunger](#). (NPR)

Nigeria - The [#EndSARS](#) protest intensifies across the country as citizens want an end to [police brutality](#) after a video showing a man being killed was released. The person who took the video was also reportedly arrested. (Al Jazeera)

UK - Prince William announces one of the planet's most prestigious environmental award, named the [Earthshot Prize](#), worth \$65 Million. The categories are, Protect and Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans, Build a Waste-Free world, Fix Our Climate. (Bloomberg)

TRUE LEADERS DON'T CREATE FOLLOWERS, THEY CREATE MORE LEADERS.



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East Africa - 6 million people are affected by flooding in East African countries like Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, etc. UN figures state that the number of people in East Africa, who have been affected by flooding, has increased more than [five-fold](#) in four years. (BBC)

Nagorno-Karabakh - Russia warns that the battleground of the [Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict](#) could be "a launchpad for Islamist militants". The fighting continues despite mediation of several countries including the United States and France. (Reuters)

India - After continued protests over the years, is India and its government doing anything about the sharp spike in violence against women, especially rape? From a report released by the Government of India, 87 women were raped every single day in 2019, on average.

Barkha Dutt accurately [describes](#) a recent rape case, where a 19-year-old girl belonging to a lower caste was allegedly tortured, raped, and paralyzed by a group of men belonging to an upper caste. The girl died due to the sustained injuries. (The Washington Post)

IYOPS EXTRA - HUNGER

BY ASWIN RAGHAV

Hunger is a global humanitarian issue, affecting millions of people every year. Children, women, men, animals, etc., face this dire problem almost every day. Most associate hunger with low- and middle-income countries. However, scores of people from high-income countries face the same issue.

National and intergovernmental organizations have been working tirelessly to solve this, but the question is, have they been effective at doing so? To an extent, yes.

A couple of days ago, the WFP (World Food Programme) won the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) for its commendable work of feeding millions of people in need, for more than 50 years. (NPR)

As individuals, our role is probably greater than the governments or organizations, as collectively we can contribute more by buying only what we want, and not wasting food, to name a few.

A football player from England was recently awarded by the British Royal Family for forcing the British Government to provide [free school meals](#) to vulnerable children, even during the lockdown period. (Sky)

These are stories that we want to hear. For this to happen consistently, we need more people to give their voice and do their bit towards eradicating hunger and malnutrition.



(via Quang Nguyen-Vinh/Pexels)

In the post-pandemic world we're living in right now, there is a lot of uncertainty for people from almost all walks of life. This has significantly affected the lives of millions around the world in unimaginable ways. It is even [reported](#) that more people will die as a result of hunger, than the virus this year. (Bloomberg)

Josette Sheeran, the executive director of the World Food Programme, explains why that food shortage is still a major issue in our world, in spite of the abundance of food resources available to us more than ever before in this [TED talk - Ending hunger now](#).

According to healthline.com, some ways to [reduce wastage](#) of food at our own house are, **1.** Shopping, storing, and preserving food smarter, **2.** Eating the skin of fruits and veggies, **3.** Saving the seeds of certain fruits like pumpkin, squash, etc., **4.** Usually discarded items like fruit and vegetable peels, wilted herbs, overripe bananas and chopped broccoli stalks can be blended into a super shake, **5.** Cook only what is needed, **6.** Understanding the expiry dates better, **7.** Composting, **8.** Packing lunch to school/office can greatly reduce food wastage and help in the reduction of our impact on the environment, **9.** Leftover coffee grounds can be used as fertilizer for plants and can also act as a natural mosquito repellent. (Healthline)

These are just some examples of how we can change the narrative. There are various more methods and practices that we can follow to contribute to the greater good. No change can be made if we do not put our words into actions.

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