

THE 3RD ANNUAL BERMUDA YOUTH CONFERENCE FACTS AND FIGURES FROM UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND "UNICEF"



Self expression includes art, dance and music, but words are important too. Children must speak out about things they care about or that affect them.

CULTURE

EDUCATION

- Education is the right of every child.
- Education should help children to develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should also teach them to respect other people.
- Nearly 100% of children in the US and Europe go to school. In Sub-Saharan Africa about 40 percent of girls are not being educated.
- One out of every seven people around the world cannot read or write this sentence.
- Do you ever wish you didn't have to go school? Millions of children around the world can't ever go to school. More than half of them are girls.



All nations and peoples are unique and special. Having a nationality means that you have the protection and benefits of a country. It also means that you share a culture and a history with the other people in your country.

Each religion means something very special to those who practice it. That is why it is important that no one is prevented from following a religion or faith.

Who are you? What is your name? Where are you from? What religion do you practice? No one should be able to take your identity from you.



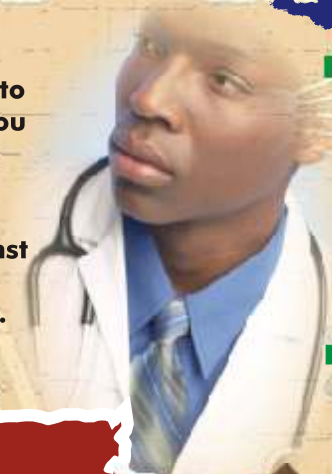
ENVIRONMENT

- In some countries you would have to manage with just one bucketful of water for a whole day. That means water for drinking, bathing and cooking.
- Believe it or not 75 percent of you is water! You could die after three days without water. Water makes up 50 percent of your bones.
- More than 70% of the world is covered in water.
- In some countries you would have to manage with just one bucketful of water for a whole day. That means water for drinking, bathing and cooking.
- If you leave the faucet running twice a day when you brush your teeth, that is a whole day's supply for some people.
- Water keeps us alive. We use it to drink, to grow food and to bathe. It's also essential for building houses and running factories.
- About 97 percent of the world's water is salty seawater and cannot be used. Most of the freshwater in the world is too difficult to reach because it's underground or in icebergs. Only 1 percent of the earth's freshwater is available but that's still plenty for our needs.



HEALTH

- Every child deserves a healthy life
- More than a billion people have no access to medical care. If you get sick, how long do you have to wait to see a doctor? Measles kills one child every minute.
- YOU have probably been immunized against a number of easily preventable childhood diseases. Sadly, 34 million children are not. In Africa, 50 percent were not. In Afghanistan most people do not have access to a doctor or nurse.
- In China, the government trains people in remote villages to administer basic medical care.
- Children die from many diseases. 40,000 children under the age of five die each day. Malnutrition is what kills them.



AFRICA

- Africa is the second largest continent in the world. This vast land has many deserts where it hardly rains, as well as great forests where it rains and thunders every day. Huge crocodiles swim in the Nile, which is the longest river in the world. There are 52 countries in Africa.
- Many African people live in traditional communities that have maintained the same lifestyle for thousands of years. Others live in cities or in farming communities.
- In sub-Saharan Africa millions of children have been orphaned by AIDS. Many more are having their education disrupted because their teachers are dying of the disease.
- In Sub-Saharan Africa about 40 percent of girls are not being educated.
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, 23 percent of all children between the ages of 5 and 14 work. Many children never get the chance to just be children.

YOUTH

Every child deserves a healthy life. Every child should have a home. Every child should have water. Every child should have food. Every child has the right to play. Every child has the right to education. Every child needs loves and cares for you. Every child has the right to an identity. Every child deserves a happy life. Every child has the right to free expression.

No child should fight in a war? No child should be held back by a disability. No child should be exploited through work.

To the youth of Bermuda, take some time to think about what you have just read. We don't have time to bully each other or waste our lives away on drugs and alcohol. There are children around the world fighting to have just a little of what we take for granted.

Think about it...

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