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SPECIAL COVID19

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The sparks of children's lives on the move

CHILDREN TAKE HEALTH WITH FULL HANDS

Right now, we are all witnessing an unprecedented pandemic that is paralyzing the whole world. But at the heart of this crisis, there are signs of solidarity, brotherhood and hope. Children, supported by those who accompany them, have shown their ability to act to take care of themselves, those around them and to protect our land after an awareness of what is happening to us as Pope Francis has asked us for our "common home".
Solidarity, we rely on each other.

The General Secretariat

NOT! THE VIRUS WILL NOT HAVE THE LAST WORD!

A GLOBAL EVIL

In December 2019, the pandemic known as Covid19 was detected by medical scientists and medical specialists making its first victims in China. The whole world found itself in the first



In Chile MOANI helped children eat better

quarter of 2020 in a context of health crisis affecting the fields of socio-economic, educational, religious activities and probably endangering the global health system.

Despite the health emergency measures decreed by the World Health Organization (WHO), the European and American continents are now the most affected by the pandemic with thousands of victims. One might think that the plight of Africans is at a level of good management despite the failures related to the health system. Countries are carefully ddefying while respecting barrier measures to avoid a new wave linked to this pandemic.

CHILDREN ARE AT THE HEART OF THE STRUGGLE

In a spirit of solidarity and fraternity with the whole world, children, isolated families and those who have lost loved ones, the International Office of MDADE is concerned both with the risks of spread and seriousness and with the alarming levels of inaction of many governments that are struggling to manage the situation and thus endanger the lives of all.

In its Letter to the National Teams (LEN), MDADE refers to the indifference and social break-ups that make the situation of families, the most vulnerable, the poor who cannot easily practice social isolation because they work day-to-day and need their earnings to eat and have enough to survive: elderly people who can't easily practice social isolation because they work day-to-day and need their earnings to eat and have enough to survive: elderly people who, for many, live alone, and our boys and girls who in many countries are experiencing malnutrition, anaemia, etc.

MDADE is very rich in the diversity of its cultures, its realities, its habits of its members. It welcomes the convergence of their commitments and the actions of children who unequivocally adhere to the measures as they are defined in the countries where they live.



PRIORITY ACTIONS

Relationships between people have been broken **within families**, with consequences for living conditions and sometimes domestic violence, especially against children;

The very long suspension of **economic activities**, offset in some countries by government measures that create very high debt, with long-term consequences on market activities, mass tourism;

The field of **education** that was suspended, traditional forms of cultural life, access to information with the proliferation of rumours ...

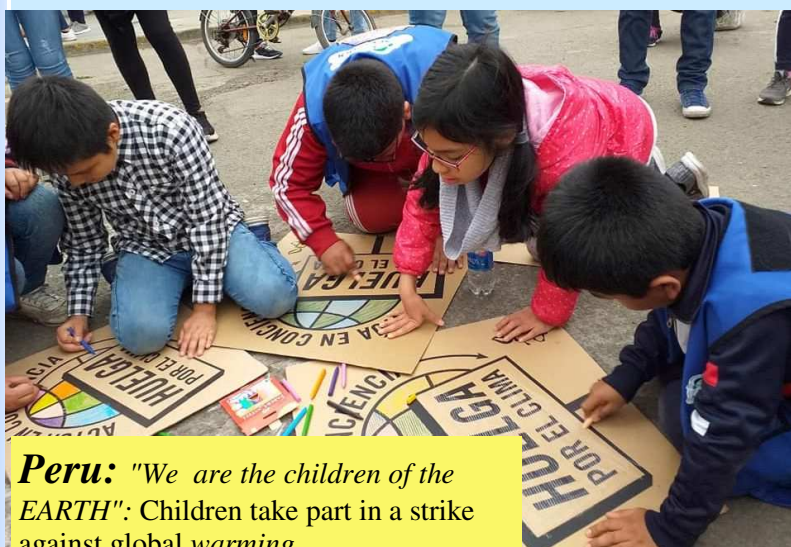
Brazil, Chile, Peru: many actions to help the poorest families. *"Many children have had to stop working on the streets and no longer have resources for their families. Not all of them have access to government facilities. They organized to receive donations and distribute them. »*



BUILDING OUR COMMON HOME

This is why, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of his encyclical *Laudato si'* on the safeguarding of the Common House, Pope Francis has involved all communities in order to enable places of worship, schools, associations and other institutions to deepen their commitment to safeguarding creation and promoting an integral ecology. Every city and countryside, where MIDADE is located, in developed and developing countries, children are the same and their homes are the same common home. It is a family, one mission, one Church and one God.

Finally, the International MIDADE team, through the questionnaire below, invites all member countries to share by digital, e-mail, whatsapp, each according to its possibilities, the reflections of their children; see on page 4 the precise indications....



Peru: "We are the children of the EARTH": Children take part in a strike against global warming.

Portugal: Francisca imagines and tells her parents how her confinement is going.

Mom and Dad, how was your quarantine?

Maybe similar to mine: boring and painful. But you have to be positive! We're all together, only with a phone link. The most important thing is that we are all doing well!

It's not easy for you, because parents must now be our teachers!

But in the end, we manage to do nice activities: origami, paintings, games, we watch movies, we make bracelets in pearls, we made a rainbow and 4 rabbits for Easter ...

There are many things we can do! I hope you're all right.

Kisses. Francisca



France: With the containment, people have united around the shared garden of the Gargeschilren'sclub, near Paris. The parents of the children of the club came spontaneously to help Bernard: Di-onisa, Michèle's mother, then Marriettou, Rokia's mother, Rokiathien, Eulalie... A neighbour brings vegetable plants; another neighbour, Turkish, offers squash seeds... A real international garden! As around the well of the Samaritan woman, everyone was talking about her love of the earth... As they say to the ACE: "Stronger together"!



Lebanon: the rally was cancelled because of the covid19. "We will definitely come back and affirm the role of children and their participation in change."



"LA SOLIDARIDAD, NO ESTÁ EN CUARENTENA"

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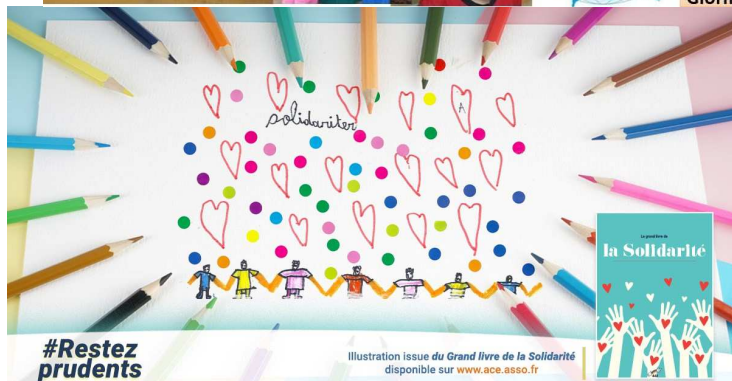
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Italy: ACR celebrates World Children's Day:
Children are the present and the future of the world.

I bambini sono il presente e il futuro del mondo



Giorno Mondiale dei Bambini



France:

**Solidarity
above all:
Let's write the
book of soli-
darity of the
children of
the world.**



Guinea:

Covid19 is like an invisible sorcerer who frightens children, especially by depriving them of leaving the house to play, study and act collectively... Here are some secrets to end the isolation: draw, sing, read...

*Playing with your parents, teasing them,
learning the work of the house...
Read the Bible and pray*



**Together
Let's move**

"EVERYTHING IS LINKED"

This expression is dear to Pope Francis to speak of “Laudato si’. Everything is linked to a full human development in the fight against this new virus:

- Keeping the links between children and the accompanying people;
- An opportunity to reveal the bonds within the family, with happiness, sometimes with suffering and violence;
- MIDADE is a hope for children and accompanying people: learn to see and decode the deep meaning of our actions.

What do you have to say about these questions? Your reflections will be very valuable for dialogues with other movements, with UNESCO, with the Roman Dicastery for Integral Development.

We await your observations in writing, photos or powerpoint summaries.

Thank you.

We are waiting for your news on : sgmidade@gmail.com

Send us your messages about important events experienced by children in your countries.

Think about all the « beautiful and good things » of children you want to make known as gospel words for today. « Children carry life in their hands ». Address them to Midade-Express.