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# WISH UPON A STAR

Asian children's hopes  
and demands in the  
climate crisis era

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# IF YOU COULD DO ONE THING TO HELP SAVE THE PLANET FOR TODAY'S CHILDREN, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

## ABOUT THE BOOK

**Wish Upon A Star** is a collection of short stories, messages, and artwork about the climate emergency from children in Asia aged 9-17. It aims to inform and inspire people of all ages to take action to protect children's rights to a safer and more sustainable future.

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# FOREWORD

*by Ridhima Pandey, 14,  
President of the Red Alert International  
Steering Committee*



We all know that climate change is the biggest crisis for the entire world. It impacts not only humans but all other species. The worst part is that the ones who are the least responsible for this crisis are the most affected. Human activities and greenhouse gas emissions are the root causes of this crisis; it is getting worse with time. World leaders and the private sector are the ones who are supposed to be responsible, but they have been too slow in making changes. Sadly, they are too concerned about profits, which could destroy the future of the next generations and every bit of our ecosystem.

The youth and the future generations are going to be the ones who bear the consequences. As younger generations, we will not wait for someone to make change happen. We must be the change we want to see in the world and raise our voices for ourselves. We all have seen the power youth can hold if we all come together and put our joint effort into campaigning on climate change. Also, leaders need to consider our ideas, suggestions, and concerns when making decisions that will affect our future.

Keep up the fight!  
**Ridhima Pandey**  
**Uttarakhand, India**

**"We are young but we are people and citizens too. We have a right to be heard, and a right to a safe and healthy future."**

**-Xia Vigor, 13, Vice President of the Red Alert International Steering Committee**

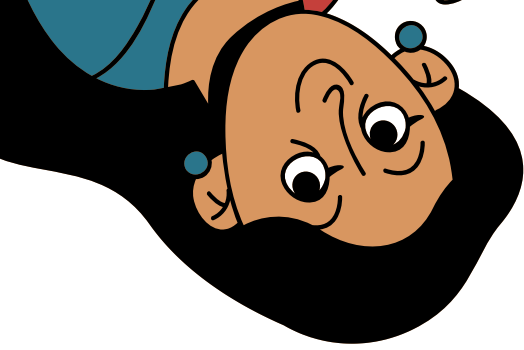


# "CLEAN SEA AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY BOAT."

Art by Yujeong Nam, 10, Korea







# NO LONGER A GOLDEN LAND

*Diya, 16, Bangladesh*

**"MANY LIKE ME SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK, ACT, AND BE HEARD."**

I come from a very small country: Bangladesh. But for me, it's a golden land. When I was a child, my teacher said, "Our country has six seasons, and every season has its expression. Not many countries in the world can see this much diversity." Hearing that, I was amazed and felt very proud of my country. But now, I realise that it will lose this pride because its nature cannot maintain those seasons in a changing climate.

Day by day, my motherland is losing its loveliness. I always recall my mother's story of the devastating flood in 1988, which destroyed thousands of houses, washed away countless cattle, and cost lives. My mother also lost her house in that flood. She was from a middle-class family and that flood snatched everything from them. My mother and her family were compelled to leave their birthland and come to the capital city.


My grandfather became very sick. It was like a war had started in people's lives. Survival became very hard in an unfamiliar city. They starved, and sometimes they could not find a decent living place. My grandfather died after some days and as the family's eldest child, my mother started working at the age of nine. I thought it was just bad luck for my mother. But in May 2009, cyclone Aila hit coastal areas which left 190 people dead and almost 40 lakh (four million) people were affected. I was terrified and prayed to Allah for the affected people.

Many of my relatives who lived in that area suffered greatly from this climate disaster. A few years ago, I witnessed how my cousin's husband faced a massive loss in crop production due to heavy rainfall. They are now living the worst life with their children because of debt and no job. I have witnessed many such stories of my parents, relatives, and community people. At the age of 12, I joined the Green Club in my school and learned that all such disasters are due to climate change. It encouraged me to think and act, and I wanted to do something to protect our earth and human lives.

I wish to become more assertive with my voice to reach world leaders who I hope will listen to us and understand climate emergencies. Bangladesh is at ultimate risk of climate change. My friends and I have been thinking of potential solutions to it but unfortunately, there is nobody to listen to us properly.

Many like me should be given the opportunity to talk, act, and be heard. As teenagers, we can only try to call out to the duty bearers for their help. My request to adults and leaders is: please listen to us. With your support, we want to secure our future and make the world a beautiful place.



A stylized illustration of a forest with several green trees of varying sizes and a white path winding through them. The trees have a layered, wavy appearance. The background is a light beige color.

**"You are putting yourself in danger by your own. It would be better if you could plant 10 trees after cutting down one. Help yourself by saving our only one earth."**

**Diya, 16, Bangladesh**

# IT IS NOT THE SAME ANYMORE

*Himani, 16, Nepal*

**W**hen I experienced COVID-19 three years back, I realized the importance of keeping nature in balance and protecting it so that the world is liveable for humans now and in the future. The simplest way of explaining climate change to people who may not know about it is to tell them how the temperature has changed in our place and how new diseases like COVID-19 are being born.

Over the years, I have witnessed the change in my locality. Previously, the area used to be clean, but the weather was predictable. Now, we can't tell when it rains. For example, August is the month of rain in Nepal. It used to rain, the paddy we planted used to get enough water, and the harvest was good. But, in past years, the pattern of rainfall has changed. It has not rained this year and the paddy field is dry. This has affected the production of rice, impacting the day-to-day life of people here. When production is low, the family members might need to migrate to a neighboring country for jobs and income.

Though big decisions are made by governments, I think children can start small. They can start from their own homes and schools. Children studying climate change at schools should be encouraged to apply their knowledge in practice.

If I were a leader, my main priorities would be promoting green economies and sustainable lifestyles to all people and investing in climate change education for all children.

**"Children can bring real change in the environment as they are the future."**





## "GLOBAL HEATING"

*Art by Yurisha Bajracharya, 17, Nepal*

"Through my drawing, I want to make people aware of the impacts of air pollution on the environment and encourage them to save the earth by reducing their carbon footprint."

# "TODAY'S WORLD"

Art by Anum Nadeem, 15, Pakistan





# "LIVING TOGETHER"

Art by Mayuko Miyahara,  
16, Japan



# VOICES FROM INDONESIA

"I live in a disaster-prone area that is often flooded during the rainy season. I can feel some negative impacts of climate change and among them are infectious diseases when a disaster occurs."

*-A boy, 13*

"I can tell that the environment in which I live is unhealthy. The lack of trees in the surrounding area leads to an increase in air pollution. This does not make it a comfortable place for me to live."

*-A girl, 17*

"In West Sumba, where I live, it is difficult for us to get clean water. Our wells dry up easily and this happens because of unpredictable weather conditions."

*-A girl, 16*



# "A CUT OFF HAMLET"

by Jahra Tasfia Reza,  
14, Bangladesh

"In my painting, you can see the effect of climate change has been summed up. A beautifully built village washed apart by the influence of river bank erosion and flash flood, two major natural disasters caused by climate change in Bangladesh."



# NO ACT IS TOO SMALL

*Eisha, 17, Pakistan*

I first became passionate about the climate crisis when I was 15 years old. It all started with a very brief lecture on the environment of Pakistan given to all of us by our environment management teacher. The words were simple yet powerful and were enough to inspire me. After that day, I started watching documentaries regarding the crisis and felt unsatisfied with what is being done to limit/stop its harmful effects. Therefore, I decided to devote my energy and time into this cause so I can help my community and the coming generations in any way possible.

Living in Pakistan, the country is now being adversely affected by climate change. As a result of ongoing climate change, the climate of Pakistan has become increasingly volatile over the past several decades; this trend is expected to continue. In addition to floods, increased heat, drought, and extreme weather conditions in some parts of the country, the melting of glaciers in the Himalayas threatens many of the most important rivers of Pakistan.

Climate crisis impacts our future and the future of our planet with the loss of wildlife and biodiversity, unpredictable weather patterns, rising sea levels, and temperatures, ocean acidification, widespread illnesses and harmful effects on all socio-economic activities, and so on. Children especially infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are among the most vulnerable from water-borne illnesses to respiratory illnesses and many more. Climate change in Pakistan is affecting the social, mental, and educational experiences of youth like me.

Governments and world leaders are all in positions where they can make difference. If ever we needed a strong signal from world leaders that we are going to solve this - it is now! Every single person either adult, child, or elderly has a right to put forth their opinion. Every little bit you do, every little effort you make is worth it.

So, let's join hands to make a clean and green environment for everyone and the future generations.

**"A TRAIN WITH AIR  
PURIFICATION SYSTEM"**

*Art by Seungjun, 13, Korea*







## **"GO GREEN!"**

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*A rap song by Musa (16), Shahid (17),  
Haroon (17), Awaid (15), Pakistan*

# MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION

*Uyen Nhi, 10, Vietnam*

**T**here's a song that I often sing:

***"This planet belongs to us  
Blue balloons fly in the sky..."***

Close my eyes, I can imagine the earth, green and fresh, swiftly floating in the vast sky. It is here where I was born and raised from the fresh vegetables, sweet fruits, and precious rice of my homeland, where I can have endlessly joyous mid-Autumn celebrations and go to school with my friends to learn so many amazing things.

The lessons I learned at school have helped me understand that our magical planet, my beautiful homeland, and all the festive mid-Autumn seasons are being threatened by none other than me, my parents, acquaintances, and friends. And those threats are already at our doorstep.

In the last flood season, a landslide took the lives of our people's beloved sons, fathers, husbands, and brothers. I can feel the crushing pain of families who had to suffer. Floods after floods, storms after storms coming to my homeland. Villages were separated and drowned in the sea of water.

**"The landslide took the lives of our people's beloved sons, fathers, husbands, and brothers."**

Trees broke, electric poles fell, and houses lost their roof. Our daily activities stood still and students could not go to school for days. In March 2021, a lasting downpour and an off-season flood drowned all the blossoming rice fields of my hometown. Fields promising a good harvesting season were wiped away after a night of heavy downpours. There was nothing left in the vegetable gardens around our house. The cries from my parents and the people around me cut deep into my heart. "Nhi, you must do something because you and they are polluting our green planet!"

We must act now! Since then, I have no longer played with balloons. I wrap my notebooks with newspapers rather than plastic wrap and tell my friends to do the same thing. I tell my mother to use baskets and boxes to carry items when going to the market instead of using plastic bags. I help my father catch all the worms in our vegetable garden, and I tell him: "Dad, remember to refrain from using pesticides for the vegetable!" I help my grandmother collect the garbage around the house.

Although I have tried my best, there is still garbage on the village roads, dead poultry in the ditches, and the smell of pesticides in the air and that's why we need more people to work together.


I hope children's voices can reach those still negligent in protecting their living environment. Let's join children in acting for the environment!



## "PROTECT OUR FORESTS"

*Art by Pham Tue Minh, 11, Vietnam*

"Protecting the forest is protecting our health. Together let's protect the Earth to be greener and cleaner."



"We're already feeling the effects of climate change. The heatwaves will occur more and longer, and the four seasons of our country may also disappear. Climate changes will occur more strongly and more often in different regions.

Because people live on Earth, the problems caused by climate change come back to people. It's like they're causing problems and getting the price back."



*-Seoyeon, 17, Korea*

# I DREAM OF A GREENER WORLD

*Joy, 10, Laos*

**C**limate change directly affects me, my family, and my community. Months ago, things in my house were underwater because of floods. All of our food was soaked and rotten. I was warned not to touch household electric suppliers because they are submerged and can cause life-threatening injuries. I was afraid to die and was shaking and scared.

I heard my dad say that this was the first time we had had this kind of severe flood in our house. He told me that this results from cutting lots of trees and clearing land to make money. My school teachers also said farmers would have a lesser yield this year because of the flood.

In the future, I want our world to be cleaner and greener so when I travel, I can see a lot of sprouting plants and green areas.

**"In the future, I want our world to be cleaner and greener so when I travel, I can see a lot of sprouting plants and green areas."**



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**"LOVE FOR ALL  
LIVING CREATURES"**

Art by Hana Onishi,  
13, Japan

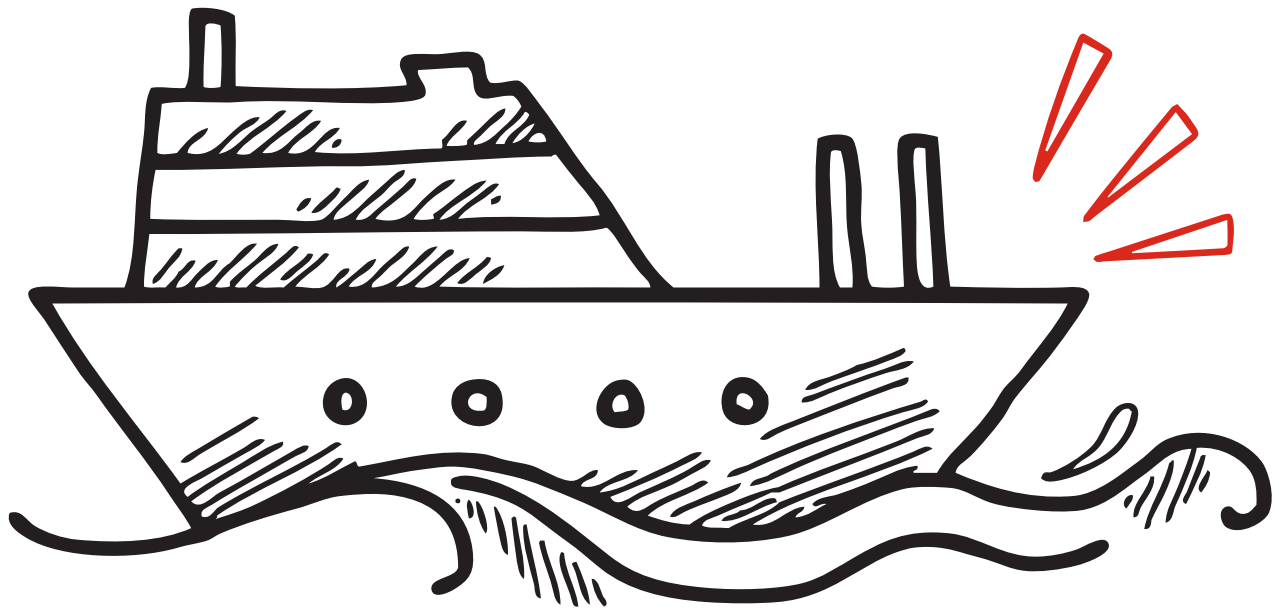
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## BEAUTIFUL AND INCLUSIVE LIVES AROUND TONLE SAP LAKE

*Ratana, 12, Cambodia*

**"ADULTS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO OUR VOICES."**

**M**y name is Heang Ratana, I am 12 years old. I like reading books and a clean environment. I go to school by boat, and I row for almost an hour to get there. When rowing the boat with my friends, I talk about fairy tales, studies, and grades. For me, education is critical and we can do anything as long as we educate ourselves. At school, I learned about polluted water, deforestation, and waste. I also learned how to care for the environment and collected junk in the lake. A healthy atmosphere makes me happy.

Writing this story reminds me of a lake in Cambodia called Tonle Sap Lake. The lake was surrounded by birds flying over it, beautiful fishes living beneath the water and many people fished there for a living. The weather was good: cloudy, windy, and fresh. There was floating bamboo under each house. There were nice, green trees.

But now the water is dirty and the environment has been destroyed. Lots of waste is discharged from factories, and that trash degrades the environment and pollutes the water. When we use polluted water, it makes us sick. Storms, heavy rains, and whirlwinds are now widespread. The houses bump into each other. And there is junk flying around. I feel really sad and scared.

Many children, including myself, have been raising awareness about environmental preservation. We do whatever possible to save the environment. Adults should pay attention to our voices.



# **CAN ONE PERSON HELP SAVE THE PLANET?**

**Sreylang, a 17-year-old girl from Cambodia takes part in efforts to help address the climate and nature emergency.**

**In July 2022, Sreylang joined the Let's Plant 2022 project and helped plant 2000 mangroves in Kampot province.**



# WHY JOINT EFFORT MATTERS

*Kaustav, 14, India*

**"If we do not act now, then it will be too late"**

I live with my parents and a younger sibling. I come from a state that gets flooded annually during monsoons, just as it happened this year.

Poverty has remained one of the biggest challenges of my life, and nature's fury has made it worse. In 2017 and 2020, my neighborhood was flooded. This year, the floods came even before the monsoon. The pre-monsoon rains caused havoc across the state, leading to the massive destruction of crops, including tea plantations, which worsened our financial condition. And we haven't even recovered from the setbacks of the COVID-19 pandemic.



While people in my area don't discuss the impact of climate change, and I am not sure if they are even aware of it, I feel the extreme climate events we have witnessed over the past few years are connected to the changing climate.

Frequent floods have affected children significantly, and our schools remain shut for long periods while the state recovers from the flood. These calamities affect parents' livelihoods, deepening existing inequalities and making children vulnerable to harmful labour and early marriage.

I am the president of the local youth group. We work towards resilience-building activities. My friends and I have seen how the annual floods erode the topsoil making agricultural fields infertile. We have carried out plantation drives around the river banks to arrest topsoil erosion. I am also trying to motivate my friends and others in the community to plant saplings to mark birthdays and other occasions instead of giving gifts. The actions taken have yielded results! We have the support of the village Panchayat leader, who has encouraged everyone to follow our lead.

Apart from the plantation drive, we conduct regular cleanliness drives in and around our village to make the surroundings clean and plastic-free. We also promote adopting locally available resources, such as using homemade bags for shopping, organic manure in the backyard kitchen gardens, and vermin compost instead of artificial fertilizers.

Our climate champions constantly raise the issue at the District, Block, Panchayat (village), and community levels. It is essential to build a mass movement towards restricting global warming. I dream of engaging children, college students, teachers, and other active stakeholders to give the much-needed impetus to dealing with the climate crisis. If we do not act now, then it will be too late.

# BE KIND TO MOTHER EARTH



*Art by K. Siyak Theekshana Dias, 12, Sri Lanka*

"Human activities are directly causing climate change. In this picture, you can see the Mother Nature is sad because of cracked earth, deforestation, drought and extreme weather. The message I would like to convey is that there is a strong bond between human beings and nature. People should be kind to nature and the environment. We must use green energy instead of fuel. If we protect nature, we will be protected by nature in return."

# HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?

*Guido, 12, Sri Lanka*

Images of this summer's football camp still pop up in my head. Just the thought of it makes me feel thirsty again. Playing at a temperature of 42 °C wasn't fun at all! The sweat from my body made me feel as if I was melting.

It was so hot I consistently had to take water breaks. My parents have decided that I am not going to the camp next year which makes me sad since I love football so much and there is not much football in Sri Lanka.

After football, I wanted to go for a walk with my dog, Yuca, but since it was too hot, I couldn't take her out. I had to stay inside from 10 am to 7 pm and could not do any outdoor activity.

Back in Sri Lanka, where I live and go to school, we all had to get used to the water shortage again. For the last three years, we haven't gotten water every day. We can't shower for too long otherwise the tank gets empty and we can't put the washing machine on to wash our clothes.

But some months of the year, there is too much rain called monsoons. Monsoon rains have become heavier and more prolonged. Now the streets are flooded, and I remember I couldn't go to school for one year. Around 300-400 students at my school and most teachers were stuck at home. This should be unacceptable mainly because every child deserves the right to go to school. So, then we had to go online but since there were power cuts, maintaining connectivity during online learning was challenging. After two years of Covid, I want to be in school and play sports again, but the climate crisis makes it difficult, and I worry about my future.

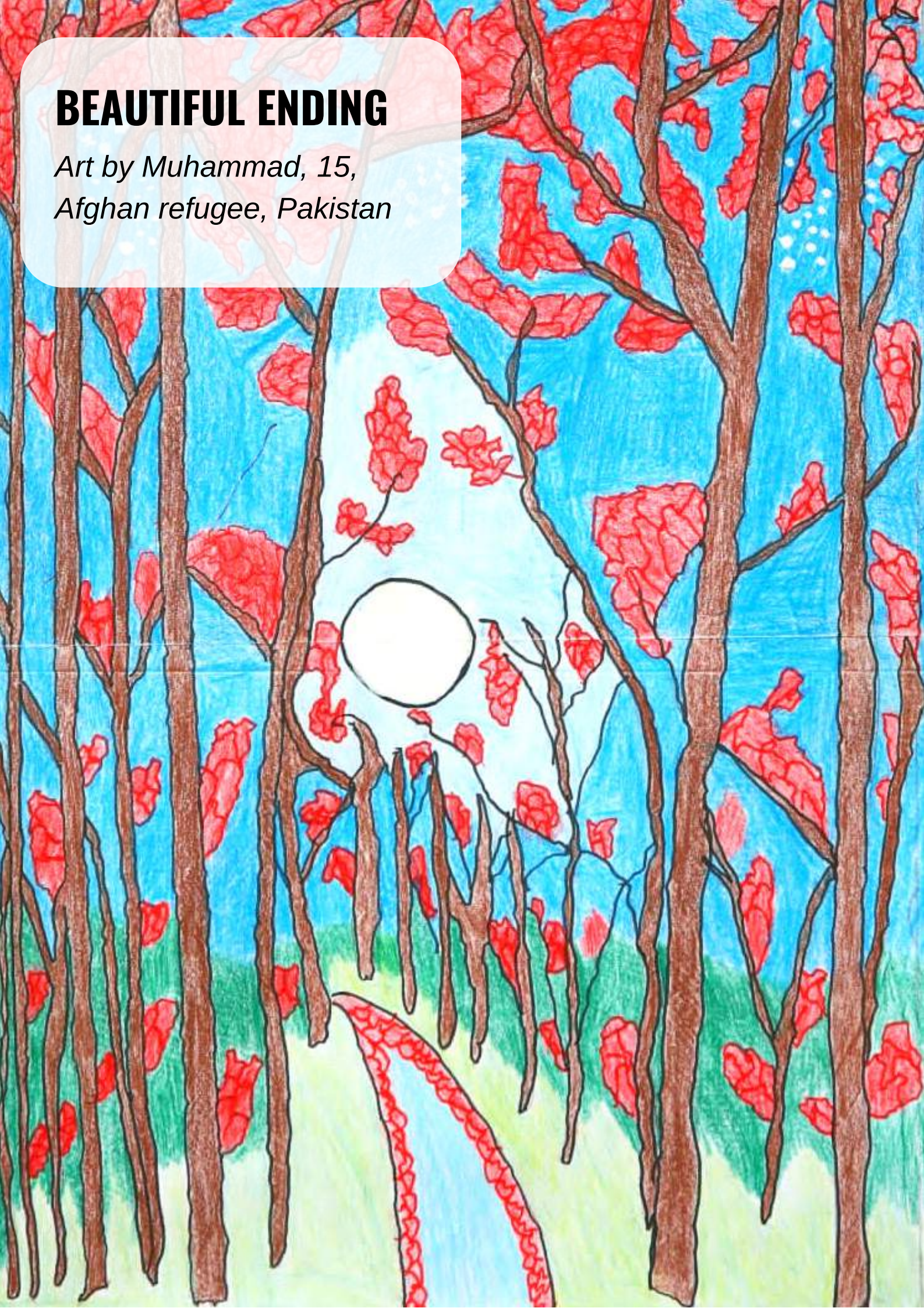
How would you feel if you were a child?



**"For the last three years, we haven't gotten water every day."**

# BEAUTIFUL ENDING

*Art by Muhammad, 15,  
Afghan refugee, Pakistan*





# CHILDREN ARE THE CHANGE IN CLIMATE CHANGE

*Jehad, 17, Philippines*

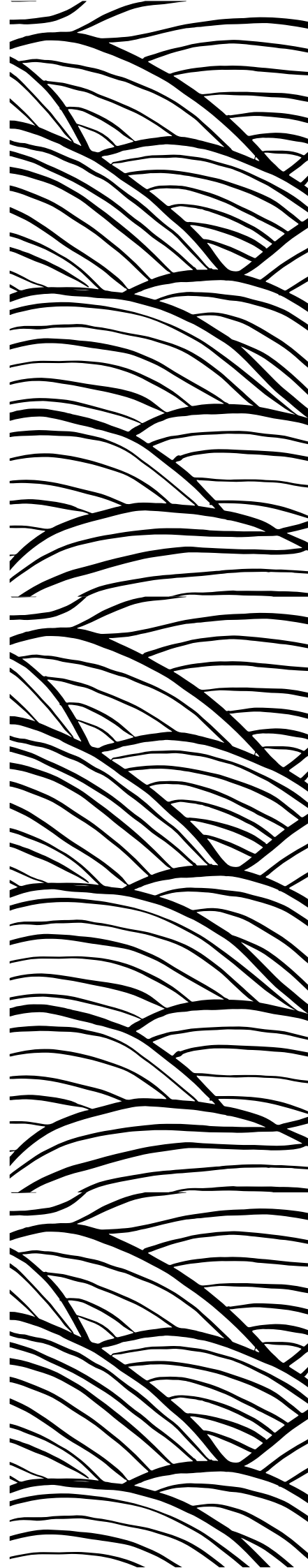
## "Saving the planet is saving the children."

**W**e may be the least contributor to climate change yet we are the most affected by it. The climate is changing and so should we. As part of the Red Alert Campaign supported by Save the Children Philippines, I have been educating my peers, family, and community about climate change and initiating environmental activities such as clean-up drives, recycling, and tree plantings.

I call on governments to implement laws like the Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children (CEPC) to protect children and vulnerable sectors before, during, and after disasters. Fund projects to use renewable energy sources. As an agricultural country, prioritize tasks on food security and disaster resilience.

I trust my generation will still be able to live and experience a greener and safer world where essential commodities such as food and clean water are accessible to everyone. Families can no longer live in fear of losing homes and livelihoods to disasters and a generation that breathes clean air and lives long.

Saving the planet is saving the children.





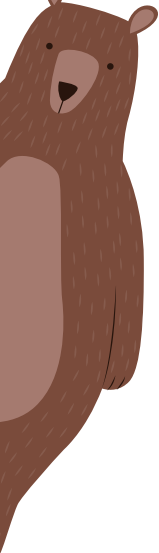
## **FLOOD IN THE CAMP**

*Art by Sahida, 16, Rohingya refugee,  
Bangladesh*

"Due to the changes in climate, we are observing more floods nowadays. We are feeling helpless. Sometimes people need to climb up onto the roof of their huts as the water level rises. During those tough times, there is no transport except the boats, which is also very risky.







# ASKING FOR RAIN



*By Tran Gia Bao (11), Tran Thien Dinh (10), Nguyen Ngoc Giau (10), Nguyen Vinh Khang (10), Nguyen Thao Nhu (10), Truong Gia Tuong (Nine)*

*Inspired by a Vietnamese fairy tale, this is a short fictional play written by a group of children from a primary school in Tran Van Thoi district, Ca Mau province, Vietnam.*

*On a summer day, the earth is very hot and sunny. For some reason, fresh water is increasingly scarce while saltwater covers everywhere; and the drought lasts for months. Trees are dead, rivers and lakes dry up, and all species have no water to drink. No one can think of a way to save themselves and all the species. The Toad suggests going to Heaven to ask for rain, but everyone was discouraged. So, the Toad goes alone.*

*The Toad met the Crab and the Gray Bear on his way.*

**Gray Bear, Crab:** Where are you going, Toad? We are very hungry and thirsty.

**Toad:** I'm on my way to Heaven to meet the Jade Emperor and ask for the rain to save all species. I have rice and water, you guys can have some.

**Crab:** Oh they're so delicious! Let us join you.

**Toad:** Let's go together then!

*They witness very heartbreaking scenes of wilted plants and dying animals on their way. They go a very long way and finally arrive at Heaven.*

**God of Thunder:** What are you doing here?

**Toad:** We are representatives of all species on earth. We come here to talk to the Jade Emperor.

**God of Thunder:** Wait here, I'll come in and relay your message to the Jade Emperor.

*God of Thunder talks to Jade Emperor and lets Toad, Gray Bear, and Crab in.*

**Jade Emperor:** What did you come here for?

**Toad:** Your Highness, in the past few years, our earth has had no fresh water, only saltwater remains. There have been droughts in many places, plants and animals are dying, and all species do not know how they can survive. So today, I boldly present myself to your Highness to ask for rain to save all species.

**Jade Emperor:** What did you just say? There are droughts on earth, plants are dying, and all species do not know how they can survive. I do not believe it! 100 year ago, I saw green trees, vast fields, and all species living in harmony. How could what you have just said happen?

**Toad:** Your Highness, I'm telling the truth. Since 2000, the sea level has risen and saline intrusion has become increasingly complicated. Fields have dried up, animals and plants have no fresh water to use, and some species have lost their lives due to thirst and heat.

**Jade Emperor:** How could this happen? I'll send someone to investigate this. Where's the God of Thunder?

**God of Thunder:** Yes, your Highness?

**Jade Emperor:** You go and check what's going on on earth and report to me.

**God of Thunder:** Yes, I'll go immediately!

*After a while...*

**God of Thunder:** But, your Highness... *[whisper in the Emperor's ear]*

**Jade Emperor:** What? That really happened?

**God of Thunder:** Yes, your Highness!

**Jade Emperor:** All right. Let me handle this. Where's the Toad?

**Toad:** Yes, your Highness?

**Jade Emperor:** Do you know why the earth is getting warmer and natural disasters, droughts, and floods often happen? They are all caused by humans on earth. Come here, let me show you this. People cut trees, destroy forests, dump too much garbage, emit so many toxic gases into the environment, and plastic waste is everywhere. How can you have a healthy living environment anymore?

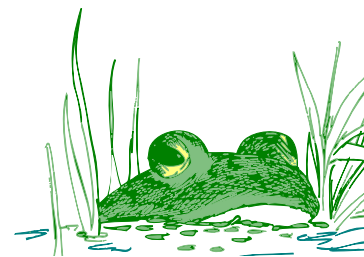
**Toad:** Now I have understood, your Highness. This is all because of humans on earth. But for the life of all beings, please let it rain to rescue all species first. When we come back to earth, we will help everyone understand and know how to protect the environment. I promise we will plant a lot of trees, not cut down forests, sort our waste and reuse plastic properly.

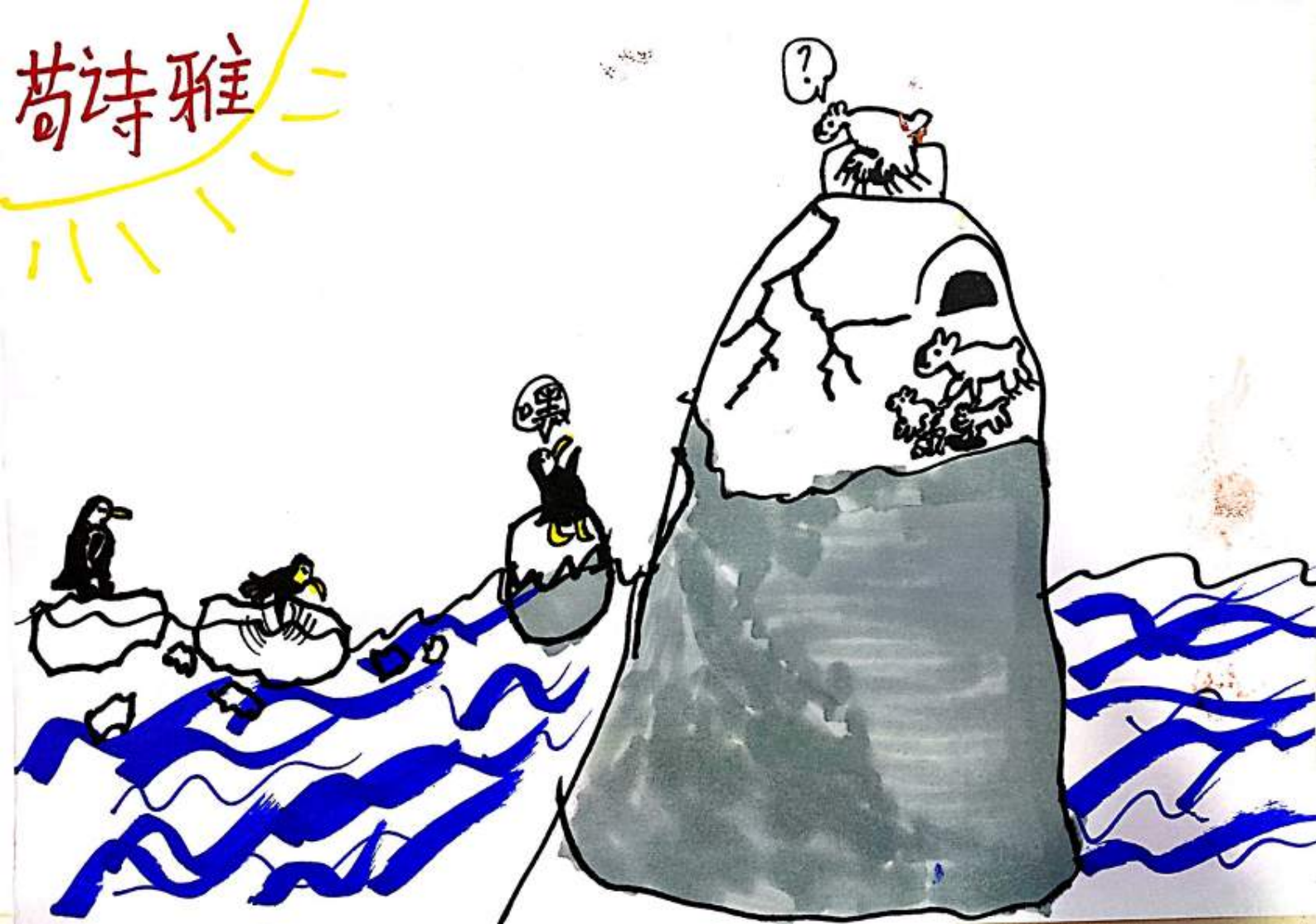
**Jade Emperor:** I am glad that you understood. I will let it rain to save all species. You can go home now, but don't forget to protect the environment as promised!

**Toad:** Yes, we promise! We will leave now, thank your Highness!

*After saying goodbye to the Jade Emperor, the Toad and his friends return to earth. Much to their joy, it is raining. And as promised to the Emperor, the Toad has travelled everywhere to tell everyone about environmental protection. With a clear voice, he said: "In order to protect the environment, everyone please join hands to plant more trees, sort your waste and process it properly. Please limit the use of plastic packages and bottles. Respond to Earth Hour and join hands to protect the environment." And this is also the message of the play that we want to send to everyone.*

**-THE END-**





# MELTING GLACIERS

*Art by Guo Shiya,  
11, China*

"This picture explains how global warming (scorching sun on the top left) causes penguins to swim halfway around the world to meet polar bears in the North Pole as the Antarctic ice melts. Penguins want to seek help from polar bears, but the polar bears' own glaciers have cracked."

# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*Anuradha, 17, India*

I come from Khaliapali village in Odisha's Boudh district. Boudh is a drought-prone district, one of the eight districts covered under the Drought-Prone Area Programme (DPAP) run by the Govt of India. This year, Boudh experienced a heatwave with temperatures reaching as high as 45 degrees Celsius. Drought affects agricultural productivity and causes a massive scarcity of water for irrigation. During the rainy season, Boudh also experiences floods which lead to crop damage.

My father is a farmer. Due to erratic rainfall, my father switched from farming to being a driver. My family belongs to the Dalit community. Due to deep-rooted caste discrimination, vehicle owners refused to employ my father. He had no choice but to return to farming. But there was not enough produce to support our family, so my father started working as a daily wage laborer. Ours is not an isolated story. People from Kantamal block have been migrating to cities and towns due to agrarian distress caused by inadequate rainfall, low productivity and an incidence of loans.

Almost every year, my village gets flooded. The recent flood in 2022 destroyed our crops. My father is unable to pay my school fees. Currently, I am studying in Class 12. The school dropout rate in my village is high. Teenage boys migrate to towns and cities to get employment while girls get married off early.


I have always wanted to do something for my community. The recurring flood situation in my village motivated me to learn about climate change and I started plantation drives in multiple schools.

I learned about child rights and began working with other children in my community. I started visiting neighboring villages and meeting children, engaging with them about child rights. I give my contact details so

that anyone can contact me in case of any emergency. With this effort, I have stopped a few child marriages and made them part of my children's group to lead the child hearings as part of Save the Children's global campaign #GenerationHope. My passion is to bring community-level changes and hold climate awareness meetings in 10 neighboring villages. I wish to do plantation drives in every school on my block.

I believe awareness is crucial and we all have a role to play. There are no big or small actions. We can all make a difference.





**"Climate change is everyone's responsibility, and it's hurting everyone. Everyone must act quickly to reduce this damage."**

*-Yeonwoo, 16, Korea*







**"SMALL ACTIONS CAN  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

*Art by Smriti Bastola, 15, Nepal*

# WHAT WE ARE ASKING LEADERS TO DO

Red Alert campaigners want children and youth - including those from the most disadvantaged families and groups - to be part of the solution and influence decisions by local and world leaders.

This year, world leaders have an opportunity to put children's interests first at two global conferences - the G20 summit taking place in Indonesia and the COP27 climate talks in Egypt. We want:

- **Rich developed countries to ensure poorer countries receive enough support.** They should keep their promise of at least \$100 billion per year for developing countries, improve services and safety nets for the most vulnerable children, and offer less developed countries compensation for the impacts from the climate crisis.
- **All governments to move faster from fossil fuels – especially coal – towards clean, renewable energy as quickly as possible.** Developed countries must end their coal use by 2030. No country should build or finance any new coal plants.
- **All governments to respect the rights of children and youth to speak out and play a leadership role in the environment movement.** The lives of the youngest people will be the most affected. They should take part in a meaningful way in climate discussions and policy making.
- **All governments to enforce strong laws to prevent deforestation and take steps to restore safer, healthier environments.** Deforestation increases carbon emissions, destroys wildlife habitats, helps spread diseases, and weakens natural defences against landslides, rising sea levels, and floods. Governments should increase forested areas and help create safer, healthier environments.





# WHAT WE WANT THE PUBLIC TO DO

People should be kind to nature and the environment. We must use green energy instead of fuel. If we protect nature, we will be protected by nature in return.

*K. Siyak Theekshana Dias, 12, Sri Lanka*

Governments and world leaders are all in positions where they can make difference. If ever we needed a strong signal from world leaders that we are going to solve this - it is now!

*Eisha, 17, Pakistan*

Many children, including myself, have been raising awareness about environmental preservation. We do whatever possible to save the environment. Adults should pay attention to our voices.

*Ratana, 12, Cambodia*

I call on governments to implement laws like the Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children to protect children and vulnerable sectors before, during, and after disasters

*Jehad, 17, Philippines*

If I were a leader, my main priorities would be promoting green economies and sustainable lifestyles to all people and investing in climate change education for all children.

*Himani, 16, Nepal*

My request to adults and leaders is: please listen to us. With your support, we want to secure our future and make the world a beautiful place.

*Diya, 16, Bangladesh*



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