

Group 29

How can children's opinions about Climate Change be better heard?

Today's children are the grownups of tomorrow. They are the future, yet their voices go unheard.

Everyone leaves an environmental footprint. This means that every choice we make has a direct impact on future generations. Environmental actions will be of increasing concern over decades to come, so children should and must be heard! It is our duty to let them think and make up their own minds about this subject.

First, we want to bring the children together in a playful manner, starting with Uganda. After all, they are children. So what would be better than an activity camp in which they can play, enjoy themselves and discuss their local climate issues? In order to ensure that the camp is inclusive, a variety of sports and games for both boys and girls should be made available.

How do we share their voices/stories etc.?

It is necessary to make less with more: a solution that is both cheap, well spread and definitely used by locals, but also scalable to other countries. As smartphones are something only few have access to, phones are not an option. However, a 2005 research shows that up to 93% of Ugandans listen to the radio at least once a week. In other developing countries, an average of 75% of the population have radios in their homes.

Our concrete proposition is to organize Play for the Children, an activity camp where children gather, share experiences and express themselves, while having fun. Radio broadcasts would have the role to, first, inform people about the existence of the camp, so as to attract part-takers. Once there, children would organise themselves in teams for the activities, and, during breaks, have the opportunity to discuss environmental issues. In addition, Save the Children will provide a stand where children can interview each other and their inputs will be recorded in both audio and video.

To share the children's stories, local radio broadcasts will be used. These radio broadcasts would be produced for the local audience, having the potential to give people in similar conditions a feeling of fellowship. The recordings can also be used to create videos and podcasts which can be used by different media throughout the world.

Financing of the camp will be from Save the Children's bottom line. By using existing resources and focusing on areas where Save the Children already works, new financing will be kept to a minimum. Engaging volunteers will further help our case, whilst keeping costs down. In addition, all bought resources can be brought to the next event which enables this project to maintain relatively cheap.