

Switzerland

October 17, International Day for Ending Poverty, at the UN.

Some 500 children were present at the United Nations. The children choir of the College Front d'Aurumy, Fuveau, France, sang the song "At Tapori" that was created for the 50th anniversary of Tapori and other songs about peace to say: "Stop Poverty!" They attended the Musical "Hidden Colors" inspired by the life of Joseph Wresinski that was created by ATD Fourth World - Switzerland.

They also discovered the Exhibit for the 50th Anniversary of Tapori, with puppets coming from different countries and the statue of Irengé made by a children's group from Switzerland.



Photo by UN Geneva

"I am really lucky to be at the UN. This is where they take decisions to maintain peace in the world. It's a great honor for me."

Rémi, member of the choir



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News Activities

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!

May it be filled with joy, peace and friendship!

We thank you all for the messages you have sent to Tapori throughout the year 2017!

In this Activity page you will read some of the events that happened on **October 17** around the world during "The International Day for the End of Poverty and Tapori 50th anniversary."

And in the newsletter you will read the true story of friendship "Samba's friends" written by the children of the Pilot Village at Dakar, Senegal.

And we propose that you do an activity:

"The Friendship Spiral."



"I want all the children to have fun, to laugh, to dance, to sing and to be with others!"

Qantu, 7 years old
Switzerland

Activity

1. Read Samba's story and answer the following questions:
 - a. What do you find moving in this story?
 - b. What would you like to tell Samba if you could meet him?

2. Samba gets his first friend, Yora. Then he goes toward Demba. It's the beginning of a spiral, the Friendship Spiral.

- Create your own spiral. Color and decorate it.
- Write in it the names of your friends
- Then give it to somebody, send it to a friend, or cut it out and hang it as a decoration in your home.

If you are a Tapori group, you can make your group's Friendship Spiral.



Tapori is still getting from you all some puppets and stories of friendship for the campaign: **"Come! Let's look together for the keys to friendship and peace!"**

Puppets made by Tapori children in Poland



Puppets made by the 7P class of the Lachenal School in Versoix, Switzerland



"A new girl in our school was not accepted by the other kids. I decided to go towards her. She was really happy. We spoke together. She came to my house and we became friends."

Sirine, 11 years old
Versoix, Switzerland



Events around the world for October 17: The International Day for ending poverty and Tapori 50th anniversary

Croatia

Children and young people from the association *Children's Forum Society* "Our Children" in Opatija presented their messages about the UN "Objectives for Sustainable Development", at the French Secours Populaire and to other people who participated in a project "Together Against Children Poverty." They did this activity with the Elementary School.



France

In **Paris**, at the Republic Plaza, on October 14 and 15, there was a "Village of Solidarity" event. Tapori groups participated in various workshops around books, story-telling, music and art.



In the **North of France**, at the Forum of Solidarity in Wattignies, children folded 50 cranes of peace to celebrate Tapori 50th anniversary.

Mauritius Island

Tapori groups in Vuillemin and Richelieu sang and made birds in Origami.



They also drew hands that say: "Stop Poverty!"

India

Caring about others is a way to reduce poverty! 49 children met and participated in a discussion on the theme: "How do we care for those who are less fortunate than us?" The discussion was very lively.



The Association "Shabnam Resources" organized that event. They are located in the outskirts of Chennai in India. This association helps children from disadvantaged background.



Tapori moved to the International Center of ATD Fourth World. Tapori has a new address. Here it is:

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