



## **World Forum Foundation - a Force for Change in the World** **Our 2020 Action Plan**

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*“The World Forum Foundation, through its various initiatives, has ensured that millions of children around the world not only survive but thrive.”*

*Patrick Makokoro, Founder, Nhaka Foundation, Zimbabwe*

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The World Forum Foundation (WFF) is committed to improving the lives of all children throughout the world by connecting, informing and inspiring the adults who support their growth and development. In its first 20 years, WFF has conducted 50 forums in 32 countries that have connected over 12,000 early childhood practitioners providing services to over 3 million children in 151 countries. During these 20 years, WFF has launched global initiatives for change on leadership, advocacy, health, curriculum, gender, peace building, inclusion, children without homes, Indigenous cultures, nature, design, and children’s rights.

Looking ahead, WFF is determined to redouble its efforts with the ambitious 2020 Action Plan outlined below. We call on all who care about the futures of the world’s children to join us in this campaign.

### **Our Vision**

Members of the World Forum community are actively working on local, national, regional, and global stages to ensure bright futures for all children of the world. Our vision is to enhance this work of the World Forum community so that ...

- All children, no matter what circumstances they are born into, have the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives. All children are influenced and nurtured by family, community members and caregivers who provide them with love,

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stimulation, protection and access to the full range of resources and opportunities they require.

- All families are respected as the primary caregivers of their children and are given unfettered access to a comprehensive range of necessary resources.
- All members of the global early childhood workforce receive the respect and support they deserve for the vital role they play in society, have access to high level training, and are compensated professionally.

## Our Theory of Change

WFF can make its vision a reality by actualizing its core values:

**Relationships.** What makes the WFF unique is our laser focus on relationships. WFF activities are the basis on which connections are forged through a shared advocacy for children. A flame fed by many burns brighter than the passion of one.

**Differences.** From our differences we discover opportunity. The cultures of the world present diversified views of who children are and how we can meet their needs. Just as children are engines of potential because they are open to different ways of seeing the world, so WFF community members can bring a childlike sense of openness and wonder to their interactions with one another. The purpose of understanding differences is to shine a new light on what is known and, from the resulting contrast, to harvest a richer conception of what it means to be a child and what it means to be an early childhood educator.

**Change.** Before children can live in a world that respects their creativity and individuality, adults who shape the environments in which the future unfolds, must embrace possibility over predictability and change over habit.

**Spirit.** Spirit is the power source that animates WF activities. It's a high-octane blend of openness, excitement and good will that drives discussion, laughter and a sense of mission in the service of children. WFF spirit is the gift that ensures new ideas and new relationships are nurtured and valued as enduring professional benefits.

**Children.** All children of the world are at the center of all we do. By changing and inspiring the adults who care and advocate for young children, we enable all children to achieve their full potential.

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## Our 2020 Action Plan

Building on its success of the past 20 years, WFF will implement its theory of change through three initiatives. To fund these initiatives WFF is endeavoring to raise \$200,000 by 2020.

**FOSTER WORLD FORUM CORE VALUES.** For 20 years, WFF core values (Children, Differences, Relationships, Spirit, and Change) have served as sound basis for uniting and inspiring the World Forum Community. Now is the time to infuse these field-tested values in early childhood settings around the world.

**PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN ALL WFF ACTIVITIES.** To enforce our commitment to the value of differences, WFF will provide fellowships to early childhood professionals from communities with limited financial resources to enable them to be active participants in all WFF Forums and activities.

**STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS IN THE GLOBAL ECD COMMUNITY .** As ECD professionals connect to share inspiration and innovation from around the world, powerful outcomes for children are produced. WFF will unleash positive change for children by deepening its capacity to communicate, coordinate and collaborate across WFF'S vast global network.

Join us as we build on the remarkable achievements of the first 20 years of WFF with a 2020 Action Plan that fosters WFF core values, promotes diversity in all WFF activities, and strengthens connections in the ECD community. Realizing the 2020 Action Plan will allow WFF to upgrade training and infrastructure while providing a reliable funding base for new projects, partnerships and operational expenditures. Working together, we can achieve the goals of our shared vision—a better future for millions of children worldwide. Let's redouble our efforts to be a force for change!

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