Waiting for the World to Change?

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ALMOST 2 BILLION BABIES
will be born in Africa by 2050. What world are we creating for this next generation?

Youth poverty is also a challenge. While youth unemployment declined to 10.8% in 2018, over 64.4 million working youth (2016) still live in extreme or moderate poverty (less than $3.10 per day).

Poverty and unemployment affects girls especially, as 103 out of 1000 girls have a child by the age of 19.

Moreover, 1 in 4 kids in Africa currently live in conflict zones, which means their access to quality education, health care and nurturing care is limited or nonexistent.

Over 90% of agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa is rain-fed, and by 2050 the rainfall could drop by 10%. This could lead to water shortages, droughts and severely reduce crop production.

Rising temperatures are also affecting sea life and coastal communities, where a ¼ of all people rely on the ocean for their livelihood and food.

44% of 3 to 4-year-olds in sub-Saharan Africa experience low cognitive development. Which will affect their skills development and performance in school and the workforce.

In order to tackle these challenges in 2020 and beyond, we need to invest in kids today.

257 MILLION people in Africa suffer from hunger.
That’s 1 in every 5 people.

In East Africa, 1/3 of the population is undernourished and...

59 MILLION CHILDREN under the age of five are stunted (low height and brain development)

Our ecosystem and biodiversity is also in jeopardy.
For example, African penguins have declined by an estimated 90% in the past 15 years.

We need to start early, and provide kids with meaningful stimulation, nutrition and nurturing care in early childhood.

We also need to help kids develop UTU (Swahili for shared humanity) so that they can create societies that care about social welfare and a sustainable world. While also enhancing their 21st century skills in STEM, creativity, and critical thinking!

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