



STANDING UNITED
WITH THE CHILDREN
OF SOUTH SUDAN

FRAMING UP YOUR STUDENT'S SUBMISSIONS

But first...why is World Vision New Zealand advocating for change?

New Zealand is one of just 30 countries in the world with an annual quota intake of refugees.

The number of refugees, and who exactly is selected to start a new life in New Zealand, is decided by the government together with UNHCR (the UN refugee agency).

Current New Zealand Government policies mean there are restrictions in place that make it extremely difficult for refugees from Africa and the Middle East to find protection here.

Refugees from these regions can only be accepted for resettlement in New Zealand if they already have family in the country. This makes it nearly impossible for them to start a new life here. This is despite the greatest number of refugees being from countries in Africa and the Middle East, including South Sudan and Syria.

New Zealand has only resettled 12 refugees from South Sudan in New Zealand since 2011 due to this policy. Kids like Victor who fled South Sudan to escape the war could never find protection in New Zealand, even if they wanted to.

Refugees are the global community's collective responsibility. New Zealand cannot stand by as Uganda continues to host the largest refugee population in Africa. We must stand united with the people of South Sudan and do more to help refugees.

We will continue standing united with the children of South Sudan, by speaking up and asking the New Zealand government to make the refugee quota fair for all, and lift restrictions on refugees from Africa and the Middle East.

The New Zealand Government

You may wish to explore the democratic process, our government institutions, and policies before you encourage your students to express their views on what New Zealand can do to help protect families and children from South Sudan.

Elections.org.nz have some fantastic New Zealand Curriculum aligned (Level 3-5) resources and activities which will encourage **students' understanding and enthusiasm for participating in their communities, our system of government and the electoral process.**

New Zealand immigration is where you can learn more about immigration and policy. (www.govt.nz/browse/immigration-and-visas/coming-to-new-zealand-as-a-refugee)

Te Ara - the Encyclopaedia of New Zealand tells the story of refugees in New Zealand. (<https://teara.govt.nz/en/refugees>)

Education Resources

World Vision New Zealand's Seeking Peace Resource for Years 5-13 includes 23 pages of information, captions, quotes and learning activities. Children from South Sudan want peace in their lives - in their new home in Uganda and in their own country of South Sudan. Through colour photos, first-hand accounts, and teaching activities, the Seeking Peace poster explores the emergency response and peace-building initiatives seeking to address the effects of conflict. Download all resources for Seeking Peace (including photos that accompany the PDFs) from famine.org.nz/resources.



STANDING UNITED
WITH THE CHILDREN
OF SOUTH SUDAN

Submission Time

Now that your students understand more about how New Zealand government works, and they've explored more about South Sudan and the **refugee crisis**, it's time for them to have their say and be heard. Join World Vision New Zealand and young people around the country in advocating for refugees! Write a note to our Minister of Immigration, Iain Lees-Galloway, to let him know why you think we should make the refugee quota fair for people from South Sudan. **We will be gathering all letters and hand-delivering them to Parliament in September. We'll also share an update with you and your students once the letters have been delivered.**

Ask students in groups to brainstorm some ideas for the following questions:

- What do you want New Zealand to do to help refugees?
- How would you want New Zealand to help those affected by conflict and famine in South Sudan?
- What do you think about New Zealand having a refugee quota?

Some other things to think about including:

- If you did the 40 Hour Famine this year, what did you do? Why did you do it? Including this info is a great way to show that **you're** doing something yourself and are committed to making a difference for children and families from South Sudan.
- Why do you care about what is going on in South Sudan?
- Why do you think New Zealand's refugee policy should be fair for all refugees? Add your thoughts and share why you think the government should lift the restrictions on refugees from Africa and the Middle East.
- **Don't** forget to thank the Minister for taking the time to read your letter!

Once your students have brainstormed their ideas:

- Get them to draft their letter and send it to us by:
 - making a submission using the template at wvnz.org.nz/FairForAll OR
 - emailing Schools@worldvision.org.nz OR
 - writing a letter and mailing to **World Vision New Zealand, Private Bag 92078, Auckland, New Zealand, 1142**
- Please include name, age, school/ location and email address
- Letters can be submitted as a group or as an individual, and can be as long or short as you want!
- All submissions need to be in by **9 September 2018**



STANDING UNITED
WITH THE CHILDREN
OF SOUTH SUDAN

World Vision

Use this letter template to help frame up your submission:

Dear Minister Lees-Galloway,

My name is «name», and I am from «school/ location». I am a «Year xx student/ University student».

I am writing to you today to ask you to make New Zealand's refugee quota fair for refugees from Africa and the Middle East.

I am thankful that we allow some of the world's most vulnerable people to start a new life in our beautiful country. But I am also surprised that we have barriers in place that make it difficult for refugees from Africa and the Middle East to come here. One such barrier is the need for them to already have family members in New Zealand. Another one is the regional composition of our refugee quota; we allow only 17% of all refugees we take to come from Africa. The number for refugees from the Middle East is even lower.

I believe this should change because... «include why you care and why you think the restrictions should be removed».

Will you please remove the restrictions on refugees from Africa and the Middle East, and make our quota fair for everyone?

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
«Name + email»

Questions?

Contact our friendly School Partnership Managers at Schools@worldvision.org.nz



[Check out](#) how 300 young changemakers used their voice in 2017 to call for justice and advocate for change
www.worldvision.org.nz/causes/advocacy/syria