



A Simple Plea On World Environment Day

Given recent reactions to [vast racial and economic inequity](#), the ongoing [threat of pandemics](#), and [massive volatility](#) in world population prospects, the need for a sustainable and human rights-based family planning model has never been more vital. As a leader in social and environmental reform, we urge you to join our [call to the United Nations Secretary General to issue an informal statement](#) supporting this model.

The mission of Having Kids is to move the world from our current failing and unsustainable family planning system [based on what parents subjectively want](#) to a cooperative system based on [what future generations objectively need](#). This new modeling is based upon a variety of peer-reviewed research papers, and has been featured in [Newsweek](#), [Salon](#), [Hello Magazine](#), and many other popular outlets.

Our current system is immoral, and not in compliance with human rights requirements, because it does not guarantee children any minimum level of welfare or equity, and does not take into account impacts on our ecologies or the relationship between family planning and the building of human rights-based democracies. As our ecological and social conditions continue to deteriorate, it is becoming increasingly clear that the current system failed to account for a variety of factors. It was a mistake, and one that [enables policies that Nobel laureate Steven Chu](#) likened to pyramid or Ponzi schemes.

The alternative we propose, [called Fair Start](#), is simple: communities help parents to plan and wait to be ready before having kids, and ensure resources to give all kids a fair start in life, and smaller and more regenerative families make it all possible. We believe it is the best interpretation of the fundamental right to have children. The Fair Start Model is [ten to twenty times more effective](#) at protecting children and our environment, and building human rights and democracy, than other policies that address these issues. For many reasons, it is an overriding human right which can be furthered by all means effective.

Because our current system of family planning oppresses future generations and puts us all at existential risk, it is illegitimate, and an impediment to the [constituting of true democracies](#). Please join us in urging the Secretary General to lead reform, and also please [consider the dozen or more other ways](#) we can make this change.

Sincerely,

Erika Mathews, Executive Director