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children's
global
summit

ROME
27 to 30 NOVEMBER 2019

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“If we are to create peace in our world, we must begin with our children.”

Mahatma Gandhi

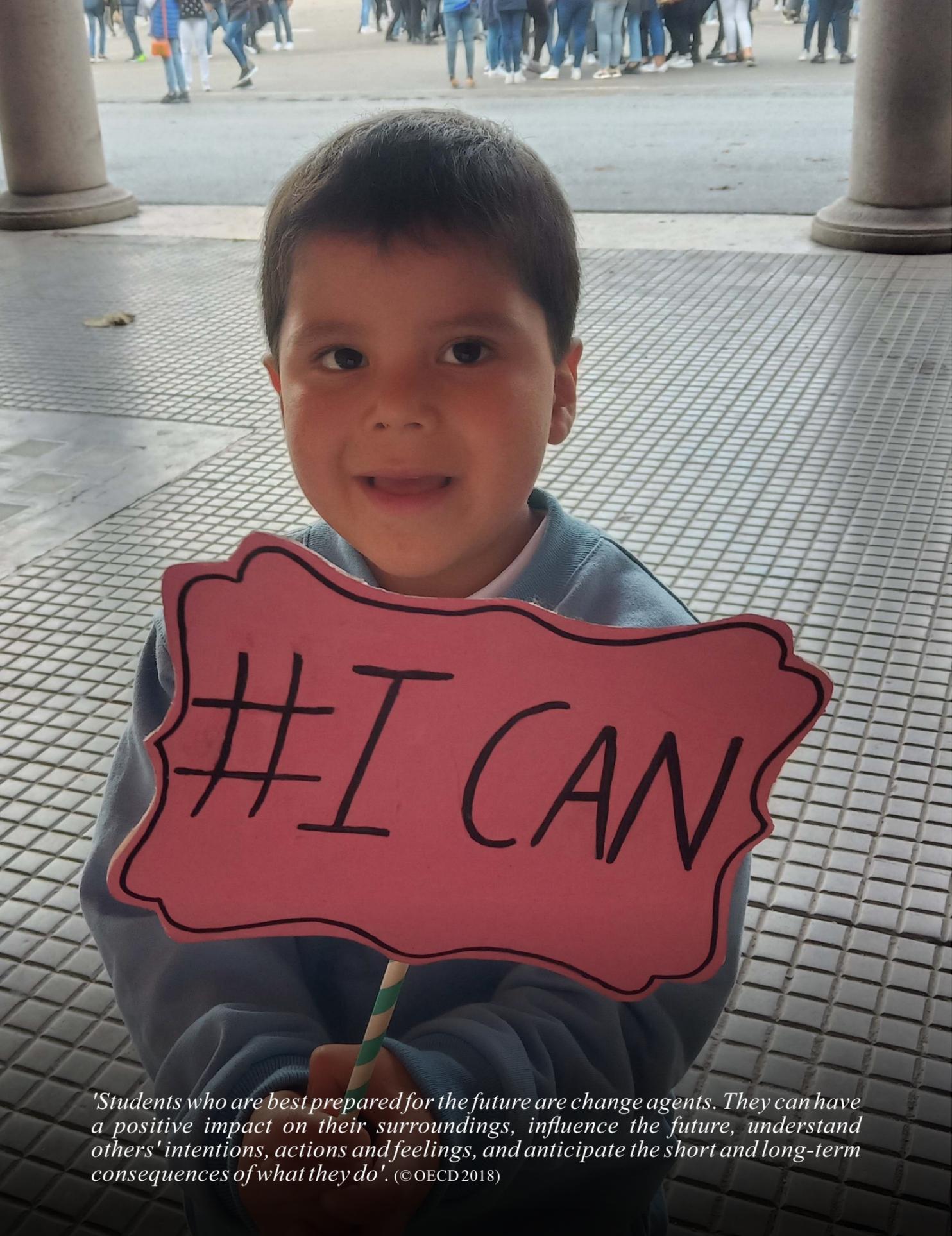
THE SUMMIT



2,000+ PARTICIPANTS
40+ COUNTRIES
200+ SOLUTIONS



Children from over **40 countries** around the world poured into Rome at the end of November 2019 to celebrate the first ever, all faith, inclusive 'I CAN Children's Global Summit'! More than **2,500** of these young superheroes, aged 7 to 17 years old, were the protagonists of this inspiring four-day event filled with celebration, creativity and sharing, that culminated in a special private audience with **Pope Francis** inside Vatican City's Aula Paula VI Hall.

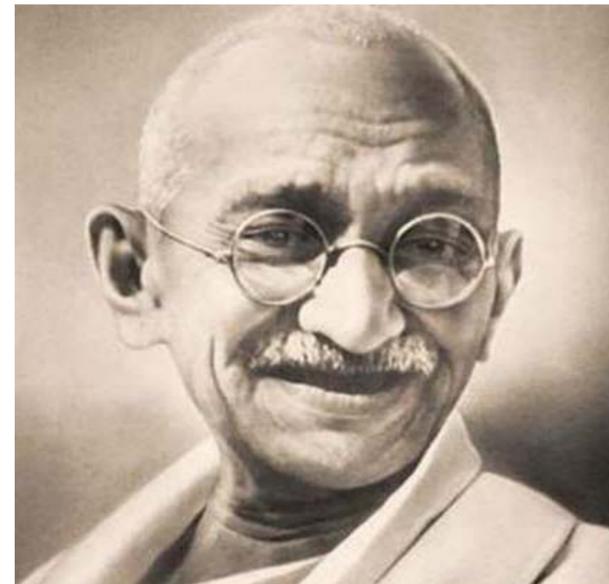


'Students who are best prepared for the future are change agents. They can have a positive impact on their surroundings, influence the future, understand others' intentions, actions and feelings, and anticipate the short and long-term consequences of what they do'. (©OECD2018)

THE OPPORTUNITY



2019 marked the crossroads of four global forces for good and presented the perfect timing to host this Children's Summit. First, it responded to words of the **Laudato Si - Pope Francis's encyclical** which suggests the purpose of education should be to help young people become the builders of a more united and peaceful world. Second, it aligned with the **world's 2030 education agenda** which places student agency and well-being at the forefront. Third, it marked the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and it is only fitting that the world recommitted to his message - **Be the Change you wish to see in the world**. And finally, it celebrated 10 years of the Design for Change movement.





I am so thankful to have had this experience with all of you, my colleagues, students, and their families! It truly was one of the most inspiring and life changing experiences I have had as an educator. I am even more dedicated and inspired to continue to do this important global work with students and I am in awe of the amazing work that students all over the world are doing.

Tara - DFC USA

THE EVENT

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THE AGENDA

25
November

Volunteer Training

26
November

Welcome Tea' by
the Mayoress of
Rome

27
November

Opening
Ceremony at the
Palazzao dei
Congressi

28 & 29
November

Mini 'Be The
Change'
celebrations at 13
different venues
across Rome

30
November

Closing
Ceremony at
Aula Paula VI hall
in Vatican City



The four days, from 27th to 30th November, gave children an opportunity to **share** and **celebrate** their stories of change, interact and learn from children from other countries, which they may otherwise not have encountered. **Friendships** were formed and **inspiration** was ignited through the activities, dances, games and ceremonies throughout their time in Italy.



“Life Changing experience- Yvette, DFC Ghana”

Yvette, DFC Ghana

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING



In the final build up and preparations for the event, **over 100 volunteers** from a range of backgrounds all gathered for a morning of training to equip them for the coming week. There were:

- **Teachers and alumni from The Riverside School** (birthplace of Design for Change) to conduct the mini-BTCs in 13 venues across Rome
- **Spanish students** to support the mini BTC's and help with merchandising and translating
- **Teach for India** volunteers to support the mini BTC's, merchandising and logistics
- Local **Italian** volunteers to aid teams and students make their way around Rome
- And even some all the way from **Chile** to help run the opening ceremony

During the training, Design for Change provided an insight into **how the event will unfold** and each of their roles in it, along with some **games and fun** as a sneak peek into what was in store for the kids. The **Municipality of Rome** then conducted a detailed briefing on the safety protocols within the city, followed by a training from the **Fire Department** on how to **handle any emergencies**.

With these sessions under their belts, the volunteers were ready to go!!



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WELCOME TEA BY THE MAYORESS OF ROME

The evening prior to the launch of the I CAN Summit, the **Mayoress of Rome**, Virginia Raggi, hosted a special 'Welcome Tea' ceremony for **170 participants** to officially receive them in Rome and show the commitment of the City to the cause of spreading the I CAN spirit and mindset.

The tea was attended by children and adults from **over 25 countries** and had speeches by several dignitaries including the Mayoress herself, who congratulated the children on the **amazing work** they have done in their communities so far and urged them to carry on **Being the Change!**



"Something incredible has unfolded to the whole world today; life changing, inspiring and pure in its essence and form!"

Shirine Al Khudari, DFC Jordan



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OPENING CEREMONY AT THE PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI

With **2,500 superheroes** from **40 countries** all gathered together for the first time, the Opening Ceremony gave them all a chance to **celebrate!!** The teams of children arrived waving their country flags and dressed in their traditional costumes from around the world, truly showcasing how the power of I CAN transcends all borders, nationalities, ages and creeds.

Each child was welcomed as they arrived at the 'Palace of Congress' venue by **music, dancing, cheering and chanting.** The event was anchored by students from our Students Global Council.



“The summit gave us an opportunity to reconnect with partners around the world and to glimpse the opportunity to do something beyond Design for Change”

Miguel, DFC Spain



The ceremony was filled with games and activities that allowed the children to meet other **superheroes from different countries** and exchange names, high fives and I CAN in their own languages. A synchronised I CAN Flash mob also filled the venue as thousands of people showed how they CAN through dance. For the adults in the crowd, there were also speeches by a range of **dignitaries**:

- President of FIDAE - Virginia Kaladich
- Indian Ambassador for Italy - Reenat Sandhu
- President of OIEC - Phillippe Richard
- Academic Project Director for OIEC - Brother Juan Antonio
- Design for Change founder - Kiran Bir Sethi

At the opening ceremony - the audience was welcomed by messages from DFC wellwishers from around the world - such as:



Dr Howard Gardner
Harvard Graduate School
of Education



Sir Ken Robinson
Author, Speaker and
International Advisor on
Education



Sandy Speicher
CEO
IDEO



Andreas Schleicher
Director for the Directorate
of Education and Skills
OECD



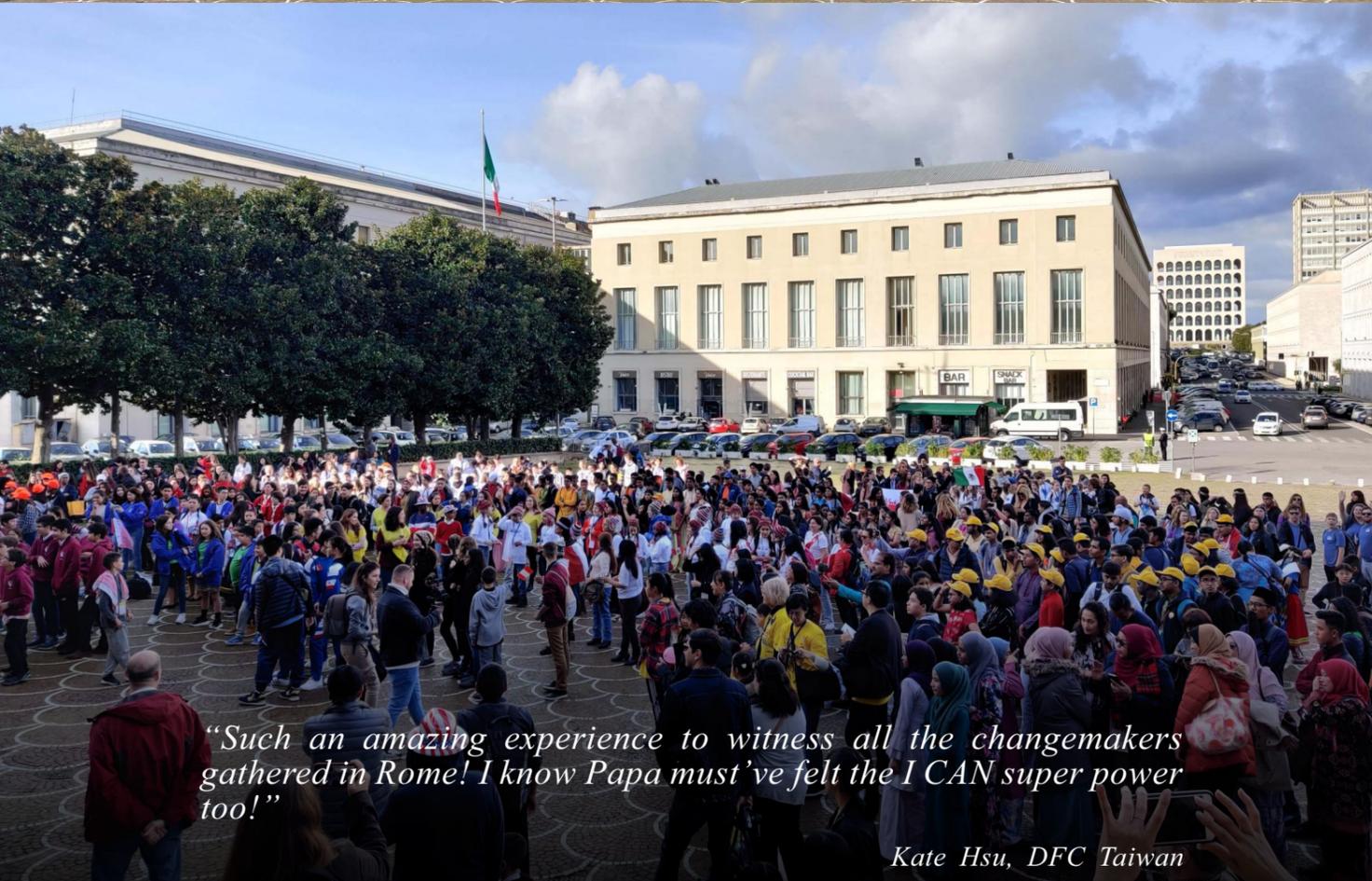
Rahul Bose
Actor/Activist
DFC Brand Ambassador,
India



Marcelo Suarez
Wasserman Dean, GSE&IS



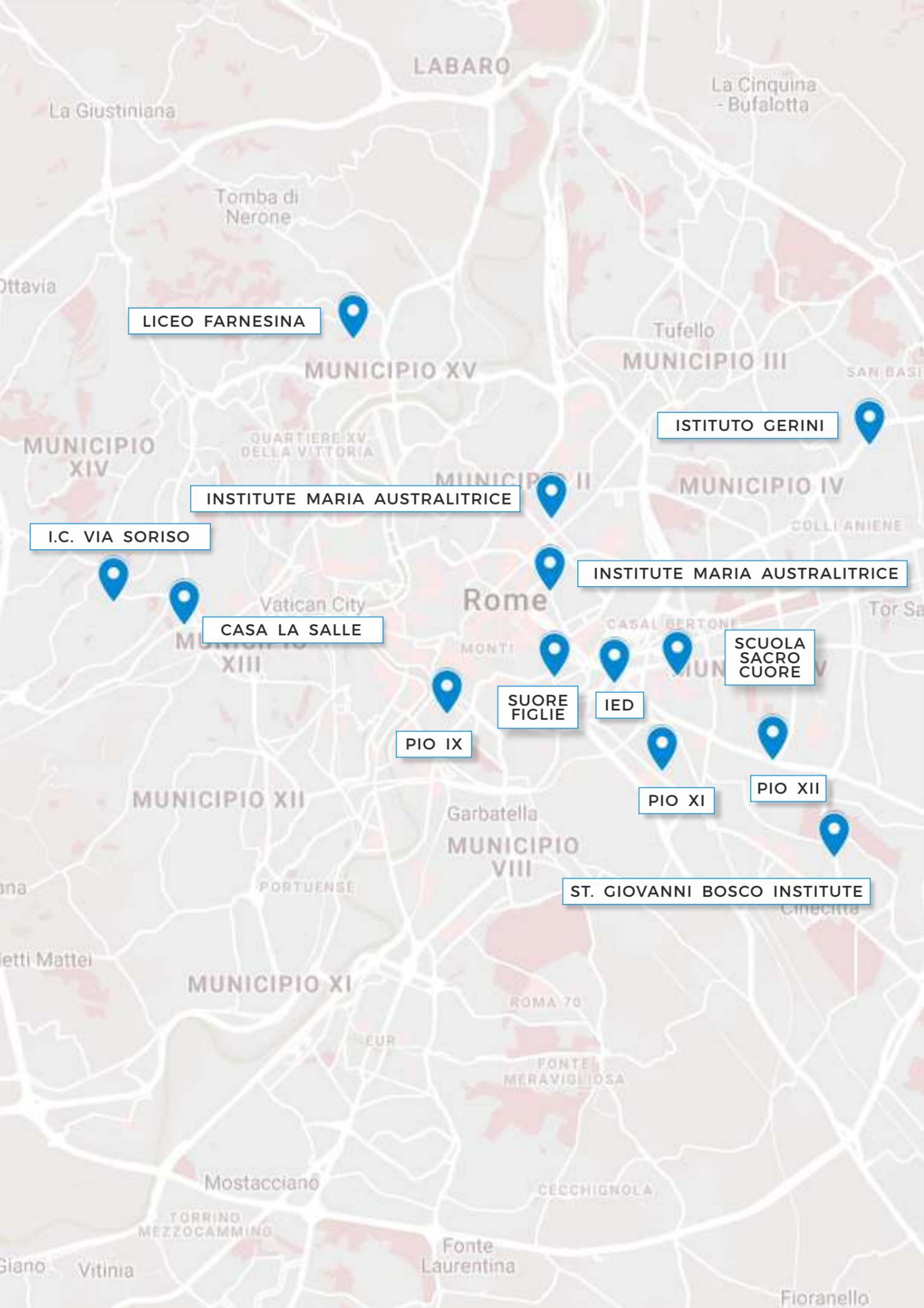
Carolina Schmidt
Minister of Environment
of Chile



"Such an amazing experience to witness all the changemakers gathered in Rome! I know Papa must've felt the I CAN super power too!"

Kate Hsu, DFC Taiwan

The spark was ignited and the remaining three days of **ideas, inspiration and impact** then flowed onwards from the opening ceremony.

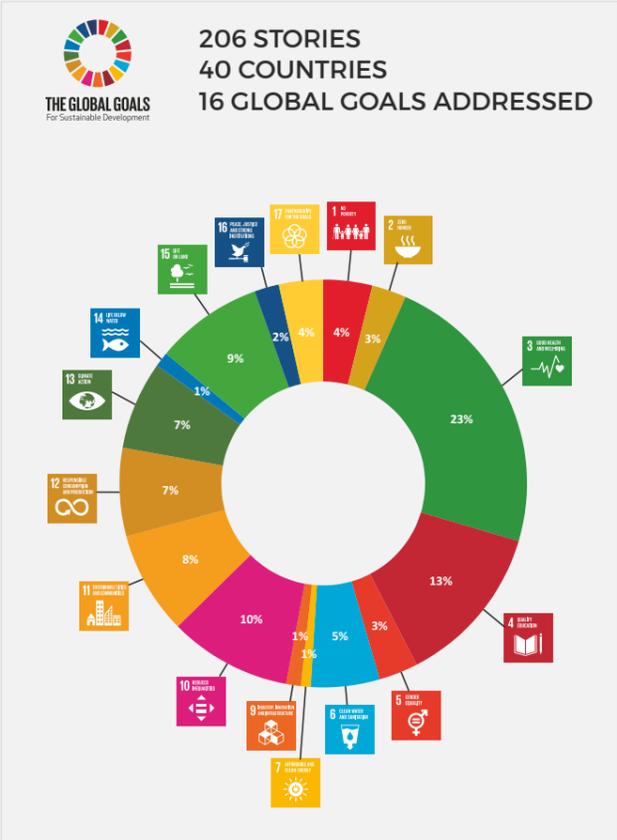


MINI 'BE THE CHANGE'

CELEBRATIONS AT 13 DIFFERENT VENUES ACROSS ROME

Each superhero came with their own story of change. Their story of how they made an impact on THEIR world. These two days were an opportunity for each and every one of them to share their stories with THE world. There were a total of 207 projects offering solutions for 16 Global Goals! (show the pie chart here)

2,500 children were split into 13 different venues across Rome, allowing them to tell their stories in a more intimate environment ranging between 100 to 500 people. The focus of these days was not only to share their stories, but also hear other stories of change from children all over the world and exchange ideas and inspiration!





my superpower is
kindness



my superpower is
courage



Again, it was children running the show (alongside the facilitators from The Riverside School and ably supported by the Spanish volunteers) - introducing each of the stories and conducting interviews with the superheroes on stage. Scattered between the stories there were also games, activities and dances that allowed children to be in their natural element throughout the days.

Whilst the 2 days were filled with inspiration from the sharing of great solutions - more than that, the two days allowed friendships to be formed, which showed the children that there are plenty of other like-minded superheroes in the world and they are not alone in their desire to change the future.



“The trip was really fun and amazing! I can never get anything like it anywhere else. The best part of it was not when touring Rome but having made new friends is the best part.”

Abdul (Student from Malaysia)





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CLOSING CEREMONY

Aula Paula VI

The final day of the Summit brought 2,500 children from Design for Change along with 1,000 children from Italian schools to have an audience **Pope Francis** himself. It was held in the Pope's Aula Paula VI hall within the Vatican City, which is used only for his private audiences.

Dolly, Napoleon and Giovanni (our student anchors) were the three children running the ceremony, which saw **highlights** from the previous three days of the I CAN summit and videos from **well-wishers** around the world praising the children's **power to change the world** and encouraging them to keep going.

After entering, the children presented Pope Francis with an **I CAN quilt** - created from 40 different I CAN textiles, one from each country in their traditional material and with I CAN stitched in their native language.



The ceremony also witnessed the launch of the I CAN Marketplace - an initiative that addresses the Global Goals by offering a curated set of solutions by children that can be scaled. Also launched was the new 'Rainforest Kids Challenge', that offers children, aged between 8 and 13 years, the chance to be at the forefront of rainforest protection, developing projects and solutions according to the Design for Change's methodology.

The pope was then graced by a performance from the 11 year old star Jorge Lamelas of the Billy Elliot musical and a speech from the President of FIDAE - before himself addressing the mass of children with a **moving speech** in Italian, and officially concluding the I CAN Summit with one final blessing.



Design for Change helps teachers empower student leadership. Students, as well as teachers, grow as leaders by using the 'FIDS' framework.

Wendy Kopp | CEO, Co-Founder Teach for All





“Attending the I can global summit and listening to other people’s stories of change has enabled me to believe that everyone is capable of making a difference and every story of change is important no matter how big or small.”

Student from Israel

NEW GLOBAL INITIATIVES



DESIGN for CHANGE i can MARKETPLACE OF SOLUTIONS

During the Summit, Design for Change announced the 'I Can Marketplace', an initiative that addresses the Global Goals by offering a curated set of solutions by children that can be scaled.

4 simple steps to become an IMPACT CHAMPION

- 01 Get inspired**
Choose your goal
Choose your solution
- 02 Scale it!**
Implement the solution at scale
- 03 Measure Impact**
Document & measure the impact
- 04 Inspire Others**
Share your impact
Inspire others to join

Get started!

TOTAL 30 STORIES OF CHANGE

- Wisdom of Elders Book**
Children like Elders in the community weren't being respected or given much importance so they imagined a way of respecting the dignity and respect of...
- Floating First Aid Kits**
In 2017, this group of students from the Philippines were disturbed by the lack of first aid kits in homes within their community so they created floating first aid kits using plastic bottles and other resources which would be able to help during tsunamis. They then distributed them to around the local area.
- Emergenbag**
These three boys from Taiwan designed and made a prototype of an earthquake emergency bag that is fixed with a pillow to protect your head.

Floating First Aid Kits
Narcissa Elementary School Central, Philippines
Year: 2018

01 Get inspired
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02 Scale it!

1. Replicate the solution as it is
2. Try it this way
3. How about this?

YOUR IMPACT

Original Impact: 100 people

Scaled Impact: 20000 people

5000 People participated in the implementation of your solution

1500 Number of end products/story books, video compilations, etc. created

Here is what people had to say about the impact you created!
“The environment of the entire village has changed. The kids have made a positive transformation, they have been extremely creative.”

RAINFOREST KIDS CHALLENGE

Also launched was the new 'Rainforest Kids Challenge', that offers children, aged between 8 and 13 years, the chance to be at the forefront of rainforest protection, developing projects and solutions according to the Design for Change's methodology.



“The summit was a bright and bold reminder that when we listen to our children, we rediscover that they embody the wisdom and courage to face our global challenges head on and with hearts and minds wide open. - Juanita Naidu, DFC South Africa, Sudan, Philippines.”

- Juanita Naidu, DFC South Africa, Sudan, Philippines.

THE OUTCOME



Why is this message so urgent and important for our children?

It encouraged them to believe that the tiny corner of the planet that they inhabit can be made more beautiful, more just and more equal.

More importantly, it taught them that they do not need to be mere spectators to change. They are the initiators, the participants and the overseers of it.

Very simply – they CAN! TODAY

THE PARTNERS

The ambitious event was organized by FIDAE (Federazione Istituti di Attività Educative), the OIEC (Catholic International Education Office), the USG (Unione Superiori Generali), the City of Rome, the Vatican and Design for Change.



STRATEGIC PARTNERS



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“ I propose a goal for every one of you, in these four days you should either develop a new idea – and then think about going from I CAN, to I WILL, and even better from I WILL to WE WILL, because all important things need many people working on them together.”

Howard Gardener, Harvard Graduate School of Education

THE MOVEMENT



2 MILLION+
CHILDREN

31,000+
STORIES OF CHANGE

65+
COUNTRIES & REGIONS

76,000+
TEACHERS

All of these empowered change agents came as a part of Design for Change (DFC), the international movement, born in Ahmedabad, India, by Kiran Bir Sethi, that offers children a simple 4 step framework (**Feel-Imagine-Do-Share**) to put into practice their ideas to **change the world**. Over the past 10 years, DFC have received over 30,000 solutions from children using FIDS to design solutions to some of their greatest challenges. (www.dfeworld.com)



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IMAGINE



DO



SHARE





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