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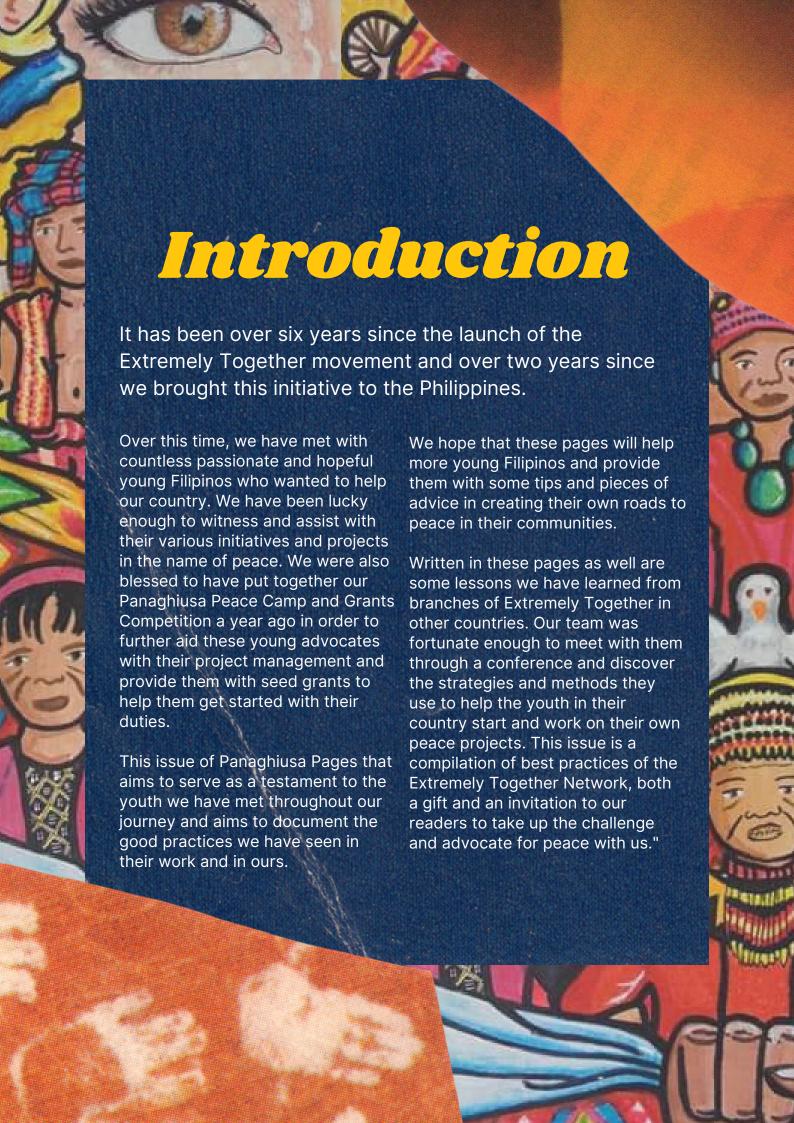
Hello, dear reader!

Welcome to the third and final chapter of the Panaghiusa Pages. Thank you for sticking with us for this long during the journey.

For this issue, we'll be preparing you for your own peace-building adventure. Within these pages are tips and pieces of advice we've learned from members of our Extremely Together Family, tidbits of peace advocacy stories, and even activities where you can practice the knowledge we've imparted for you.

We hope that our little magazine series has been able to inspire you to o inspire you to stand up and join us in the fight and join us in the fight for a more peaceful Philippines. These Pages may be coming to an end, but our journey won't.

With these, we hope you now begin your peace-building journey."



How We Got Here

Roadmap

Creation of Extremely Together by the Kofi Annan Foundation

2016

Official Launch of Extremely **Together Philippines**

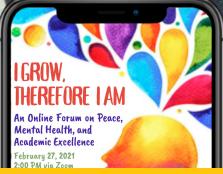
2020



2021

Jan-Mar

Throughout the year, our grant winners have been working on the projects they've created to help their communities •



Panaghiusa Grand Peace Conference

1st Distribution of Panaghiusa Pages!



We've responded to the calls for help of our fellow Filipinos

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Panaghiusa Peace Camp

Bulacan, NCR, Zamboanga City, Marawi, and Tagum **Over 500 Participants!**









Three Grant Winners from the Panaghiusa Peace Camp in Bulacan happily pose for photos after pitching their projects to the judges. ET PH decided to train them with the basics of project management and peace-building so that they make take action themselves and directly assist with what their

communities need. ants Compe

The Campers from Marawi celebrate their wins after two days of working hard at the Panaghiusa Peace Camp. Our team witnessed the passion of the youth to create a change in their environment after the hardships they had faced. We gave tips on project pitching and basic logistics management to prepare them for the projects they wanted





Group Name:

Breakout Session 5:

Tagum City certainly lived up to their slogan, "Tagum, Tagumpay!" during the Panaghiusa Peace Camp as the Campers bombarded the judges and organizers with brilliant ideas spanning from mental health initiatives to promotion of local arts and culture. Their high energy and passion certainly helped end the event on a happy note as the last area the Peace Camp targeted for the Mindanao run.



KRIS made its way back to its roots in Zamboanga City for its Panaghiusa Peace Camp Project together with Extremely Together Philippines - Panaghiusa, the Kofi Annan Foundation, and with support from the European Union. They were greeted by determined and inspiring Campers who envisioned using tourism, voters' education, and even agriculture in sowing ideas of peace in the minds of the people around them.





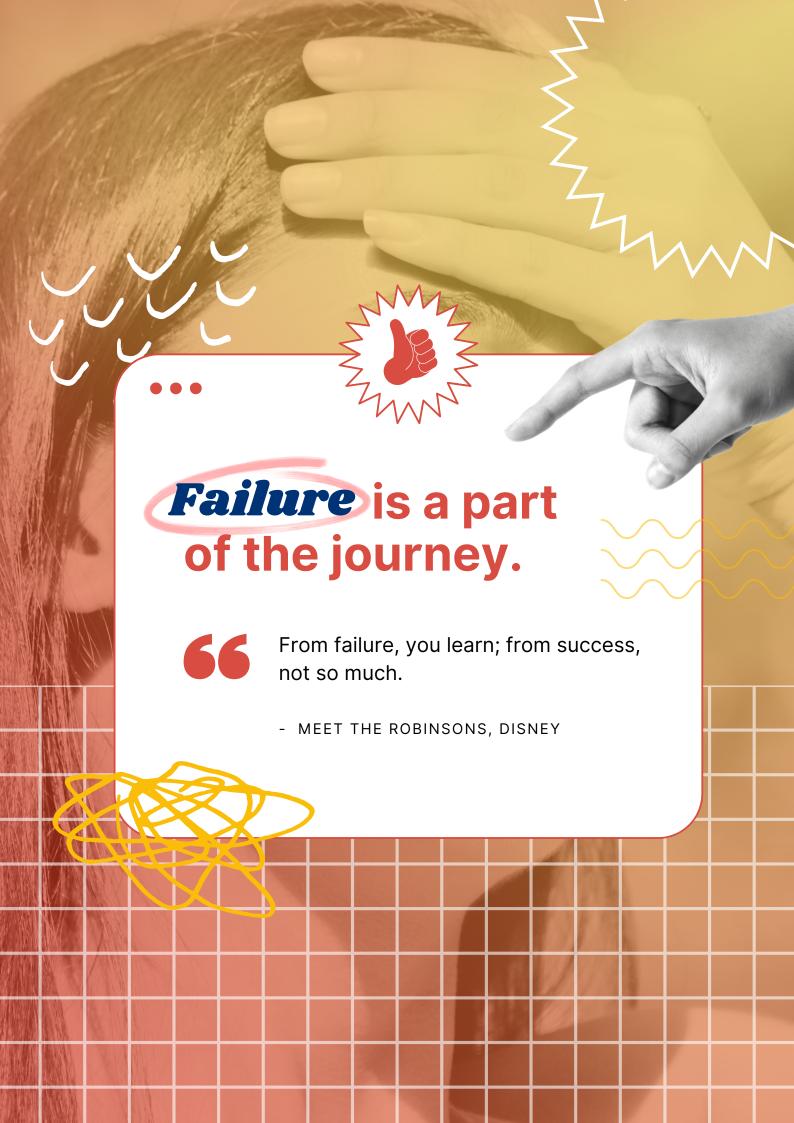
You cannot solve a problem you've never experienced firsthand. And even if you do find 'solutions', they may not be inclusive and sensitive with the community, especially through the years. Because of this, we must learn to let the communities we assist to take the lead. Most of the problems that minorities or underdeveloped communities face are deeply rooted in our society and its systems; in order to bring about progress to our fellow Filipinos, we should support them as they find their own solutions to the problems only they can face.

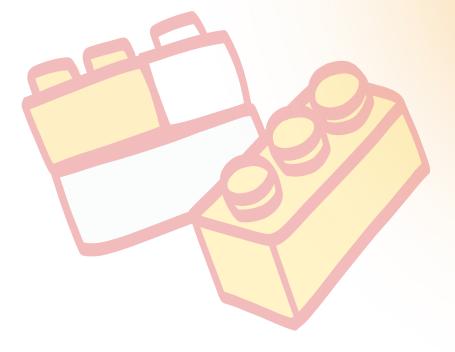
Remember: true progress is inclusive. You may think of societal growth as wide roads, tall buildings, and well-lit sidewalks but others dream of owning land, steady harvest, and free education for all. We must rid ourselves of the subconscious biases we have and stop seeing these communities as people we must "save." We should use our privilege and capacities to bring them closer to pathways of solutions instead of thinking that we know what's best for them. Let us engage with them with fresh, unbiased minds.

Over time, their needs may change so it is also important to keep in touch with the communities you are working with to ensure that your projects are continuously and effectively serving them.



Engage with your partner-beneficiary with fresh, unbiased minds.
Cultivate a safe and growth space: non-judgmental, open, and respectful.



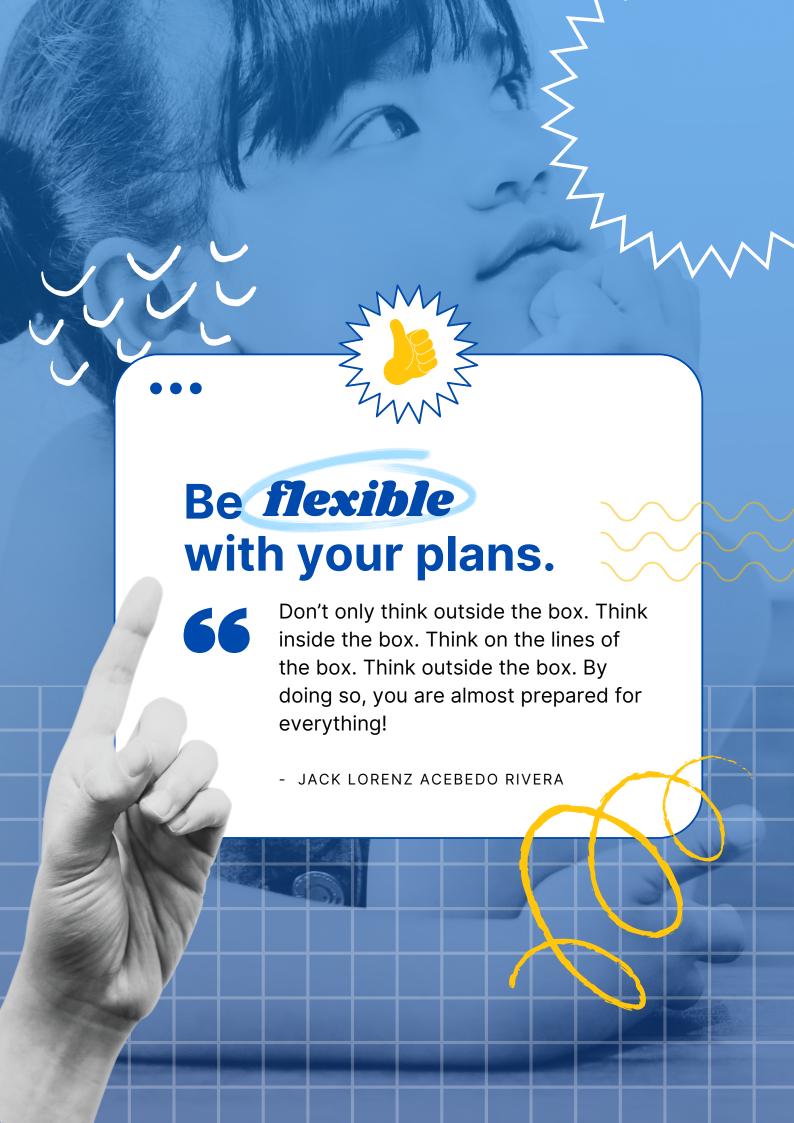


When planning events or activities, there are so many things that won't go your way and cause your projects to fail or give you unexpected results. Whenever you're dealing with people or society, you'll always handle uncontrolled variables that could result in losing partner-beneficiaries at the last minute, having your audience not respond to your activities, and other scenarios of the like.

While we may mourn the failure of our efforts, we must learn to not dwell on these losses. After a bit of rest and recuperating, see your loss as an opportunity to learn more about your partner-beneficiary communities and revise your project strategy.

Remember that your losses will not last forever and that the benefits you help bring to your partner-beneficiary communities are far too great to be given up on.

Turn your losses to gains by learning from your mistakes. Then, apply those learnings to your projects. Remember, after every failure, you are a new, wiser peace advocate.



No one expected the Covid-19 Pandemic to arise in late 2019 when it was discovered and we all certainly did not think that it would create a "new normal" when cases were first reported. We all thought that we would only have to wait for a few weeks for our lives to resume and yet here we are, over two years later, still waiting for the virus to be eliminated.

The "New Normal" is a drastic example of what it means to think out of the box. As soon as we realized that Covid-19 is going to affect us in the long run, businesses sought different methods of connecting to customers such as a different method of delivering products. Schools went online. There's a boom in ebooks. Various organizations like ours went to the Internet to keep on promoting peace and doing our advocacies.

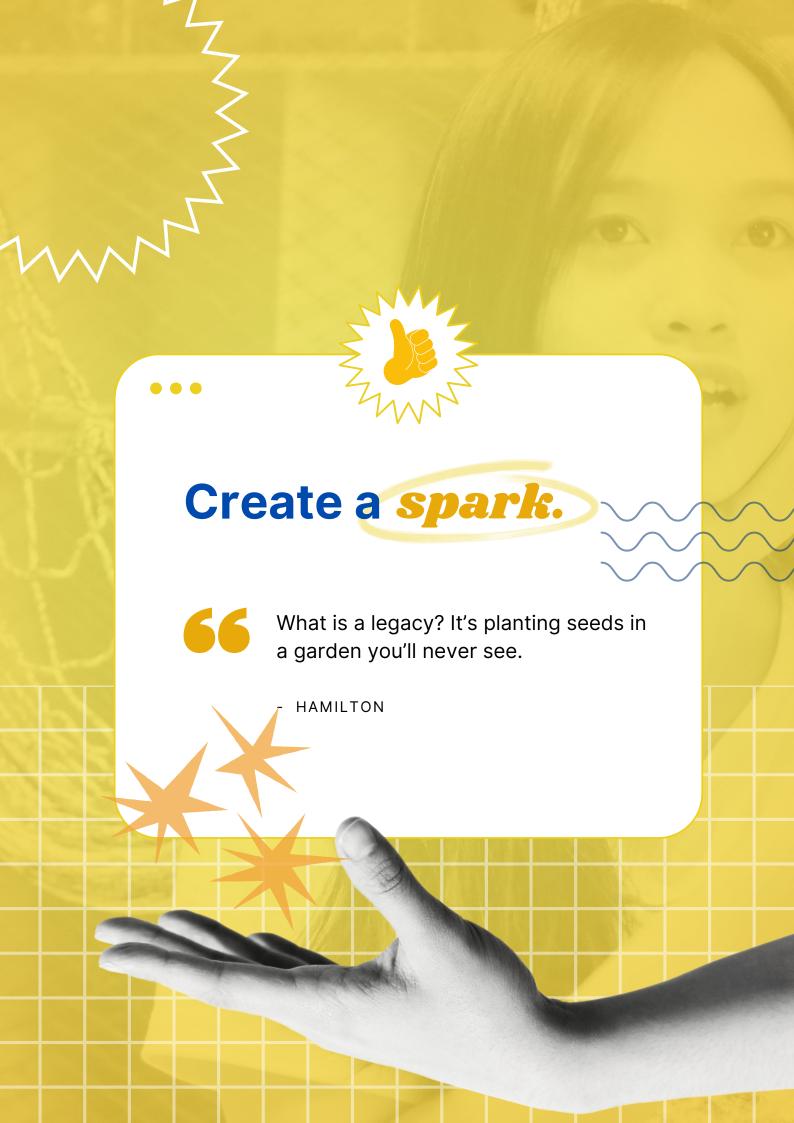
As you build your own project, think of the things that could go wrong. What happens if natural disasters like typhoons strike your community and you were hoping to hold an outdoor outreach? What can you do if you hoped to create thousands of materials but unfortunately can no longer afford the costs as the prices of your local printing shop went up?

Create back-up plans and alternatives as you craft your activities; with this, you end up prepared for whatever may come your way and you are able to guarantee your project the highest chance of success. If nothing unfortunate ends up happening, at least you saved yourself the panic and stress that could go with a sudden change in plans.



Don't stop with plan B.

If you can, plan with the whole alphabet in mind!



They say that even years after the death of a star, we can still see its light. Let your project live on after you. Funding will not last forever and neither will your leadership: you may be called to lead new projects or events in your life might end up bringing you a bit farther from your advocacy. Aside from planning for success, you should also plan for the longevity and future of your projects and advocacy. We should not let our work depend on our current team or on ourselves; we should also plan for what happens after us.

When ensuring sustainability, one must think of possibilities that have the highest potential of bringing long-term engagements between your project and your partner-beneficiaries.

For example, during our Panaghiusa Peace Camp and Grants Competition, we guided several youth organizations, one of which was the Lettuce Be Happy group who ensured the longevity of their relationship with their partner-beneficiaries with in-depth livelihood training and farming sessions. Their group also dedicated their time to researching on the different plants their partners could grow (aside from the initial lettuce) and on the marketplaces they would be selling their produce to. The project's higher chances of sustainability lies in the efforts they've made to ensure that their partner-beneficiaries do not depend on the organizing committee or external funding to continue their activities and expand to new markets, new plants, and to even spread their knowledge to organizations like theirs.

Another example would be KRIS' partnership with Ambisyon Philippines (who were featured in our last issue) throughout different projects. As we were first developing our relationship, we discovered that our organizations had a lot of common advocacies and could collaborate on more projects than we initially thought. As of writing, we have been involved in multiple campaigns with one another and have been exposed to each others' networks because of the bond we've formed.



We need to both fight for short-term, and long-term goals. While fighting for systemic and permanent change, we also need to get temporary relief for our partner-beneficiaries.



It is necessary to build partnerships. As much as we have our individual strengths, we can create more lasting and wider impacts together.

Also, create a connection with your partner-beneficiaries. Get personal, find out what motivates them to do what they do and help foster that. Learn the context behind your partner-beneficiaries' idea of peace and use that knowledge to make peace-building and the prevention of violent extremism a more familiar concept to them.

Allow your communities to take the lead in different tasks and responsibilities. This will make way for trust to build between your party and theirs and allow for long-term engagement for your project and ensure its sustainability.

Additionally, developing ties with your community and like-minded organizations will help in building your partner-beneficiaries' trust in your group and activities. Requesting for an audience with local offices and authorities will help showcase the legitimacy of your project and will show the community that you are interested in assisting them and presenting them with new ideas for development.



Much likely, people before you are already fighting the same advocacies, that's why you do not need to start from scratch!



From the beginning and end of your project creation, you must be clear about the goals and objectives you want to achieve.

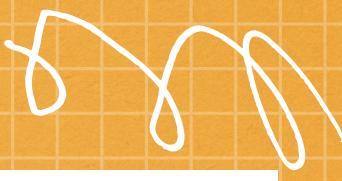
Although it's tempting to set your mind towards saving the world, we are not heroes with powers and we cannot solve every problem that exists. As we try to create solutions for world issues, we must figure out what exactly we're trying to solve. We must research intensely and consult with those directly affected by these challenges.

We must know who we are trying to aid and who our beneficiaries will be and who we will partner with. All of our projects must focus on raising awareness to their struggles and giving them a voice, because of this, we must be clear whose voices we are trying to let the world hear.



There is no shame in starting with small steps. Remember, the first step is already half the battle.

Activities





Fill out this space through your own creative way and let us know:

what does peace look like for you?

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Congratulations! You rose up the ranks of our network and have been chosen to be a Project Lead for Extremely Together Philippines. The time has come to create activities for our audience to promote peace. Write down your project proposal and let us know what ET PH can do!

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Help out your fellow Peace-Builder!

Disclaimer: These activities aim to let you exercise your creativity, basic project pitching skills, and grow your ideas of community development. However, if you wish to share your thoughts, you may contact the Extremely Together Philippines Network, visit our website and submit your ideas by scanning the code:



The members of Extremely Together Philippines have been trained to aim for the skies and higher. Even after all their success, they're looking for ways to improve and expand their projects.

Below are a few details of the projects of our **Panaghiusa Peace Camp and Grants Competition** winners and some guide questions to help you get started with the tips you can give to your fellow Peace-Builder.

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Post your ideas online with the hashtag: #ExtremelyTogetherPH #PanaghiusaPages







Handang Halalan was created as a response to bad governance, one of the main causes of poverty and violent extremism. The project focused on providing voters' education and voting literacy campaigns as well as registration assistance to the chosen communities in time for the 2022 elections.

Under the guidance of ET PH, the group was able to conduct mock elections and training sessions as well as gather the data of unregistered voters in the communities they visited.

If you were a part of Handang Halalan, what other activities would you propose to promote good governance? Write three ideas below!

Handang Halalan was created specifically for the 2022 national elections. How else can you promote voters' education and good governance without the urgency of such an event?

If you were a part of the organizing committee, what kind of challenges or problems regarding this project would you try to plan for?



Project Abakada aims to create stories of inspiration and information to educate their readers on child abuse and the issues that stem from it.

During their project's duration, the group was able to research on 3 true-to-life narratives concerning violence and harm towards children and create 105 copies of books based off of these. They were also able to distribute these copies to 35 partner organizations all over the country and create an online platform for these stories.

How can Project Abakada attract a bigger audience to promote the importance of the safety of a child using their books and different forms of media (TV, the internet, etc.)?

How can the organizing committee further advocate for the rights of the children and the youth? List down three ways the group can widen the scope of their cause.

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Lettuce Be Happy



Lettuce Be Happy focused on the establishment of lettuce hydroponic production in Zamboanga City to assist victim-survivors of human trafficking. The project aimed to help their partner-beneficiaries financially and give them diversions and healing from their psychological trauma.

This group was able to foster a partnership with the Katilingban Para Sa Kalambuan Inc. (KKI) - Tanglaw Buhay Center for Children Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking and was able to turn over the entire hydroponic production set-up to their beneficiaries after their trial production and marketing of 41 lettuce heads.

Apart from producing and selling lettuce heads, what else can the organizing team do in order to assist their project's partner-beneficiaries with the available resources?

Magtanim ay 'di biro, there is so much truth to this folk song we would sing in school. List down 3 different problems the beneficiaries could encounter during production season and also different ways that they could lessen the blows of these challenges.

Lettuce Be Happy was able to create a great relationship with a like-minded center and their beneficiaries. Who else could they possibly partner with to further their project? How would such partnerships benefit the victim-survivors of human trafficking?

Perhaps

BY FLORIANE T. TARUC

I was fifteen when the news said that change was coming—true change that this country's retribution from its tropical sins and whitewashed kings ruling government buildings was painted green.

I was sixteen when my mother reminded that the dark is not your friend you don't know what's out there like the olden days when candles kept infants from crying but not hearts from cracking and lives perishing.

I was seven-eight-nineteen when I saw that war returned from memory and that death is simply a number to the secret aristocracy while the poor begged and mourned to a mute god and a deaf judge restless bodies on sidewalks; a soulless shell of a man.

Perhaps someone should know that the young can hear gunshots and feel the dampness of blood permeating through the heart of a country where justice is chained and the future remains unclaimed.



Sunset

BY JAMES TOLOSA

Oh no, the sun is about to set.

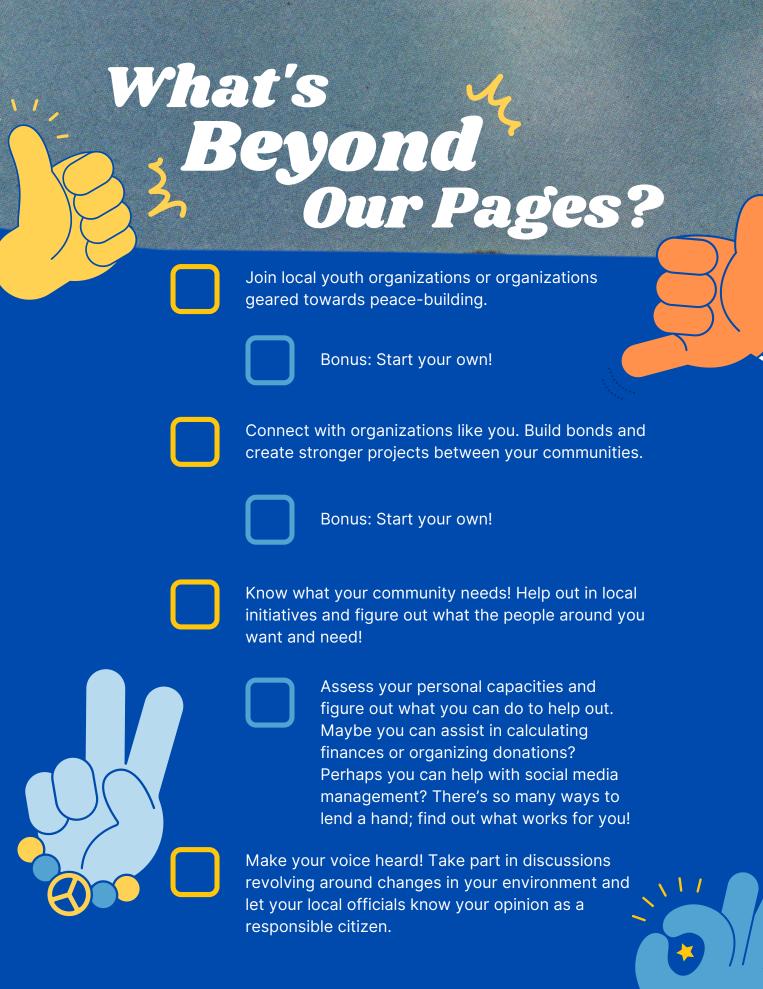
A blanket of thick, pitch-black clouds looms
Despair, repression pose a vile threat
I am not prepared to meet my doom... Wait!
There remains a beam of hope yet
I won't be trapped in this silent tomb

Oh no, I think that the sun is set—
To flash its rays full of life and zest
My face, my fist have been soaked with sweat
I'll still persevere with my protest
Seeds of passion sown in my mindset
Rich crops of reform in my harvest

Oh no, I think that the sun is set—
To enlighten me about my role
I am not known, but I should not fret
I believe I'm an empowered soul
Speaking out my voice without regrets
Guiding others with my noble goals

Oh no, the sun is about to set.
I sense a tempest brewing nearby
Cruel censure from people upset
Whatever happens, I shall rise high
My convictions I shall not forget
Fighting for a great cause 'til I die





Credits



KRIS is a nonprofit organization based in the Philippines that aims to promote peace through education by empowering young people to become pillars of peace in their own families, schools, and communities.



Extremely Together

"A global youth-led initiative, launched in 2016 by the Kofi Annan Foundation, that aims to empower young people to prevent violent extremism."



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ET PH is the local chapter of Extremely Together here in the Philippines. It serves as a youth movement that hopes to unite and inspire the Filipino youth to be active in the battle against violent extremism.



Kofi Annan Foundation

"The Kofi Annan Foundation is an independent not-forprofit organization, established in Switzerland in 2007 by the late former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. The Kofi Annan Foundation wants a fairer and more peaceful world, where no one is left behind, democratic principles and the rule of law are upheld, and divides are bridged through dialogue and international cooperation."



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