

## Plan USA Youth Action Kit Talking Points

### Poverty

- Convention on the Rights of the Child
  - Talk about what the Convention on the Rights of the Child is
  - Discuss what two countries failed to ratify the Convention and why
  - Discuss why a document describing children's rights is necessary
  - Talk about who checks to see if countries are meeting the standard

Find information at [www.unicef.org/crc](http://www.unicef.org/crc)

- Global Movement for Children (GMFC)
  - Talk about what the GMFC is
  - Discuss the 10 imperatives
  - Discuss the different campaigns

Find information at [www.gmfc.org](http://www.gmfc.org)

### HIV/AIDS

- HIV/AIDS
  - Explain the difference between HIV and AIDS
  - Explain ways to contract the virus
  - Talk about the stigmas infected people and their families face
  - What areas of the world are most affected
  - Discuss treatments that are available – Anti Retro Virals (ARVs) and Nevirapine
  - Talk about successful programs
    - Hope for African Children Initiative
    - Uganda's Post Test Clubs

Find information at <https://www.planusa.org/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/2192>

and <https://www.planusa.org/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/15173>

### Child Exploitation

- Child Soldiers
  - Explain what a child soldier is
  - Discuss why children join combat
  - Discuss challenges the children face
  - Discuss different roles boys and girls have
  - Discuss which countries use child soldiers
  - Discuss what happens to the children after they are done fighting in combat
  - Discuss how universal birth registration can help
  - Discuss Plans programs in Sierra Leone and Columbia

Find information at <http://www.planusa.org/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/2152>

- Child Trafficking
  - Discuss what child trafficking is
  - Discuss the reasons why children are trafficked all over the world
  - Discuss the causes of child trafficking i.e. Poverty, lack of jobs, etc.
  - Discuss what jobs trafficked children are forced to do
  - Talk about the reasons why universal birth registration can help prevent trafficking

- Discuss Plan's programs and Solutions projects

Find more information at:

<http://www.planusa.org/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/2163>

- Child Labor

- Describe what child labor is
- Discuss why poor children are at risk
- Talk about legal ages for children to work
- Discuss the difference between household chores and labor
- Discuss what types of labor children are forced to do
- Talk about conditions that child laborers are forced to work in
- Talk about the issue of child labor in the U.S. – is it the same or different as child labor in other countries.
- Discuss Plan programs that reduce child labor
- Discuss how alleviating poverty helps reduce child labor

Find more information at:

<http://www.planusa.org/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/2136>

- Climate Change:

- Discuss what climate change is and how it is caused
- Discuss ways in which human behavior affects the environment
- Explore different types of alternative energy and sustainable development
- Talk about ways in which climate change affects children
- Discuss the Climate Security Act
- Talk about changes that can be made to help the environment
- Look at the effects of the climate crisis around the world
- Talk about different Plan initiatives to combat climate change in Africa and Asia

Find more information about climate change at:

<http://www.planusa.org/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/369545>

