

# **Global Citizenship: Learning to contribute to and take part in a Wider World**

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Strong hearts, strong minds, strong women



Back Row J. Thornton, F. Spittell, B. Savvas, K. Punch, K. Bleakley, K. Hancock.

Centre Row B. Riley, G. Scott, S. Izett, N. Ryan, T. Stock, P. Fitzpatrick.

Front Row S. Hadwiger, A. Edwards, D. Viol (School Captain), Mr. N. Sampson (Head Master), W. Snow (Senior Girl), S. Mitchell, B. Cairns.



50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of 1957 school prefects, 2007

# Places of Work - After PMS and Matriculation

- **Nullagine in the Pilbara**
- **Marribank near Katanning**
- **Dudinin**
- **Kelmscott**
- **Papua New Guinea**

# After BEd at UPNG, AIE at UL, and MEd at UC

- **UK - England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland**
- **Europe – Greece**
  - Italy
  - Germany
  - France
  - Spain
  - Belgium
  - Finland
- **Asia – Russia**
- **Pacific – Fiji Islands**

# After PhD at UNE

- **Pacific - Solomon Islands**

- Fiji Islands
- Vanuatu
- Samoa
- Niue
- Tonga

- **Africa – Uganda**

- Kenya
- Zimbabwe
- Namibia
- Malawi
- Tanzania
- Rwanda
- The Gambia
- South Africa
- Ethiopia
- Ghana

**Asia - Sri Lanka**

Bangladesh  
Thailand  
Vietnam  
Taiwan  
China  
Japan

**Scandinavia – Norway**

Sweden  
Finland  
Denmark





**The Blue Marble Image of Planet Earth**

# Four Major Global Challenges

- **Finding solutions to climate change**
- **Overcoming threats to our health**
- **Providing universal quality education**
- **Eliminating violence against women and girls**



# **Finding Solutions to Climate Change**



# Challenges of Climate Change





## **Melting Icecaps**

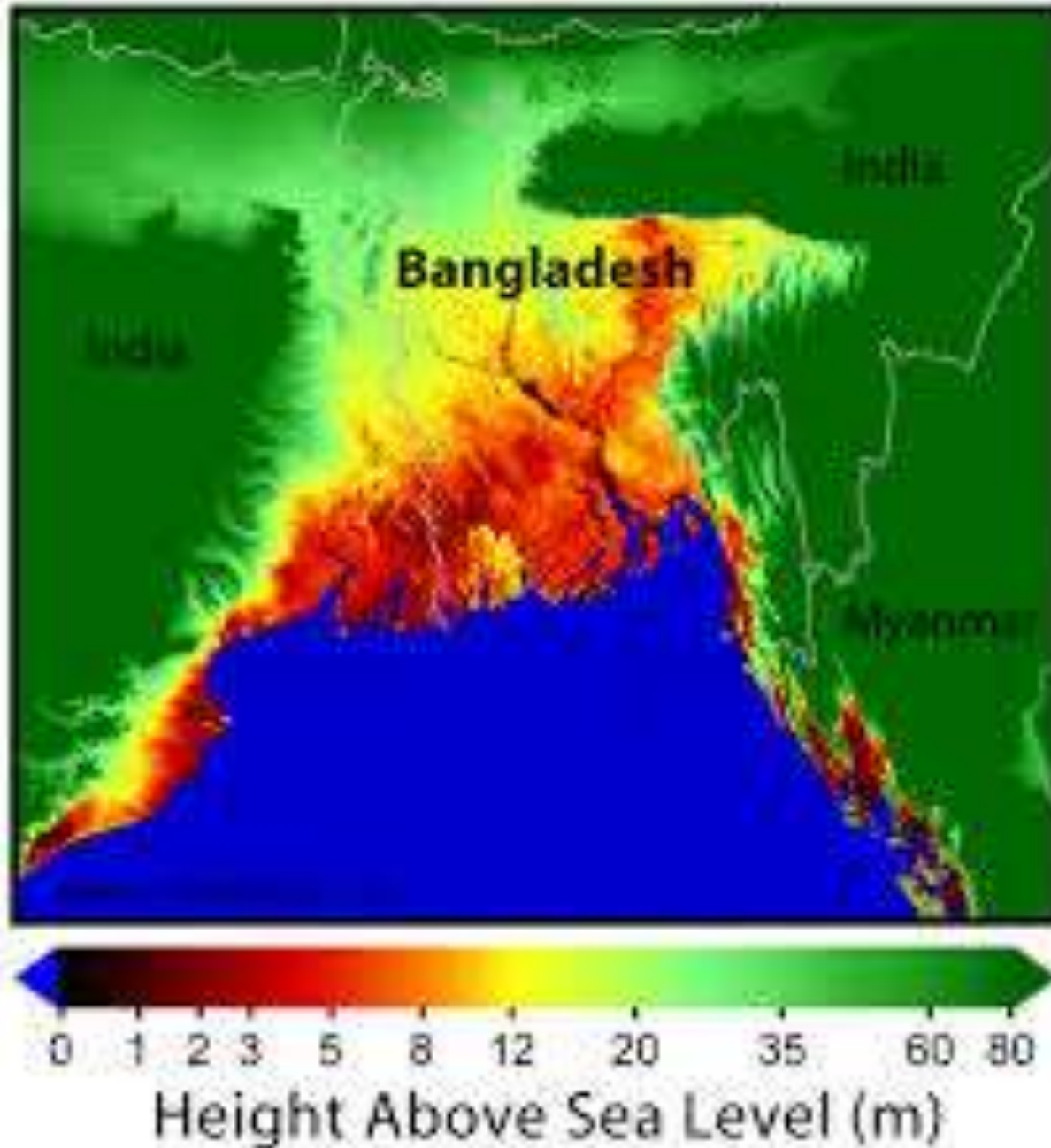
# Climate Change in Bangladesh

- Bangladesh ranks first in the world as the nation most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change in the coming decades
- Located at the bottom of the mighty Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna river system Bangladesh is watered by a total of 57 trans-boundary rivers coming down to it
- Suffers high level of widespread poverty and increasing population density, has limited adaptive capacity and is poorly funded, with ineffective local governance
- 1,000 people in each square km and natural population increasing by 2,000,000 each year





# Sea Level Risks - Bangladesh











**Loss of land along the rivers in Bangladesh**

# Asia Pacific Region





## Escalation of typhoons in Asia – Philippines





**Tokelauns protest against climate change  
during the Pacific Warrior Day of Action**



Villagers on the island of Abaiang stand in the sea where their homes used to be.

*Photo: Justin McManus*

Republic of Kiribati





# **Climate Change Adaption Guidelines For Arid Zone Aquatic Ecosystems and Freshwater Biodiversity**



# **Finding Solutions to Ongoing Threats to Global Health**





# EBOLA KEY MESSAGES



## What is Ebola ?

Ebola is a killer disease caused by a virus. It spreads quickly from person to person, kills in a short time, BUT can be prevented.

## Signs & Symptoms



**FEVER**



**VOMITING**  
Sometimes bloody



**DIARRHOEA**  
Sometimes bloody



**BLEEDING**



**MUSCLE OR  
JOINT PAIN**



**SKIN RASH**

## How is Ebola Spread?

like blood, saliva, vomitus, stool, urine of an infected person  
another person and un-sterilized injections.



**Fruit bat one of the the major culprits for hosting and transmitting Ebola virus**

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## **Polio victims in Sierra Leone**



# Mass Vaccination Programs in Africa





**Polio still present in Pakistan and Afghanistan**



Professor Bruce Armstrong AM

**Established link  
between  
sun exposure  
and melanoma**

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**World-1st vaccine-style  
therapeutic approach  
to treat rheumatoid  
arthritis**

**450,000 people in Australia  
Millions around the world**

**Professor Ranjeny Thomas, UQ, ex UWA**



**Treated survivors with  
body burns, deadly infection  
and delayed shock after  
Bali bombings**

**Emergency medical victims  
Following crash landing of  
Garuda Indonesia Flight 200  
at Yogyakarta**

**Invented spray-on skin cells  
for burn victims**



# **Fiona Stanley**

**Epidemiologist  
Prevention of birth defects &  
major neurological disorders  
such as cerebral palsy**

**Causes and lifelong consequences  
of low birth weight**

**Patterns of maternal  
and child health**





# **Making Inroads on Providing Universal Quality Education**



**Diagnosis and remediation  
of difficulties in spelling**

**Trained remedial teachers  
and teachers of children  
with intellectual disabilities**

**Essential Spelling List  
(English Skills & Practice)**

**Professor Sir Frederick Schonell**

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# VINCENT SERVENTY



## AN AUSTRALIAN LIFE

Memoirs of a naturalist, conservationist,  
traveller and writer



# **Lyn Hancock**

**Photojournalist,  
wildlife photographer,  
teacher, writer, adventurer**

**Hitchhiked through Africa**

**Lived in the Canadian Arctic**

**Raised numerous orphaned  
wild animals, including bears,  
cougars, eagles, puffins,  
raccoons, and seals**





## **Schooling in Bangladesh with primitive tools**





## **Class sizes of 70 – two shifts a day in Bangladesh**





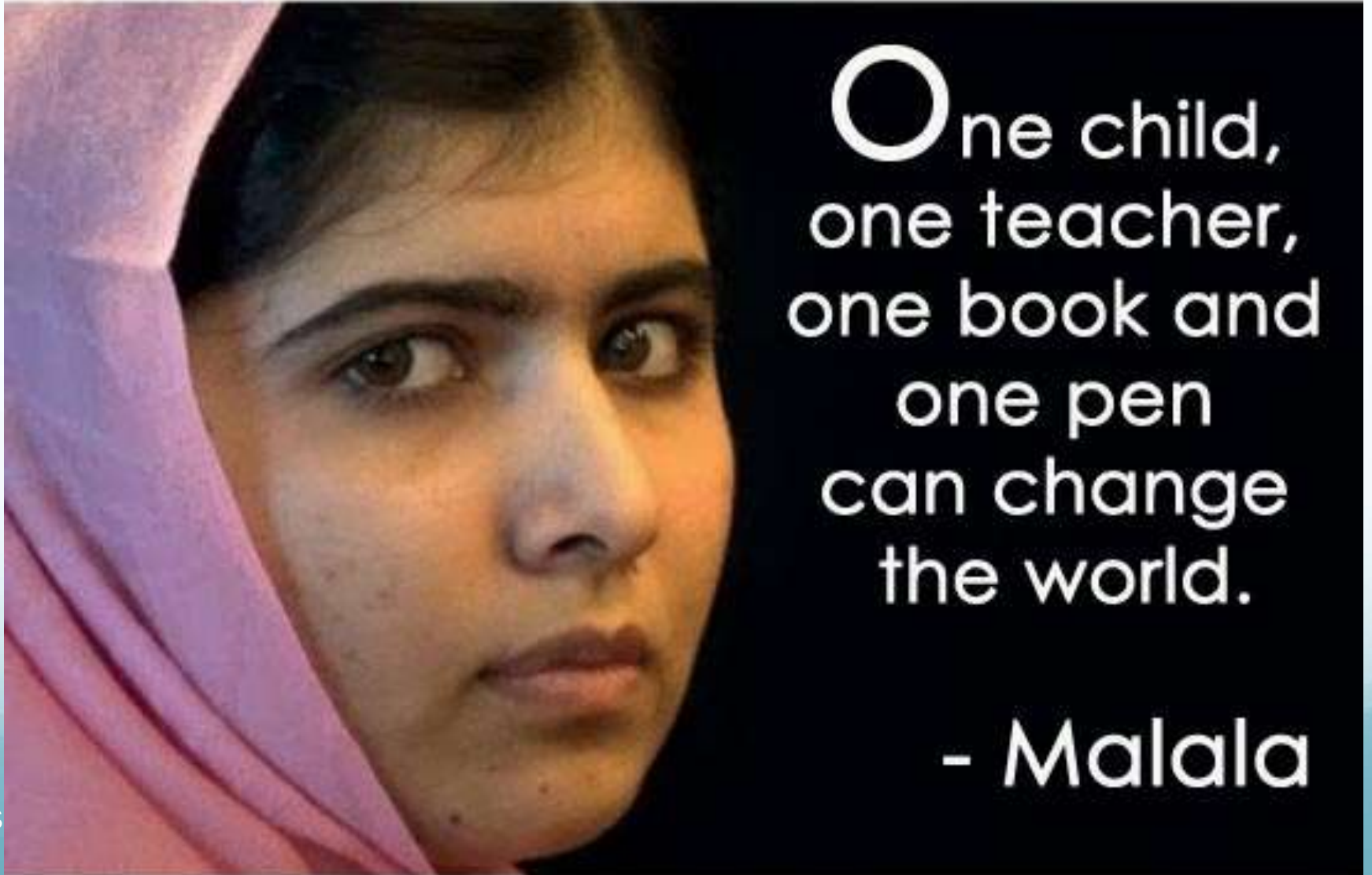
## Schooling in Rwanda

**One computer per child  
but often limited  
electricity**

**Girls encouraged to do  
science by First Lady's  
Awards, but limited  
equipment**



# Malala Yousafzai



# **Working for Peace and Eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls**





# **Irene Greenwood**

**Feminist, peace  
activist, political  
activist, broadcaster  
and writer**

**Tireless campaigner  
and activist for over  
fifty years**

**Member of key  
international, national  
and state peace and  
women's organizations**

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# Rosie Batty, Australian of the Year



**Domestic violence can happen to anyone anywhere**

# Rosie Batty

- **2015 Australian of the Year and outstanding community educator**
- **Mission to tackle family violence to honour her son Luke**
- **Two women killed and three suffering brain damage every week by intimate partner violence so far in 2015**
- **Family violence affects everyone, no matter who you are, where you live and is now a topic that people discuss**
- **Domestic violence is now on the political agenda**



DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF  
THE CONGO

UGANDA

TANZANIA

Ruhengeri

Buberuka

Byumba

Gatsibo

Gisenyi

Kabaya

Gatumba

RWANDA

Kigali

Rwamagana

Kibuye

Gitarama

Bugesera

Kibungo

Rusumo

Bunyambili

Nyanza

Cyesha

Cyangugu

Gikongoro

Butare

BURUNDI



29°

30°

31°

**Genocide against the Tutsi -  
1,000,000 cruelly slaughtered,  
300,000 women raped in 100 days**





# RNP Women's Integration in Peace Support Operations

- **Rwandan women police in Darfur to assist women and children to access justice**
- **Women participate in UN Missions and share experience in handling GBV**



2005 Rwanda Police sent its first contingent to Darfur's AU-AMIS

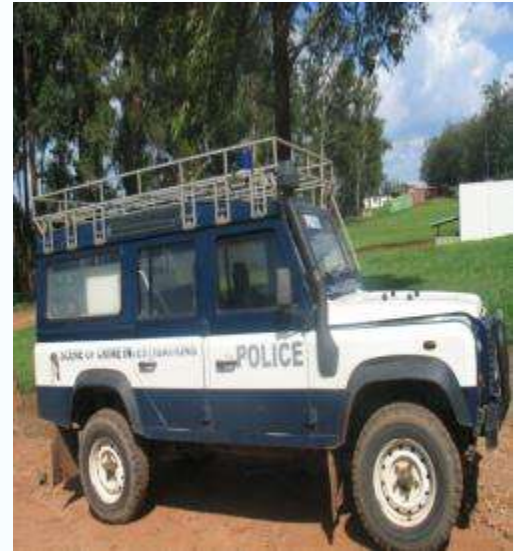


Mobile Gender Unit in IDP camp in Port au Prince, Haiti.



# Best Practices in Prevention and Response to GBV

- Rapid field response
- Free telephone hotline 3512
- Investigation
- Counseling
- Community mobilization
- Networking with partners
- Training officers on GBV
- Every district



# Gender-based Violence Prevention training for 102 women and men - legal interns with Global Rights:







**Participative group work**





**Gender Mainstreaming Training for  
33 engineers and social scientists in the  
Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Project**





Participative group work

# Men and Women in Partnership will affect Global Change





# Cooperation, Collaboration and Support for each other as Global Citizens

