

## The Hardships caused by COVID-19

There are many significant problems facing our world today, due to the ongoing situations of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the course of 2020, it has taken more than **1,340,000 lives**.

**"COVID-19 is a human tragedy, but it has also created a generational opportunity.**

**An opportunity to build back a more equal and sustainable world"**

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## Rits Super Global Forum 2020 Online

**220**  
students



**11**  
countries



### Theme:

**"What Can We Do Under the Situations of the Coronavirus"**

We mainly discussed these **4** topics in **5** days

#### 1. Education



#### 2. Poverty



#### 3. Environment



#### 4. Social/Economic Life



### Discussion style :

Share the information ⇒ Find the problems

⇒ Suggest the solutions ⇒ propose the action plan

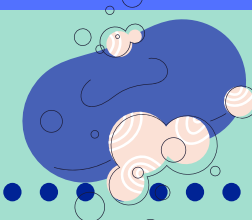
**TO SOLVE GLOBAL ISSUES**

## Pledge ...What high school students can do

### PLEDGE

To deal with the current pandemic and based on our experience during RSGF, we pledge to

- ❖ Support local producers and businesses to help them stay open.
- ❖ Raise awareness promoting learning that is accessible and engaging by using online resources such as YouTube and Khan Academy.
- ❖ Conduct fundraising activities to support those in need, including providing Personal Protective Equipment & educational supplies for underprivileged people
- ❖ Create a volunteer campaign to encourage people in our communities to clean up beaches and pick-up litter while out walking or exercising.



## Soap Project

Washing your hands with a soap is possibly the simplest way to flush pathogens down the drain.

### However,

this year, UNICEF reported that millions of people around the world have no ready access to a place or materials to wash their hands.

### Actually, in the Philippines,

the number of people infected with COVID-19 was 3,600 in April, but in September, it had reached a total of 310,000. The reason why it had increased rapidly is that many Filipinos live densely in small houses in poorly sanitized slums, and they are unable to access to medical treatment even if they get a disease.

### Why don't we collect soap to send them?

Bars of soap equipped in hotel rooms are thrown away even if they can still be used everyday.

In Japan, 2.8 tons of soap are discarded annually.

## STEP 1

Ask for the understanding and cooperation of hotels in Japan by sharing the seriousness of the situation in the world.

## STEP 2

Join the Clean the World Project to distribute the collected soap to at-risk communities across the world.



Clean the World®

Clean the World Foundation is a global health organization committed to improving the quality of life for vulnerable communities around the world.

At its facility, the collected soap is sanitized, grounded, cut into new bars, and boxed for distribution.

**#SoapSavesLivesBox**

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