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## **Having Kids Calls for Day Of Action at UN For World Population Day**

*National organization urges new “smaller family” model*

Today, in anticipation of World Population Day on July 11th, the national child-protection organization Having Kids called upon the United Nations Secretary General to abandon the UN’s outdated family planning modeling in favor of a sustainable “smaller family” model. Having Kids will be peacefully leafleting in front of the UN headquarters tomorrow, urging Sec. Gen. António Guterres to [issue a statement](#) on family planning supporting the need for smaller families worldwide. The facts are crystal clear:

- Multiple studies have shown that **choosing smaller families easily has the most impact on environmental crises like climate change**. From Paul Hawken’s book [Drawdown](#), to previous studies on climate change, [population size has been shown to be the primary driver of the climate crisis](#) That’s also the case for the downstream impacts of climate change like ocean acidification, and for other forms of ecocide, like the [loss of biodiversity / mass extinction of other species](#). **Thus, sustainable family planning is the most significant act that we can take to reduce our impact.**
- By 2100 world population could vary by billions of people, depending on [whether the average woman in the world today has one child more or one child fewer in her lifetime](#). A simple statement from the Secretary General could have a huge impact on the direction we go.
- Our current family planning systems provide [no minimum standard of wellbeing for future children](#), allowing children to be born into failing state systems because their parents cannot care for them. That exacerbates inequity, and [ensures rich kids stay rich and poor kids stay poor](#). The most effective way to improve child welfare and equity, at the same time, is through a cooperative family planning model pegged to the standard of a fair start in life for every child.

Having Kids Executive Director Anne Green said this: “We offer the [child-first Fair Start family planning](#) model as a sustainable alternative to the UN’s current free-for-all and isolationist model. The Fair Start model is cooperative rather than isolationist, is based upon binding sources

of international law, and provides a clear human rights-based solution to the problems discussed above and a path forward.”

[Having Kids](#) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to reforming family planning by replacing parent-centered family planning models with the human rights-based and child-first Fair Start model.