

UPF Statement for the United Nations Global Day of Parents 2022

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UPF International - On September 17, 2012, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/292 proclaiming June 1 to be the annual Global Day of Parents, "honoring parents throughout the world," and "invites Member States to celebrate the Global Day of Parents in full partnership with civil society, particularly involving young people and children."

UPF supports the UN resolution noting that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children and that children, for the full and harmonious development of their personality, should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding.

Conscious of the fact that the task of good, responsible parenting is of immeasurable importance to promote economic, social and environmental development and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UPF encourages all regions and national chapters to organize programs in honor of the Global Day of Parents.

Furthermore, UPF calls on member states, government officials, religious leaders, academe, and members of civil society to uphold the family as the building block of society and to honor parents throughout the world for their selfless dedication to provide, protect and nurture their children to become responsible citizens of their nations.

UPF invites governments to implement initiatives and policies to strengthen the role of parents. UPF recognizes that children, for the full and harmonious development of their personality, should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, harmony, love and understanding, setting the foundation for success in life. It also recognizes that parenthood requires a commitment to the education of children, our most precious resource for the future.

UPF is appreciative of parents of every race, religion, nationality and culture the world over for their commitment and acknowledges that parents are the anchors of the family and that the family is the cornerstone of society.

As an NGO in General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UPF promotes the UN Global Day of Parents each year, and calls on the world community to honor parents recognizing that we form one global family.

Link to United Nations page: www.un.org/en/observances/parents-day



Global Day of Parents

1 June



Dressed in his firefighter uniform, Mohammad Jahirul Islam, 28, carries his daughter, Jisha, 3, to the daycare center she attends at the garment factory, where he and his wife (right) work in Narayangonj, outside Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 2018.

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Appreciate All Parents Throughout the World

Since the 1980s, the important role of the family has increasingly come to the attention of the international community. The General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions and proclaimed the International Year of the Family and the International Day of Families.

Emphasizing the critical role of parents in the rearing of children, the Global Day of Parents recognizes that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children. For the full and harmonious development of their personality, children should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding.

Designated by the General Assembly in 2012, Global Day of Parents provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents for their "selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship."

Greater support needed for working parents as COVID-19 takes hold

Families bear the brunt of the [COVID-19 pandemic](#). As the anchors of the family and the foundation of our communities and societies, parents have the responsibility of sheltering their families from harm, caring for out-of-school children and, at the same time, continuing their work responsibilities. Without support from parents, children's health, education and emotional well-being is at risk. By introducing family-friendly workplace policies and practices, companies and organizations will be in a better position to promote children's safety and wellbeing and provide systematic support to employees.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues its exponential growth, [a technical note from UNICEF, ILO and UN Women on family-friendly policies](#) and other good workplace practices in the context of COVID-19 shows that it is essential to support working families to minimize negative consequences for children.

Background

During the 1980's, the United Nations began focusing attention on the issues related to the family. In 1983,

based on the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development in its resolution on the Role of the family in the development process (1983/23) requested the Secretary-General to enhance awareness among decision makers and the public of the problems and needs of the family, as well as of effective ways of meeting those needs.

In its resolution 44/82 of 9 December 1989, The General Assembly proclaimed 1994 as the **International Year of the Family**; and in resolution 47/237 of 1993, the General Assembly decided that 15 May of every year to be observed as the **International Day of Families**.

In 2012, the General Assembly proclaimed 1 June as the Global Day of Parents, to be observed annually in honour of parents throughout the world.

Related links

- [General Assembly resolution establishing the global Day](#)
- [UN Reports and Resolutions on Family](#)
- [Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention](#)
- [Maternity Protection Convention](#)
- [Equal Remuneration Convention](#)
- [Maternity Protection Convention \(Revised\)](#)
- [Discrimination \(Employment and Occupation\) Convention](#)
- [Workplace Solutions For Childcare](#)
- [Reconciling Work And Family Responsibilities: Practical Ideas from Global Experience](#)
- [Declaration on Social Progress and Development](#)
- [International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)
- [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

Related Observances

- [International Day of Families](#)
- [International Day of Older Persons](#)
- [International Day of Family Remittances](#)
- [International Widows' Day](#)
- [World Children's Day](#)
- [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

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Support for parenting

Like no one else, parents and caregivers shape the experiences that build their children's brains and set them on a path towards healthy development. Parenting is too big a job for parents and caregivers to do alone. They need support to give their children the best possible start in life.



Families and Parents: Key to Achieving the SDGs

Families remain at the centre of social life, ensuring the well-being of their members, educating and socializing children and youth and caring for young and old. In particular, family-oriented policies can contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals relating to doing away with poverty and hunger; ensuring healthy lives and promoting of well-being for all ages; ensuring educational opportunities throughout the lifespan and achieving gender equality.



Why do we mark International Days?

International days and weeks are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. The existence of international days predates the establishment of the United Nations, but the UN has embraced them as a powerful advocacy tool. We also mark other UN observances.



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