



## Are you 18 to 25 years old? Are you a Pacific Islander?

Do you like to write stories or articles about what is happening around you?

**Would you like to have your voice heard by the leaders of this Region on issues that are important to you and your community?**

Would you find it exciting to have your story read by hundreds of people including Heads of States, UN representatives, Stakeholders and the general public of the Pacific region?

## Then this is the competition for you!!!

The winning story will be featured prominently at the **Pacific Conference on the Human Face of the Global Economic Crisis**, which will be held in Port Vila in Vanuatu on the 10th to 12th of February 2010. This important conference will bring together more than 200 high level delegates from 16 Pacific Island Countries to discuss the issues that the poor and vulnerable are facing in the Pacific.

While many Pacific Island Countries are already facing the brunt of the global economic and financial crises, the full impact of the crisis is yet to be felt in the Pacific. Sadly, more people are expected to slide into poverty and hardship.

The conference will discuss ways to mitigate the impact of the crisis on various categories of vulnerable groups - including women and children. **This is why we need to understand how the crisis is impacting vulnerable groups of people.**

**This is *your* chance to have *your* voice heard by the leaders in your region by telling the story that *you* want the world to hear about the human impact of the Global Economic Crisis in the Pacific.**

## What does the winner get?

The winner of the competition will be acknowledged in the media and his or her story will be presented to the 200 high level delegates from 16 Pacific Island Countries during the Pacific Conference on the Human Face of the Global Economic Crisis in February. The story will also be used in the conference media campaign to highlight the impact of the crisis on Pacific people. The winner will be given full credit for use of the story.

In addition, the winner will get recognition by receiving a Human Face Story Certificate and Letter of Recognition from the United Nations in the Pacific. The winner will be interviewed by one of the news papers of the region to hear more of what you have to say. Winners of 1st place to 4th runner-up will also receive UNICEF souvenirs.

***So what do I need to do to participate in the competition and having the chance of having leaders from all over the Region to hear my story?***

What you need to do is to write a **"Human Face Story"** which should tell the real story of real people - **Children, Young People and/or Women or another Person/Group of People** - in your Country and how they have been affected by the Global Economic Crisis already or about persons that you believe are in a vulnerable position as the economic crisis continues in 2010. The Human Face Story could be written as an article, portrait or in any other way of your choice.

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However, make sure that your Human Face Story:

- Includes at least 2 quotes from the person/persons you write about. The real names of the person/s should not be included in the Human Face Story.
- Is about one page long (or around 300 words) and saved into Word-format.
- Is written in English. However, we encourage story writers with all abilities of English to apply, so your English does not need to be perfect. The most important thing is the content of the story itself.

For some examples of what a Human Face Story could look like, log onto <http://vanuatu2010.un.org.fj/> and you will find Human Interest Stories under the tab called 'Press Corner'. However, remember that this is your chance to bring out the story you want to tell in the way you want to express it so the stories on our webpage are solely for your reference. You can also find plenty of background material of the situation of people in the Pacific in relation to the Global Economic Crisis on our homepage. This material might also inspire you in your writing process.

**To be able to participate you will also have to live up to the following criteria:**

- You have to be over 18 but not older than 25.
- You have to be a citizen from one of the following Pacific Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
- In addition, make sure to read the Consent Form before you start working on your Human Face Story.

***So what are you waiting for? Grab your paper and pen and go out and find the people you want to interview for your story!***

To qualify for the competition you have to:

1. Save send your Human Face Story in Word-format
2. Complete a Consent Form that can be downloaded from either <http://vanuatu2010.un.org.fj/> or <http://www.unicef.org/pacificislands/index.html>
3. Send both your story and the consent form to either: [mcarling@unicef.org](mailto:mcarling@unicef.org) or [ryoshihara@unicef.org](mailto:ryoshihara@unicef.org) no later than the **25th of January 2010**.

The selection of the winner will be made by a jury consisting of youth and UN representatives that will have one vote each. In addition, a third vote will be collected from the global community that can read and vote for their favourite Story of the Human Face on facebook.

**The winner will be announced on the 4th of February.**

*Follow the story of the Human Face Competition and the Pacific Conference on the Human Face of the Global Economic Crises*

**Online:**

Visit our homepage: <http://vanuatu2010.un.org.fj/>

Or join our **Facebook-group "The Human Face"**

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