

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mohamed Sidibay, a Global Ambassador for The MY HERO Project. I have been associated with the nonprofit since 2006. I am also a member of UNESCO's High-Level Reflection Group on Strategic Transformation, UNICEF Advisor and the Global Partnership for Educational Youth Champion. In 2015, I gave a keynote address at the UN General Assembly.

I first became aware of MY HERO as a youth in Sierra Leone. I was receiving my primary education after losing my family in Sierra Leone's civil war and being forced to become a child soldier. The MY HERO Project (and iEARN) took me under their wing and helped me become the man I am today.

The MY HERO Project helps bring classrooms advanced technology and media arts education that aligns with the core values that we hold dear: peace, tolerance, courage, and justice. Myhero.com hosts free educational resources and a child-friendly digital library that enables individuals of all ages to create, share and discover inspirational stories, art, audio and short films with a digital learning community that spans 197 countries. The site features UN sustainable development goals, as well as UN holidays, enabling teachers to highlight these important topics using our curated showcases and lesson plans. MY HERO makes positive media accessible and interactive, facilitating Learning Circles with classrooms around the world. Through participating, students build skills in critical thinking, project management, research, communication, new media literacy and more.

I have continually been impressed by Jeanne Meyers' ability to grow the site in scope and usage and have no doubt that the organization will continue to be scaled up to meet the needs of the global community. A UN SDG Action Award could give MY HERO the recognition it deserves, enabling it to reach an even wider audience.

Regards,

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