Country: The United Kingdom

Committee: Jr. Unicef

Agenda Item: Impact of Covid-19 on Children

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Because of the virus, children stayed at home and it affected their mental health in a bad way. The coronavirus badly affected not only mental health of children, it also affected their education process, socialness and states of health.

At least 463 million children worldwide were unable to access remote learning during covid19 school closures in 2020 so millions of children have been left behind in education.

“Across the world including in the UK, too many children and young people are suffering from mental health issues many of which have been worse by COVID-19 pandemic. If not addressed, these will have a lasting negative impact throughout their lives” Claire O’Meara

Globally and in the UK 1 in 5 young people aged 15-24 surveyed said they often feel depressed or have little interest in doing things.

The UK government has acknowledged the scale of the challenge by increasing investment in mental health services for children and young people. Annually, $8.9 billion lost to the UK economy due to mental health conditions among The UK youth and the United Kingdom committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) encourages children and young people to stand up for their mental health rights with OutRight campaign.

As The United Kingdom, we propose to make an event that will make children more active and happier, so that we aim to contribute to children’s mental health and socialize them. We would like to open more schools and make it easier for children to access school. Some children have been left behind in education so we recommend to take children compensatory lessons after school. We would love to help countries that are experiencing economic difficulties.