

WHY #KIDSOFFNAURU?

There are 95 children in detention on Nauru not allowed to leave this tiny island the size of Melbourne Airport.

Children in detention on Nauru have recently witnessed lipstitching, self-immolation and other suicide attempts. There are limited safe or pleasant places to play because of unshaded, hot phosphate rock and the fear of wild dogs on the island.

In at least three cases in the past seven months, Australian judges have ordered that young children be immediately brought to Australia for care. Three refugees in Nauru have died by suicide.

One 10-year-old boy had attempted suicide three times on Nauru. Doctors said he was at critical risk of killing himself, but it took a Federal Court order to eventually move him to Australia for urgent treatment. It shouldn't require Federal Judges to force the Government to keep these children safe.

Children and their families are trapped on the island of Nauru in cruel and inhumane conditions without adequate health, education or employment options. By Universal Children's Day (20 November), we need to bring them here and either offer resettlement in Australia or find another suitable country that welcomes them.

Getting #KidsOffNauru will give them the chance to enjoy the same normal, healthy childhood we'd expect for our children.

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