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Global Conference on Justice for Children Deprived of Liberty

Children's Rights Award 2024
"I want justice NOW!"

45th Anniversary Edition

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Categories

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Storytelling through Digital Artwork

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Storytelling through Non-Digital Artwork

Category A:

Storytelling through digital artwork: photography, video-clips, or any other form of digital creation

2024 Children's Rights Awards Videos - OneDrive

1st Place

Sierra Leone

Blessing

17 years old - Category A Winner

Blessing is a children's rights activist, an amazing speaker and ambitious African girl. She enjoys public speaking and singing. Since her school days, she has been advocating for the protection and rights of children in Sierra Leone.

As an activist, she uses creative means and tools to share her messages and generate change.

Blessing and her friend Nematu have been members of the Sierra Leone Poetry Platform for three years now as singers and poets.

Their bond in creativity led them to apply for the 2024 DCI Children's Rights Award. This is just the beginning of their 'Black Girls' Power', as they will continue to use their voices and talent to make change and transform lives of children in Sierra Leone and beyond.

2nd Place

Tunisia

Category A Winners

Alaa

17 years old

Alaa explores questions related to her country, Arab society, and humanitarian issues, particularly from a judicial perspective. She is an activist in civil society, known for her poetic eloquence, when speaking and writing about her own stories and beliefs.

Alaa

16 years old

Alaa won the first prize in the Arab world for short stories writing for visual media. She also is an activist in the DCI-Tunisia/Tunisian Association for Children's Rights and a member of the Advisory Council for Children through DCI-Tunisia.

Nour

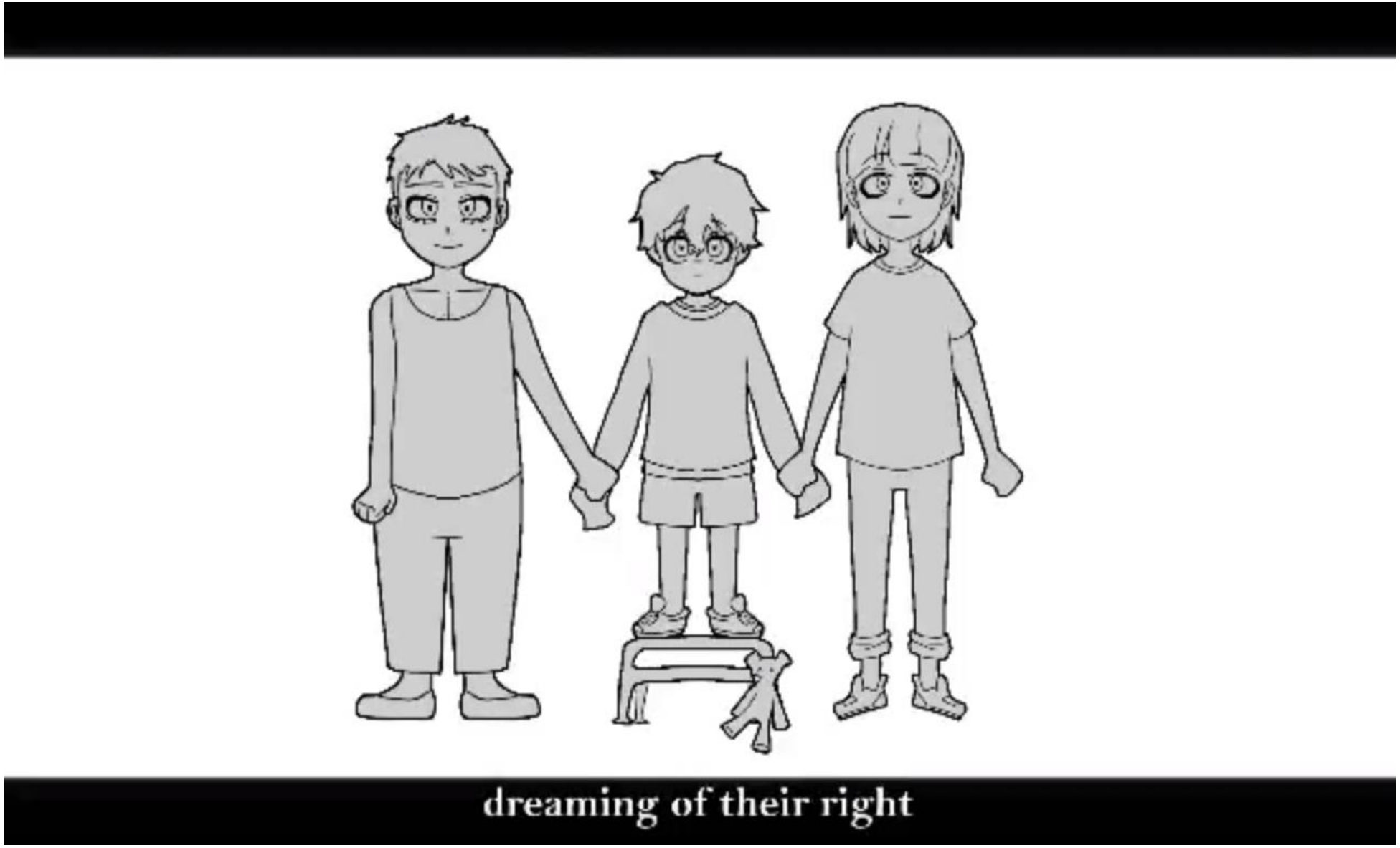
17 years old

Nour is very talented in multiple styles of fine art, including graphic design, as well as digital and paper drawing. Currently, she is exploring the possibility of creating animations.

2nd Place

Tunisia

Category A Winners



3rd Place

Palestine

Moan

15 years old - Category A Winner

Moan lives in a refugee camp in Palestine. He is a young boy with a disability and tries to move around in a wheelchair. His video illustrates the difficulty of reaching his school due to the destruction of the camp's infrastructure by the Israeli occupation.

His artwork appeals to the International Criminal Court claiming his right and the right of all children to safe mobility and access to education, like other children around the world.

Ghana

Sena

11 years old - Category A National Winner

Sena's work shows a child forcefully trying to open the barriers behind which she or he is imprisoned. The child desperately wants to escape and win his or her freedom.

The child frantically shouts, 'We want justice', expressing a collective cry on behalf of all children.

Mauritania

Mtetou

16 years old - Category A National Winner

Mtetou is a young children’s rights activist. As a member of the Arab Parliament and DCI’s Children’s Advisory Committee, she is actively involved in promoting the rights of children and youth.

Her work and commitment make her a promising figure for the defence of children's rights and social justice in Mauritania.

Video Link

Lebanon

Joud

11 years old - Category A National Winner

Joud entered the competition after reading about children's rights. He realised that these rights were not applied to all children and in all countries, which drew his attention to the importance of knowing about them and applying them correctly.

He saw this Award as an opportunity to express his thoughts and feelings as a child and on behalf of children in general.

Category B:

Storytelling through non-digital artwork: paintings, drawings, comics, or any other non-digital form

1st Place

Jordan

Ra'ad

15 years old - Category B International Winner

Ra’ad’s talent for drawing emerged at a young age, and he has developed his skills independently. His passion for art led him to create an Instagram page to share his drawings.

His artwork portrays the reality of children in many countries around the world who are deprived of their rights, especially in poor countries and conflict zones across the globe. The child in the drawing is in search of the light and the justice that has been denied him.

Civilians, particularly children, are the ones who pay the price of regional and military conflicts, as they are deprived of basic rights, such as food, medicine, shelter, clothing, and even access to water.

Dimensions: 33 cm x 48 cm

2nd Place

Mauritania

Moussa

16 years old - Category B International Winner

Moussa is a young artist with an exceptional background. It was while spending a year in a social reintegration centre for children in conflict with the law (“Centre d'accueil et de réinsertion sociale des enfants en conflit avec la loi” - CARSEC) that Moussa discovered and developed his talent for drawing and collage techniques, using recycled materials to convey strong messages.

Moussa never went to school, but ever since he was a child, he has loved drawing and designing things out of all sorts of materials.

He used cardboard and paint for his artwork to create the only three-dimensional piece of the competition.

Dimensions: 38.5 cm x 50 cm

3rd Place

Palestine

Sahara

15 years old - Category B International Winner

Sahara's artwork is inspired by the prevalence of injustice and the overwhelming presence of oppression across the world, often overlooked. Children are among the most vulnerable groups exposed to injustice, through war and insecurity, stripping away their basic rights. War is a phenomenon capable of causing widespread destruction. Wars leave behind devastation in essential sectors, such as education and healthcare, which should be accessible to all children without exception.

Additionally, the staggering number of victims is often dismissed as collateral damage. This highlights the urgent need for international action to ensure the protection of children and the preservation of their rights.

Dimensions: 21 cm x 30 cm

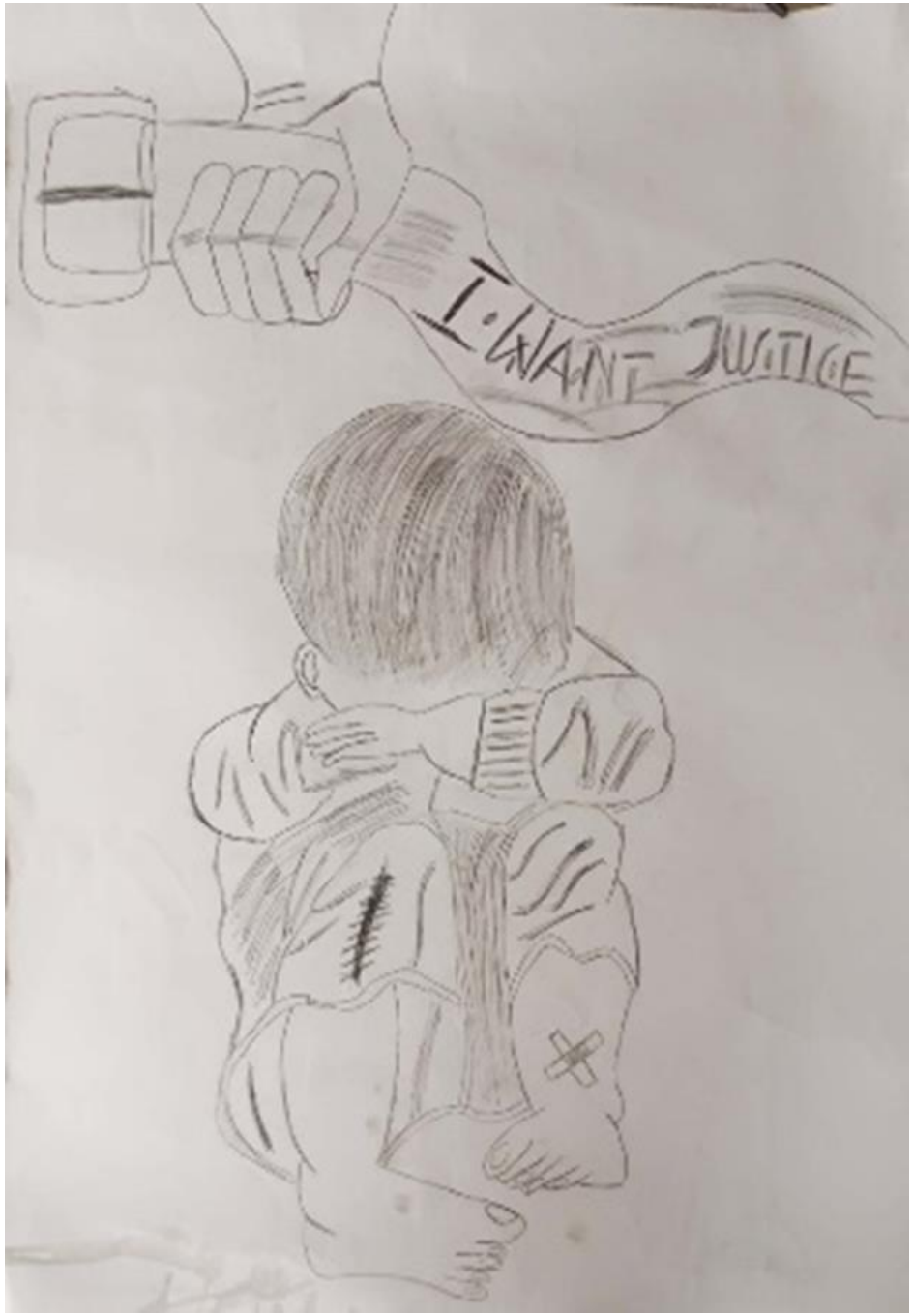
Ghana

Christabel

14 years old - Category B National Winner

Christabel's work shows a sad, depressed child: bruises and torn clothes show that he is often beaten with a strong belt by his guardian - perhaps for tiny little mistakes he makes?

He desperately hopes for justice.



Dimensions: 77 cm x 102 cm

Sierra Leone

Amelia

16 years old - Category B National Winner

Amelia uses art as a means of expression. She has been practising for over three years and is proud to use her art to support children's rights and claims for justice.

She is an active member of the Sierra Leone Children's Forum Network, which is dedicated to defending the interests of children in her country.

Egypt

Sahar

17 years old - Category B National Winner

Sahar has been trained in communication and is the leader of the “No to Harassment Initiative” in her district.

As a community leader, she has participated in many different projects, such as climate change initiatives (“Plant a tree”), fighting female genital mutilation, cleanliness training, recycling techniques, “No to bullying”, and combating violence against children.

Lebanon

Alaa

15 years old - Category B National Winner

Alaa joined this competition as he was learning about civil rights and started understanding his rights as a child. This knowledge sparked his interest in becoming better informed and active on issues that affect young people like him.

He uses his drawing skills to creatively express children’s rights to education, one of the most important rights for every child. He hopes to raise awareness that education is a right for all, in peace or in war, and his artwork symbolises the balance of justice in both situations.

Yemen

Medrar

10 years old - Category B National Winner

Medrar's work is inspired by a painful reality that we all witness but are powerless to change. Children need a world that provides them with all the necessities and facilities that guarantee them a life of prosperity, happiness, and security.

He wants children to live without discrimination, even those with special needs, access to healthcare and to be able to make their voices heard. Today's children are tomorrow's future.

Guinea

Asmaou

14 years old - Category B National Winner

Asmaou suffers from sickle cell anaemia, had a difficult childhood and felt different and unhappy.

She finds satisfaction in writing, which enables her to express her pain and her experience. Asmaou has written for her school, her parents, people with the same disease and other children. She has blossomed through slam poetry, reading and theatre.

Palestine

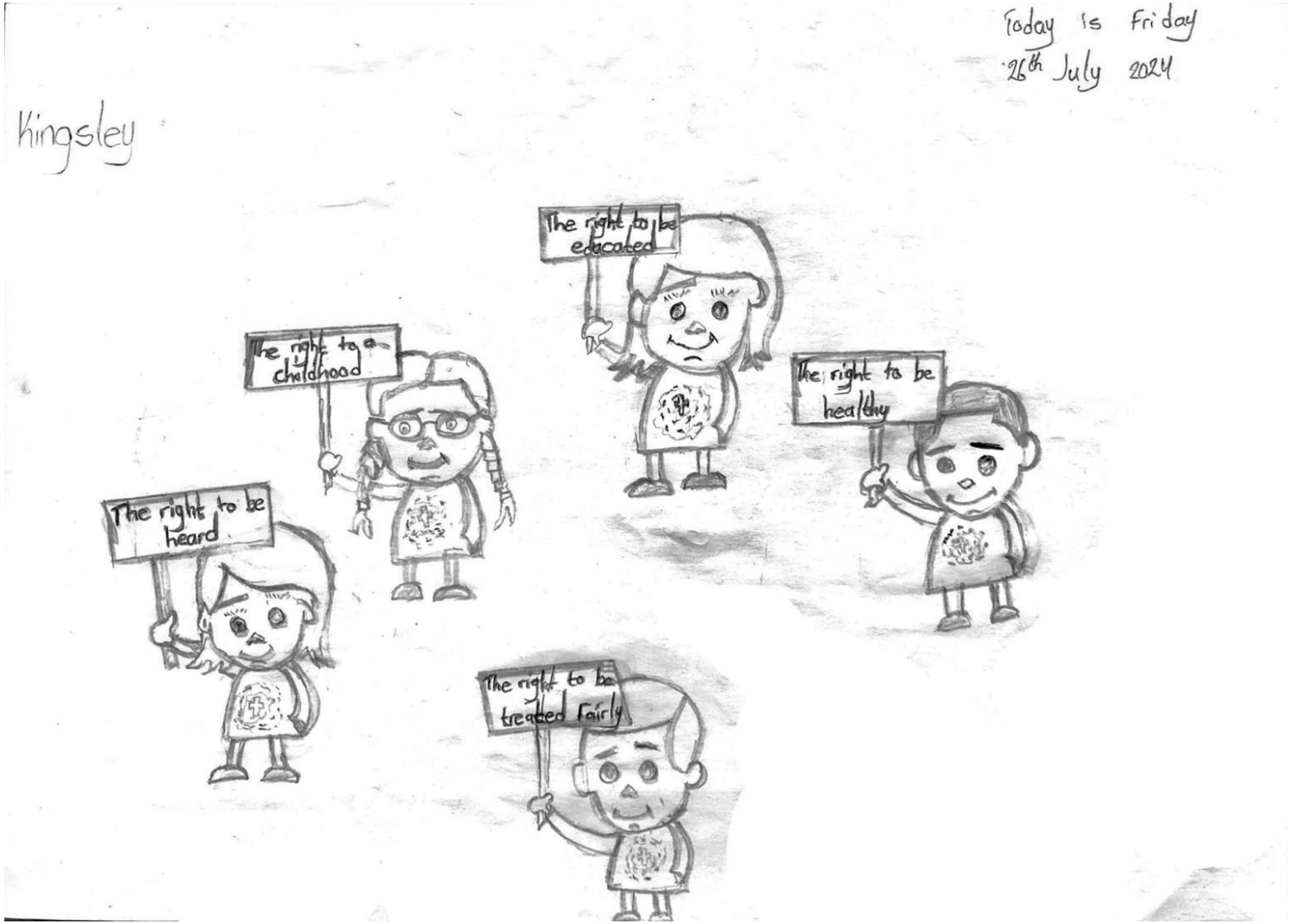
Amal

14 years old –
Category B participant

Ghana

Kingsley

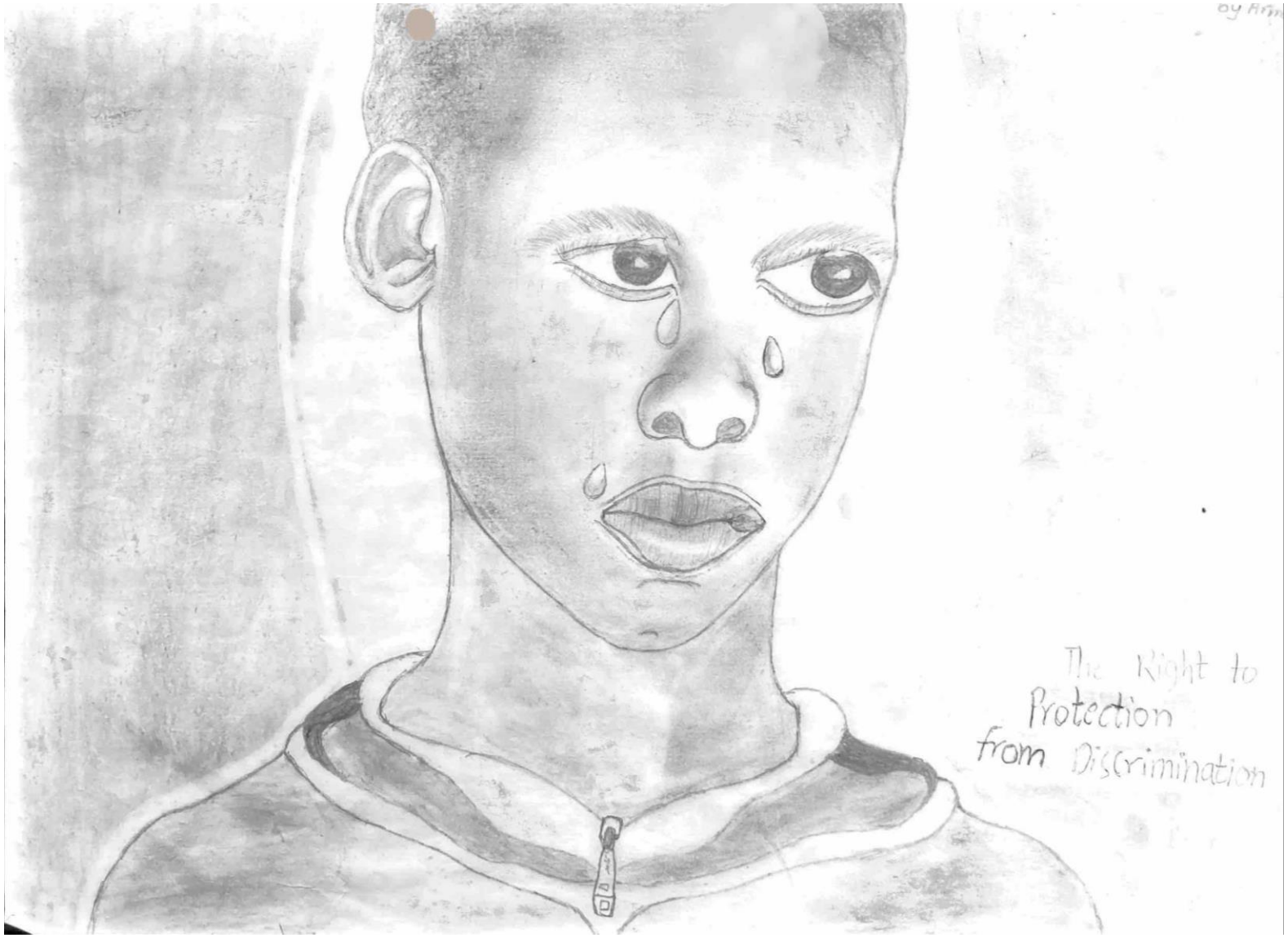
11 years old - Category B participant



Ghana

Godfred

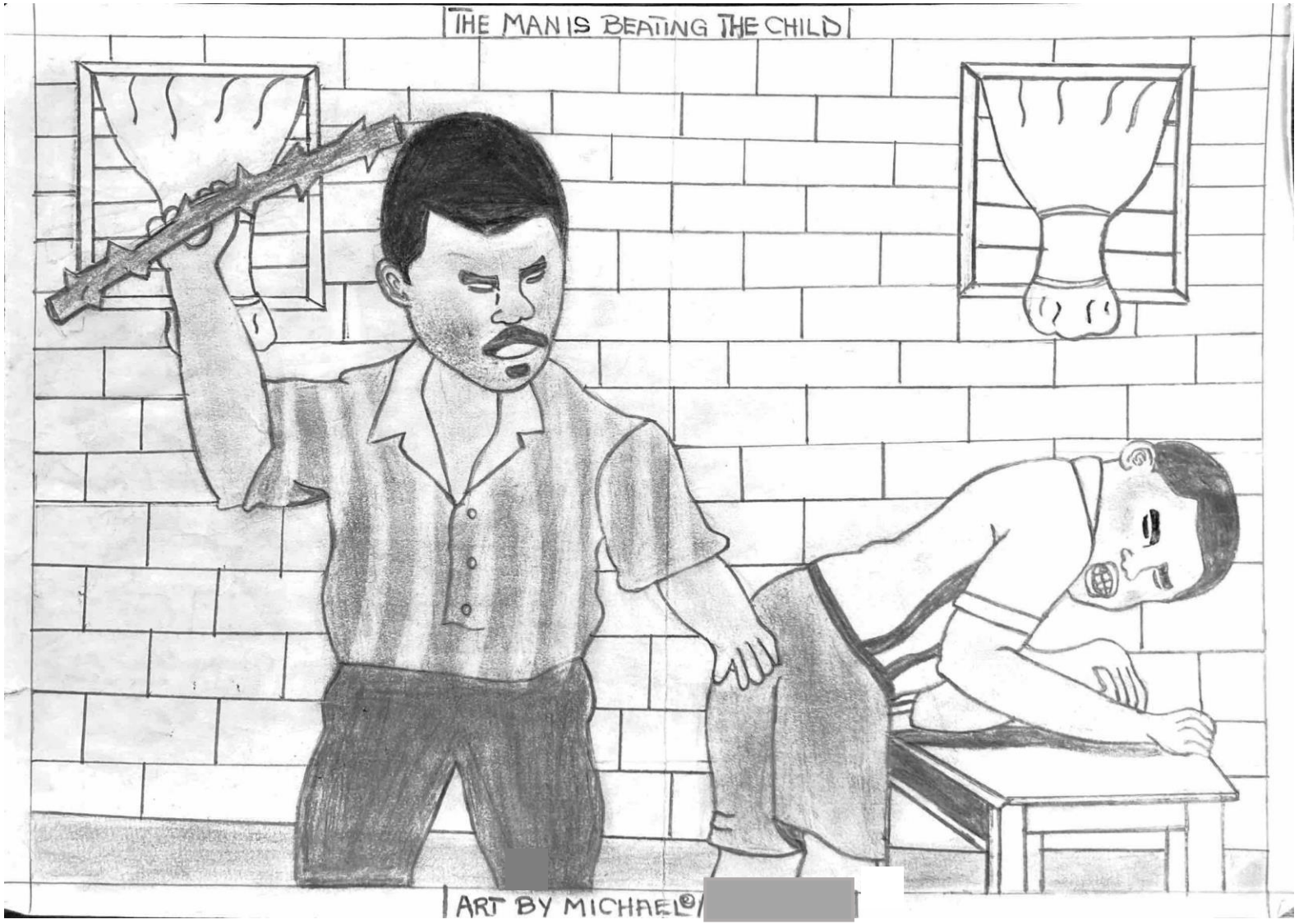
16 years old - Category B participant



Ghana

Michael

14 years old - Category B participant



Ghana

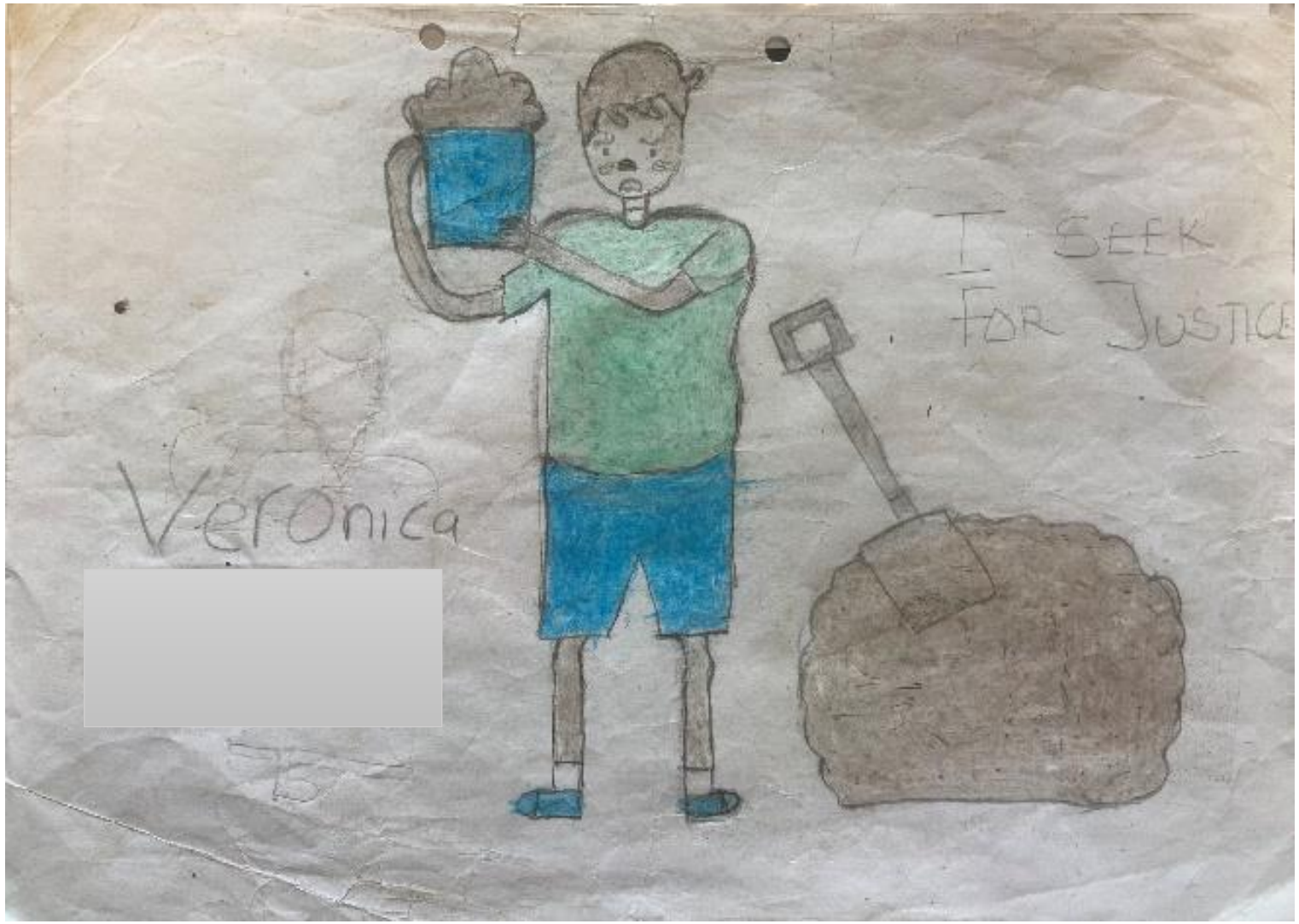
Adams

17 years old - Category B participant

Ghana

Veronica

9 years old - Category B participant



Palestine

Jana

14 years old - Category B participant

Palestine

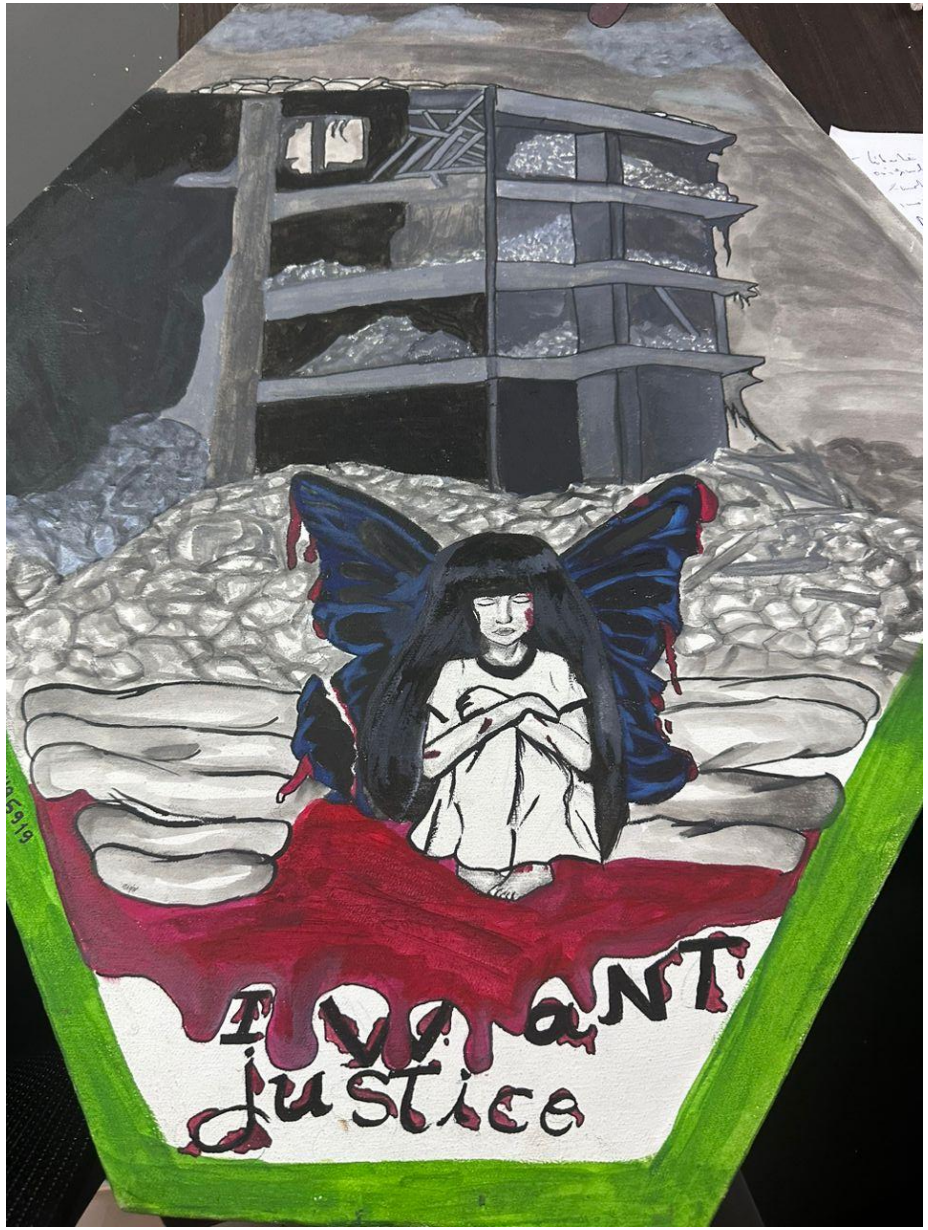
Yara and Mariya

15 years old - Category B participants

Mauritania

Meimouna

17 years old – Category B participant



Egypt

Yasmine

19 years old - Category B participant

Guinea

Mariama

10 years old – Category B participant

Yemen

Zainab

10 years old - Category B participant

Yemen

Amal

13 years old –
Category B participant

Mauritania

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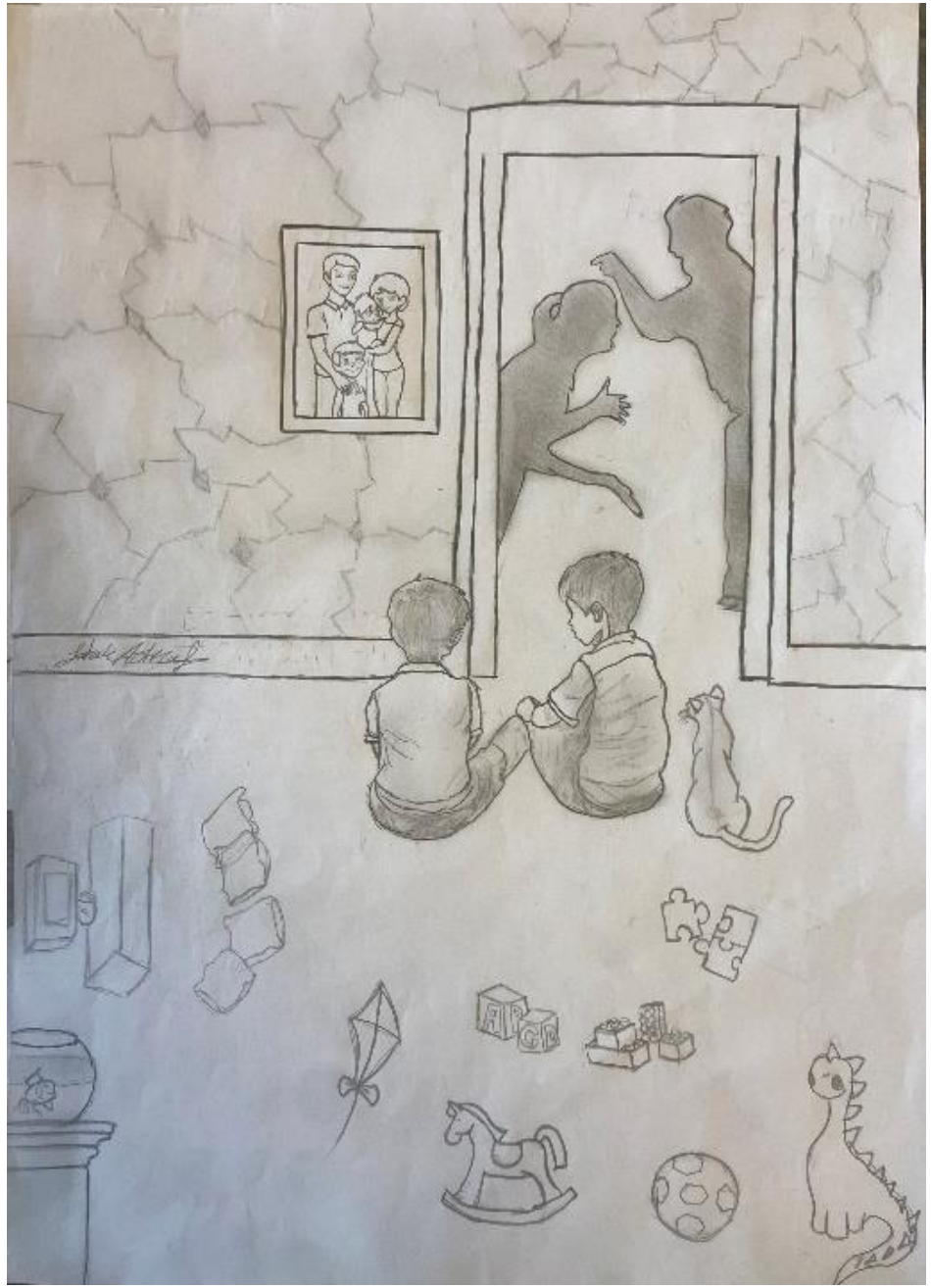
Sahar

17 years old - Category B participant



Yemen

Muneera

17 years old - Category B participant