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### Celebrities Working for World Peace

Audrey Hepburn became one of the greatest movie actresses after she played young Princess Ann in the 1953 classic movie *Roman Holiday*. Her film, theater, and TV work brought her many fans from all over the world. However, after retiring from acting she continued working as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador during the last five years of her life. She visited many countries such as Ethiopia, Vietnam, Turkey, and so on, and met children suffering from hunger, poverty, and illness. She tried hard to tell the world about sad living conditions in those countries.

Angelina Jolie, one of today's most famous Hollywood stars, went to Cambodia in 2000 to make the hit movie *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*. There she saw the severe living conditions of refugees and wanted to do something for them. She started to visit refugee camps in Thailand, Columbia, Chad, etc. Since 2001, she has been active as a Goodwill Ambassador of UNHCR, which is the United Nation's Refugee Agency. Together with Brad Pitt, she donated \$1 million to help the people of Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. She says that this work, "has given me a life filled with purpose."

In 2002, the Japanese actress Fujiwara Norika went to Afghanistan – where we can still see evidence of the damage caused by war – and took pictures of the children there. She reported on the situation of the people in Afghanistan through her photo exhibitions in Japan. Moreover, she donated the profits from her work to build schools for children in Afghanistan. She said that she wants to use her stardom in a positive way.

These three celebrities have made full use of their fame to draw public attention to people in need. We can learn about what is happening in the world through their activities. We may even be able to find that there is something we too can do to help suffering people.

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