

"If we are to meet the goals of 'A World Fit for Children' and attain the Millennium Development Goals...we will only do so with the full participation of children and young people."

Carol Bellamy
Former UNICEF Executive Director

"We must do more than talk about our future ...We must start to create it, now."

Kofi A. Annan Secretary-General of the United Nations

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS They are about children

Introduction

Boys and Girls,

UNICEF believes that the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are the only way that we can achieve "A World Fit for Children." Many of the Millennium Development Goals, outlined in this booklet for you, talk about the need for each and every child to have access to such basic human rights as health, education and protection. UNICEF is working with youth like you around the globe to make sure that we achieve the vision laid out in both the declaration and the MDGs. We have translated this booklet into four Ethiopian languages and have written it in such a way that we hope it will be easy for you to understand what we all are striving towards, because we need your help. Only by working together can we make the world a better place for all. We dedicate this book to you, the children of Ethiopia, because you are both the present and the future and the key to helping us realise the Millennium Declaration and the MDGs.

Bjorn Ljungqvist UNICEF Ethiopia Representative

To Teachers throughout Ethiopia,

As part of their development efforts, UN Member States have pledged their support for the Millennium Declaration and to meet eight objectives known as the Millinnium Development Goals (MDGs) by the year 2015. Six of these goals are directly related to children. In addition, these initiatives are closely linked to the major commitments made at the UN Special Session on Children held in New York in 2002 and articulated in "A World Fit for Children" stating that all Governments will work to promote and protect the rights of each and every child. UNICEF believes that if children's rights and wellbeing are not addressed by Governments, civil society, the private sector, religious leaders, the media and society as a whole, development goals will never be met here in Ethiopia or around the world. The voices, insights, experiences, capacities and energy of children and young people are untapped resources for meeting the promises and goals as embodied in the Millennium Declaration and a "World Fit for Children." We want to work with you to develop a new partnership between adults and youth, seeking their opinions and taking them into account - in the family, in schools, in our organisation and in society. As teachers, you bear both the privelege and the duty to enlighten those in your care. We hope that this booklet will enable you to fulfil that duty. Together, teachers of Ethiopia and UNICEF, we can build a brighter, more informed future for generations of Ethiopian children to come. We thank you for efforts in joining us to realise the rights of all children, working for and with the youth of this wonderful country.

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- 2. Achieve universal primary education
- 3. Promote gender equality and empower women
- 4. Reduce child mortality
- 5. Improve maternal health
- 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- 7. Ensure environmental sustainability
- 8. Develop a global partnership for development

www.un.org/millenniumgoals/

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