



Day 2 Morning session: Football around the world

Activity 4: The Millennium Development Goals

Time required: 30 min

You will need

- A photocopy of The Millennium Development Goals (see page 2) for each group of pupils
- MDG poster 1 (all 8 goals) (see page 3)

Aims

- To help pupils develop an understanding of what the Millennium Development Goals are and to consider some of the issues behind them.
- To enable pupils to express, justify and defend orally a personal opinion.

What to do

Ask pupils to work in groups of three or four, and give each group a copy of The Millennium Development Goals (see page 2). Ask them to cut them out and rank them according to how important they think each goal is. They can use diamond ranking or ordinary ranking.

Put two groups together and ask them to compare their results. They should explain to each other how they arrived at their decisions.

In a plenary discussion, ask the pupils:

- Which MDGs did they consider most important and why?
- Who did they have in mind when they made their decisions?
- Do they think everyone, everywhere would agree with their conclusions? Why or why not?

The aim of this ranking exercise is to get pupils to engage with the goals and to discuss them together. During the plenary, you could tell them that specialists think that all the goals are of equal importance, as none of them can be achieved without the others. Furthermore, the first seven goals depend on the eighth goal (to build a global partnership for development through fairer trade, more aid and debt relief).

Adapted from *Change the World in Eight Steps: A set of posters and activities for 7–14 year olds investigating the Millennium Development Goals* [link to <http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=510000000645204>] © Oxfam GB 2005

The Millennium Development Goals

By 2015, the governments of the world have promised to ...

reduce poverty

educate every child

provide equal chances for girls and women

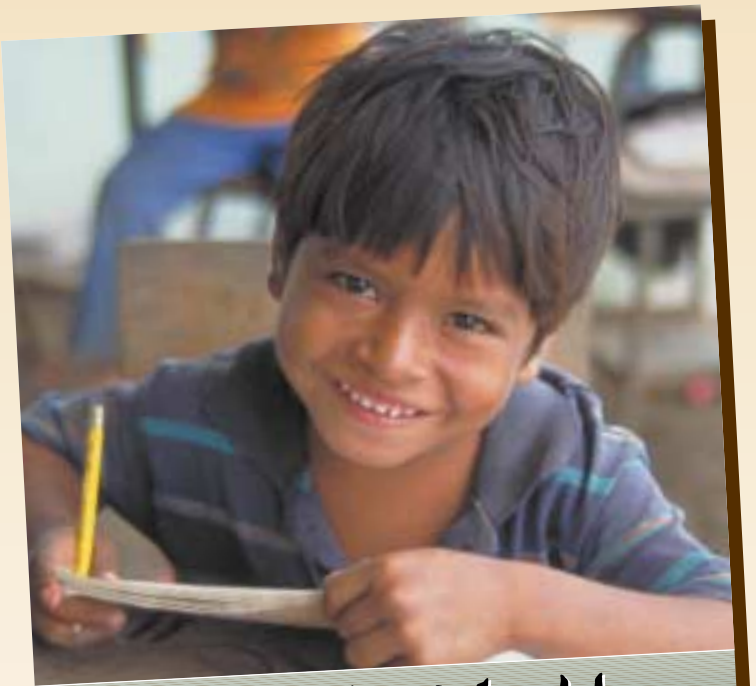
reduce the number of babies and children who die

ensure safe and healthy motherhood

fight infectious diseases

clean up the environment

share responsibility for making the world a better place



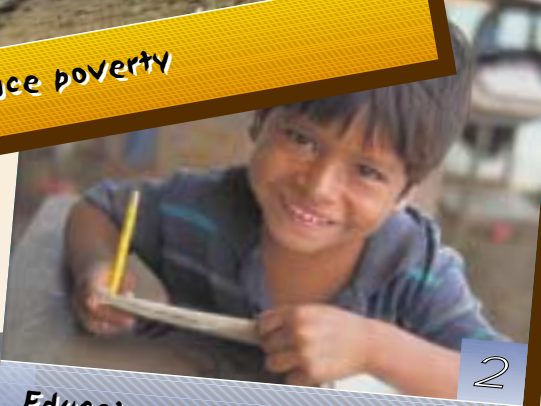
Change the World in 8 Steps

A set of posters and activities for 7-14 year olds investigating the UN Millennium Development Goals

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1 Reduce poverty



2 Educate every child



3 Equal chances for girls and women



8 Share responsibility for making the world a better place



7 Clean up the environment



4 Reduce the number of babies and children who die



6 Fight infectious diseases



5 Ensure safe and healthy motherhood