



Monthly Newsletter



Working locally (Calgary, Alberta) to stop the cycle of poverty for the children

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Think Globally, Act Locally.

I think this quote needs changing to: **Think Globally, Act Locally AND Act Globally. Your dollars can make a larger impact Globally without impacting your wellbeing.**¹

So let's see what is going on Globally.

Did you know?

The Millennium Development Goals as set out by the United Nations are:

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. Create a Global partnership for development

<http://www.undp.org/mdg/> This site includes a 2008 report talking about the gap to fill by 2015.

Did you know?

Millennium Development Goal 5 is to improve maternal health, and its bold target is to reduce the maternal mortality ratio by three quarters between 1990 and 2015. Still, **each year more than half a million women die from pregnancy-related causes that are avoidable.** At the present rate of progress, the world will fall well short of the MDG 5 target. www.unicef.org/publications

Did you know?

Our international community is working hard to create a World Fit for Children. Below is the inside flap written by the ED (Executive Director) of UNICEF from the book: **Progress for Children: A World Fit for Children Statistical Review (No. 6)**. This book can be found for ordering or .pdf download at: http://www.unicef.org/publications/index_42117.html.

¹ Concepts taken from Peter Unger's Living High & Letting Die Our Illusion of Innocence, talks about our moral obligation to help those in need, particularly when it does not impact our own well being.

A World Fit for Children

Since 2004, the *Progress for Children* series has published important data and analyses on global progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

The monitoring that UNICEF and its partners have undertaken reveals some remarkable progress. For the first time, annual global deaths of children under age five fell below the 10 million mark, to 9.7 million. This represents a 60 per cent reduction in the under-five mortality rate since 1960.

Major improvements in the coverage of a number of key child survival interventions, including measles immunization, vitamin A supplementation, insecticide-treated mosquito nets and breastfeeding, are also highlighted.

This edition of *Progress for Children* contains data on these and other child-specific targets that were set by world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children in May 2002 and were articulated in its outcome document, *A World Fit for Children*. This edition also provides comprehensive information on such indicators as birth registration, child labour, female genital mutilation/cutting, child marriage and children affected by war, which offer a snapshot of the state of child protection.

It reveals that the number of primary-school-age children who are not in school has declined from 115 million at the time of the 2002 Special Session to 93 million in 2005–2006, and that new evidence suggests declining HIV prevalence in some sub-Saharan African countries, although these trends are not yet widespread or strong enough to turn the tide.

Overall, its findings reinforce UNICEF's conviction that the combined efforts of governments, international organizations, civil society, local communities and the private sector are making a difference and delivering results for children. Yet it also reveals that much more must be done. The 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals is fast approaching.

We need to accelerate progress toward these goals and approach them with a collective sense of urgency.

If we do so, we can help create a better world for girls and boys, and for generations to come.

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Did you know?

The www.unicef.org/publications website contains many recently released reports from 2008 and 2009 regarding the status of the world's children and the millennium development goals.

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