

Partnership for Global Justice: October Alert

This month we are joining the initiative of the Millennium Campaign which is focusing on the Millennium Development Goals. On October 15 and 16, 2006, people all over the world are being asked to “Stand Up Against Poverty and Stand Up for the Millennium Development Goals”. We will stand up because every day 24,000 people die from hunger; every day more than 100 million children are denied the chance to go to school; every day 1.1 billion people have to drink polluted water; every day 8,200 die due to HIV/AIDS. You are asked to STAND UP and demand promises made by our governments to end poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

Write a postcard, email or call on October 15th

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500
Email: comments@whitehouse.gov
Fax: 202-456-2461
Phone: 202-456-1111

Your local congressional representatives and senators

Sample Message:

Dear _____,

I request that you keep your promise to end poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. I stand up against poverty because every day 24,000 people die from hunger; every day more than 100 million children are denied the chance to go to school; every day 1.1 billion people have to drink polluted water; every day 8,200 die due to HIV/AIDS.

Much of the world depends on our commitment.

Sincerely,

Additional Background for Letters:

-In 2000, world leaders from rich and poor countries alike committed themselves –at the highest political level—to significantly reduce poverty, illiteracy, inequality and disease in poor countries and help achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

-The Millennium Development Goals: By 2015 all UN Members States have pledged to
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.

-We know that the world today has the money and knowledge to achieve these Goals but we lack the political commitment to make this happen.

-We are the first generation that can end poverty.

-The Millennium Campaign working with a large number of national and local partners is planning a number of entertaining and engaging events in various cities around the world to mobilize partners and the general public to take part in the “Stand Up” challenge.

-The STAND UP Campaign is an innovative challenge in which we are attempting to set an official Guinness World Record for the most number of people every to STAND UP Against Poverty on October 15-16, 2006.

For more information, or to organize your own event and register it with the international office, or to find details in your local area go to:

www.millenniumcampaign.org.