



High-level Event on the Millennium Development Goals

Committing to action: achieving the Millennium Development Goals

Compilation of Partnership Events and Commitments

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MDG 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

EDUCATION FOR ALL PARTNERSHIP EVENT: CLASS OF 2015 25 SEPTEMBER, DAG HAMMARSKJOLD AUDITORIUM	
ORGANIZER/ORGANIZATION:	Global Campaign for Education
COMMITMENTS/INITIATIVES	
<p>Governments, major multi-national companies, major charities and NGOs launched a new partnership, 'The Class of 2015', which aims to reach universal primary education by 2015. New funding commitments will total over \$4.5 b for education, which will pay for schooling for 15 million children. Announced funding commitments, totaling over \$4.5 b for education, include the commitment from the Government of the United Kingdom for £50 m for the Education For All Fast-Track Initiative (FTI); the World Bank commitment of \$3 b over 2008 and 2009, to support education in over 30 countries; \$205 m from Norway; €180 m from Spain over the coming three years; \$500 m from Saudi Arabia; \$450 m from Australia; €50 m from France; and, the FIFA pledge to mobilize support from an estimated 30 million fans watching the 2010 World Cup. Comic Relief and the Government of the United Kingdom will announce a new partnership totaling £10 m for children in the UK to raise money for schools in Africa.</p>	

MDG 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN A PREREQUISITE FOR ACHIEVING ALL THE MDGs BY 2015 25 SEPTEMBER, DELEGATES DINING ROOM	
ORGANIZER/ORGANIZATION:	Governments of Denmark and Liberia
COMMITMENTS/INITIATIVES	
<p>Denmark made a new Call to Action on MDG 3. Danish development assistance to gender equality and women's rights and opportunities will be doubled from DKK 200 m in 2008 to DKK 400 m in 2010. An initiative for women's rights and opportunities in Liberia has been launched. Part of the campaign is the Global MDG 3 Champion Torch Campaign. Each MDG 3 Torch Bearer has committed to "Doing Something Extra" in support of gender equality and women's economic empowerment. By 25 September 2008, 100 commitments were made, including by Goldman Sachs (US\$100m).</p>	

MDG 4: Reduce Child Mortality

MDG 5: Improve Maternal Health

COMMITMENT TO PROGRESS FOR MOTHERS, NEWBORNS AND CHILDREN 25 SEPTEMBER, MILLENNIUM PLAZA HOTEL	
ORGANIZER/ORGANIZATION:	<p>Hosts: Permanent Missions of the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Finland, the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations</p> <p>Organizers: Family Care International, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health, Save the Children-UK, White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, World Vision International, Permanent Missions of Chile, Finland, Tanzania and the United Kingdom to the United Nations and with support from the UK Department for International Development, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, and the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations</p>
COMMITMENTS/INITIATIVES	
<p>Leaders recognized that renewed commitment and collaborative efforts are needed to accelerate progress toward MDG 4 and MDG 5. A number of concrete commitments were announced, including:</p> <p>Chile launched on 19 September 2008 the regional campaign entitled "Deliver now for women and children", coordinated by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and in close collaboration with the Network of Global Leaders for MDGs 4 and 5. Finland has joined the International Health Partnership and announced an agreement with Mozambique to support the International Health Partnership Compact. Tanzania has in place a National Road Map Strategic Plan and has made health care for pregnant women free and plans to build dispensaries in rural areas within the next ten years so that a dispensary exists within a 5-km radius of each village. Australia will spend at least A\$250 m in the next four years to improve women's and children's health, with a focus on Asia-Pacific countries where maternal and</p>	

child mortality remains high. Germany will generate political will at the international level to end discrimination against women through better family planning facilities and sexual and reproductive health services and has doubled financial resources allocated for health in the last two years, and will also train healthcare workers. Mozambique signed the "International Health Compact" with other countries, and is undertaking efforts to enhance its healthcare workforce over 2008-2015. The Netherlands will contribute €8.5m per year to UNFPA over the coming four years. The United Kingdom will spend an estimated £450 m over the next three years to support national health plans for eight countries (Ethiopia, Mozambique, Kenya, Zambia, Burundi, Nigeria, Cambodia and Nepal). Prime Minister Gordon Brown also announced a Taskforce on Innovative Financing for Health Systems to help save 10 million mothers and newborns by providing over 1 million new health workers and ensure 400 million extra births take place in a good quality facility. Norway has pledged \$1 b over ten years to reduce child and maternal mortality, in addition to a pledge of \$1 b between 2000 and 2015 for vaccinating children in poor countries. The United States in July authorized up to \$48 b to fight global HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria over the next five years, and established a goal to support training of 140,000 new health workers over the next five years. Plans to invest at least \$1.2 b over five years on health workforce development in four nations (Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Zambia) have been announced earlier. Brazil will strengthen South-South cooperation, and work with UNFPA and Portuguese-speaking countries to reduce feminization of HIV/AIDS and maternal mortality in these countries. The President of Brazil has recently signed a law that increased maternity leave from three months to six months.

World Bank will provide \$200 m over the next three years to help Ethiopia achieve better health results for its mothers and children. UNFPA is partnering with WHO, UNICEF, World Bank to provide support to the sixty countries that rank the highest on indicators of maternal mortality. It hopes to raise \$500 m through the Maternal Health Thematic Fund. The White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood will extend and expand promise to "Mothers Lost Campaign" to exert pressure for increased investment in maternal health especially in health workers. WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and the World Bank issued a joint statement of commitment to work together to ensure universal access to family planning, skilled attendance at birth, and basic comprehensive emergency obstetric care. Family Care International, Women Deliver and other civil society event co-organizers will promote greater political commitment in order to make pregnancy and childbirth safe everywhere in the world, and advocate for increased financial investment in maternal and child health. Exxon Mobil committed to delivering on a combined attack of "vertical" preventable diseases such as malaria with "horizontal" approaches. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, David and Lucille Packard Foundation, and MacArthur Foundation are making grants related to MDG5 of nearly \$100 million in 2008 and will continue to do more in the future. Johnson and Johnson will ensure that medicines for global health challenges are developed and is establishing a new initiative with the UN, women's groups and other healthcare companies to address gaps, particularly in relation to HIV/Aids and TB. Johnson and Johnson will be working in partnership with UNFPA to support a programme to end fistula in the East African region.

MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Other Diseases

2008 MDG MALARIA SUMMIT - WORLD LEADERS UNITE	
25 SEPTEMBER, MILLENNIUM PLAZA HOTEL	
ORGANIZER/ORGANIZATION:	Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Malaria, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UK Department for International Development, Malaria No More
COMMITMENTS/INITIATIVES	
<p>World leaders united behind the Global Malaria Action Plan, developed by the Roll Back Malaria Partnership. The plan declares a target to ensure full coverage of malaria interventions by 2010, the aspiration to achieve near zero preventable deaths by 2015, as a major step toward ultimately eradicating malaria.</p> <p>More than \$3 b in commitments were made, including the following: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation committed \$168 m to the PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative to expand its Research and Development pipeline. The UK restated its commitment to 20 million bed nets towards closing the bed net gap of 125million, asked that the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria host the Affordable Medicines Facility, and will pledge £40 m, and increase research spending to at least £5 m per year by 2010. Malaria No More and the Global Business Coalition launched a \$100 m malaria capital campaign, with \$35 m raised to date from ExxonMobil (\$10 m), New York Stock Exchange (\$50 thousand) and Marathon Oil (\$25 m). The Organization of Islamic Conferences committed \$200 m from its Member States to malaria. Sesame Workshop committed a pan-African malaria-focused public health education program valued at \$2 m. Comic Relief will hold a campaign as part of Red Nose Day in the UK called the Night of a Million Nets. The World Bank committed \$1.1 b to its Booster Programme. The Global Fund to fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria committed to funding round 8.</p>	

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PARTNERSHIP ON MICRO-HEALTH INSURANCE 24 SEPTEMBER 2008	
ORGANIZER/ORGANIZATION:	Grameen Health, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
COMMITMENTS	
Grameen Health and Pfizer created a partnership to identify sustainable models for healthcare delivery. During the first phase, the partnership will: analyze ways to expand and improve the current low-cost, micro-health and insurance programs at Grameen Health's 38 existing Kalyan clinics; and, review operating efficiencies and the scope of services at Grameen clinics. At the end of the first phase, the aim is to have created a model for self-sustaining business models for replication in other countries in order to better address the healthcare needs of the 4 billion people around the world whose annual income is less than \$3,000. Pfizer is committing key employees to provide technical and advisory support.	

MDG 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS 22 SEPTEMBER,	
ORGANIZER/ORGANIZATION:	Office of the Special Adviser for Africa
COMMITMENTS/INITIATIVES	
The EU reaffirmed its commitments to devote 0.7 percent of GNI to ODA by 2015, and proposed to establish \$1 b food facility to promote agricultural production, in addition to the \$300 b commitment for Africa. An EU-Africa Energy Partnership has been launched in 2007 and will address energy issues. The EU launched a Global Climate Change Alliance with poor and vulnerable Developing Countries. The United States has provided \$18.8 b under the PEPFAR programme against HIV/AIDS, and committed to provide another \$14 b over the next five years for the fight against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.	