

# Global Engagement

Helping our Youth to Think in a Global World



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What Can Teachers Do to Engage  
Students in Global Issues?

# Global Shared Values

**Caring**

**Honesty**

**Fairness**

**Responsibility**

**Respect**

**Tolerance**

# Build Global Thinking Strategies

- Introduce one global issue at a time for example *poverty*.
- Allow students to debate the merits of the issue.

# Engagement

Hands-on learning: is effective in helping kids understand about global issues.

- Encourage students to initiate and act on a project – e.g. collect toys for poor kids in Mexico.
- Experience other traditions – e.g. organize international food/art fair.
- Motivate them to learn other languages.

# Discuss – 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

# Share Facts

- 115 million children out of school worldwide; 61.6% are girls.
- 59% of children in sub-Saharan Africa are in primary school, over 1/3 drop out before 5th grade.
- 40m primary-school-age children are not in school in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 250 million children are involved in part or full-time work.

# More Facts

- The richest 50 million people in Europe and North America have the same income as the poorest 2.7 billion people in the world.
- All kids in the world could attain primary education if wealthy nations could invest \$9-15 billion.

Source: Global Issues

# Engage Students In:

- Public Awareness Campaign – e.g. eliminating school fees in poor countries.
- Establishing values that improve the quality of education for all children – free lunch.

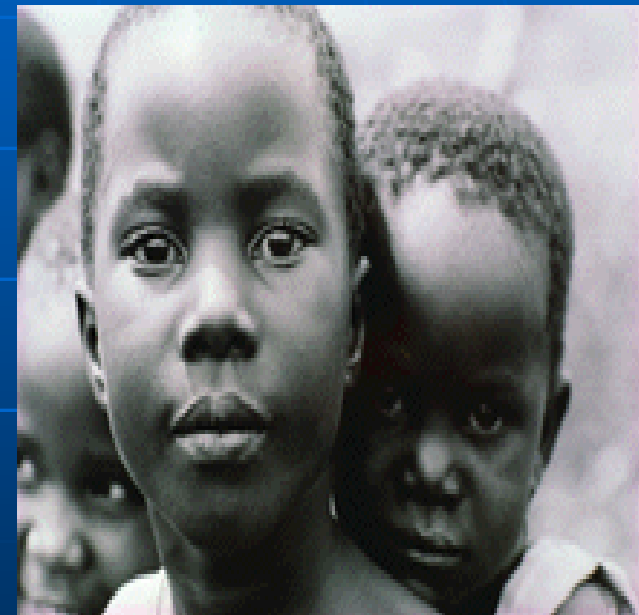
# Discuss Critical Global Social, Moral, and Ethical Issues

Poverty  
Education  
HIV/AIDS

# Poverty

Currently, more than 1 Billion children in the world live in poverty.

- 640 million live without proper shelter.
- 400 million have no access to safe drinking water.
- 10.6 million died in 2003 before the age of 5.



Source: Global Issues '07

# Education

**Helps reduce poverty and inequality**

**Improves living standard – health**

**Enables the use of technologies**

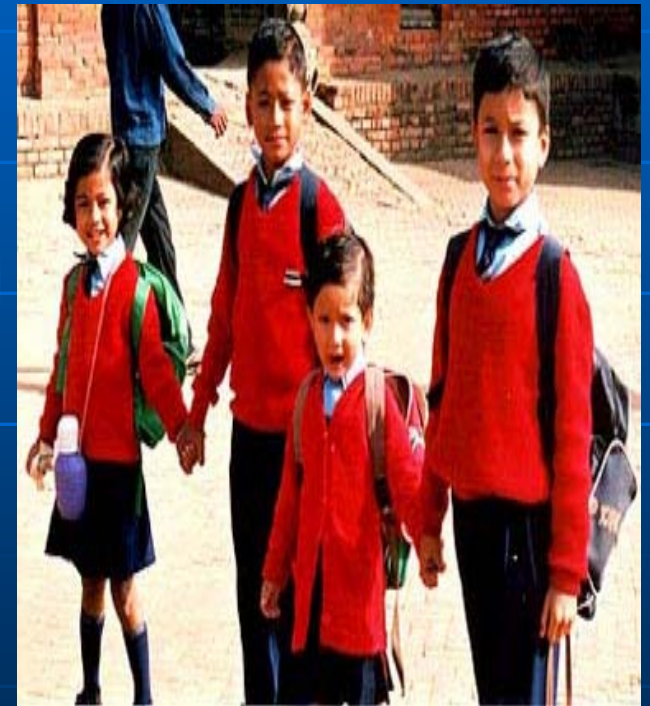
**Promotes sustainability**

**Builds tolerance and understanding**

# Targets on Children & Education

## Education Target – 2015

**Children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.**



# Targets on Children & Education

- More than 78 countries are unlikely to meet the Universal Primary Education goal.
- It is highly possible that 100 million children will still be denied schooling by 2015.

Source: International Financial Facility

# Development Goal for HIV/AIDS

## HIV/AIDS

- Expected to be halved by 2015 and to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS
- In sub-Saharan Africa 12.1 million children are orphans.



# Targets on HIV/AIDS

- In 2002, 42 million adults and 5 million children were living with **HIV/AIDS** – more than 95% of them in developing countries and 70% in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- In sub-Saharan Africa alone 26.6 million people are infected with the HIV/AIDS virus.

# Final Thoughts

Let us provide our youth with an opportunity to contribute in their communities and to become leaders. We could do this by helping them participate in local, national, and global causes. This in turn may provide them with new skills, positive attitudes, compassion, higher self esteem and eventually help them lead a life that is purposeful.

# 2007- UN Youth Events

- March 8, 2007: International Women's Day
- April 30- May 11, 2007: Commission on Sustainable Development
- April 12-14, 2007: Water and Youth First International Meeting
- April 20-22, 2007: Eighth Annual Global Youth Service Day
- August 12, 2007: International Youth Day

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# Thank you!

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