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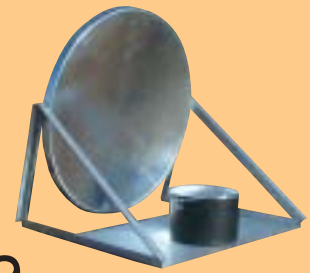
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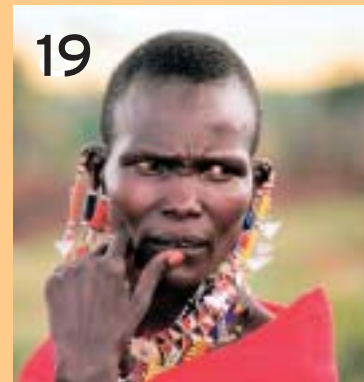
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UNEP and Bayer, the German-based international enterprise involved in health care, crop science and material science, are working together to strengthen young people's environmental awareness and engage children and youth in environmental issues worldwide.

A partnership agreement lays down a basis for UNEP and Bayer, who have collaborated on projects in the Asia and Pacific region for nearly ten years, to step

up current projects, transfer successful initiatives to other countries and develop new youth programmes. Projects include: TUNZA Magazine, the International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment, the Bayer Young Environmental Envoy in Partnership with UNEP, the UNEP TUNZA International Youth Conference, youth environmental networks in Asia Pacific, the Eco Forum in Poland and a photo competition, 'Ecology in Focus', in eastern Europe.



Partners for Youth and the Environment



editorial: **An agenda for our generation**



'We will spare no effort to free our fellow men, women and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty, to which more than a billion of them are currently subjected.'

So spake the world's leaders as the new millennium dawned, in a special United Nations Declaration in September 2000. Just fine words? Maybe. But, for once, the leaders did not just confine themselves to fine sentences and sentiments, but laid down some yardsticks by which they could be judged.

The eight Millennium Development Goals (see below) are the most ambitious attempt yet to tackle world poverty. They attack it on a wide range of fronts from hunger to ill health, from inequality to environmental degradation. And they are accompanied by 18 specific targets, broken down into 48 indicators, which give a realistic way of keeping score of how the world is doing.

The environment has a goal of its own, but it is also central to all the others. For environmental degradation helps to cause many of the world's most pressing problems including poverty, hunger, declining health, emerging diseases, unsafe drinking water, mass migration from the countryside to cities, and war and civil strife.

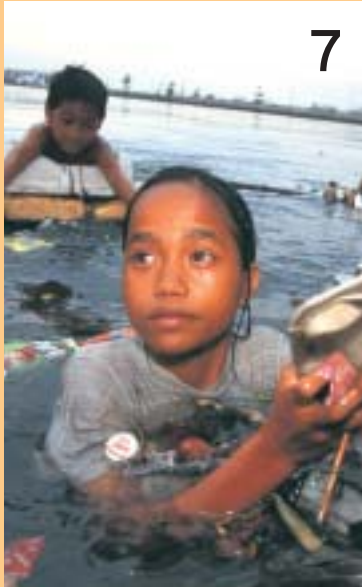
So far the record of achievement towards the goals is patchy. Some parts of the world are on track to meet some of them. Other nations, particularly in Africa, are going backwards. Much, much more must be done, if they are to be realized.

But the Millennium Development Goals provide an agenda for our generation, a blueprint for the kind of world we want to inherit. At last we have something clear to aim at and to press our leaders to achieve. And we can measure the progress - or lack of it - that they, and we, make. It remains a scandal, as the third millennium dawns on our beautiful and bountiful planet, that a billion people - one in every six of us - should remain in extreme poverty. We pledge ourselves to do everything we can to end it.

We want to hear from you - your views, your news and your ideas. E-mail us at tunza@ourplanet.com



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By 2015 all United Nations Member States have pledged to:

1

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

- Reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day.
- Reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

2

Achieve universal primary education

- Ensure that all boys and girls complete a full course of primary schooling.

3

Promote gender equality and empower women

- Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015.

4

Reduce child mortality

- Reduce by two thirds the mortality rate among children under five.

5

Improve maternal health

- Reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio.