



TEN POINTS FOR 2010

1GOAL – EDUCATION FOR ALL

Rich countries should:

1. Give their fair share of the funding needed for Education For All

- While aid to basic education has grown since 2000, it has never reached the volume needed to achieve EFA.
- Overall, aid to basic education needs to quadruple from \$4 billion per year to \$16 billion per year.
- Many rich countries need to increase their aid to basic education in poor countries, especially the G8 nations, most of which are not paying close to their fair share of the financing gap.

2. Back a global plan to co-ordinate for better results

- 1GOAL believes that aid works best when rich and poor countries act together and target aid where it is needed and where it can do the most good, rather than following the strategic interests of the donor.
- A global plan will guarantee that funds are spent efficiently and support government priorities and systems, with minimal bureaucracy.
- A global plan will enable a strong focus on ensuring that children not only go to school but learn the skills they need for a better life.

3. Make aid available for the core running costs of education: teachers, books and schools

- Wherever possible, aid should be channelled directly into the education systems of developing countries, not spent on projects and consultancies.
- The Global Campaign for Education estimates that less than 25% of aid to basic education is available for teachers' salaries, despite this being the largest expense in government budgets.
- Teachers are the lifeblood of any education system. Rich countries should be prepared to support countries to train, hire and retain them, as well as ensure they have decent classrooms and good materials to support children's learning.

4. Target those countries facing the greatest challenges, including those suffering war and conflict

- Many countries most off track for achieving EFA are those plagued by conflict either within or outside their own borders. While getting aid into these countries is challenging, the needs of the children there are as urgent – if not more so – than anywhere else.
- Some countries emerging from conflict, such as Liberia and Sierra Leone, have made remarkable strides in rebuilding education, but their efforts have not been matched by those of the donors, who persistently neglect conflict-affected states in their aid plans.

Poor countries should:

5. Put 20% of their budgets into education, half for primary schooling

- Governments of poor countries must demonstrate their own commitment to achieving EFA by prioritising education within national budgets.
- 20% is the recommended target for low-income countries, based on studies of what has led to success in the past.
- Average low-income country expenditure on education has increased to 20% but considerable variation exists between countries.

6. End fees and charges that prevent families sending children to school

- Families continue to bear far too high a financial burden for sending children to school. Fees consume nearly a quarter of a poor family's income in sub-Saharan Africa, paying not only for tuition, but also indirect fees such as parent-teacher association and community contributions, textbook fees, compulsory uniforms and other charges.
- This is a major cause of both exclusion from school and early drop-out.
- Poor families are more likely to pay for boys to go to school than girls because they perceive that more financial benefit will come to their own families from this investment.

7. Help girls and others left behind, such as children from marginalised and poor communities, children with disabilities and others

- Experience from countries like Brazil, Mexico and Bangladesh shows that it is possible to see big increases in enrolment and attendance at school with targeted interventions to help overcome the barriers created by poverty.
- Conditional cash transfers, school feeding programmes, uniform grants and stipends for girls are all proven strategies for success.
- The strong positive benefits of getting girls into school far outweigh the small costs involved.
- Specific measures may be needed to include children affected by disabilities, HIV and AIDS and those living in hard-to-reach communities.

8. Train and recruit all the teachers needed to achieve EFA

- There is a drastic global shortage of teachers. 10 million teachers must be recruited between now and 2015 to ensure all children can go to school and get a quality education. 1.2 million new teachers are needed in sub-Saharan Africa.
 - In countries such as Mozambique, Burundi, and Ethiopia average class sizes are over 50, with some overcrowded areas accommodating over 100 pupils to a class. Quality teaching and learning is impossible in these circumstances.
 - The surge in enrolments has led to an increase in the use of untrained teachers of varying quality. Urgent action is needed to ensure they are systematically trained and absorbed into the regular teaching force.
- All countries in the world should reach minimum standards to guarantee education to their citizens. While some richer countries have achieved mass education, all should ensure that their efforts are consistent and that legally binding commitments are made to continue them.

Therefore, every country should:

9. Budget sufficiently to make certain that quality education is provided for all to learn, ensuring class sizes below 40 pupils per teacher, good school infrastructure and teachers that enable learning.

10. Make Education For All a constitutional right.

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