

Factsheet

KS2 & 3 – If I were a world leader...



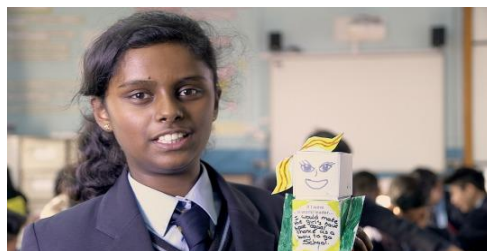
What would you do if you were a world leader?

Let's have a look at what has been achieved in the past 15 years, and what still needs to be done.

Achievements

A lot has been achieved since 2000. World leaders have definitely been listening, and Send My Friend to School has made sure that the UK is one of the biggest donors to education. Here are a few of our achievements:

- 50 million more children are in primary school than in 2000.
- There was strong progress between 2000 and 2008 – if this had continued, all children would have been in school by 2015.
- The number of girls in primary school has increased. There are now 97 girls in school for every 100 boys.
- Rwanda and Vietnam have all increased children in school by at least 85% since 2006.
- Ethiopia is sending 2.2million more children to school, and India is sending 5.5million more than in 2000.



- In the UK around 5 million school children have taken part in Send My Friend to School, reminding world leaders to keep their promises. Students have persuaded over 1,000 MPs to go 'back to school' for a day.



What needs to change?

The figures in these facts need to change:

- 58 million children are missing primary school, and a further 68 million are missing secondary school. That's 126 million children not in school today.
- 1 in 3 children missing out on school have a disability.
- Nearly half of children out of school live in conflict areas.
- There are still 31 million girls of primary school age who have never been to school.
- If the current pace continues it will be 2086 before all children go to primary school, and 2111 before they complete lower secondary school.
- About \$26 billion is needed every year to pay for the extra schools and teachers needed to educate every child.



Joshua Salama's says: "Let them use school – children are the people of the future. Children are the ones that will be the presidents, the doctors, the people that will help their community."

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Sources:

- EFA Global Monitoring Report 2014
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