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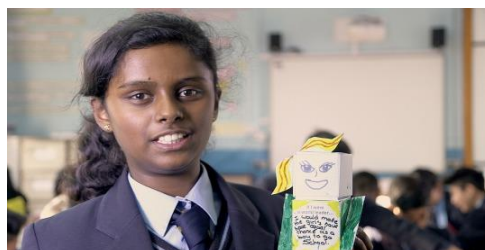
KS4 – World Leaders: achievements to date and actions to do

A lot has been achieved since 2000. World leaders have definitely been listening, and Send My Friend to School has helped ensure that the UK remains one of the biggest donors to education in the developing world. More money is needed to tackle issues as rich countries are not delivering all the aid they promised, and many governments in poorer countries are not spending enough on education.

Let's look at the achievements, and move to considering what needs to be done.

Achievements

- 50 million more children are in primary school than in 2000.
- There was strong progress between 2000 and 2008 – if this level of improvement had been maintained, all children would have been enrolled in school by 2015.
- The number of girls in primary school has increased. There are now 97 girls in school for every 100 boys.
- Many countries have made huge strides towards primary education for all. Laos, 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.
- Many countries have committed billions to the fight for global education.
- In 2014, following months of pressure from education campaigners, world leaders from donor and developing countries pledged nearly £17 billion for global education.



- 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 – equal to the entire population of Japan. 1 in 10 primary aged children are missing out on education.
- More than 1 in 4 children from rural areas of developing countries are likely to drop out of school.
- 1 in 3 children missing out on school have a disability.
- Nearly half of the 58 million out-of-school children of primary school age live in conflict-affected 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 complete a full course of primary schooling, and 2111 before achieving lower secondary school completion.
- Worldwide, 250 million children – many of them from disadvantaged backgrounds – are not learning basic reading and maths skills.
- Approximately \$26 billion is needed every year to pay for the extra schools and teachers needed to educate every child.



Joshua Salama's message to world leaders is clear: "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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