



HEALTH AND HUNGER CONCERNS

AT THIRD PLENARY SESSION

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The Auditorium (10th Floor)
1530-1550, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008

Save the Children of the World Health and Hunger Resource Group

A Presidential emphasis for the year 2008-09.

- Water
- Literacy
- Health and Hunger

RI President wants Rotarians to be aware and address this terrible number

- He confirmed the Health and Hunger Resource Group.
- He asked Heather Yarker to be General Coordinator.
- He appointed Area and Zone Coordinators to work with District Coordinator and District Governor.
- He wishes every Rotary Club and every Rotarian to know about this emphasis.
- He knows Rotarians want that 26,000 deaths reduced this year.



Progress and challenges

- Under-five mortality rates (U5MR) have been significantly reduced from 1960 to 2006
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| Year | 1960 (U5MR) | ~ 20 million deaths |
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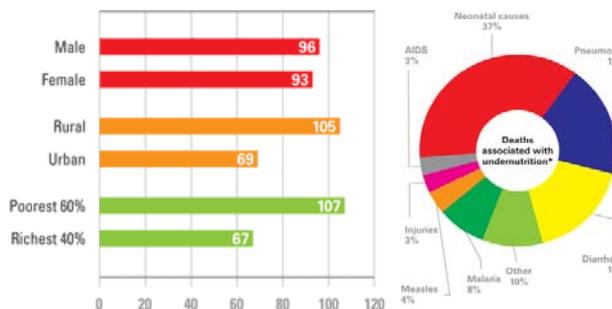
1990	~ 13 million deaths
2006	~ 9.7 million deaths

meaning, however, that still 26 000 children under the age of 5 years die every day (= 65 full jumbo jets)

- Millennium Development Goal 4 is to reduce U5MR by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015 (to "only" 5 million deaths)
- The causes of 99 per cent of the deaths are known
- Two thirds of the deaths are preventable by simple, effective, low-cost, practical solutions

Major causes of child mortality

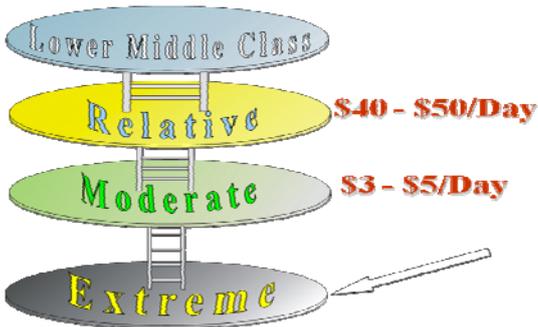
- Undernutrition contributes to up to half of all under-five deaths.
- Mortality is higher in rural areas and in the poorest households



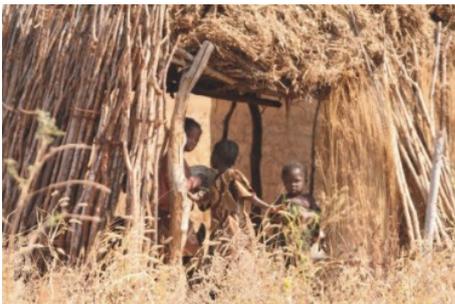
"Poverty Is The Parent Of Revolution And Crime."

Aristotle (384-322 BC)

Understanding Poverty And Causes Of Infant Mortality



Extreme Poverty



Living On \$1-\$2 / Day - 3B People!
Lack All The Basics For Survival



Not Much Food – Always Hungry!
Many Hunger Related Deaths!



No Health Or Dental Care Available!
They & Their Children Always Sick

No Clean Water Or Sanitation!

Leading To Preventable Diseases Including Polio



No Education For Children!

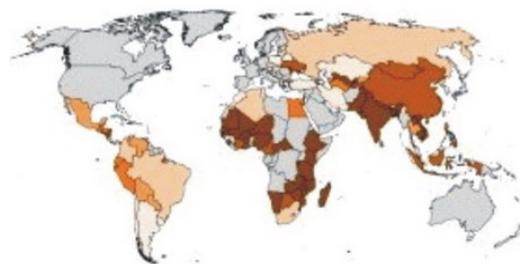
Continuing The Legacy Of Poverty For The Next Generation



No Hope, Voice Or Control Over Their Destiny!

Unable To Reach The First Step Of The Ladder!

Mostly In Africa & South Asia



The 60 priority countries for child survival



Source: Countdown to 2015, Tracking Progress in Child Survival: The 2005 report, UNICEF Health Section, New York, 2006, p. 37.

Extreme Poverty

- All Of These Issues Have Tremendous Impact On Children Including President DK's Passionate Concern Infant Mortality!
- More Than 26,000 Children Die Each Day From Preventable Causes!
- 2.2 M Children Die Each Year Because They Are Not Immunized
- 2 M Children Die Each Year In Wars That They Didn't Start!
- More Than 2 M Children (Mostly Girls) Are Sold Each Year For Sex Trade Or As Slaves

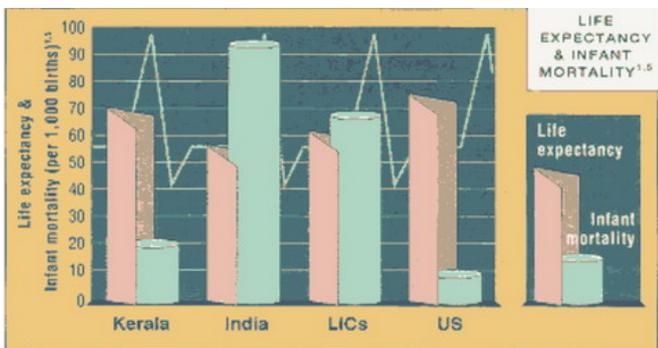
Thus Began DK's Dream!

The Most Effective Tools To Eradicate Poverty Education Of A Girl Child plus Water and Sanitation Health and Hunger

Begin By Educating Girls

An African Proverb

*When You Educate A Boy You Benefit An Individual
When You Educate A Girl You Benefit A Community*



Be inspired by these examples

- India (Deepa Willingham's PACE)
- Africa (St Jude's)
- Thailand (Children of Golden Triangle)
- Philippines (Village Aid or VAP)

Deepa Willingham Began With Two Simple Missions:

1. Nurture the Educational, Health, Nutritional, Social and Cultural Development of Girls (and boys)
2. Build the First Prototype Service Center to Serve as a Model!



First Project Site

The Village Of Piyali Junction Near Calcutta, India



Simple Rented Buildings Bringing Pride And Hope



\$300/Girl/Year Pays For

- SBWB Curriculum
- Two Nutritious Meals/Day
- All School Supplies & Uniforms
- Health & Dental Care
- Teacher Salaries
- Rent
- Daily Vitamin Therapy

Cultural Education



One Example Of A Joint Project Impacting Children's Lives

Giving The Gift Of Laughter & Hope
These Children Are Beating All Infant Mortality Odds



The School of St.Jude

In 2002 a young lady, Gemma Rice (now Gemma Sisia), from a sheep farm in Australia, opened a small school in Northern Tanzania with the help of her family, friends and local Rotary Club.

What started with only a handful of children and one teacher is now a thriving school of almost 1000 children, 130 teachers and 200 staff.

In January 2008 another free primary school with an initial enrollment of over 550 children opened. These

schools really have the potential to influence the quality of Tanzania's future leaders.



Gemma with some of The School of St Jude students

Hill Tribes of Thailand



Village Aid Philippines

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- Feed The Elderly
- Home Care
- Medication
- Sanitation
- Safe Water Program
- No Cost Dwellings
- Vocational Training
- Clothing The Poor
- Feed The Children
- Hospitalization
- Scouting

