

END POVERTY DAY - OCT 17



"Do we have the will to make poverty history?"
-- Bono

Globalization has improved the lives of people throughout the world, but it has also widened the gap between rich and poor. Half the world lives on less than \$2 a day and 30,000 children die each day because of poverty. Even in America, 36 million people are poor. Poverty affects families, communities and nations. When people are not able to get the food and shelter they need, conflicts arise. Working to end poverty will make the world safer.

At the UN Millennium Summit, the world's leaders pledged to help end poverty as the first of 8 Millennium Development Goals. The rest of these goals address ways to eliminate poverty such as ensuring education for all children, improving health and empowering women. Many campaigns are working with the UN's Millennium Campaign to pressure governments to live up to their promises, such as Britain's Make Poverty History Campaign and the ONE Campaign in America. 2005's global Live 8 concert, organized by Bob Geldof and U2's Bono, helped to bring

worldwide attention to the end poverty movement, and the White Band Campaign makes it easy for everyone to show their support.

End Poverty Day, on October 17, is an opportunity to mobilize to remind governments about their pledge to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and to inspire individuals to see that together we can end poverty.

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1. Find out more about global poverty
2. Wear the White Band to show your support
3. Hold an event to raise awareness about ending poverty
4. Contribute to organizations working to end poverty

Organizations Helping End Poverty

- ACCION International (accion.org)
- FINCA International (villagebanking.org)
- Make Poverty History (makepovertyhistory.org)
- Millennium Campaign (millenniumcampaign.org)
- NetAid (netaid.org)
- ONE Campaign (one.org)

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