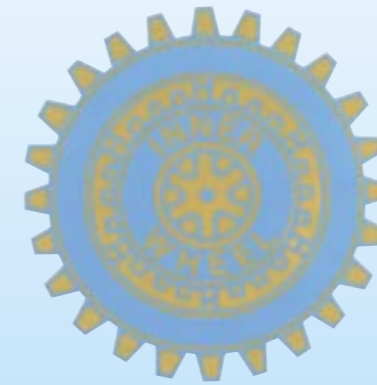


Education is a right of all children, girls and boys, rich and poor.

Investing in education, and girls' education in particular, is a progressive step towards eliminating poverty, advancing human development, promoting gender equality and stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.



INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

SOCIAL PROJECT

July 2006 – June 2009

UNICEF's GLOBAL GIRLS' EDUCATION PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

will support
UNICEF

in its intensified efforts
to promote

**GIRLS'
EDUCATION**

in developing countries.

**Somewhere in
a developing country
a girl is born**



**Her mother will do
everything in her power to
protect and sustain her.**

But - will this be enough?

**Will she be able to
celebrate her fifth
birthday?**

*11 million children die every
year before the age of five mostly
from preventable causes.*

**Will she be able to grow up
to become a young and
healthy woman?**

*The vast majority of the
10 million young people living
with HIV/AIDS are young women.*

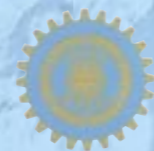
**Will she be able to learn how to
read and write and become an
active and participating
member of the community?**

*65 million girls are denied
their right to education.*



Together we, all members in INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL, can help lots of girls and many others to survive, develop and be protected from abuse and exploitation.

***It is a great challenge and joy for IIW
to support UNICEF in this important
work for a better future.***



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Poverty begins when even one child is denied his or her fundamental right to education.

“Achieve universal primary education.”
The Second Millennium Development Goal.

United Nations MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, agreed upon by 189 countries, are eight promises for a better world aimed at eradicating extreme poverty. The most important goal is:

To eliminate all gender disparity in primary and secondary education by 2015, and achieve full gender equality in education.

Achievement of this goal is crucial, as education is one of the most powerful instruments known for reducing poverty and inequality. Education also lays the foundation for sustainable economic growth and good governance.

“ ... there is no tool for development more effective than the education of girls.”

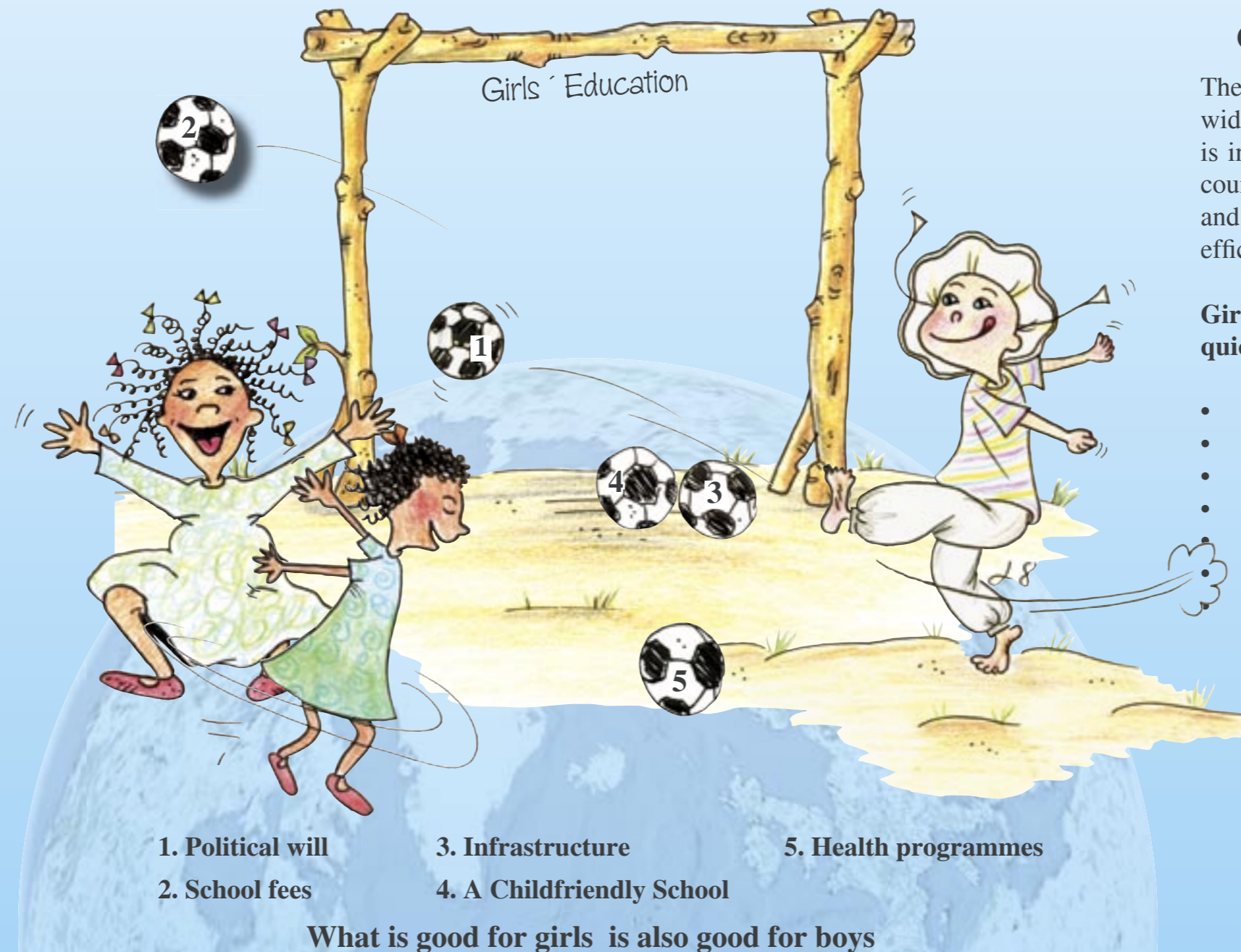
Kofi A. Annan
UN Secretary General

Poverty ends when every man and woman can enjoy their rights to the full extent.

Why don't girls go to school?

Poverty	“We have no money to pay the school fees.”
Traditions	“My father says that it is a waste of money. He will anyhow get a good bride price for me”
Gender discrimination	“I have to stay home to look after my brothers and sisters, to fetch water, find firewood and clean the house.”
Lack of infrastructure	“The school is too far away and the road is too dangerous.”
HIV/AIDS	“I was forced to drop out of school to work in the fields when my mother became ill.”
War	“I have never been to school. We have none and there are soldiers everywhere.”

What has to be done?



1. Political will
2. School fees
3. Infrastructure
4. A Childfriendly School
5. Health programmes

What is good for girls is also good for boys

Who is going to do it?

UNICEF

THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

UNICEF is the only intergovernmental agency devoted exclusively to children. It is mandated by the world's governments to promote and protect children's rights and their well being.

UNICEF is funded completely by voluntary contributions.

UNICEF's Global Girls' Education Programme.

The programme operates in countries with the widest gender gap and where girls' education is in a critical situation. The programme helps countries with policy, data, capacity-building and financial support and to improve the efficiency of their recourses.

Girls' Education translates directly and quickly into:

- Better nutrition for the whole family
- Better healthcare
- Reduced child and maternal mortality
- Prevention of HIV/AIDS
- Family planning
- Poverty reduction.
- Better overall economic performance

**EDUCATED GIRLS
become
EDUCATED MOTHERS**