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PROTECTING REFUGEES AGAINST DEADLY MALARIA

Malaria is the number one cause of illness and death among Africa's 2.6 million refugees. That is why the United Nations Foundation initiated a major new collaboration in 2008 with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Together, we are working to provide long-lasting, insecticide-treated bed nets to 27 refugee camps in Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Harnessing our ongoing *Nothing But Nets* campaign, we are providing bed nets to the more than 630,000 refugees displaced by the spreading crisis in Darfur and other African conflicts. The conditions and circumstances surrounding African refugee camps allow mosquitoes to thrive and malaria to spread. And with a new rainy season approaching, the *Nothing but Nets* campaign is working urgently to get

these life-saving nets to camps where most refugees are women and children.

On a recent bed net distribution mission, the UN Foundation's Elizabeth Gore wrote, "I am squeezed into an 8 x 10-foot mud-brick house covered by a thin sheet of plastic provided by UNHCR. On my left is Eliza, a 40-year-old Congolese refugee, who has survived polio and is sitting in a homemade wheelchair with a baby on her lap. To my right is Tom Cavanagh, Hollywood star and producer. Tom and I are helping Eliza hang the mosquito net she received this morning through the UN Foundation net distribution."

No one knows how long Eliza will remain in the refugee camp. But thanks to the *Nothing But Nets* campaign, we know that she and her child can sleep in peace, assured that they are protected

from malaria. All told, Elizabeth, Tom and their UN colleagues were able to distribute 37,500 nets on their recent mission. The UN Foundation is working now to mobilize the nets needed to cover the remaining nine camps in Uganda. You can help by getting involved – please visit www.nothingbutnets.net.



Eliza heads home with the bed nets she just received

Nothing But Nets, a UN Foundation campaign, was inspired by sportswriter Rick Reilly, and since then, a diverse set of partners and hundreds of thousands of supporters have raised more than \$25 million to send bed nets and save children's lives.

COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE MEANS MOVING TO CLEAN ENERGY

Creating a new energy economy will help stimulate the global economy, enhance security, and address the massive long-term challenge of preventing catastrophic climate change.

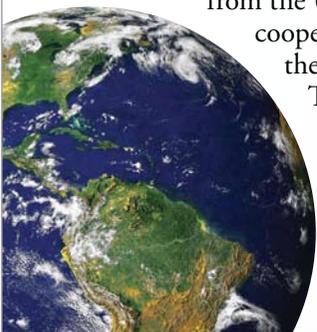
Realizing the benefits of a new energy economy will require leadership from the United States and cooperation through the United Nations. Therefore, the UN Foundation is working to support U.S. and UN efforts to save

energy, create new sources, and forge consensus on a strong and effective international climate change agreement.

Long before energy prices spiked in 2007, the UN Foundation founded the Energy Future Coalition to help expedite a new energy future in the United States. The Energy Future Coalition is supporting U.S. legislation to put a price on carbon, make renewables competitive in the marketplace, deploy energy efficiency technologies to save energy and money, and reduce global warming emissions. We envision a more efficient economy,

clean biofuels, and a smarter, more secure energy grid. The proposals endorsed by the Energy Future Coalition will help create new jobs and industries, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and help solve the climate crisis.

Internationally, we are working with the UN to ensure that the new energy economy stimulates global opportunities and prosperity. Because successful negotiation of a new climate change treaty is so vital to our global future, we are supporting UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's efforts to foster international consensus.



From the President

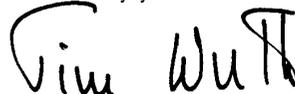
On behalf of all of us at the United Nations Foundation, and our Chairman, Ted Turner, welcome to the first issue of *Global Progress*!

You are an important member of the UN Foundation's community of engaged citizens. Our unique relationship with the UN allows us to link people like you with the UN to work together on key global challenges like health, human rights, environmental protection, and women's empowerment.

As you read about our work, from malaria prevention to global energy solutions, you will see examples of how we are connecting people, resources, and ideas to help the United Nations address large-scale problems. With your continued support, I am optimistic that we can make meaningful progress on these urgent challenges.

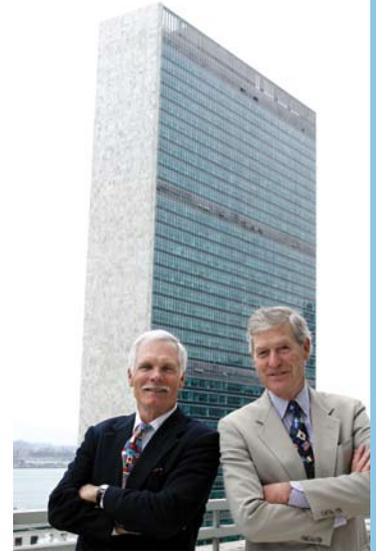
I think you will enjoy learning more about the United Nations Foundation. You are a valued partner in all that we do, and I thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy E. Wirth

P.S. To learn more about the programs highlighted in this issue, go to our website, www.unfoundation.org, and be sure to sign up for UN Wire as well. We'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions about our work. Visit our website at www.unfoundation.org/ideas and let us know your thoughts.



UN Foundation Chairman, Ted Turner and President, Senator Timothy Wirth

PEOPLE TAKING ACTION

"I first learned about the United Nations Foundation when a colleague told me about Nothing But Nets in 2006. When I went to the website, I was impressed to see how many different groups of ordinary people – including lots of school children – were involved and had organized fundraising efforts.

It feels good to support the United Nations Foundation because it is tackling global issues that are important to everyone. I know the money I give doesn't just help people today, but is also used to make a long-term difference. Even if your donation is

modest, you are part of a bigger community that is really making a difference."

-Beth Huggins,
Orlando, Florida



Every UN Foundation donor is a vital part of our work to help the United Nations build a better world.

EYE ON THE UN

On January 22, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Susan Rice as the new United States Ambassador to the United Nations. With Ambassador Rice's leadership, the UN Foundation is hopeful for a new era in U.S.-UN relations.

Ambassador Rice believes that the most pressing problems facing humanity today demand a global response. In her testimony, Ambassador Rice stated:

"Terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, civil conflict, climate change, genocide, extreme poverty, and deadly infectious disease are shared challenges that

no single nation can defend against alone. They require common action based on a common purpose and a vision of shared security."

Ambassador Rice is also committed to restoring the United States' role as a partner in international cooperation, particularly through the UN. In her words, "My most immediate objective ... will be to refresh and renew America's leadership in the United Nations and bring to bear the full weight of our influence, voice, resources, values, and diplomacy at the United Nations."

We have already had great interactions with Ambassador Rice, and we look forward to

working with her on strengthening the UN, addressing climate change, promoting human rights, and ensuring the United States fully honors its financial commitments to the UN.



Senator Timothy Wirth, UN Ambassador Susan Rice, and Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations at the United Nations

GLOBAL SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS



Empowering Women and Girls

Investing in adolescent girls is one of the smartest, most effective things the world can do. In the world's poorest countries, there are 600 million adolescent girls, half of the largest youth generation in history. The choices these girls make in the coming years will shape their lives and the future of the world.

The UN Foundation believes investing in adolescent girls is critical to ending global poverty, ensuring human rights, and securing our future. By fostering relationships among the UN, the NGO community, and the private sector to focus attention and resources on adolescent girls, the UN Foundation has nurtured and supported key initiatives such as the Coalition for Adolescent Girls and the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Adolescent Girls.

To continue to build on this momentum, the UN Foundation has created The Girl Fund. The Girl Fund supports the UN's groundbreaking work with adolescent girls, such as the Berhane Hewan program in the Amhara region of Ethiopia, where half of all girls are married before their 15th birthday. The Berhane Hewan program provides a \$25 sheep to families who commit to keeping their daughters in school, in turn helping 11,000 girls in Ethiopia delay marriage, become educated, and learn life skills. These skills include functional literacy, reproductive health education, and how to save money.

There is a compelling and immediate need to increase investment in girls and give them the tools to achieve their potential. Through The Girl Fund and other initiatives, the UN Foundation is changing the world, one girl at a time.

Did You Know?

The United Nations is working with the World Health Organization to use innovative technology in the fight against deadly diseases. Health workers in 22 countries in sub-Saharan Africa are being trained to use mobile communication devices to collect vital health data that will lead to faster and more efficient diagnoses, treatment, and disease prevention. Thank you for helping the United Nations Foundation to employ technological solutions to save more lives.

The Final Front in the Battle Against Polio

The global eradication of smallpox in 1977 is regarded as one of the greatest public health triumphs. The world is on the verge of another triumph – the complete elimination of polio, a highly contagious disease that at one time killed or crippled half a million people a year, almost all of them children.

Thanks to two decades of concerted immunization efforts in almost every country in the world, the number of polio cases worldwide has dropped 99%.

While spread of infections to neighboring countries, especially from Nigeria, continues to frustrate eradication efforts, only four countries – Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan – continue to experience significant numbers of new polio cases each year.



UN Foundation Chief Operating Officer, Kathy Calvin, in Senegal

This is the direct result of the committed efforts of the Global Polio Eradication partnership, a partnership that includes Rotary International, the UN Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization. Together the partnership helped fund the vaccination of more than 2 billion children around the world.

But it hasn't always been easy for the partners to finance large-scale immunization efforts, even though a polio vaccine costs about 10 cents per dose. In response to an urgent need for resources in 2000, the UN Foundation partnered with Rotary International – and its 1.2 million members – to create an innovative financial mechanism with the World Bank and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help continue vaccination efforts.

This mechanism, termed “polio buy-downs,” has mobilized over \$250 million to the four endemic countries and helped push the number of polio cases, worldwide, to a small fraction of what it once was.

With a strong, final push by the global health community, experts predict that new infections of the wild poliovirus could be eliminated in a few short years. Please help us.

Support our Work

The UN Foundation invites you to join us in our efforts to fight disease, reduce poverty, slow global climate change and make the world a more peaceful, prosperous, and just place. Donate today using the enclosed envelope or online at our secure website www.unfoundation.org/globalprogress.

The UN Foundation is an advocate for the UN and a platform for connecting people, ideas and resources to help the United Nations solve global problems.

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IN THE NEWS

Invest in Clean Energy

Chicago Tribune, January 4, 2009

UN Foundation Chairman, Ted Turner, wrote about the serious threats posed by global warming and the multiple benefits of investing in clean energy.

“Moving away from dirty and inefficient power sources is utterly essential to U.S. economic competitiveness and to the security and health of the planet. It will also be the business opportunity of the 21st Century.”

UN Relationship Should Be a Priority, Say Foreign Policy Figures

The Washington Post, November 29, 2008

The Post reported on a bipartisan group of well-respected foreign policy figures, organized by the UN Foundation, who wrote a letter urging President-elect Obama to revitalize the U.S. relationship with the United Nations.

“[President] Obama is a different face around the world, and the UN is the

right place for exactly the kind of multilateralism Obama is talking about,” said former senator Tim Wirth, president of the UN Foundation, one of the organizers of the letter.

Websites Encourage Public to Influence Agenda

National Public Radio, January 22, 2009

NPR featured a story on online efforts to engage the public in helping to shape the Obama administration’s agenda. OnDayOne.org, an initiative of our sister organization, the Better World Fund, was highlighted as part of the new future of activism in America.

“This [online advocacy] is the new letter to the member of Congress; this is the new phone call to your representative,” says Katherine Miller, a spokeswoman for OnDayOne.org. “I think in 2009 you’re going to see a lot more people and a lot more organizations latching on to tactics like these that work for them.”

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