

Day for Change

1 February 2008 – Water and Sanitation in The Gambia

We would like to invite your school to take part in Day for Change, UNICEF's fun and educational fundraising event for schools.



In 2008 schools will be raising money for water and sanitation projects in The Gambia, West Africa.

Take part in Day for Change!

Day for Change officially takes place on Friday 1 February 2008, but you can choose another suitable day. Your school can choose what kind of day it will be – fancy dress, hold a "Be a teacher for a day" competition or wear national costumes.

Free education pack, with CD-ROM

Schools that agree to raise funds for UNICEF and register for Day for Change will receive a **FREE education pack** in the first week of January 2008. The pack includes two A2 posters and a CD-ROM full of activities, assemblies, information on The Gambia, as well as case studies to illustrate the issues children face in The Gambia. There are also lots of fundraising ideas to help your school raise as much money as possible to ensure that more children have access to clean and safe water.

Why raise funds for water and sanitation in The Gambia?

Seventy four percent of the population of The Gambia live in rural areas and **not even half of that population has access to proper sanitation facilities.** Women and young girls carry water to their homes, missing out on precious time to care for their children, learn and go to school.

This situation can be tackled: providing schools with basic sanitation improves attendance and encourages more girls to enrol. When children learn good hygiene practices at school, they take the lessons home, which in turn promotes healthy practices amongst the community. UNICEF is supporting Environmental Clubs to deliver these messages.

Over a year ago, Ebo Town was struck by cholera and 40,000 people were infected. If left untreated, cholera can lead to death, especially of younger children. Now Ebo Town is cholera-free thanks to a UNICEF WASH project: there are now 19 new community taps with soap and water. The community Water Management Committee maintains the taps and ensures they are clean.



Top: members of the School Council pump water for their vegetable garden. They provide vegetables for the school kitchen and also sell them to generate funds for their materials. **Bottom:** pupils at Tallinding School queue up to collect water to take to their classroom. The school has 7,000 pupils but only one standpipe.

UNICEF needs your school's help to allow more children and families have access to safe water and sanitation in The Gambia.

To register your school for Day for Change:

Visit www.unicef.org.uk/dayforchange

Call the UNICEF Helpdesk on **0870 606 3377**

Email dayforchange@unicef.org.uk

Complete the attached registration form



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Registration form

Yes, our school would like to take part in Day for Change 2008. Please register our school.

Day for Change is an event organised with the intention of raising funds for UNICEF's work. Therefore, we are only able to provide the resource pack to schools that plan to raise funds for UNICEF. If your school is unable to raise money we will ask you for a small donation towards the cost of the pack.

If you are only looking for resources, you can download resources for teachers on Teacherzone instead:
www.unicef.org.uk/tz

(UNICEF Fulfilment Support: please register as 88600029 if Primary, or 88600030 if Secondary)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

Position within school _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

Postcode _____

Main telephone no. _____

Main e-mail address _____

Type of School

☐ Primary

☐ Secondary

☐ Other (please specify) _____

If not taking part on 1 February, when? _____

Your pack will be sent to your school in the first week of January 2008.

Please **post** your completed form to: (it is a freepost address, but providing your own stamp will help us send more money to projects)

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THANK YOU!

Or **fax** it to: 01277 634 125