

## Action Aid

### Universal action week for education 2007

#### Universal action week for education 2007 - Action Aid



For a fourth year **Action Aid Hellas** coordinated the Universal Action Week for Education. The previous actions were successful. The governments have already started considering education in under development countries as top priority.

Today, 20 million children who in the past didn't have access in education, go to school. This is due to the continuous pressure to the governments by students, educators, non governmental organizations and educational parties. However, we still have a long way to go since 80 million children still do not receive education and even more leave school before concluding their primary education.



The aim of the campaign is by **2015 ALL the children of the world** to have access to primary education, as they are supposed to according to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Developing Target of the Millennium Declaration, which was signed in 2000 by 180 countries, including Greece. To achieve this difficult goal a great part is played by us the children who go to school. As future active members of the society and the world in general, we are asked to be informed and think about and finally act upon this serious matter, to fight for the rights of the poor and isolated children to go to school.



So, our dearest teachers from whom we learned to respect the nationality, place of origin and civilization of all the children in the world and we all to take part in the campaign that really inspired us.

#### **More specifically:**



The students watched a very informative DVD in which the universal actions for Education were presented they were all interested. It was a moving film that made us think a lot about the subject. Most children made up slogans and compared our school to what they saw on the DVD. The teachers informed us about the number of children who are not receiving education, the consequences and what we who live in developed countries could do. Many comments were made and several aspects on the subject were heard, such as:

« I like caring for poor children without a school....»

« How is it possible for young children to work?...»

« I was overwhelmed by the child in the DVD who was asking for our help...»

« We have everything and they don't even have drinking water ...»

«We want as much as possible and those children have nothing...»





Through discussion the idea to make up some slogans arose. We wanted our voices to be heard so that they will get more teachers and build more schools.

Some of them were the following:

**Come to our classroom and our world will change**

**Grammar and paintings in children's souls.**

**Listen to the children's voice.**

**We need schools and teachers.**

**Imagination and school for a different society.**

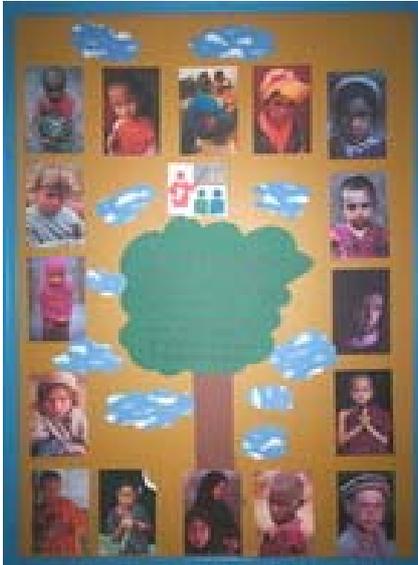
**Children all around the world, unite.**

**No hunger, no violence....education and schools.**

**Education makes you stronger**

**Education builds the future**

**Education is a Human Right**



Some of the slogans were translated into English. We made paper children chains. Then, we all (students and teachers) gathered in the yard and created a large human chain of 350 people. It was something impressive and we all enjoyed it and we hope that our message will reach all the powerful people on earth. Finally, we wrote a letter to **Mr. Charles Papoulias, the President of the Republic**. We wrote everything we had done in the specific Action Week (attaching photographs and several forms prepared by the students) and asked for his assistance - as a prime leader - to put pressure on the issue in favour of the Educational Right for All.

### **Unite**

*(A poem written by the students in 6th 1 grade)*

If we all created a chain of love

Whatever we have said would come true

If we all helped each other

Poverty would not be a routine

If we all lived in peace and cared

For education there would still be hope

We will correct the world's mistakes

And educate the children all around the world

Help the children who do not go to school

It's their right, think!



# UNICEF

## SCHOOLS AS DEFENDERS OF CHILDREN 2008-09

### World Day of Child-food for all the children of the World



On December 11<sup>th</sup> each year the World Day of Children is celebrated. We dedicated this day to all the children of the world that suffer from malnutrition and hunger. Malnutrition is responsible for more than half of children's deaths under the age of 5 in the developing world. 1/3 of the children in the developing world, in total 146.000.000 children, continue suffering from malnutrition. The lack of essential nutritious elements, as vitamin A and iodine, has serious repercussions in the health of billions of people. Sideropenia, lack of iron, stops the mental growth of young children and decreases the national indicators of intelligence. The insufficiency in vitamin A places at risk the immunogenic system of almost the 40% of children under the age of 5 in the developing world, resulting to the death of 1.000.000 young children each year. Iodiopenia, the lack of iodine during pregnancy results to the birth of almost 20 millions babies mentally retarded each year.

Therefore, we, as the 6th Cross-cultural Municipal School of Eleytherio-Kordelio and more particularly the students of A1 and C2 classes together with their schoolteachers Mrs Kefalidou Artemis and Mrs Karamitrou Sofia, decided to participate again this year, school year 2008-09, in the Unicef program "SCHOOLS AS DEFENDERS of CHILDREN"

This year's packet had "Food for all the children of World" as subject. With our participation we hope to contribute in the continuation of Unicef's work for the undernourished children. Also it should be reported that the sum of 80 Euros was assembled by the children. With this sum we ensure the essential doses of Vitamin A for 105 children that will protect them from blindness.