

April 2010: Easy learning exercise

Education is the key to a brighter future for **children and for the countries they live in.**

But **72 million** children in the world still don't go to primary school, while over **300 million** children are **at risk of not achieving basic skills** like literacy and numeracy.

Countries in Sub-Saharan face a reduction of **\$4.6 billion – or 10% - to their education budgets in 2010** due to the financial crisis.

Historically the UK government has been **very strong** on aid to education. In **2006** they pledged to spend **£8.5 billion over ten years** on aid to education.

But an election is coming up and as yet we **do not have pledges from either opposition party** on whether they will sustain this commitment.

The UK's **role as a leader in aid to education** is precious and should be **protected**, whoever wins the election.