

June 2010: Easy learning exercise

Seventy-two million primary-aged children around the world are not in school. This is more than the total number of primary-aged children in **Europe, the USA, Canada and Australia** combined.

The previous UK government was an international champion of education for all, and had committed to give **£1 billion per year** in aid to basic education from **2010 to 2015**.

The **new government** should **reaffirm or increase** the pledge of £1 billion per year for basic education, which is the **UK's fair share of the external financing gap** for education for all.

The new government should use the international opportunities around the **1GOAL campaign at the World Cup** and the **Millennium Development Goals review summit**, to push other countries to **increase their aid to basic education**.

We need a **global plan** to reach the education-related Millennium Development Goals. The UK should **take the lead on this issue** and ensure that **reform of the Fast Track Initiative** is included.