



CITATIONS

THE CASE IS CLEAR:

Investing in Women and Girls is the Key to Ending Global Poverty

- **70 percent** of the poorest and most vulnerable people on earth.
 - BBC News. “Women face bias worldwide – UN.” 5 April 2008. Referencing a 2008 report by Fareda Banda on behalf of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7331813.stm>.
- **Two-thirds** of the world’s illiterate people;
 - UNICEF. “The State of the World’s Children 2007: Women and Children The Double Dividend of Gender Equality.” 2006. p 10. Referencing UNESCO Institute for Statistics, ‘Literacy Estimates, International Literacy Day 2005,<www.uis.unesco.org>.
- **7 of 10** hungry people in the world;
 - UNIFEM and Women’s Funding Network, “World Poverty Day 2007: Investing in Women – Solving the Poverty Puzzle.” http://www.womenfightpoverty.org/docs/WorldPovertyDay2007_FactsAndFigures.pdf
- **Own one percent** of the world’s farmland.
 - (ICRW, May 2006)
- **Dying at a rate of 500,000 each year** from preventable complications of pregnancy
 - Millennium Development Goals Report 2007, page 17.
- **UN Commission on the Status of Women** concluded that, “global commitments to [women’s empowerment]...have yet to be fully implemented.”
 - UN Commission on the Status of Women. Paper released 13 March 2008 addressing Agenda Item 3. Fifty-second session, 9 March 2007 and 25 February-7 March 2008
- **At last count, out of \$69 billion of overseas development assistance, only 3.6% was earmarked for gender equality.**
 - UNIFEM and Women’s Funding Network, “World Poverty Day 2007: Investing in Women – Solving the Poverty Puzzle.” Referencing a 2007 Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit (CPSU) Policy Brief. http://www.womenfightpoverty.org/docs/WorldPovertyDay2007_FactsAndFigures.pdf
- **Jobs:** If women were given greater access to job opportunities, the Asia-Pacific region would gain \$42 billion to \$47 billion each year.

- UN DESA News February 2008, quoting the 2007 Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific: Surging ahead in uncertain times, New York, NY p 103)
- **Education:** The children of women with five years of primary education are 40% more likely to live beyond the age of five.
 - UN Millennium Project Fact Sheet, *The Devastating Effect of Poverty on Women*, 2006. <http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/documents/UNMP-FastFacts-E.pdf>.
- **Decision making:** If men and women had equal influence in decision-making in the household, South Asia would have 13.4 million fewer undernourished children and Sub-Saharan Africa would see an additional 1.7 million fewer undernourished children.
 - UNICEF. “The State of the World’s Children 2007: Women and Children The Double Dividend of Gender Equality.” 2006. p 16.