

# THE SOCIAL WATCH BOARD GAME

## HOW TO PLAY:

The World Summit for Social Development and the World Conference on Women in 1995 were re-affirmed by 189 Heads of State in the Millennium Summit in 2000, and a worldwide race has started to end poverty, achieve equality between the sexes and reach the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

The race track towards this GOAL is full of obstacles. There are difficult decisions to be made and the results of our decisions may take us nearer to, or further away from, the TARGETS.

The SOCIAL WATCH BOARD GAME challenges you to start running along the track. Put your counter on the START line, pick up the dice and go for it!

If we exercise enough political will and make the right choices, our generation can free humankind from extreme poverty for the first time in history.

To help the players and for more details about the rules of the game, we recommend that you read the list of national, regional and international commitments to eradicating poverty, including the treaties on human rights and the Millennium Development Goals. All these commitments and obligations are legally binding on governments.

Fulfilling the GOALS is not a question of luck but commitment!

## 13 AT LAST, THE PROMISED AID!

If all countries had fulfilled their targets

Millennium Development Goals	USD 168,500,000,000
Total given in 2001:	USD 56,244,270,000

If rich countries finally did what they promised more than 30 years ago and allocated 0.7% of GDP for development aid, they could cover the cost of the highest estimated additional annual aid needed to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals, and still have 60% of the funds raised left over.

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## 14 CASH FOR KILLING!

"We're doing about 50 billion dollars for development expenditures and 1,000 billion for military expenditure, and I find that out of balance." James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank, February 2004.

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## 23 MY KINGDOM FOR A SUBMARINE

A nuclear submarine costs USD 2.4 billion. If this money were spent on vaccinations instead, it would be enough to immunise 70 million children.

one submarine = 70 million children vaccinated  
 one month's food = 70 million children vaccinated  
 one month's food for 63 million children

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## 24 GENDER-RELATED VIOLENCE

At least one out of every three women in the world has been beaten, abused, raped or otherwise forced to have sex against her will.

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## 31 REWARD: USD 1.5 TRILLION

If the measures agreed to in the UN Convention against Corruption (2003) are put into practice, USD 1.3 trillion lost worldwide each year from illegal dealings and corruption can be recovered. This figure represents 5% of world GDP.

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## 33 MIND THE GAP

On average, women earn 50% of the average male salary in developing countries, and 80% of the average male salary in developed countries.

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## 26 THE STRUGGLE FOR WATER

The universal right to access to safe drinking water was recognised by UN Member States in 2002. If this right were made a practical reality, more than two million deaths related to the lack of safe drinking water could be prevented each year.

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## 15 MEDICAL CARE FOR HIV/AIDS

Every day 6,200 people all over the world die because of HIV/AIDS. Six thousand of these deaths occur in Africa. Pharmaceutical cartels declared profits of USD 517 billion in 2003. If the rules protecting patented medicine prices were changed, millions of people would have a chance to live longer.

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## 30 DEBT CANCELLATION

If indebted countries did not have to pay the interest on their foreign debt, they would be able to spend on education and health an amount seven times greater than what they receive each year in development aid.

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We will spare no effort to free our fellow men, women and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty, to which more than a billion of them are currently subjected. We are committed to making the right to development a reality for everyone and to freeing the entire human race from want.

Millennium Declaration, September 2000, adopted by 189 Member States

## 28 POOR PEOPLE, OR OECD COWS?

1.3 billion people live on less than a dollar a day. Agricultural subsidies in OECD countries allocate USD 2 per day, per cow.

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## 27 HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

Every day 840 million people go hungry, and more than two billion people suffer from dietary deficiencies. Children and women are the most vulnerable groups. One in seven children born in poor countries will die before the age of five.

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## 16 UNFAIR TRADE

World trade could be a powerful force for reducing poverty, if poor people could sell their products at a decent price. In 2001, Mali received USD 37.7 million in US development assistance, but lost USD 43 million in cotton revenues due to low prices. The value of non-fuel commodities exported by Africa in 2004 was half their 1980 value.

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## 18 WHERE YOU'RE BORN, WHERE YOU LIVE...

In high-income countries, the average human lifespan is 78 years. In sub-Saharan Africa it is only 48 years.

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## 17 INFANT MORTALITY DOWN BY A QUARTER

IF CHILDREN ARE VACCINATED. Twelve million children die every year. Immunisation could save three million of those children's lives. Each dollar spent on immunisation saves between USD 4 and USD 5 in preventable direct medical costs later on.

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## 19 ERADICATING POVERTY

Agricultural subsidies in developed countries cost USD 1 billion per day. If this money were re-allocated, world poverty could be reduced by 75%.

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## 7 IRAQ: THE ABSURDITY OF WAR

Military expenditure worldwide was more than USD 4.5 billion per day in 2001. The United States military budget for 2003 was increased by USD 167 billion for the campaign in Iraq. Reconstructing Iraq will cost TOTAL development aid given by ALL OECD countries in 2001 was USD 58 billion.

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