



Bread for the World

Seeking Justice. Ending Hunger.

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Jeffrey Sachs
Millennium Project
United Nations Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Jeff,

Bread for the World's grassroots network of 54,000 concerned people and religious congregations across the United States will be energized by the Millennium Project report. They will lobby their Members of Congress and President Bush to increase poverty-focused development assistance and adopt trade policies to give struggling families around the world a better chance to overcome hunger, poverty and disease.

Your report demonstrates the feasibility of meeting the Millennium Goals. As a member of your Hunger Task Force, I especially appreciate your report's emphasis on building political commitment and on African agriculture as priority areas for action. Thank you, too, for listing clear opportunities for increased investment – poor countries with good governance and Quick Win development initiatives, such as African soil replenishment and community nutrition programs.

Bread for the World pushes for U.S. political commitment to overcome hunger and poverty. We need a larger movement against hunger and poverty, so we are collaborating with many other organizations in the *ONE Campaign*, the *Make Hunger History* campaign (focused on cutting hunger and food insecurity in the United States in half by 2010) and the Alliance to End Hunger. If people in the United States ask you how to help achieve the Millennium Goals, urge them to join the *ONE Campaign* (www.theonecampaign.org) or Bread for the World (www.bread.org).

2005 is a year of decision. International meetings will focus on the Millennium Goals. In the United States, this is the first year of President Bush's second term. If the world is going to meet the Millennium Goals, the world's political leaders, including President Bush, must agree in 2005 to get serious about getting the job done.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. David Beckmann
President