

# SACSC Youth Action

## Towards Achievement of the Millennium Goals

### **Safe and Caring Youth Action**

The Youth Action projects provide an opportunity within the school for youth to identify and address specific issues and interests. Youth participants conduct research among their peers and then develop, undertake and evaluate projects that address the issues/interests they uncover.

### **Millennium Goals Focus**

For schools that choose to focus on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, student research and projects will focus on one of the following:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

### **What Will Students Learn?**

Through collaboration with each other and with non-governmental organizations, students will:

- increase their awareness of global issues;
- learn about how global issues impact their school, local community and the larger global community; and
- discover the positive impact their actions, as global citizens, can have on their school, community and on the larger global community.

For additional information on the Youth Action process, please consult the brochure, available from the website: [www.sacsc.ca/Youth\\_Action.htm](http://www.sacsc.ca/Youth_Action.htm).

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**In September 2000, 191 countries adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration, which led to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The MDGs, which are to be reached by 2015, are a set of specific targets that promote poverty reduction, education, maternal health, gender equality and combat child mortality, AIDS and other diseases.**