The United Nations Asks Citizens About Their World



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Children play in a stream of water, spraying from a fire hydrant, in Cotabato City, in Soccsksargen Region, on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines The United Nations has teamed up with youth groups, private sector bodies and NGO partners all over the world to launch MY World, which is the United Nations Survey for a Better World. MY World asks citizens everywhere about the issues that make the most difference to their lives.

As the UN <u>Millennium Development Goals</u> (MDGs) continue to mobilize global action on fighting poverty and enhancing livelihoods, efforts are also underway to include citizens' voices in the global debate for the development agenda after the MDGs target date of 2015.

MY World is anonymous and asks participants only for their gender, age and country, to allow for disaggregation of data. The data will be presented global leaders and will paint an accurate global picture of the top six issues that impact people's lives the most.

The survey is currently available online in the seven UN official languages – English, Spanish, Korean, French, Arabic, Russian and Chinese—with more to come. Voters can take the survey via phone, (through SMS and calling toll-free phone numbers), and in paper form through a network of grassroots organizations, faith-based communities, youth groups, private sector bodies and NGO partners around the world.

MY World aims to be a simple entry point for ordinary citizens to engage in the post-2015 development process while also introducing voters to the <u>World We Want</u> web platform-- a joint initiative between the UN and Civil Society where citizens and stakeholders are participating in a more extensive and interactive post-2015 debate.

Results from MY World will be submitted to the Secretary-General's <u>High-level Panel on the Post-2015</u> <u>Development Agenda</u> during their meetings in Monrovia, Jakarta and New York. It is intended that findings from the global survey will be considered by the panel before presenting their final report to the UN Secretary-General.

In the run up to 2015, MY World will continue gathering people's voices and results will be shared with the Secretary-General and other global leaders. This initiative is coordinated by UNDP, the United Nations Millennium Campaign, ODI and the Web Foundation – with the support of partners across the world.

The United Nations and partners invite citizens everywhere to take the survey, and join the post-2015 process to define the world we want after 2015.

You can vote at http://www.myworld2015.org