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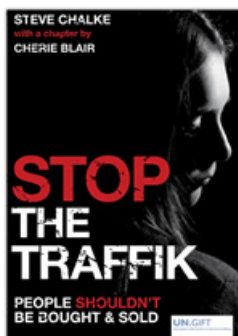
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Information Sheet 1

**Latest Information
available on the
Programme Blog
found on the
Soroptimist
International
Website**

[http://
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blog.blogspot.com/](http://siprogramme-blog.blogspot.com/)

Book Launch:

STOP THE TRAFFIK
People shouldn't be bought
and sold



By Steve Chalke

with a chapter by Cherie Blair

"An eye-opening account of the vast scale and cost in human suffering of people trafficking – with practical suggestions about how we can make a positive difference!"

Emma Thompson - Actress



Young girls at Nwamba school in Bugiri, Uganda, promote education for girls.
Photo by 2006 Karen Smith/MSH

Important News for All on Supplement A

Assisting you in your work to help achieve the Programme Focus Goals 2007 –2011

NEW UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) WEBSITE

The international celebrations of the World Environment Day 2009 will be held in Mexico. World Environment Day is one of the most important events on the environmental calendar. It is celebrated each year on 5 June in more than 100 countries. Full details:
<http://www.unep.org/wed/2009/english/>

Report of the SR Trafficking in Persons to the UN 2009

Excerpt from Conclusions:

"In terms of the challenges associated with tackling human trafficking, the lack of reliable and complete data is a major problem. Therefore, an effective means for combating trafficking in persons will require enhanced information sharing between States through bilateral and multilateral cooperation and increased data collection capacities, including through the systematic collection of gender- and age-disaggregated data.

Full report (PDF) attached to this email.

ATTACHED IS THE REPORT OF THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION, TO THE UN 2006 - *GIRLS' RIGHT TO EDUCATION*.

Few of the Millennium Development Goals will be met unless there is significant progress in girls' education. Educating girls is a sure way to raise economic productivity, lower child and maternal mortality, improve nutritional status and health, reduce poverty and eliminate HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

Full report (PDF) attached to this email.

Girls' Education in the 21st Century: Gender Equality, Empowerment, and Economic Growth.

Primary school enrolments for girls in poor countries jumped from 87 percent in 1990 to 94 percent in 2004, with also more girls than ever before now in secondary school.

http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EDUCATION/Resources/278200-1099079877269/547664-1099080014368/DID_Girls_edu.pdf

2009 marks the 10-year anniversary of Peace-One-Day

Soroptimist International wishes to recognise the work of this non-profit organisation, founded in 1999, whose efforts resulted in the UN officially designating an annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence—Peace Day.

Find out how you can get involved and showcase your activity for 21 September 2009 on their website:

<http://www.peaceday.org/>

MARCH on MARS 2009...

If you want to STOP THE TRAFFIK, it's time to get serious.

You're part of the fight. You've told your friends about children trafficked into the cocoa industry. You've eaten and boosted the sales of 'traffik-free' chocolate.

<http://www.stopthetraffik.org/getinvolved/act/chocolate/>

To find more information about Soroptimist programme work visit:

<http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/>

http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/html/president_s_appeal.html

http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/html/quadrennial_project.html

http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/html/stop_the_traffik.html

<http://www.unifem.org/campaigns/vaw/>