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Editorial

Dear Readers...

Climate change and global poverty have attracted considerable attention in recent years as key global justice challenges of our times. Both are serious challenges to the future health and prosperity of our planet. They must be combated simultaneously; we cannot take care of one without addressing the other. An effective attack on poverty and the ill-effects of climate change requires taking comprehensive action that encompasses both issues. We cannot fight climate change without considering the rising energy needs of poor people and countries, nor can we effectively address global poverty without accounting for the impacts of climate change on agriculture, disease patterns and severe weather events, all of which particularly impact the poorest countries.

Climate change presents significant threats to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) especially those related to eliminating poverty and hunger and promoting environmental sustainability. An increasing body of evidence points to the disproportionate negative impact that climate change will have on the poorest countries that, ironically, have contributed least to the problem. Currently over two billion people in the world lack access to a reliable energy source. Reducing poverty, expanding health services, promoting economic growth, and meeting the MDGs in poor countries will be predicated on significantly increased energy supply. We believe that only if citizens are informed of the promises and commitments that their governments have made, and are engaged in calling for their realization, will the MDGs be achieved by 2015. Remember, we are the first generation with the technology, resources and know-how to eradicate poverty. Take action now! Join the Campaign!

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