

The Price of Peace



Aim:

to explore how the Millennium Development Goals can achieve peace globally and how they could be financed for a fraction of the current global expenditure on the military.

Age:

12 years and older

Time:

45 minutes

Materials:

copies of bank notes, post-its, art materials, old newspapers and magazines

What to do:

Step 1 (20 minutes)

Break into three or four groups. Read out the Did You Know? box. Now give each group 10 x \$10 billion bank notes. Write out each item from the shopping list on a post-it and stick them up on the flipchart. Explain that the groups can bid for the items on the shopping list, which is a list of basic requirements for people to live in peace. Allow a few minutes for the groups to decide which of the items are most important to them. The groups then bid for each item. As each item is successfully bid for, remove it and give it to that group. Ask if the groups are satisfied with what they've got.

In the large group ask how much do they think it would cost each year to achieve everything on the list. Make a note of all the responses. Explain that current military spending is more than \$800 billion a year and that just one quarter of this would be required to fund our shopping list.

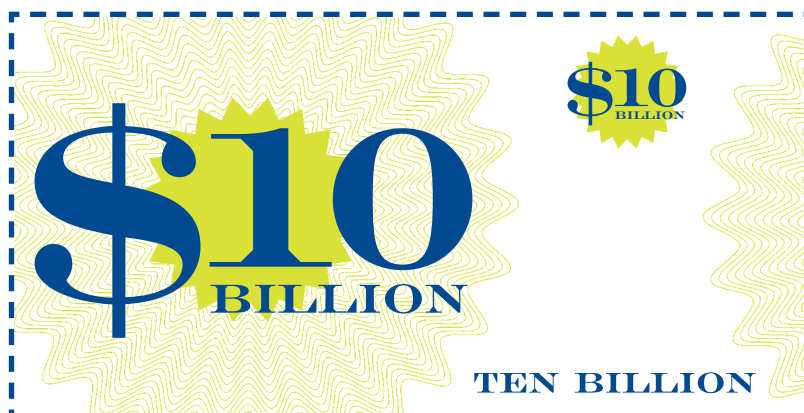
Step 2 (25 minutes)

In the large group, ask how conflict and poverty are linked? Read out the Millennium Development Goals and explain that these are commitments made by governments around the world in 2000 to tackle global poverty by 2015.

Ask the groups to imagine what life would be like if the goals were achieved. Give each group copies of magazines or newspapers and art materials. Allow them 20 minutes to create a collage that illustrates the achievement of the goals. Display all the collages in a prominent place.

Links

Further information on the Millennium Development Goals is available from www.undp.org/mdg or www.un.org/millenniumgoals





Action

Oxfam Ireland and Amnesty International (Irish Section) invite you to Campaign for Arms Control - Face up to Arms Control

On October 9th, Oxfam International, Amnesty International and the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) will jointly launch an international campaign to control the supply and trade of arms. The arms trade is responsible for killing over half a million people a year – this has to stop.

You can be a very important part of this campaign which will help to make people safer from armed violence and abuses by ensuring that both the supply and use of weapons are strictly regulated. Visit the following websites and look for the keyword "Arms Control" and read how you can add your 'face' to this very important campaign.

www.oxfamireland.org

Contact: rebecca@oxfam.ie

www.amnesty.ie

Contact: jloughran@amnesty.ie

www.paxchristi.ie

The Arms Trade is OUT of CONTROL – Join our Campaign to STOP unregulated arms supply and abuses



Shopping List of Development

Provide health care	(\$15 billion)
Eliminate starvation and malnourishment	(\$19 billion)
Provide shelter	(\$21 billion)
Provide safe clean water	(\$58 billion)
Combat AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa	(\$3 billion)
Provide universal education for all primary school children	(\$8 billion)
End developing countries' debts	(\$30 billion)
Stop deforestation	(\$7 billion)
Prevent global warming	(\$8 billion)
Prevent soil erosion	(\$24 billion)

TOTAL(\$193 billion)

The Millennium Development Goals

- 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 (including access to safe drinking water)
- 8 Develop a global partnership for development (including dealing comprehensively with developing countries' debt problems)

Did you know?

- Between 1990 and 2001 there were nearly 60 major armed conflicts in 45 locations around the world.
- Since 1990 conflicts have killed 3.6 million people, injuring many millions more.
- Civilians, not soldiers, are increasingly the victims. They account for more than 90% of deaths and injuries.
- Children account for at least half of civilian casualties.
- People in conflict affected areas are particularly vulnerable to severe malnourishment due to the decline in food production and rising food prices.
- Currently more than 14 million people face hunger due to present or recent conflict.

Source: Human Development Report 2003

