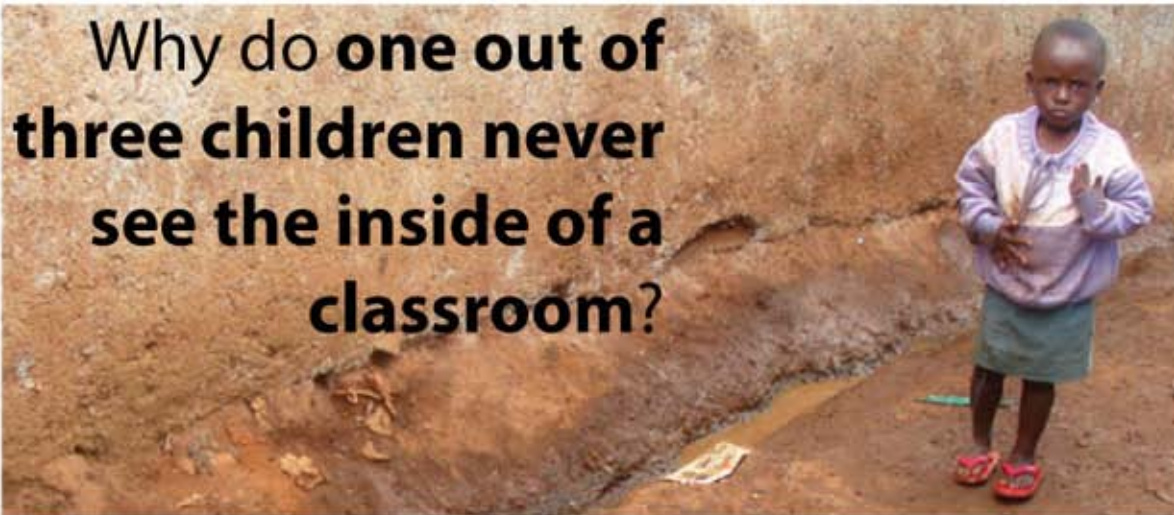


Why are there more than **774 million illiterate adults** in the world, about



64% of whom are women?



Why do **one out of three children never see the inside of a classroom?**



Why universal primary schooling?

{One of the Millennium Development Goals} is to achieve universal primary schooling -- where literacy begins. Higher literacy rates, in turn, would advance our efforts to improve maternal and child health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, and reach the other Millennium Development Goals. Overall, literacy sustains development. It helps eradicate extreme poverty and increases opportunities while promoting gender equality and environmental sustainability.

UN Secretary-General in 2007 international day message.

Literacy is an integral aspect of the universal right to education but also an essential basis for improving health conditions.



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