

**Global Campaign for Education – 2006**  
**„EVERY CHILD NEEDS A TEACHER!”**

"Any nation is as great, as good, as its citizens make it... It is teachers more than any other single group of people who determine attitudes, and who shape the ideas and aspirations of the nation."

*Julius Nyerere in "The Power of Teachers", 1966*

Starting from 2001 Save the children Romania coordinates at national level the actions organised within the Global Campaign for Education, a worldwide campaign organised by a coalition of charity organisations, teacher unions and citizens from all over the world ([www.campaignforeducation.org](http://www.campaignforeducation.org)).

The message of this year's campaign is „**Every child needs a teacher!**”, as it emphasizes the necessity of granting quality education for all children, by ensuring the needed number of qualified and motivated teachers in all schools. The present campaign continues the one carried on during 2005 with the message “Send my friend back to school!”, within which the issue of school non-attendance and school drop-out was tackled. More than 5 billion children all over the world took part in the 2005 campaign, and tried to identify the causes of school abandonment but also possible solutions for reducing this phenomenon.

**Every child needs a teacher** because ...

Right now, over 100 million children wake up every day without the hope that education offers. These children know AIDS, know poverty, know hard labour, know hunger....but they will never know a teacher.

In Romania:

- Only 86.6% of the total number of teachers in the secondary education (grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>) have proper qualification (according to the data issued by the National Committee for Statistics, for the school year 2004-2005).
- The proportion of expenditures for education ranged within 3% - 4% of GDP between 2000-2005 placing Romania on the lowest place in comparison with the EU member states and acceding countries.
- Teachers' migration to other domains of activity or to other countries is a real concern and represents an effect of the constant lack of financial resources for education.

**A quality education cannot be ensured unless all children are taught by qualified and properly motivated teachers**, which in turn requires the allocation of the necessary financial resources.

The activities within the Campaign will take place within April – May 2006

There are three stages:

**Stage 1, creating „Pupils' dossiers” and „Teachers' dossiers”** (April 10 – May 5)

**Stage 2: „POLITICIANS ARE INVITED BACK TO SCHOOL”** (May 7-18)

**Stage 3: Round table “Every Child Needs a Teacher”** (May 19-24 2006)

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