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Reaching
the marginalized

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The daily experiences of slum dwellers in Kenya, ethnic minority children in Viet Nam and Roma children in Hungary may appear poles apart. What they have in common are restricted opportunities to realize their hopes and build a better future through education.

A decade has passed since world leaders adopted the Education for All goals. Yet millions of children are still missing out on their right to education. The *Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2010* – which uses an innovative new tool to identify those who are ‘education poor’ – argues that the failure to reach these excluded children is not only holding back overall progress on education, but also calls into question the commitment of governments and donors to the human right to education.

The Report examines why these children are being left behind. Discrimination and inequalities based on poverty, gender, location, ethnicity, disability and language play a key role – and often they combine to reinforce disadvantage. Within education and beyond, governments must adopt targeted policies and practices that combat exclusion.

Education systems in many of the world’s poorest countries are now experiencing the aftershock of the global economic downturn. After a decade of advances, progress towards the 2015 education goals may stall, or even be thrown into reverse. The Report argues that the crisis could create a lost generation of children in the world’s poorest countries, whose life chances will have been irreparably damaged by a failure to protect their right to education. Presenting a new estimate of the global cost of reaching the Education for All goals by 2015, it challenges the international community to avert that danger.



The EFA Global Monitoring Report is researched and prepared each year by an independent team hosted by UNESCO. It assesses global progress towards the six Education for All goals to which over 160 countries committed themselves in 2000.