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Girl Guides and Girl Scouts celebrate 100 years of changing lives

10 April 2010 - 10 April 2010, the 100th day of the year, marks the first Centenary Celebration Day for international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. Millions of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world will celebrate 100 years of changing lives on this day. Activities are based on the centenary theme of 'Plant' and range from planting the seeds of change through community projects to holding debates about issues affecting girls and young women; from giant sleepovers in Sri Lanka to tree planting in Madagascar; from sending 100 messages from Romania to friends across the world to presenting recycled paper flowers to community leaders in Peru.

International centenary celebrations will focus on changing lives. An estimated 250 million lives have been changed so far through the Movement – through community action, advocacy and leadership development. "This is just the tip of the iceberg, and it is our vision to plant opportunities for millions more girls and young women to grow as responsible citizens through Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting," says Margaret Treloar, Chairman, World Board.

A number of new initiatives have been launched to help achieve this vision including the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Global Girls Fund which is dedicated to empowering all girls and young women to reach their full potential and to take action to change the world for the better.

In addition, a major research study will be launched on the subject of young women and leadership as part of the global centenary celebrations. Linked to this, an essay competition, sponsored by language and cultural exchange organization Education First, on the theme of leadership and changing lives will be launched shortly.

The highlight of the three-year global centenary celebrations is the Young Women's World Forums, a series of events which take place each year for girls and young women. By the end of the three events, up to 750 young women from around the world will have had the opportunity to create a shared vision for a better world based on achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals. They will be empowered to make a difference in their own lives, in their communities and globally.

To find out more about the work of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts please visit www.wagggsworld.org

About the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

With ten million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 145 countries, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is the largest voluntary movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world. It supports girls and young women to develop their full potential as responsible citizens of the world through a well-established, unique, values-based approach to non-formal learning, innovative global programmes and advocacy on issues such as youth participation, HIV and AIDS, environmental

sustainability, health and empowerment and equality. The centenary celebrations for international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting will take place 2010 through 2012.

About the Global Girls Fund

The Global Girls Fund will raise money to support international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting and is dedicated to supporting the empowerment of girls and young women to reach their full potential and take action to change the world for the better.

The Global Girls Fund will:

- Equip girls and young women with leadership skills;
- Grow the global voice of girls and young women and support them in making a difference;
- Invest in girls and their communities and enable the development and delivery of global education, training and support.

For more information on the Global Girls Fund, visit www.wagggsworld.org/en/support_us/globalgirlsfund or contact Laura McVeigh, Global Girls Fund Director, laura@wagggsworld.org or +44 (0) 7824640527.

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