



ATTENTION SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS!

New Curriculum Addresses a Pressing Global Issue: The Basic Education Crisis

Nigeria, with a population of over 150 million, is Africa's most populous country. However, more than 10 million children of primary school age - more than any other country in the world - remain outside the school system. And the majority of those children are girls. Most Americans are not aware of the magnitude of the basic education crisis in Nigeria and other developing countries, and how it is affecting our lives here in the United States.

The Peace Corps Nigeria Alumni Foundation (PCNAF) is committed to serving as a catalyst for enhancing public awareness in the U.S. about the critical need to expand access to quality education for more than 61 million primary school-age children and 71 million adolescents that are not in school. A key component of PCNAF's mission is providing support to teachers that want to use the basic education crisis as a vehicle for helping students understand what global interdependence really means, and instill in them a sense of global responsibility.

A high school social studies teacher collaborated with PCNAF to develop and test an instructional unit focusing on the basic education crisis in developing countries. The new curriculum is designed to help students examine some of the economic, political and social ties that bind the U.S. to the Third World. The unit is now available online for other teachers to use. To view the unit, visit the ***Teacher's Corner*** on PCNAF's website: www.pcnaf.org, and select the ***Featured Lesson***.

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