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Dear Professor Sachs,

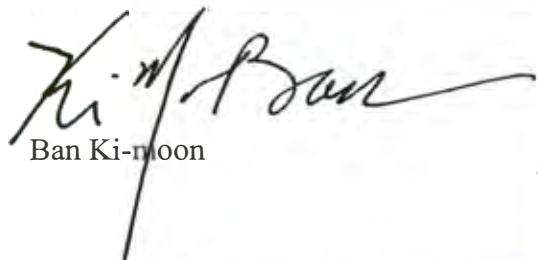
Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2007, updating me on the progress with the Millennium Villages initiative. Your personal leadership and enthusiasm have been critical in successfully starting the Millennium Villages in more than ten countries.

As you are aware, the Group of Eight at Heiligendamm renewed the commitments that were made at Gleneagles last year to increase aid to Africa by fifty billion dollars a year by 2010, and pledged the amount of sixty billion dollars to fight AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

The challenge before us now is to work with our partners to ensure that these and other commitments are met, and that additional resources are used as effectively as possible to benefit those in need. In this regard, the experience gained from the Millennium Villages could make a positive practical contribution to the development of national policy efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Africa.

I look forward to continue working with you on this critical endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

  
Ban Ki-moon

Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs  
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*Dawela, for action.*

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Ban Ki-moon  
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June 1, 2007

Dear SG,

The Millennium Villages initiative was launched two years ago to implement recommendations of the UN Millennium Project. With the vital support of the UNDP, the initiative is now successfully underway in 10 African countries, and many additional African governments have started working with UNDP Country Offices to launch the effort within their own countries as well. Your support of this project has also been an inspiration throughout Africa. Moreover, we are all thrilled that the Republic of Korea has now joined as a partner of the initiative, notably in Madagascar.

The Millennium Villages are already achieving tremendous progress in dramatically increased crop yields, significant malaria control, other major health improvements, and improved educational outcomes. (The slides I will send you shortly under separate cover give an idea of some of the wonderful progress in just one year in many East African villages). The Villages are proving the concept of integrated community-based development and the possibility of achieving very quick impacts in critical areas while promoting the basis for long-term economic development. In a short period of time, the Millennium Villages initiative has become Africa's leading example of integrated community-based development with a focus on achieving the MDGs, and the UN country teams can be very proud of their superb support of this project.

Many of the first 10 countries (Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, and Uganda) to host Millennium Villages are now preparing plans to expand the effort to other parts of their country. As indicated in the attached letters, government leaders in Kenya, Mali, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda are among those making such scale-up plans, and seeking increased support to do so. Meanwhile countries such as Madagascar and Mozambique (supported by Egypt and Portugal among other donors) are moving forward to launch their own Millennium Villages. Throughout Africa, the successes from the villages are informing national-scale MDG-based efforts, for example in agricultural and health policies.

More international support for the project is now urgently needed in order to respond to the request of African governments. Many international donors, including the European Union, bilateral donors, and multilateral donors, could respond in a timely way to ensure the success in scaling up the UNDP-based support to the host governments. The Millennium Villages management team is now working with UNDP leadership and country offices to map out a best strategy for responding to African governments' requests in this regard. On that note, I want to share with you my gratitude and admiration for the leadership of Kemal Dervis, Ad Melkert, and Gilbert Houngbo in supporting this program.

Please accept our gratitude for your ongoing support for this effort. I know that your discussions of this initiative at the G-8 and in other fora will be an inspiration for even greater progress. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you would like a more detailed briefing on these issues at any time.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Sachs', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Dear

*Prof. Sachs,*

I am writing as a follow up to your visit to Kenya on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 and to express, on behalf of the Government of Kenya, our appreciation for your continued support to our country in our efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

Further to our discussions, I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Kenya is moving forward with plans for a Millennium District Approach. Nine pilot districts, **including** Siaya, have been tentatively identified. We see this multi-sectoral approach, requiring complementary public and private investments, as fully supportive of the Government's Vision 2030.

As the next step in this process, the Ministry of Planning and National Development is leading an effort to design and cost priority investments in each of the pilot districts. With support from UNDP and the Government of Finland who have been our principal partners on the MDGs, we expect to complete this work within 3-4 months. We have received and are grateful for the commitment from the MDG Centre, Nairobi and the Earth Institute, New York to provide technical support to this exercise. Their support will be helpful in the introduction of the best practices and experiences gained in Bar Sauri Millenium Villages.

While the Government of Kenya will commit its own resources to this Initiative, we will certainly require support from our development partners to bridge the substantial funding gap. To this end, we **gratefully** accept your offer to **assist** us in raising awareness and mobilizing resources from development partners at the forthcoming G8 meeting in Germany and other fora.

Let me reiterate our appreciation of the strong support and commitment that you have personally given to Kenya in the area of MDGs.

Through Vision 2030, we aspire to achieve middle income nation status by 2030. Anchored on three pillars – economic, social and political – Vision 2030 is ambitious yet achievable because Kenya is determined to deploy its public resources effectively to create a favourable environment for private sector investment.

Let me assure you that the Millennium Villages experience in Bar Sauri has provided a good model of best practices that illustrate how communities respond when provided with targeted, tangible support. As already indicated we will use some of these practices at the Millennium District level. We look forward to your continued support in making this a reality.

Yours,

*Sincerely*

*[Signature]*

EDWARD SAMBILI, CBS  
PERMANENT SECRETARY





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REPUBLIQUE DU MALI  
Un Peuple - Un But - Une Foi

Bamako, le 27 AVR 2007

*Le Président de la République*

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Professeur,

La visite récente du projet de Village du Millénaire à Dioro, Communes de Tiby et Farakoumassa, dans le Cercle de Ségou m'a conforté dans votre approche « village par village » pour l'atteinte des Objectifs du Millénaire pour le Développement.

Dans le cadre de l'atteinte des OMD, le Mali a mis en place plusieurs programmes dont le Programme National de Sécurité Alimentaire (PNSA), qui concourt à la réalisation à l'Objectif 1, la réduction de la pauvreté et de la faim. Le PNSA couvre les 166 communes les plus vulnérables qui comptent 2.785 villages et plus de 2 millions de personnes.

Afin de multiplier l'approche village du Millénaire, j'ai l'honneur de solliciter votre appui pour la mobilisation des ressources financières nécessaires, le Mali a apporté une première contribution de 500 millions de F CFA.

En vous renouvelant mes sentiments d'estime et d'amitié, je vous prie d'agréer, Professeur, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

*Amicalement vôtre*

*Amadou*  
**Amadou Toumani TOURE**

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### **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Since 2005, the Government of Rwanda has been a committed partner and leader in the Millennium Villages project. During the past few months, the Government has decided to take the Millennium Villages to national scale through the Vision 2020 Umurenge initiative. In order to ensure that Rwanda can achieve the Millennium Development Goals, it will be essential for donors to take a deeper interest in the scale-up of our efforts. We would welcome the efforts of Professor Jeffrey Sachs and others in securing additional financing for this critical work in Rwanda.

  
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## **EXTENSION OF MILLENNIUM VILLAGES IN UGANDA**

Reference is made to the different discussions with you and your team here in Uganda during your recent January 13 – 17 visit and by phone and e-mail and communication since that time. After your report on the success scored so far by the Ruhira Millennium Village, there is general agreement that your office should continue to provide support to Uganda for further integrating MDGs and MDG Needs Assessment into the country's planning and budgeting processes. As you know, much as the Government of Uganda is keen and has been striving to meet and even surpass the benchmarks of the MDGs, we as a country are **constrained** by resources and yet a lot still remains to be done.

The Government of Uganda appreciates your efforts to mobilize donor support towards more millennium-village type Sub-counties and linking these to our own home-grown Model Sub-county Development Programme (MSDP).

The Government of Uganda would be grateful for any assistance that you and your office can provide in mobilizing support to this effort.

We look forward to working closely with you in this endeavour,

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Dear Jeffrey D. Sachs,

**RE: MICHEWENI MILLENNIUM VILLAGE**

Thank you for letter dated February 8th, 2007 on the Millennium Village Programme following your recent visit here in Zanzibar which we highly appreciated. We could not respond earlier as we had to make internal consultations and discussions with some of our development partners so as to respond appropriately to the issues you had raised in your letter particularly funding of the village. We sincerely apologize for any inconveniences which might have occurred due to this delay.

I would like to reiterate our commitment to this project and the whole idea of selecting Micheweni as a model Millennium Village. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGZ) will make a budgetary allocation in the coming 2007/08 budget estimates in an attempt to raise local resources to meet the budget regime you had estimated in your letter.

Due to our budgetary constraints we have initiated discussions with our development partners particularly the Zanzibar Development Partners core group (friends of Zanzibar) to help mobilizing additional resources for the initiative. In the same spirit taking into consideration your wide network and extended partnership as well as your commitment demonstrated by your visit to Micheweni, we would like to solicit your support in mobilizing resources from other potential funders to invest in Micheweni so that it could really serve as a model Millennium Village.

As regards to your proposal for Dr. George Sempeho, MDG Country Advisor for Tanzania being the focal point for the Zanzibar Project, the RGZ has no objection to that idea. We are promising that we will be working very closely with him towards the objective of making Micheweni a truly MMV in our efforts to reduce poverty. As a matter of fact a Zanzibari counterpart will be identified to work with



him and under his guidance to facilitate communications and for the purpose of sustainability.

In conclusion, I would like on behalf of the RGZ to express my sincere appreciation for allowing Micheweni to be included in this programme of Model Millennium Village.

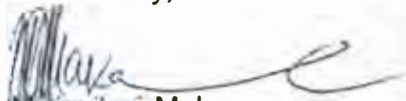
Once again let me take this opportunity to thank you for your recent visit to Zanzibar and Micheweni in particular. I would also like to acknowledge the visit of Dr. Glen who also had the chance to meet President Karume. Dr. Glen was assured by President Karume of his Government's commitment to the Micheweni project.

Finally, let me express our sincere gratitude to the MVP partners; the Earth Institute at Columbia University, the Millennium promise and UNDP for considering Micheweni as a Model Millennium Village.

We are looking forward to strengthen working relations with all of them.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,



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