



## Scouts come together with WAGGGS and UNICEF to discuss poverty

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August, 23, 2010 ? Day 1 at the World Youth Conference 2010 Mexico and the youth didn't hesitate to speak out about issues that affect their society. Members of the World Organization Scout Movement, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts along with one of UNICEF's Adolescent Development Program Officers, Trang Ho, teamed up to discuss their projects and ideas on how to eradicate poverty at a round table activity scheduled for the WYC. As of now more than half of the world is in poverty and being one of the eight millennium development goals, poverty became a vital issue to discuss during the first days of the conference.



The Girl Guides and the Scout Movement exchanged ideas on methods of eliminating poverty and the guides proposed how offering love and motivation to children with limited resources can give the children the confidence they need in order to excel in their lives, while the Scout Movement talked about redirecting youth into a constructive force in society by teaching them about values and complementing formal with informal education.

On behalf of UNICEF, Trang spoke about the UNICEF's feeding programs and projects, like school in a box, to help kids continue with their studies despite their circumstances. Even our international guests communicated how they would change their community first hand. Marti de Sovsa, a guest coming from Guyana, expressed that a good strategy towards ending poverty in his community would be teaching the youth to not only focus on receiving a good education but to learn entrepreneurial skills that would help them prepare for jobs in the future. Based off the eight millennium development goals, this is only the first of a series of talks that are scheduled throughout the rest of the week at the WYC in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico.