

## **WSSD Programme of Implementation: Children's environmental health extracts**

### **II. Poverty eradication**

7. (f) Deliver basic health services for all and *reduce environmental health threats, taking into account the special needs of children and the linkages between poverty, health and environment*, with provision of financial resources, technical assistance and knowledge transfer to developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

### **VI. Health and sustainable development**

53. The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development states that human beings are at the centre of concerns for sustainable development, and that they are entitled to a healthy and productive life, in harmony with nature. The goals of sustainable development can only be achieved in the absence of a high prevalence of debilitating diseases, while obtaining health gains for the whole population requires poverty eradication. *There is an urgent need to address the causes of ill health, including environmental causes, and their impact on development, with particular emphasis on women and children*, as well as vulnerable groups of society, such as people with disabilities, elderly persons and indigenous people.

56. *Reduce respiratory diseases and other health impacts resulting from air pollution, with particular attention to women and children*, by:

- (a) Strengthening regional and national programmes, including through public-private partnerships, with technical and financial assistance to developing countries;
- (b) Supporting the phasing out of lead in gasoline;
- (c) Strengthening and supporting efforts for the reduction of emissions through the use of cleaner fuels and modern pollution control techniques;
- (d) Assisting developing countries in providing affordable energy to rural communities, particularly to reduce dependence on traditional fuel sources for cooking and heating, the use of which affect the health of women and children.

57. Phase out lead in lead-based paints and in other sources of human exposure, *work to prevent, in particular, children's exposure to lead* and strengthen monitoring and surveillance efforts and the treatment of lead poisoning.