



## **NINE IS MINE!**

### **9% of the GDP to ensure that every Child in India has a Future**

We are the Children of India. We are not voters, but we believe that the Voices of children can be stronger than the Votes of adults. And, we know that it is necessary for us to speak up now to secure our future.

We applaud the commitment made by Governments across the world to end Poverty & Social Exclusion by 2015, as promised in the UN Millennium Declaration. We appreciate the efforts taken by the Government in India to fulfill this promise through the National Development Goals & National Common Minimum Program.

In one voice, we ask you - "Keep Your Promise!" The promise to allocate 6% of the GDP to public expenditure on Education, and 3% of the GDP to public expenditure on Health.

Currently public expenditure on Education stands near 3% of the GDP, and public expenditure on Health is so meager - even less than 1%!

We want every child of India to know, that "9% of the GDP belongs to us!", because Health and Education is the basic right of every child, every family.

And we ask for your support, your assurance that Our Future is India's first priority!

The 'Nine is Mine' Declaration will be signed by 100,000 children and supporters across 15 states of India between Nov 14, 2006 (Children's Day) and January 30, 2007 (Martyr's Day, and a month before the announcement of the Union Budget) to petition the Prime Minister & key representatives of government to commit 9% of the GDP to public expenditure on Health & Education.

