Planet Aid Joins the Global Campaign for Education

Baltimore, MD (April 2013) – Planet Aid is proud to announce that it has joined the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) to help alleviate the worldwide education crisis and promote quality public education. To help support the GCE, Planet Aid is participating in the “Every Child Needs a Teacher” campaign (April 21-27), which aims to make a significant contribution in increasing the number of trained, professional teachers, through targeted advocacy and strategic mass mobilization.

Planet Aid supports teacher training in Angola, Mozambique, Malawi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where there is a dire need for qualified educators. The colleges are institutions that offer accredited programs in cooperation with the respective national ministries of education.

“There is a severe shortage of trained teachers worldwide,” said Ester Neltrup, Planet Aid’s President. “Improving access to quality education and teacher training is one of the elements of our mission. We are proud of our support of rural teacher training colleges in sub-Saharan Africa, and look forward to working with the GCE to build momentum toward training more teachers and reaching the Millennium Development Goal of Universal Primary Education.”

Planet Aid is currently working with its Mozambican partner ADPP Mozambique to implement a USDA-funded food aid, education and nutrition program. The three-year project includes health, nutrition, and educational development initiatives to benefit more than 1 million students, teachers, parents, and community members. The education component will focus on training more than 4,000 new primary school teachers.

The Global Campaign for Education was established in 1999 and delivered a united civil society voice during the World Education Forum in Dakar in 2000, influencing the six Education for All goals. Since then, GCE has continued to grow and some important progress has been made, including 40 million more children in school. GCE campaigns throughout the year, mobilizing pressure from all sectors and holding governments and international institutions to account.

Headquartered in Elkridge, MD, Planet Aid is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inform, mobilize and inspire individuals and communities to work together to bring about worldwide environmental and social progress. Incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts and recognized as a tax-exempt charity under IRS code 501(c)(3), Planet Aid is registered with the U.S. Agency for International Development as a private voluntary organization (PVO), and is a member of the Humana People to People Federation, Interaction, and Aid for Africa. It has also earned the Guidestar Exchange Seal for its commitment to transparency. For more information on Planet Aid, visit Planetaid.org.