WHEN WOMEN SUCCEED,

We lead different parts of the world. We lead different lives. We've taken different paths. But we have one thing in common. We are three women who had the opportunities to succeed.

Of those born into poverty around the world, women are a majority. Tens of millions miss out on education and, globally, women are more likely to be jobless and bearing the worst setbacks of the economic crisis.

But whether in Asia, Europe, Africa or the Americas, healthy, educated, employed women break poverty cycles, not just for themselves but for our families and communities too.

While we've risen above glass ceilings, there is still a long way to go. More women need to be involved in decision making and violence against women must end.

On International Women's Day, we invite you to join our efforts as Goodwill Ambassadors for the United Nations Development Programme to advance rights and opportunities for women everywhere, so everyone wins. Brazilian footballer Marta Vieira da Silva

Russian tennis player Maria Sharapova

> Japanese actress Misako Konno



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