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My recommendation is “to significantly reduce poverty through education for women and girls especially in Sub-Saharan Africa. As a leadership consultant, I host workshops on how to achieve long term success but we must manage for the long term.

In the era of Internet of Things, and a highly interconnected world, women are still ~ 75% of the ~800M illiterate people! While much progress has been done, our focus should continue on taking more bold risks including that of collaborating with universities, governments and NGO's – the triple helix effect shared long term value. - - survival to succeed.

I believe effective action needs collaboration so as to create value and competitive advantage. Data on poverty is pervasive, but we can only optimize it if we give increased access to the underserved.

Optimization can be attained through investment in talent development, policy, governance and transparency.

All sectors require skilled people for positive performance outcome. Skills deficiency is a major challenge that can be mitigated by educating, empowering women and girls, a power partnership that shall catalyze change. We can achieve this through mentorship, sponsorship, internship, shadowing, apprenticeship, access to education, capital, and health care.

The MDG results are a remarkable milestone, but that was a harbinger of our upcoming SDG, and I look forward to the impact it shall have on our human community. Thank you for your consideration.