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IB community theme:
sharing our humanity

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The IB community -

a global community of

- 2,405 schools
- 658,000 students
- in 131 countries
- 70,000 teachers plus parents, staff, examiners and other colleagues

.... and growing

IB community theme

aims to bring together and strengthen the whole IB community

students, teachers, parents, IB staff, and all who are connected with IB

while engaging with and taking action on a number of global issues.

IB community theme: *sharing our humanity*

The IB community theme 2007 – 2010

sharing our humanity

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Global poverty



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Education for all



IB community theme: *sharing our humanity*

Peace and conflict



IB community theme: *sharing our humanity*

Global infectious diseases



IB community theme: *sharing our humanity*

Digital divide: uneven access to information and communication technologies



IB community theme: *sharing our humanity*

Disasters and emergencies



How do we engage with the community theme?

Encourage **IB World Schools** to share **current** work and activities that relate to *sharing our humanity*

The **IB** will highlight **current** work and activities in schools that relate to *sharing our humanity*

How do we engage with the community theme?

The IB encourages and facilitates schools to explore and address the theme further through:

- Regular classroom teaching
- “Special projects”
- Community service

individually and/or collaboratively with other IB World Schools

Sharing our humanity – IB actions

IB is addressing the community theme

**at conferences
and workshops**

in features

in *IB World* magazine
and on the website



Sharing our humanity – IB actions

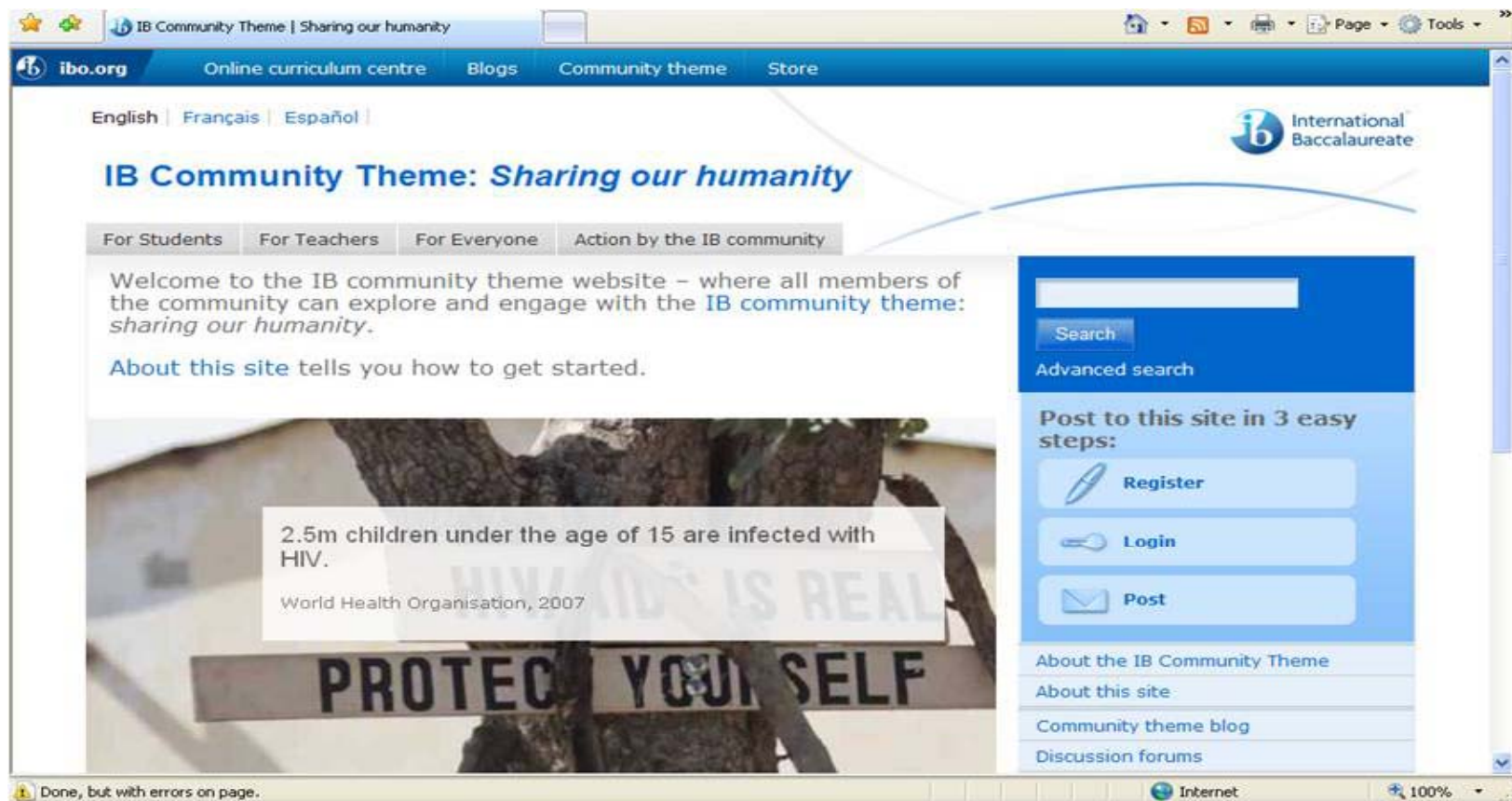
The IB is facilitating the community theme through:

- the new dedicated website

<http://communitytheme.ibo.org>

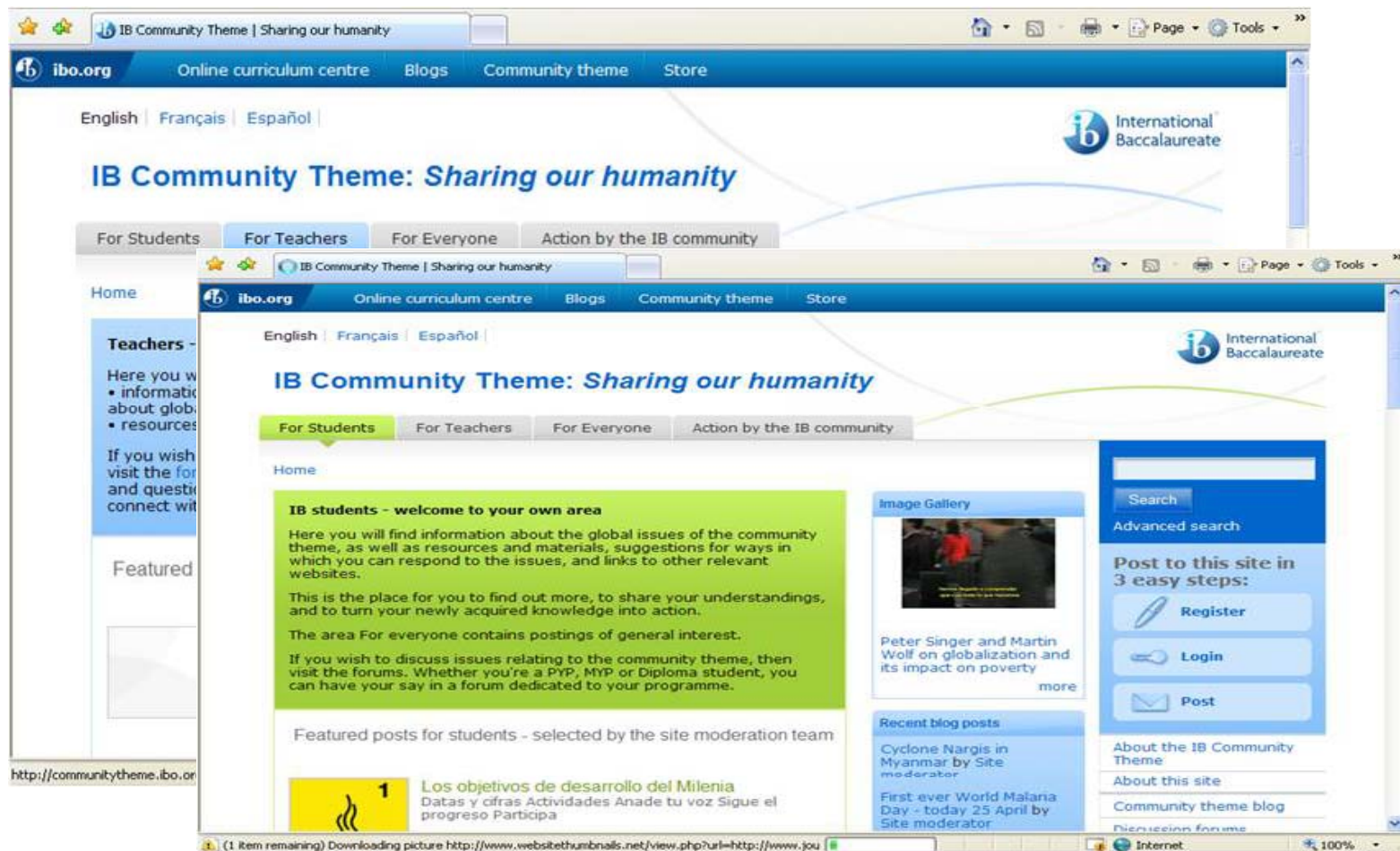
- recognition of activities and projects

The IB community theme website



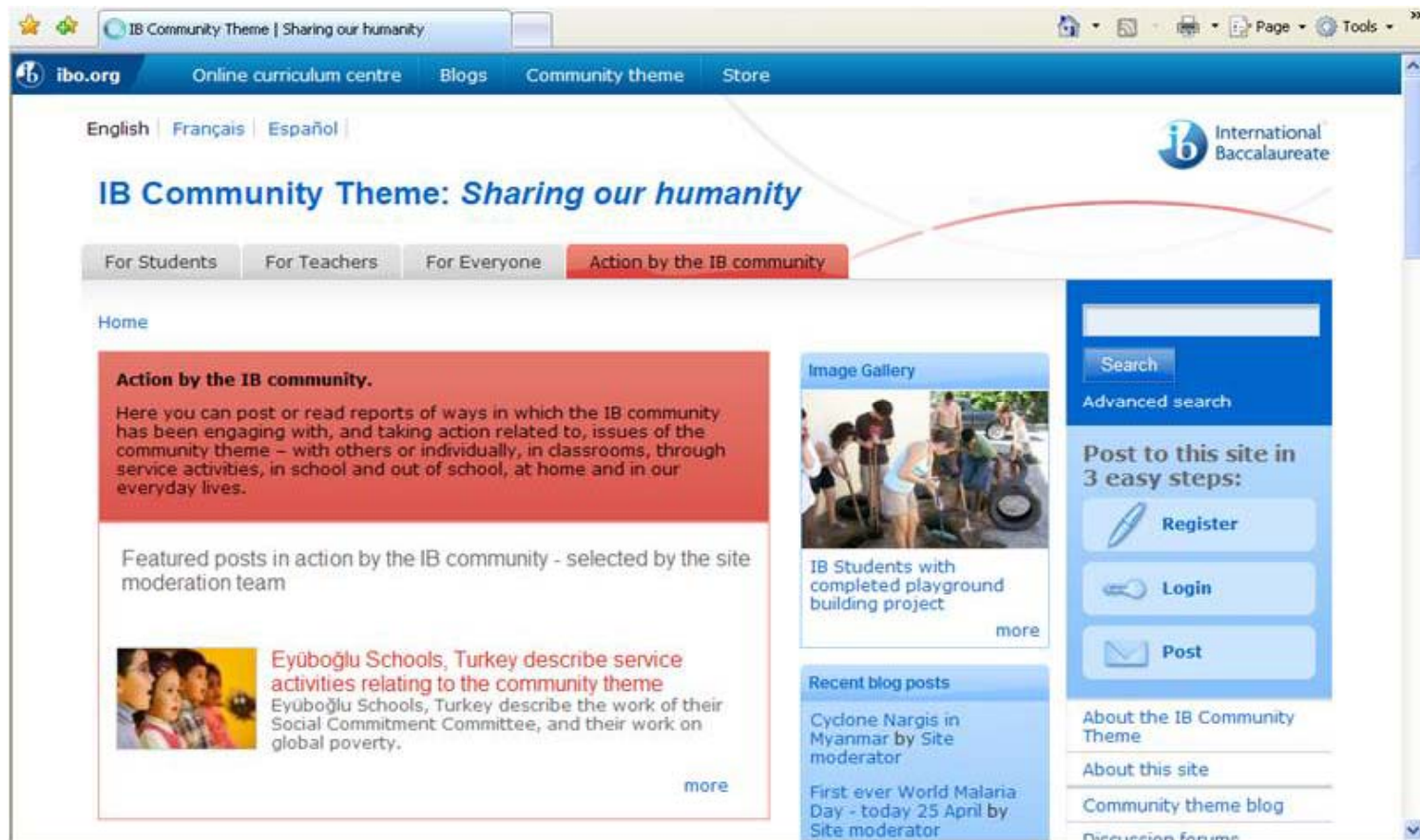
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The IB community theme website



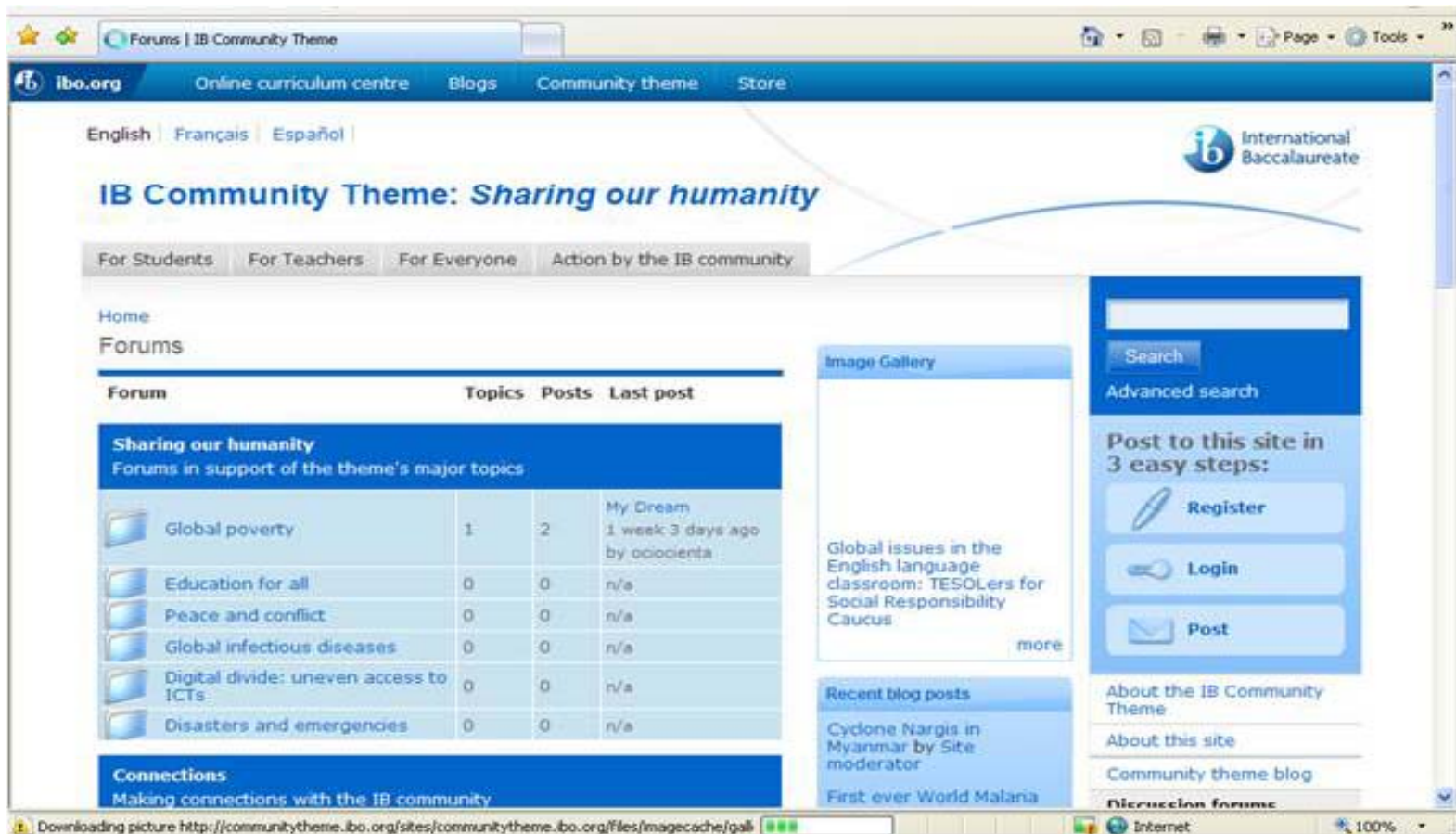
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The IB community theme website



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Forum	Topics	Posts	Last post
Sharing our humanity Forums in support of the theme's major topics			
Global poverty	1	2	My Dream 1 week 3 days ago by ocooienta
Education for all	0	0	n/a
Peace and conflict	0	0	n/a
Global infectious diseases	0	0	n/a
Digital divide: uneven access to ICTs	0	0	n/a
Disasters and emergencies	0	0	n/a

Below the table is a 'Connections' section with the text 'Making connections with the IB community'. To the right, there is an 'Image Gallery' section with a post titled 'Global issues in the English language classroom: TESOLers for Social Responsibility Caucus'. Further right, there is a search bar, a 'Post to this site in 3 easy steps' section with 'Register', 'Login', and 'Post' buttons, and a 'Recent blog posts' section with titles like 'Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar by Site moderator' and 'First ever World Malaria'.

Sharing our humanity – community actions

- **Sub-regional associations conferences and meetings.**
- **Schools are reporting their actions**
- **PYP exhibition on issues of the theme.**



Community actions: Education for all

Students from Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School in Kingston, Ontario, Canada built a children's playground in the Dominican Republic.



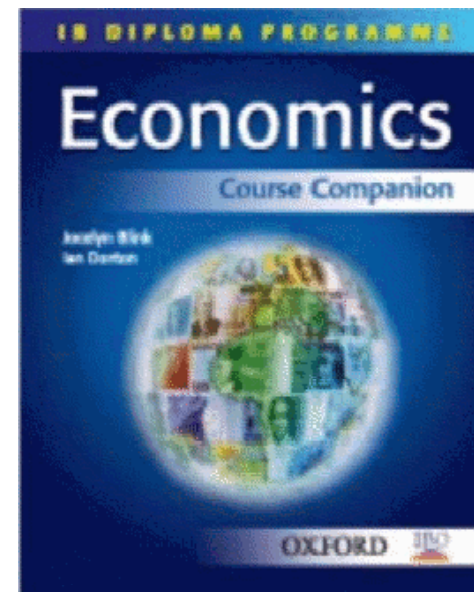
Community actions: Education for all / digital divide



Community actions: Global poverty

Bahrain School students

- studied poverty in development economics in class as part of their IB Diploma Programme economics course.



Community actions: Global poverty

Bahrain School students improved living conditions for poor local expatriate workers through

- Raising funds
- Decorating an apartment for 37 people, providing drinking water and a new bathroom



Community actions: Global poverty



IB global lessons on poverty

Encourage IB World Schools to teach a common lesson on ethical aspects of global poverty in October 2008

in the Diploma programme - in TOK

in the Middle Years Programme - in Humanities

IB global lessons on poverty

Throughout October 2008:
Lessons available online
Lessons taught

October 17
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

October until mid-November 2008:
Online discussion on the community theme
website

***Sharing our humanity:* objectives**

By the end of the community theme: *sharing our humanity*, in April 2010, we hope the following objectives will result:

- Enhanced knowledge and understanding of global issues
- Greater understanding within schools of how global issues can be addressed within the IB programmes
- Practical actions

Sharing our humanity: objectives

- A bank of resources and materials for future use
- A web platform for future themes
- A strengthened IB community



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Next steps....

If you haven't done so already, visit

<http://communitytheme.ibo.org>

- Read what is there – see what other people are doing
- Contribute yourself
- Take up / develop the theme in your school
- Tell others about the theme and website
- Get others involved