The Millennium Development Goals: 2007 Progress Chart

Since their establishment in 2000, the Millennium Development Goals have become a universally shared framework for development. They are a means for developing countries and their development partners to assess their ability to work together to reach meaningful targets in key areas. Governments, United Nations agencies and other international organizations, and major civil society groups are actively using the MDGs as benchmarks for their development efforts.

The Goals set out interrelated and measurable targets for reducing poverty increasing school attendance, promoting gender equality, averting maternal and child deaths, improving health care, combating major diseases and achieving environmental sustainability. A final Goal is building partnerships between developed and developing countries, which is a prerequisite to attaining the other Goals and to improving the well-being of the world's poorest people.

The Goals are:

**Goal 1**: Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger
- Reduce extreme poverty by half
- Halve the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water
- Halve the proportion of people without access to sanitation

**Goal 2**: Achieving universal primary education
- Universal primary schooling
- Gender parity

**Goal 3**: Promoting gender equality and empowering women
- Women’s share of decision-making roles
- Women’s share of seats in national parliaments

**Goal 4**: Reducing child mortality
- Under-five mortality rate
- Maternal mortality rate

**Goal 5**: Improving maternal health
- Women’s share of decision-making roles
- Women’s share of seats in national parliaments

**Goal 6**: Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- New HIV infections
- New cases of tuberculosis

**Goal 7**: Ensuring environmental sustainability
- eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- primary schooling
- gender parity
- child mortality
- maternal health
- maternal health
- maternal health
- eradication of drinking water
- eradication of sanitation
- HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
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- HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- environmental sustainability
- poverty and hunger
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Country experiences in each region may differ significantly from the regional average. For the regional groupings and country data, see mdgs.un.org.

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Progress at the MDGs mid-point

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The assessment is based on a new methodology and therefore not comparable with previous assessments.

The available data for maternal mortality rate is not suitable for trend analysis. Progress in the chart has been assessed by the responsible agencies on the basis of proxy indicators.

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