MDG REPORT 2015

Final assessment of progress toward achieving the MDGs

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The most successful anti-poverty movement in history

An inspiring framework that has led to many successes in numerous development areas since 2000

The successes of the MDG agenda prove that global action works. It is the only path to ensure that the new development agenda leaves no one behind

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2015 Final Assessment of MDG Achievements
Poverty rates have been more than halved

**Goal: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**

**Extreme poverty rate in developing countries**

In 1990, nearly half of the population in the developing world lived on less than $1.25 a day; that proportion dropped to 14 per cent in 2015.

This translates to over 1 billion people lifted out of extreme poverty.

**Global number of extreme poor**

The proportion of undernourished people in the developing regions has fallen by almost half since 1990.
Tremendous progress has been made since 2000 in enrolling children in primary school

Goal: Achieve universal primary education

The developing regions’ primary school net enrolment rate has reached **91 per cent** in 2015, up from **83 per cent** in 2000.

The target is close to being reached in all regions except sub-Saharan Africa. **Greatest progress in primary school enrolment** among all developing regions **occurred in sub-Saharan Africa.**

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### Adjusted net enrolment rate* in primary education, sub-Saharan Africa and Oceania, 1990, 2000 and 2015 (percentage)

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* Adjusted net enrolment rate is defined as the number of pupils of the official age for primary education enrolled either in primary or secondary school, expressed as a percentage of the total population in that age group.

Note: 2000 figure for Oceania is not available.
The developing regions as a whole have achieved the target to eliminate gender disparity in primary, secondary and tertiary education.

In Southern Asia, only 74 girls were enrolled in primary school for every 100 boys in 1990. Today, 103 girls are enrolled for every 100 boys.

Women have gained ground in parliamentary representation in nearly 90 per cent of the 174 countries with data over the past 20 years.

*The gender parity index is defined as the ratio of the female gross enrolment ratio to the male gross enrolment ratio for each level of education.*
Dramatic decline in preventable child deaths is one of the most significant achievements in human history.

Goal: Reduce child mortality

Since the early 1990s, the rate of reduction of under-five mortality has more than tripled globally.

The global under-five mortality rate has declined by more than half, dropping from 90 to 43 deaths per 1,000 live births between 1990 and 2015.

Measles vaccination helped prevent nearly 15.6 million deaths between 2000 and 2013.
Goal: Improve maternal health

Since 1990, the maternal mortality ratio has declined by 45 per cent worldwide, and most of the reduction has occurred since 2000.

More than 71 per cent of births were assisted by skilled health personnel globally in 2014, an increase from 59 per cent in 1990.
New HIV infections fell by approximately 40 per cent between 2000 and 2013, from an estimated 3.5 million cases to 2.1 million.

By June 2014, 13.6 million people living with HIV were receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) globally, an immense increase from just 800,000 in 2003. ART averted 7.6 million deaths from AIDS between 1995 and 2013.
Over 6.2 million malaria deaths have been averted between 2000 and 2015, primarily of children under five years of age in sub-Saharan Africa.

More than 900 million insecticide-treated mosquito nets were delivered to malaria-endemic countries in sub-Saharan Africa between 2004 and 2014.

Between 2000 and 2013, tuberculosis prevention, diagnosis and treatment interventions saved an estimated 37 million lives.
Goal: Ensure environmental sustainability

In 2015, 91% of the global population is using an improved drinking water source, up from 76% in 1990— the target was met 5 years ahead of the 2015 deadline.

Of the 2.6 billion people who have gained access to improved drinking water since 1990, 1.9 billion gained access to piped drinking water on premises.

Ozone-depleting substances have been virtually eliminated since 1990, and the ozone layer is expected to recover by the middle of this century.
Goal: Develop a global partnership for development

Official development assistance (ODA)

ODA increased by 66% in real terms between 2000 and 2014, reaching $135.2 billion.

The number of mobile-cellular subscriptions has grown almost tenfold in the last 15 years: from 738 million to over 7 billion (2000-2015).

Internet penetration

Internet penetration has grown from just over 6 per cent of the world’s population in 2000 to 43 per cent in 2015-- translating to 3.2 billion people linked to a global network.
### Millennium Development Goals: 2015 Progress Chart

#### GOAL 1 | Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

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#### GOAL 3 | Promote gender equality and empower women

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Leaving no one behind
Gender inequality persists

Women continue to face discrimination in access to work, economic assets and participation in private and public decision-making.

Women are also more likely to live in poverty than men.

Only one in five national parliament members are women.
Big gaps exist between the poorest and the richest; between rural and urban areas

Children in the poorest households are four times as likely to be out of school as those in the richest households.

Under-five mortality rates are almost twice as high for children in the poorest households as for children in the richest.

About 50 per cent of people living in rural areas lack improved sanitation facilities, compared to only 18 per cent of people in urban areas.

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Climate change and environmental degradation undermine progress achieved

Global emissions of carbon dioxide have increased by **over 50 per cent** since 1990.

**Water scarcity affects 40 per cent of people in the world** and is projected to increase.

Overexploitation of marine fish stocks led to **declines in the percentage of stocks within safe biological limits**, down from 90 per cent in 1974 to 71 per cent in 2011.

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Conflicts remain the biggest threat to human development

By the end of 2014, conflicts had forced almost 60 million people to abandon their homes—the highest level recorded since the Second World War.

Every day, 42,000 people on average are forcibly displaced and compelled to seek protection due to conflicts, almost four times the 2010 number of 11,000.

Fragile and conflict-affected countries typically have the highest poverty rates.
Millions of poor people still live in poverty and hunger, without access to basic services

About 800 million people still live in extreme poverty and suffer from hunger.

Almost half of global workers are still working in vulnerable conditions.

About 16,000 children die each day before celebrating their fifth birthday, mostly from preventable causes.

1 in 3 people (2.4 billion) still use unimproved sanitation facilities—946 million people still practise open defecation.

880 million people are estimated to be living in slum-like conditions.
Transitioning from the MDGs to the Post-2015 Development Agenda
Sustainable data for sustainable development

The monitoring of the MDGs taught us that data are an indispensable element of the development agenda – What gets measured gets done

Better, faster, more disaggregated data are needed for the post-2015 development agenda

Strong political commitment and significantly increased resources will be needed to meet the data demand for the new development agenda

Proportion of countries and territories in the developing regions with at least two data points for 22 selected MDG indicators, 2003, 2006 and 2014 (percentage)
Momentum to transition to the post-2015 development agenda

A bold new agenda is on the horizon—to better meet human needs and the requirements of economic transformation, while protecting the environment, ensuring peace and realizing human rights.

Global action works-- the successes of these past 15 years prove this. It is the only way to ensure that the new development agenda leaves no one behind.

“Reflecting on the MDGs and looking ahead to the next fifteen years, there is no question that we can deliver on our shared responsibility to put an end to poverty, leave no one behind and create a world of dignity for all.” --- UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon
“2015 is a milestone year. We will complete the Millennium Development Goals. We are forging a bold vision for sustainable development, including a set of sustainable development goals. And we are aiming for a new, universal climate agreement.”

— UN Secretary-General BAN Ki-moon

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