The Millennium Development Goals: 2012 Progress Chart

The adoption of the Millennium Declaration in 2000 by all United Nations Member States marked an historic moment, as world leaders committed to tackle extreme poverty in its many dimensions and create a better life for everyone. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) translate this commitment into a framework of measurable goals and targets by which progress can be measured.

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MDGs

**Goal 1:** Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- **Reduce poverty by half:** Low poverty → Very high poverty
- **Reduce hunger by half:** Very high hunger → Moderate hunger

**Goal 2:** Achieve universal primary education
- **Universal primary schooling:** High attendance → Moderate attendance

**Goal 3:** Promote gender equality and empower women
- **Women’s share of paid employment:** Low share → Medium share
- **Women’s equal representation in national parliaments:** Low representation → Very low representation

**Goal 4:** Reduce child mortality
- **Child mortality rate:** High mortality → Moderate mortality

**Goal 5:** Improve maternal health
- **Maternal mortality rate:** Low mortality → Very high mortality

**Goal 6:** Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- **HIV/AIDS incidence:** High incidence → Moderate incidence

**Goal 7:** Ensure environmental sustainability
- **Make progress in halving the proportion of people without sustainable access to drinking water:** High coverage → Moderate coverage
- **Improve the lives of slum-dwellers:** Moderate coverage → Low coverage

**Goal 8:** Develop a global partnership for development
- **Internet usage:** High usage → Low usage

The progress chart provides an assessment of where we stand on selected key targets relating to each Goal. Trends and levels are measured on the basis of information available as of June 2012. The latest available data for most indicators are from years 2010 to 2012; for a few indicators, the data go back to 2000.

The related regional data and country data, see mdgs.un.org. Country experiences in each region may differ significantly from the regional average. Due to new data and revised methodologies, the latest estimates may differ from previous versions.


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