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Millennium Development Goals An Overview

Where have we come from?

Where are we going?

Why MDGs?

The 1990s: a decade of faltering progress

- ❖ progress continued
- ❖ ... but too slowly to reach agreed targets
- ❖ ... and slowing down

Why?

- Meant to accelerate progress on:
 - Under-5 mortality rate
 - Maternal mortality rate
 - Child malnutrition
 - Water and sanitation
 - Income poverty
 - Primary education



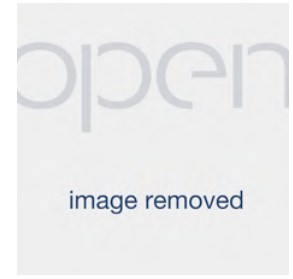
What are the MDGs?

- MDGs were set by government leaders at the UN Millennium Summit, September 2000
- All UN organizations decided to be guided by MDGs in their future action: unity of purpose, coherent action, synergies and strategic approaches by the UN system as a whole
- Leaders pledged to strive, individually and collectively, towards these goals through international, regional and national action, concerted by the UN

7 Areas Addressed in the MDGs

- Peace, Security and Disarmament
- Development and Poverty Eradication
- Protecting our Common Environment
- Human rights, Democracy and good Governance
- Protecting the Vulnerable
- Meeting the special needs of Africa
- Strengthening the United Nations

Eight Goals



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- Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Goal 2. Achieve universal primary education
- Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women
- Goal 4. Reduce child mortality
- Goal 5. Improve maternal health
- Goal 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Goal 7. Ensure environmental sustainability
- Goal 8. Develop a Global Partnership for Development



Eight Goals

Eighteen Targets

Each goal has between one and five targets



Forty-eight Indicators

Each target has 1- 10 indicators



MDGs & Human Rights

- The Millennium Development Goals strongly emphasize the role of human rights, and the values of freedom, justice, solidarity and shared responsibility



Where were we in 2007-08?

- High level event took place at the UN to evaluate progress and to renew commitment
- A list of initiatives and commitments was generated by the countries in attendance
- Mixed results
- Many LIC were unlikely to reach the MDGs by 2015
- Good progress in some areas and regions
- Performance not uniform

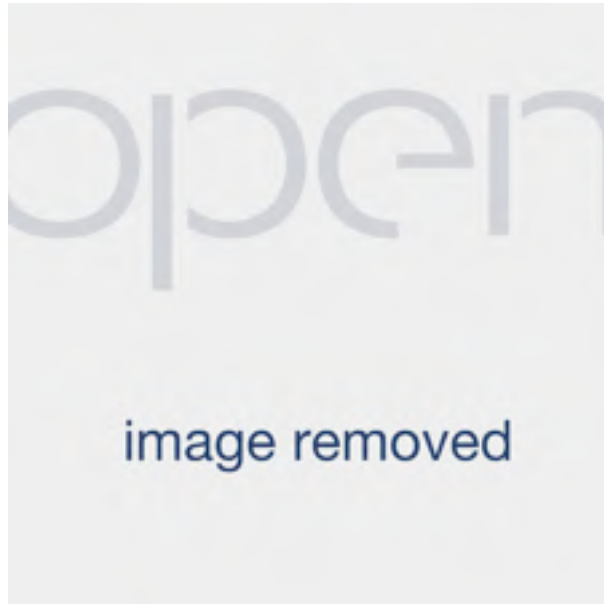
Where are we today?

- Millions more children are in school
- Lives have been saved through the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria
- Poverty declined by 1% per year from 1999-2005
- Economic growth in Africa is gathering pace – over 5% per year in the decade ending in 2009

BUT

64 million people have been thrown back into poverty as a result of
the financial crisis

U.N. Poverty Goals Face Accountability Questions



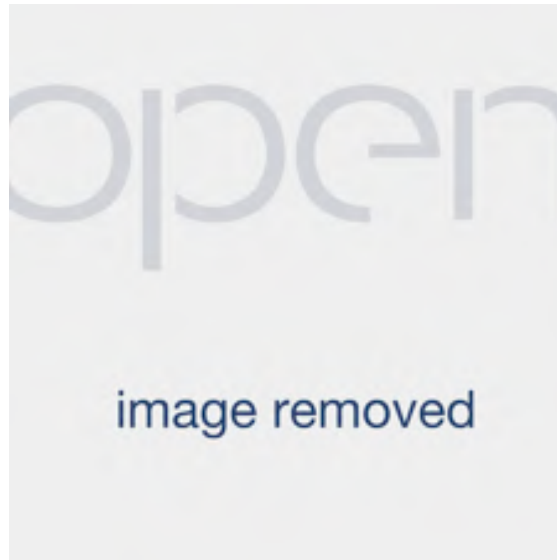
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By NEIL MacFARQUHAR
Published: September 18, 2010
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BUT

150 million are hungry because of the food crisis

U.N. Raises Concerns as Global Food Prices Jump



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Angry rallies in Mozambique partly over a 30 percent rise in the cost of bread left 10 dead. A young protester in Maputo stood by a burning vehicle on Thursday.

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR
Published: September 3, 2010
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Today

Summit on the Millennium Development Goals 20-22 September 2010

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called on world leaders to attend a summit in New York on 20-22 September 2010 to accelerate progress towards the MDGs

MDG Summit 2010



Main Message

- The most broadly supported, comprehensive and specific development goals the world has ever agreed upon
- While a lot has been accomplished much more needs to be done
- Inequity is huge
- We must accelerate progress if we are to achieve the MDGs

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