

# MDGs Millennium Development Goals

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were developed by the UN in the Year 2000, to help some of the world's poorest people by halving chronic poverty by 2015.

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## MDG 1

### Eradicate Extreme Poverty & Hunger

Around the world, one billion people live on less than \$1 (50p) a day and more than a quarter of children under five in developing countries are malnourished.

#### Target

Halve the number of people forced to live on less than \$1 a day; and halve the number of people who suffer from hunger.



## MDG 2

### Achieve Universal Primary Education

115 million children of primary school age are not in education. Many of these children are from the poorest families.

#### Target

Ensure that all children, boys and girls, can complete a full primary education



## MDG 3

### Promote Gender Equality & Empower Women

There are an estimated 774 million illiterate adults in the world, about 64% of whom are women.

#### Target

Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education.



## MDG 4

### Reduce Child Mortality

Every day, 30,000 children under five die, that is 11 million children a year. Many of these deaths are caused by diseases that can be easily treated with inexpensive drugs.

#### Target

Reduce by two-thirds the mortality rate of children under 5 years old.



## MDG 5

### Improve Maternal Health

More than 500,000 women every year die during pregnancy or childbirth, and many more suffer life-long painful and humiliating injuries.

#### Target

Reduce by three quarters, the maternal mortality ratio.



## MDG 6

### Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases

20 million people have already died from HIV/AIDS and malaria continues to kill one million people a year.

#### Target

Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS; and the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.



## MDG 7

### Ensure Environmental Sustainability

In sub-Saharan Africa, 42% of people do not have access to safe drinking water.

#### Target

Reverse the loss of environmental resources; and halve the number of people without access to safe drinking water.



## MDG 8

### Global Partnership for Development

Over 185 million people worldwide are not in work; just under half are aged between 15 and 24.

#### Target

In co-operation with developing countries, develop and implement strategies for decent and productive work for youth.



**“...if any (person) saves a life it is as if he saves the lives of all mankind.”**

The Qur'an, chapter 5, verse 32



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