The Millennium Development Goals were set in 2000 at a United Nations summit. The targets were ambitious, but realistic, and all have a deadline of 2015. There are eight goals, each of which has at least one target, from which progress can be measured.

ABOUT THIS INFORMATION

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1. Poverty and hunger

Target: Reduce the number of people living on less than $1.25 a day by three-quarters.

Progress:
- Since 1990, the number of people in extreme poverty has been halved.
- This target was achieved in 2010, five years ahead of schedule (Target status ACHIEVED).
- Progress has slowed rapidly.

Percentage of people living on less than $1.25 a day

Target status

1.3

The number of people living on less than $1.25 a day has almost halved.

2. Education

Target: Ensure that all children, especially girls, complete primary schooling.

Progress:
- The amount of children out of school worldwide has almost halved.
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The amount of children out of school worldwide has almost halved.

Target status

2.3

The amount of children out of school worldwide has almost halved.

3. Gender equality

Target: Promote gender equality and empower women.

Progress:
- Only five countries have achieved equality at all levels of education.
- 45% of women and girls faced violence, affecting girls tend to be more extreme than those suffered by boys. These inequalities continue at secondary education.

Equality in education by region

Target status

3.3

Gender disparities in education were most marked at early age levels.

4. Child mortality

Target: Reduce child mortality by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015.

Progress:
- The number of children under five die each year has been declining for over 50 years.
- Only two countries have achieved equality at all levels of education.

Child mortality rates for children under five years old

Target status

4.3

The number of children under five die each year has been declining for over 50 years.

5. Primary education

Target: Ensure that all children, especially girls, complete primary schooling.

Progress:
- 56% of 15-year-old girls and boys were enrolled in primary school in 2011.
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Percentage of 15-year-old girls and boys in primary school

Target status

5.3

The percentage of 15-year-old girls and boys in primary school is increasing.

6. Secondary education

Target: Ensure that all girls and boys complete secondary education.

Progress:
- 77% of 15-year-old girls and boys were in secondary school in 2011.
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Percentage of 15-year-old girls and boys in secondary school

Target status

6.3

The percentage of 15-year-old girls and boys in secondary school is increasing.

7. Tertiary education

Target: Ensure that people can access and remain in secondary education.

Progress:
- 19% of 15-year-old girls and boys were in tertiary education in 2011.
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Percentage of 15-year-old girls and boys in tertiary education

Target status

7.3

The percentage of 15-year-old girls and boys in tertiary education is increasing.

This was target was achieved in 2010, five years ahead of schedule (Target status ACHIEVED).

8. Health

Target: Improve maternal health.

Progress:
- Tanzania has achieved a 99.6% primary school enrolment rate by 2010.
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Percentage of women vaccinated for tetanus

Target status

8.3

The percentage of women vaccinated for tetanus is increasing.

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