

## The Millennium Development Goals

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At the UN Millennium Summit in 2000, world leaders met to develop a plan to improve the quality of life in developing countries. All countries signed the Millennium Declaration, the first internationally agreed upon framework for fighting global poverty, hunger, disease, and inequality. To realise the aspirations of the Millennium Declaration, eight specific development goals were created. Now known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), these goals address the root causes of poverty and inequality with a target achievement date of 2015.

The eight MDG's are:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

2. Achieve universal primary education

3. Promote gender equality and empower women

4. Reduce child mortality

5. Improve maternal health

6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases

7. Ensure environmental sustainability

8. Develop a global partnership for development