

What are the Millennium Development Goals?

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 that respond to the world's main development challenges. The MDGs are drawn from the actions and targets contained in the Millennium Declaration that was adopted by 189 nations and signed by 147 heads of state and governments during the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000.

- 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

The MDGs:

- synthesize, in a single package, many of the most important commitments made separately at the international conferences and summits of the 1990s;
- recognize explicitly the interdependence between growth, poverty reduction and sustainable development;
- acknowledge that development rests on the foundations of democratic governance, the rule of law, respect for human rights and peace and security;
- are based on time-bound and measurable targets accompanied by indicators for monitoring progress; and
- bring together, in the eighth Goal, the responsibilities of developing countries with those of developed countries, founded on a global partnership endorsed at the International Conference on Financing for Development in Monterrey, Mexico in 2002, and again at the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development in August 2003.

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In more than half a decade that the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have been deployed it has progressively made significant inroads in the formulation and implementation of national development plans and poverty reduction programs of many poor and developing countries. The MDGs, being eponymous to many key social welfare and inequality issues, have easily captured a wide interest among policy makers and development planners because while the MDGs seem focused on a set of specific goals and targets, they actually cover a wide range of issues that have been made easier to understand, manage, and measure than many of earlier much bigger global development programs.

With the convergence of major international and national efforts and resources into promoting and implementing the MDGs, these goals are probably among the most oft-cited and widely-discussed development framework in the world today.

The MDGs have also set off a massive, global statistical advocacy and capacity building program/drive that have stirred many a statistical system and have, more than ever, mobilized the statistical processes and resources of international organizations. The MDG indicators, which came out from the need to monitor the progress of attainment of the goals and targets, have become so closely . targets they represent that it would be difficult to discuss MDGs without being asked for the latest figures.

Conference Date and Venue

The 2007 International Conference on the Millennium Development Goals Statistics (ICMDGS) will be held at EDSA Shangri-la, One Garden Way, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Philippines from 1 - 3 October 2007.

The meeting venue is a stone's throw away from shops, cafes and restaurants. It is approximately 10 minutes away from the Central Business District.

Objectives

- serve as a forum for sharing good practices and methodologies adopted, current and new trends, and challenges present at the national and international levels, in the generation, dissemination, and analysis of MDG data.
- provide for a midterm evaluation, since the Millennium Declaration, of the status of the countries with respect to the MDG goals and targets, and of the progress of statistical development programs on the MDG indicators.
- serve as initial take-off point for the periodic conduct of future MDG data fora, thus providing for a common reference for discussion, and monitoring and evaluation of developments.

Topics

- Global Report on the MDGs; Country Progress towards attainment of MDGs
- Strategies to ensure data availability and utilization
- Data generation and compilation
- Addressing data gaps
- Data utilization and analysis
- Strengthening statistical capacity to improve MDG data availability
- Dissemination of MDG indicators
- Country and regional-level coordination
- Regional and international technical cooperation
- Challenges and opportunities

Participants

national statistical offices, national/country coordinating agencies on MDG indicators, country/national focal agency on MDGs; international organizations engaged/involved in the MDG statistical process