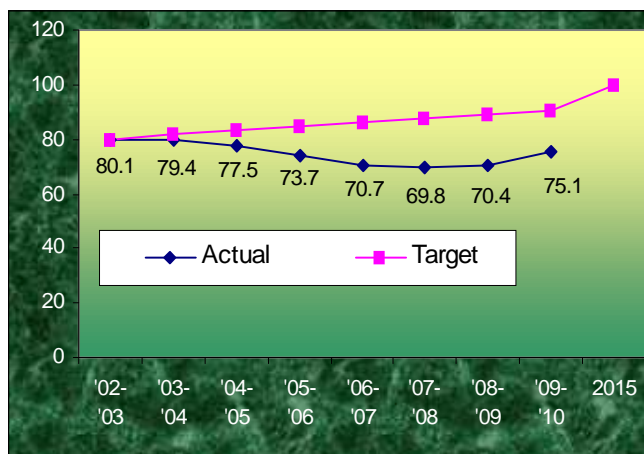




MDG 2: Achieve universal primary education – can we make it in 2015?

Attainment of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) Number 2, which is TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION BY 2015 remains a challenging task in Region XI as its Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) or net participation rate of 70.4 percent and cohort survival rate of 50.0 percent in SY 2008-2009 are still way below of the 100 percent MDG target. Universal education means that by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.

Figure 1. Net Enrolment Ratio (in percent), Region XI, SY '02-'03 to SY '09-'10

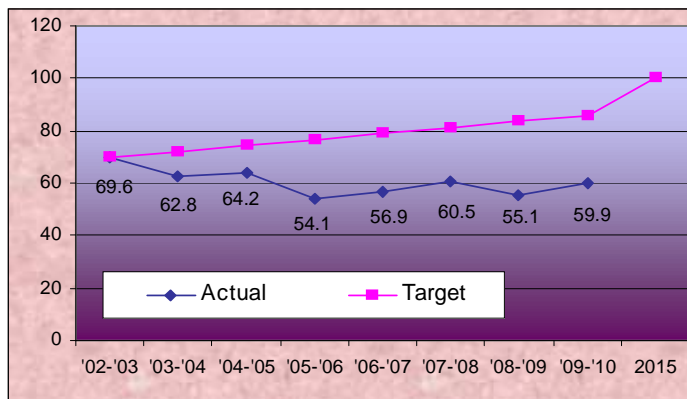


Statistics from the Department of Education XI (DepEd) through its Basic Education Information System (BEIS) revealed that NER in elementary public school increased by 4.5 percentage points from 70.4 percent in school year (SY) 2008-2009 to 75.1 percent in SY 2009-2010. NER is the ratio of the enrolment in the elementary/secondary level to the population of the said age group in a given year. The official school age is 6-11 for elementary and 12-15 for secondary.

The region's NER in elementary level had consistently increased during the last three years (figure 1). However, the increasing trend is still way below the MDGs' annual required rate of progress to reach the 100 percent target. The region should have had at least 90.8 percent NER in SY 2009-2010 in elementary level in order to hit the 100 percent target in 2015.

Source of data: Department of Education XI

Figure 2. Cohort Survival Rate (in percent), Region XI, SY '02-'03 to SY '09-'10



Meanwhile, the region's cohort survival rate in primary education or the proportion of pupils starting grade 1 who reached grade 6 in SY 2009-2010 stood at 59.9 percent, again, still lagging behind the 100 percent target in the MDGs by 2015. The region should have had at least 86 percent cohort survival rate in SY 2009-2010 to reach the 100 percent target in 2015.

Table 1. NER and Cohort Survival Rate (Public Elementary) in Region XI by Province SY '08-'09 to SY '09-'10

Province/City	SY 2008-2009		SY 2009-2010	
	NER	Cohort Survival Rate	NER	Cohort Survival Rate
Region XI	70.4	55.1	75.1	59.9
Davao Oriental	76.5	49.0	85.2	62.9
Davao del Norte	70.2	53.3	72.2	57.1
Compostela Valley	68.3	62.9	73.9	64.2
Davao del Sur	63.0	47.1	72.4	49.8
Davao City	74.0	55.2	73.1	63.6
Digos City	67.8	56.3	73.8	58.5
Panabo City	73.0	61.8	80.3	62.5
IGACOS	72.2	63.4	79.1	42.4
Tagum City	69.1	70.7	76.7	74.5

Among the provinces and cities in Region XI, Davao del Sur had the highest increase in elementary's NER with 9.5 percentage points from SY 2008-2009 to SY 2009-2010 while Panabo City had the biggest decline with 0.9 percentage point.

On the other hand, Tagum City had the highest cohort primary survival rate among provinces and cities in the region in SY 2009-2010 with 74.5 percent while IGACOS had the lowest with 42.4 percent.