

UN Websites on the Millennium

Development Goals (MDGs)

Millennium Development Goals website <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>
This website – redesigned by the UN Department of Public Information – is available in all six official languages and serves as an entry point for finding information about the Organization’s work on the universally agreed goals. The following information can be accessed through this special site:

- Direct link to the special page for the High-level Event on MDGs, UN Headquarters, 25 September 2008
- Background information on the Millennium Summit, the 2005 World Summit and the UN Millennium Project
- Links to the websites of UN Partners working on MDGs
- Millennium Development Goals reports (both annual and on regional level) and statistical data
- Statements and articles by UN officials as well as general press releases
- Special Youth Corner

In early September 2008 the “MDG Gap Task Force Report” and the “MDG Report 2008” will also be available through this website.

End poverty by 2015 – Millennium Campaign

<http://www.endpoverty2015.org/>

“End poverty by 2015. This is the historic promise 189 world leaders made at the United Nations Millennium Summit in 2000 when they signed the Millennium Declaration and agreed to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).” This website provides information about the campaign in general and at the country level. Also included is resource material and information on how to take action.

National campaign websites for Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal can be accessed at <http://www.endpoverty2015.org/countries/europe>.

Millennium Development Goals indicators:

The official UN Site for the Millennium indicators

<http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Default.aspx>

This site presents the official data, definitions, methodologies and sources for more than 60 indicators to measure progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. The data and analyses are the product of the work of the Inter-agency and Expert Group (IAEG) on MDG Indicators, coordinated by the United Nations Statistics Division.

MDG Monitor – Tracking the Millennium Development Goals

<http://www.mdgmonitor.org/>

The MDG Monitor is designed as a one-stop-shop for information on progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), globally and at the country level. It is intended as a tool for policymakers, development practitioners, journalists, students and others interested in learning about the Goals and tracking progress toward them.

Further reading

UN Chronicle Magazine special issues with articles by various contributors:

- “Partnership for Development”

<http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2008/issue1/0108cont.html>

- “The MDGs - Are we on track?”

<http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/issue4/0407cont.html>

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