

BACKGROUND

In September 2000, world leaders gathered at the U.N. to attack the seemingly unconquerable problem of world poverty. In the meeting members resolved to follow a deliberate plan to reduce extreme poverty by 2015. This plan was known as The Millennium Development Goals.

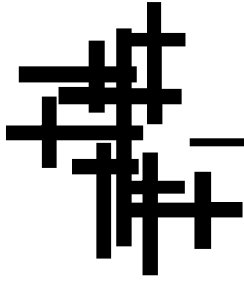
There are 8 goals with 18 specific targets; technical indicators accompany the targets to measure whether progress is being made toward the accomplishment of each Goal.

The 8 Development goals are:

1. Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty
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

The world has made significant progress in achieving some of the goals. But progress has not been uniform across the world. There are disparities within countries and among countries. Some targets have been met; others not.





ACTION

Good Shepherd Voices for Justice suggests that you write or call your Senators and Congressman to urge them to advocate for the increase of poverty-focused development assistance by at least \$5 billion in the next fiscal year. Bread for the World offers the following points that you may wish to use in your letter or call:



- In September, 2000, every nation of the world, including the United States, pledged themselves to work together to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Keeping our promises will help achieve these goals.
- Per the New Millennium Goals, all nations agree – extreme poverty can be cut dramatically by 2015. Progress has been made, but we’re not on track right now. Better-funded U.S. aid programs can help improve health, nutrition, education and water systems, and build long term solutions for families and communities worldwide.
- Please do all in your power to increase US funding for poverty-focused development assistance by at least \$5 billion in the next fiscal year.

For your convenience, here is contact information for many of your Senators and Congressman. Though you could email, we are recommending a phone call or letter as they tend to make more impact.

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