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What was the Millennium Summit?

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In September 2000, leaders from 189 different countries participated in a meeting at the United Nations headquarters. This meeting took place at New York and was called the millennium summit. Ultimately members agreed to the UN Millennium Declaration. This declaration laid out the Millennium Development Goals. These MDG’s are goals of the UN, they are intended to ensure that the rich will donate resources to poor countries so they can develop. The poor have to make their own efforts to reform their countries in order to make the most out of the help received from developed countries.

Goals:
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
Goal 1

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Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

Target 1
Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than $1.25 a day

Target 2
Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people

Target 3
Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger
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**Target 1**
The amount of people living in extreme poverty has been halved on a global level 5 years before the target date

Nearly half the population of developing nations lived on less than $1.25 a day but this rate dropped to 14% by 2015

**Target 2**
The proportion of the working age population that is employed has fallen from 62% in 1991 to 60% in 2015

Only four in ten young women and men aged 15–24 are employed in 2015, compared with five in ten in 1991.

**Target 3**
The target of halving the number of people suffering from hunger has almost been reached but still a shocking amount of people remain hungry
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Achieve universal primary education

**Goal 2**

**Target:** Ensure that by 2015 all children will have the privilege to complete a full course of primary schooling.

**Achievements:** Children out of school rates have plummeted from 102 million to 57 million in 2010–2011. Literacy rates for adults and children are increasing and the gender gap is narrowing. Primary education enrollment is up 90% in developing country's in 2010.

**Current issues:** Even after 4 years of primary schooling, as many as 250 million children cannot read and write, worldwide. Around 23% of kids will drop out before finishing their schooling. Progress in reducing the number of out-of-school children has come to a standstill as international aid to basic education in 2011 fell for the first time. These country's need financial help for these goals to be accomplished.
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Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

Target: Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education, no later than 2015

Achievements: Globally, the share of women employed outside of agriculture rose to 40 per cent, but rose to only 20 per cent in Southern Asia, Western Asia and Northern Africa

Current issues: Disparities are greatest at the university level. In Southern Asia, only 77 girls per 100 boys are enrolled in tertiary education. Substantial gains have been made towards closing the gender gap in secondary education in Western and Southern Asia, though girls continue to be at a disadvantage in those regions.
Goal 4

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Reduce child mortality

Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the mortality rate of children under five.

Achievements

Since 1990, the under-five mortality rate has dropped by 47 per cent.

While around 17,000 fewer children are dying each day, 6.6 million children under five died in 2012—mostly from preventable diseases.

More than 10 million lives have been saved through measles vaccines since 2000.
More rapid progress is needed to meet the 2015 target of a two-thirds reduction in under-five mortality.

In 2012, an estimated 6.6 million children—18,000 a day—died from mostly preventable diseases. These children tend to be among the poorest and most marginalized in society.