

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

They are about children

For every child
Health, Education, Equality, Protection
ADVANCE HUMANITY

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"If we are to meet the goals of 'A World Fit for Children' and attain the Millennium Development Goals...we will only do so with the full participation of children and young people."

Carol Bellamy
UNICEF Executive Director

"We must do more than talk about our future ...We must start to create it, now."

Kofi A. Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations

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THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN...

The Millennium Declaration, Millennium Development Goals and 'A World Fit for Children'

Six of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) can best be met as the rights of children to health, education, protection and equality are protected. They will only be sustained as the rights of every child are realized. These same six match the goals set out in 'A World Fit for Children'.

And so, UNICEF's work with children necessarily assumes a central role in meeting both sets of goals – and in making the world a better place for all.

...AND THE MILLENNIUM AGENDA

- ▶ Collective commitment of the international community, united by shared values and the dream of a better future for all
- ▶ Every country, rich and poor alike, striving together to free the world from poverty
- ▶ Every UN agency working, within its mandate and through its alliances, towards a set of common goals
- ▶ Eight Millennium Development Goals setting an agenda, at once visionary and pragmatic, galvanizing change at the country level

WHY THE MILLENNIUM AGENDA?

So that all the world's people will enjoy their right to be

FREE

from want and fear

FREE

to sustain their lives on this planet

FREE

from poverty.

UNICEF'S ROLE

Advocacy, research and action that create a protective environment that will

- ▶ Allow every child the best start in life
- ▶ Ensure every girl and every boy a quality primary school education
- ▶ Safeguard every child against disease and disability
- ▶ Stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and provide care for every child affected
- ▶ Shield every child from violence, abuse, exploitation and discrimination

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT 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

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MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT
GOAL 1

**Eradicate extreme poverty and
hunger**

A WORLD FIT
FOR CHILDREN

Promoting healthy lives

Providing quality education

UNICEF's contribution

Working with governments and other partners to ensure that every girl and boy has

- ▶ Care in their earliest years
- ▶ An expanded set of immunizations and basic health care
- ▶ A quality primary school education
- ▶ The knowledge, skill and support they need to fight HIV/AIDS
- ▶ Protection from violence, abuse, exploitation and discrimination

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DEVELOPMENT
GOAL 2

**Achieve universal primary
education**

A WORLD FIT
FOR CHILDREN

Providing quality education

UNICEF's contribution

Working with governments and other partners to ensure that every girl and boy has

- ▶ The care in their earliest years that prepares them for success in school
- ▶ A quality primary school education – with a special focus on ensuring girls access and quality, which will in turn ensure the same for boys.
- ▶ Safe water and adequate sanitation in their schools

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GOAL 3

**Promote gender equality and
empower women**

A WORLD FIT
FOR CHILDREN

**Providing quality education
Combating HIV/AIDS**

UNICEF's contribution

Working with governments and other partners to ensure that every girl and boy has

- ▶ A quality primary school education
- ▶ The knowledge, skill and support they need to fight HIV/AIDS.

This calls for the special focus on girls and women that marks UNICEF's unique approach in these areas.

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GOAL **4**

Reduce child mortality

A WORLD FIT
FOR CHILDREN

Promoting healthy lives

Providing quality education

UNICEF's contribution

Working with governments and other partners to ensure that every girl and boy has

- ▶ Care in their earliest years
- ▶ An expanded set of immunizations and basic health care
- ▶ A quality primary school education
- ▶ Protection against abuse, exploitation and violence.

And their mothers are healthy and well-nourished before, during and after pregnancy; and their families and caregivers have the support they need to care for them.

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GOAL 5

Improve maternal health

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FOR CHILDREN

Promoting healthy lives

Providing quality education

UNICEF's contribution

Working with governments and other partners to ensure that every girl and boy has

- ▶ An expanded set of immunizations and basic health care
- ▶ A quality primary school education.

And their mothers are healthy and well-nourished before, during and after pregnancy; and that they receive the special care they need during pregnancy, at the birth of their child and in the weeks after.

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GOAL **6**

**Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and
other diseases**

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FOR CHILDREN

**Promoting healthy lives
Combating HIV/AIDS**

UNICEF's contribution

Working with governments and other partners to ensure that every girl and boy has

- ▶ Care in their earliest years
- ▶ An expanded set of immunizations and basic health care
- ▶ Protection against local diseases, i.e., insecticide-treated nets to prevent mosquito-borne malaria
- ▶ A quality primary school education
- ▶ The knowledge, skill and support they need to fight HIV/AIDS.

And that every parent affected by HIV/AIDS knows how to prevent its transmission to newborns, that every family affected by HIV/AIDS has the care and support needed, and that every child orphaned or made vulnerable by the disease is cared for, protected and supported.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

– from The Millennium Summit
Declaration, section VI

A WORLD FIT FOR CHILDREN

**Protecting against abuse,
exploitation and violence**

UNICEF's contribution

Working with governments and other partners to ensure that every girl and boy has

- ▶ A quality primary school education
- ▶ The knowledge, skill and support they need to fight HIV/AIDS
- ▶ Protection from violence, abuse, exploitation and discrimination

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GOAL 7

**Ensure environmental
sustainability**

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GOAL 8

**Develop a global partnership for
development**

UNICEF's contribution

Working with governments and other partners to ensure that every girl and boy has access to safe water and adequate sanitation.

As part of the Global Movement for Children, to inform, excite and inspire the world to act on behalf of children, and meet the goals of 'A World Fit for Children' and the Millennium Agenda.

THE MOST
URGENT
MDG
OF ALL

Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education by 2005

Because: decades of research directly tie the education of girls to the goals of reducing poverty, hunger, under-five mortality, maternal mortality and fighting major diseases;

Because: even were the other goals for 2015 to somehow be met without ensuring girls and young women their right to a quality primary education, the achievements could not be sustained with undereducated girls and women;

Because: it takes seven years to complete a course of primary schooling, a gradualist approach of small increases every year will not do;

Therefore: if the Millennium Development Goals are to be met and sustained, we must rapidly move towards the goal of universal primary education by ensuring every girl her right to education – now.



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