

The Millennium Development Goals

At the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000, all 191 member states of the UN adopted the Millennium Declaration, which contains the eight Millennium Development Goals. These are a vision of development and poverty reduction, and should be achieved by 2015.

	The MDGs	The disability dimension
Goal 1	Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger	Eradicate extreme poverty for people with disabilities and their families
Goal 2	Achieve universal primary education	Achieve inclusive education
Goal 3	Promote gender equality and empower women	Promote gender equality for women with disabilities
Goal 4	Reduce child mortality	Reduce the mortality of children with disability
Goal 5	Improve maternal health	Achieve the rights of children and families
Goal 6	Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases	Combat HIV/AIDS
Goal 7	Ensure environmental sustainability	Ensure environmental sustainability
Goal 8	Develop a global partnership for development	Develop a global partnership for development and disability

Links to PRSP

The issues discussed in the PRSP approach and the MDGs are very similar. The two concepts were developed at the same time, although so far they have not been officially linked to each other. They fundamentally differ in terms of their functions: the MDGs represent a vision of what should be achieved, while PRSPs represent ways of achieving this (beside other approaches). In their PRSP documents, countries also formulate visions, goals, targets and indicators for development. These can be orientated to the MDGs, but should also be country-owned. For example, the Tanzanian PRSP is “committed to the MDGs”, but the country has its own “Vision 2025”. The Tanzanian PRSP (called the National Strategy for Growth and Reducing Poverty (NSGRP)) is specifically described as a “vehicle to achieving” the MDGs.

🔗 The United Nations about the MDGs: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>

🔗 The World Bank about the MDGs: www.developmentgoals.org

🔗 For the global campaign to make the achievement of the goals reality, with tips on how to campaign and reports on events in every region, see: www.millenniumcampaign.org

🔗 A PowerPoint presentation on the MDGs of Inclusion International is available at: <http://www.cercle.lu/IMG/pdf/mdgreports/inclusionpresent.ppt>

🔗 Trocaire (2005): *More Than a Numbers Game? Ensuring that the Millennium Development Goals Address Structural Injustice*, April. Available at: <http://www.trocaire.org/policyandadvocacy/mdgs/numbersgame.htm>