

Window on the World

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I. UN information on the MDGs

The UN site on MDGs

A complete listing of the goals, targets, and indicators for MDGs see <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

Secretary General Reports to the General Assembly on the Progress of the MDGs

<http://ods-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N04/465/40/PDF/N0446540.pdf?OpenElement>

This site contains the full text of the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Report to the 59th Session of the United Nations General Assembly A/59/282, 27 August 2004.

UNDP Evaluation Office reports on MDGs:

<http://www.undp.org/execbrd/word/dp03-34.doc>
<http://www.undp.org/execbrd/word/dp03-41.doc>
<http://www.undp.org/eo/documents/MDGRs.Volume.1.pdf>
<http://www.undp.org/mdg/donorcountryreports.html>

UNDP Report on the assessment of the MDG Reports: Executive Summary (19 August 2003) (released at) Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, Second Regular Session 2003 (8–12 September 2003)

Report on the assessment of the MDG Reports: Note by the Administrator (25 August 2003) (released at) Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, Second Regular Session 2003 (8–12 September 2003)

UNDP: Millennium Development Goals Reports: An Assessment Volume I: Main Report

UN Millennium Project

<http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/html/>
The Millennium Project has a team of experts working under Jeffrey Sachs to recommend the best strategies for achieving the MDGs. Over a period of three years the Millennium Project will devise a recommended plan of implementation that will allow all developing countries to meet the MDGs. The Millennium Project's research focuses on identifying the operational priorities, organizational means of implementation, and financing structures necessary to achieve the MDGs. Ten thematically orientated Task Forces perform the bulk of the research. The 15–20 members of each task force are all global leaders in their area, selected on the basis of their technical expertise and practical experience. To see the latest reports, visit:

<http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/html/docs%20and%20reports.shtm>

The World Bank on the MDGs

Global Monitoring Report 2004

[http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DEVCOMMINT/Documentation/20193150/DC2004-0006\(E\)-GMR.pdf](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DEVCOMMINT/Documentation/20193150/DC2004-0006(E)-GMR.pdf)

UN on Gender and MDGs

A Look Through a Gender Lens, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2003
<http://www.siyanda.org/static/undp.mdgsgender.htm>

Millennium Development Goals, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), 2003

<http://www.siyanda.org/static/unifem.progressmdgs.htm>
Progress of the World's Women 2002: Volume 2: Gender Equality and the Millennium Development Goals, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), 2003

This volume examines the strengths and weaknesses of the MDGs in tracking progress for women and suggests improvements and alternatives.
<http://www.unifem.org/index.php?lpage.pid=10>

Proceedings of the International Workshop on Gender Equality and the Millennium Development Goals, World Bank (WB), 2003

<http://www.siyanda.org/static/wb.workshopmdgs.htm>

Gender Equality and the Millennium Development Goals, Gender and Development Group, World Bank (WB), 2003

<http://www.siyanda.org/static/wb.genderequalitymdgs.htm>

II. Global civil Society Groups Working on MDGs

AFRODAD

www.afrodad.org
African Forum on Debt and Development is a policy-oriented research and advocacy organization that presents excellent information on debt and poverty reduction strategies and the MDGs in Africa

Alliance 2015

www.alliance2015.org
Alliance 2015 is a coalition of European CSOs advocating for the realization of the MDGs, seeking to assess critically failure and refocus for a more vigorous effort towards the MDGs

Centre for Global Development

www.cdgevo.org
The Centre for Global Development is an independent research institution that engages in policy-oriented research on development issues and

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poverty reduction. The Centre produces the 'Ranking the Rich' index which measures the impact of development country policies on developing countries.

Choike

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

Choike is a portal on civil society dedicated to improving the visibility of the work done by CSOs from the South. It gives a comprehensive list of resources from the United Nations and civil society organizations on the MDGs is presented in. It serves as a platform where CSOs can disseminate their work and at the same time enrich it with information from diverse sources, presented from the perspective of Southern civil society. Choike is hosted by the Third World Institute (ITeM) in Montevideo, Uruguay, an independent non-profit organization.

ESCR-Net

<http://www.escr-net.org>

The International Network on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is a new collaborative initiative between groups from around the world working to secure economic and social justice. It seeks to promote the recognition of all rights but with a specific focus on economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR). Through ESCR-Net, groups and individuals can exchange information, develop a collective voice, amplify their actions, demonstrate the concrete advantage of an ESCR approach in working to eliminate poverty, and promote and advocate for fair economic, social and cultural policies and practices at all levels.

IPS (Inter Press Service)

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

IPS is an independent, professional news agency with a focus on the South, development, civil society and the process of globalization and those excluded from it. Our main news sites are at www.ipsnews.net and www.ipsnoticias.net and our institutional site is at www.ips.org IPS has

developed a comprehensive media strategy around reporting the Millennium Development Goals, and has been working with a number of partners since mid-2004 to implement this. See the best of IPS reporting on the MDGs at www.ips-news.net/newfocus/devdeadline/

Jubilee Plus

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

Jubilee Plus is a programme of the New Economics Foundation, London, building on the achievements of Jubilee 2000 UK, and providing support to economic justice campaigns worldwide.

Oxfam International

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

Oxfam International is a confederation of twelve organizations working together in more than 100 countries to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering and injustice. An important document is Oxfam's 'From 'Donorship' to Ownership? Moving Towards PRSP Round Two'

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what.we.do/issues/debt.aid/downloads/bp54.imfmdgs.pdf>

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what.we.do/issues/democracy.rights/bp51.prsp.htm>

Make Poverty History

<http://www.makepovertyhistory.org>

Make Poverty History is a campaign launched in September 2004 by solidarity groups, NGOs, charities, celebrities and Trade Unions in the UK that aims to be a powerful coalition against world poverty using the unique political opportunity in 2005 where the UK Government will host the G8 meeting and hold the Presidency of the EU.

NCDO

www.ncdo.nl

NCDO is an independent organization uniquely embedded and positioned in Dutch society. The NCDO's core goal is to strengthen and highlight public support for international cooperation and

sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Goals. The NCDO lays stress on the reinforcement of the input of the 'Voice of the South' in The Netherlands. The selection of those regions whose 'Voice' is to be amplified is to be based on existing historic ties with Dutch society. Consequently, the emphasis, also in choice of theme, is on Indonesia, Africa, Central/Eastern Europe and the developing countries in the Mediterranean Area.

They have published 'The Road to The UN Millennium Goals: Some insides into the International Debate' <http://www.ncdo.nl/index.php/article/view/384>

North-South Institute

www.nsi-ins.ca

The NS Institute is a nonprofit, independent organization in Canada engaging in research for a fairer world. Together with WFUNA they have published yearly reviews of Civil Society's responses to the MDGs also available on the Web.

World Federation of United Nations Associations and The North-South Institute 'We the Peoples: A Call to Action for the UN Millennium Declaration', Canada NSI (2004) www.nsi-ins.ca/ www.wfuna.org

SAPRIN

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

Structural Adjustment Participatory Review International Network is a global network established to expand and legitimize the role of civil society in economic policy making and to strengthen the organized challenge to structural adjustment programmes by citizens around the globe. The network is working with a broad range of citizens' groups in various countries on four continents to organize public processes to assess the real impact of World Bank and IMF-supported economic-reform programs and to chart a new course for the future.

Social Watch

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

Social Watch is an international network informed by national citizens' groups aiming at following up the fulfilment of the internationally agreed commitments on poverty eradication and equality. These national groups report, through the national Social Watch report, on the progress – or regression – towards these commitments and goals. The Social Watch webpage carries updated news on the MDGs and actively promotes dialogue about the national social development priorities that MDGs aim to uphold. The latest Social Watch 2004 is on human security around the world and are major obstacles to achieving the development goals agreed to by all countries of the world. The international secretariat of Social Watch is hosted by the Third World Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay

The Third World Network

<http://www.twinside.org.sg/>

TWN is an independent non-profit international network of organizations and individuals involved in issues relating to development, the Third World and North-South issues. The TWN's international secretariat is based in Penang, Malaysia. It has offices in Montevideo, Uruguay (for South America); Geneva, Switzerland; and Accra, Ghana. Publications can be ordered from TWN's secretariat. TWN features are available electronically through the APC networks in the conference <twinside>, and in Spanish in the conference <redm.analisis>.

Transparency International

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

Transparency International is an international non-governmental organization devoted to combating corruption, bringing civil society, business, and governments together in a powerful global coalition. Through its International Secretariat and more than 85 independent national chapters around the world, it works at the national and

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international level to curb both the supply and demand of corruption.

WEDO

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

Women's Environment and Development Organisation is an international advocacy organization that seeks to increase the power of women world-

wide as policy makers at all levels in governments, institutions and forums to achieve economic and social justice, a healthy and peaceful planet, and human rights for all. They have published 'Common Ground, Women's Access to Natural Resources and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals' (WEDO), 2003
<http://www.siyanda.org/static/wedo.naturemdgs.htm>