

United Nations Millennium Development Goals

The [United Nations Millennium Development Goals](#) were agreed upon by 189 nations around the world more than ten years ago. These eight goals encompass universally accepted human rights such as freedom from hunger, the right to basic education, the right to health, gender equality, and a responsibility to future generations.

The United Nations are now less than three years from the target date – 2015 – by which the Millennium Development Goals are to be achieved. We invite Imagine Cup teams to consider becoming part of the solution.

Click on the Goal below to learn more:



Ending hunger and poverty



Achieving universal primary education for everyone



Promote gender equality and empower women



Reducing child mortality



Improving maternal health



Combating widespread disease



Ensuring environmental sustainability



Developing a global partnership for development

Fast-forward to 2015

If the goals are achieved, our world will look a lot different. Here's how:

- More than 500 million people will be lifted out of extreme poverty.
- More than 300 million people will no longer suffer from hunger.
- Dramatic progress in child health will save 30 million children and more than 2 million mothers.
- More than 350 million people will have access to safe drinking water.

United Nations Millennium Development Goals:

- UN.org/MillenniumGoals
- MDGMonitor.org
- [The United Nations Millennium Development Goals Report 2009](#)
- EndPoverty2015.org
- [Information and Communications Technology for Development: Contributing to the Millennium Development Goals](#)
- [UN TV](#)
- [UN Radio](#)

Designing Solutions for Social Development Problems:

- [Out of Poverty](#), by Paul Polak

- [NextBillion.net](#)
- [MobileActive.org](#)

Microsoft Addresses the United Nations Millennium Development Goals:

- [Digital Green](#)
- [Always With You](#)
- [Microsoft Research](#)
- [Microsoft's Pledge](#)

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- [Global Issues](#)