



ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History

Join the Movement, End Hunger in the US and Worldwide. Strengthen Citizen Advocacy on Issues of Global Hunger, Poverty, and Disease.

The United Nations in 2000, adopted the Millennium Declaration. This Declaration, and the Millennium Development Goals it inspired, represent an agreement of the global community (189 countries) to realize targets to advance social, political and economic development by 2015.

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)

Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty

- Halve the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day and those who suffer from hunger

Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

- Ensure that all boys and girls complete primary school

Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality/Empower Women

- Eliminate gender disparities in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005 and at all levels by 2015

Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality

- Reduce by two thirds the mortality rate among children under five

Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health

- Reduce by three quarters the ratio of women dying in childbirth

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria & Other Diseases

- Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and the incidence of malaria and other major diseases

Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

- Reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water
- Achieve significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers

Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

- Develop further an open trading and financial system that includes a commitment to good governance, development and poverty reduction – nationally and internationally
- Deal comprehensively with developing countries' debt problems
- In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, provide access to affordable essential drugs in developing countries



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The ONE Campaign is a Global Commitment

Fighting corruption and prioritizing government spending in the social sectors are matched with commitments to ensure:

- an increase in the volume and quality of **development assistance**
- just and **fair trade**
- the elimination of **debt**

The U.S. Fulfilling its Commitments

The US government has a vital role to play in ensuring the alignment of debt, trade and foreign assistance policies into a coherent framework for achieving the MDGs. The US can and should do more to make sure that these goals become a reality.

AID

- Aid should be made more effective by letting countries decide their own development priorities.
- Aid should be focused on the poorest countries and closely coordinated with other US policies that affect developing countries, such as debt servicing and trade rules.
- A substantial increase of effective aid would have an immediate impact on the self-sufficiency of millions of families.

TRADE

- Trade agreements should be development oriented and assure that all can share in their benefits.
- Developing countries should have a greater role in setting the pace and nature of further liberalization.
- Agricultural subsidies, by the US and other industrialized nations, harm farmers in developing countries by suppressing the price by which they can sell their goods.

DEBT

- The US government supports the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC) of ongoing debt relief for 27 Least Developed Countries.
- The US is working with its G7 colleagues and has a proposal to increase grants and debt relief by canceling all HIPC country loans for the World Bank and African Development Bank.
- The US proposal has not included the \$1.2 billion that HIPC countries will pay to the IMF over the next five years.

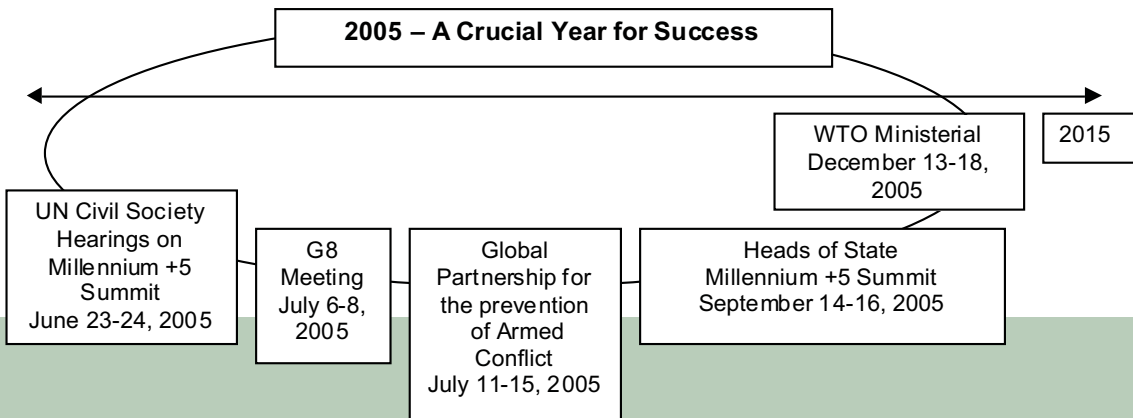


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The U.S. Role is Key!

Make this year the year to achieve the MDGs, July to December 2005 presents a unique opportunity to make a breakthrough in the fight against global poverty. A development-focused G8 meeting, the Millennium +5 Summit, and the WTO Ministerial are decision points this year. Join global civil society plans to push governments to take action towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

The ONE Campaign is a *Global Call to Action Against Poverty* (www.whiteband.org) It is a worldwide alliance committed to pressing leaders to live up to their promises and make a breakthrough against poverty in 2005. Through a common symbol of a white band, organizations and citizens around the world will gather on three key dates to show their desire to make poverty history. Take action now or by:

July 5 (prior to the G8 meeting) contact:

- the White House at 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414

September 10 (prior to the Millennium +5 Summit) contact:

- the White House at 202-456-1414 and
- Dr. Condoleeza Rice, Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State
crice@state.gov or 202-647-4000

December 10 (prior to the WTO Ministerial) contact:

- Ambassador Rob Portman, U.S. Trade Representative, U.S.A. 202-395-7360
- Dr. Condoleeza Rice, Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State
crice@state.gov or 202-647-4000 and
- Your Senators



Important Resources

Millennium Declaration

In 2000, 189 heads of state agreed to the Millennium Declaration, a plan for the United Nations and its members to better address peace and security issues, development, human rights, and institutional reform of the United Nations. The Millennium Declaration is the basis for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

<http://www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.htm>

Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals

The Millennium Project is a plan to achieve the MDGs. This plan has been developed by over 256 development experts and led by Columbia University economist Jeffrey Sachs.

www.millenniumproject.org

In Larger Freedom

This report, put forth by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in March 2005, reflects the interconnectedness of developing security and human rights.

<http://www.un.org/largerfreedom/>

Africa Commission Report

The Commission for Africa was launched by the British Prime Minister Tony Blair in February 2004. The report introduces clear recommendations for the G8, EU and other wealthy countries as well as African countries.

<http://www.commissionforafrica.org/index.html>

The Millennium Campaign has information about the MDGs as well as activities being undertaken around the world. <http://www.millenniumcampaign.org>



For more information, please visit <http://www.interaction.org/mdg/index.html>