



## SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA NEWSETTE

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*Includes: FOCUS ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: what they are and how they relate to the SFA Project, a program idea to introduce them to your chapter, and a reminder about the SFA session at this summer's convention.*

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR MDG'S?

Whatever your language, it is safe to say that your ability to read is based on learning your ABC's or the equivalent alphabet symbols in your native language. These letters form the basis for your understanding printed material. So, too, knowing your MDG's will help broaden your understanding of the Schools for Africa project, since many of the target goals of the MDG's directly relate to aspects of SFA.

#### What Are MDG's?

In September 2000, 189 countries signed the United Nations Millennium Declaration committing themselves to eradicating extreme poverty in all its form by 2015. Those signing the declaration included 147 heads of State and Government. The goals and targets are interrelated and should be seen as a whole. They represent a partnership between developed countries and developing countries "to create an environment - at the national and global levels alike - which is conducive to development and the elimination of poverty."

To help track progress toward these commitments, a set of time-bound and quantified goals and targets, called the Millennium Development Goals, were developed for combating poverty in its many dimensions, including reducing income poverty, hunger, disease, environmental degradation and gender discrimination.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) include 8 goals, 21 targets, and 60 indicators for measuring progress between 1990 and 2015, when the goals are expected to be met. All goals are measured against baseline year, 1990. The table on the reverse lists the goals and targets. For more information, including indicators and statistics, see the MDG's website at <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/global.shtml>.

### EMPOWER WITH PROGRAMS

Introduce your chapter and state members to the Millennium Development Goals through a program where they learn about this global issue.

#### PROGRAM IDEA #13: "Learning your MDG's"

##### Objectives:

1. To acquaint members with the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) and the projected targets to obtain by 2015
2. To review basic information about the SFA Project and how to contribute to it
3. To "inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society" DKG Purpose 7

##### Prior to the Meeting:

- Download onto your computer/flash stick the 4 minute video, "Make It Happen," found on the MDG's web site under the BACKGROUND link.
- Make a copy of the reverse of this newsette for each member attending your meeting.
- Set your meeting for a venue where you can use an LCD/laptop.
- Bring a flip chart and pens to facilitate your discussion.

##### At the Meeting:

- Introduce the topic of MDGs by reading "DO YOU KNOW YOUR MDG'S?" to the group.
- Show the 4-minute video, "Make It Happen."
- Ask members to discuss the points in the video that stood out to them. Ask them to discuss which points recall components of the SFA project that DKG has undertaken to support.
- Record their answers on the flip chart.
- Distribute the sheet on which the eight MDG's are listed along with the targets associated with each.
- Have members note which MDG's correlate with information they recall about the SFA project.
- Discuss how the SFA Project is aiding the UN to reach the goals set under the MDG's
- Close the meeting by suggesting to members that they honor a retiring educator this spring with a donation in her/his name to Schools for Africa.
- Donation forms can be downloaded from the DKG Web site: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Click on the EEC picture at the bottom of the HOME page. Then, click on the SFA link on that page. The form is on the SFA page along with other resources to use.

### THE CORNER SWAP SHOP

Are you gearing up for the 2012 DKG International Convention in New York City? If so, be sure to block out time to attend the SFA breakout session on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. The session will feature a full showing of the acclaimed film "To Educate A Girl" narrated by Queen Rania of Jordan. UNICEF representative, Lacey Stone, will be present to lead a discussion about the film, the SFA project, and the work of UNICEF in meeting the MDG's by 2015.

# FOCUS ON: Millennium Development Goals



## MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS and TARGETS

### GOAL 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

Target 1.A	Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than \$1 per day.
Target 1.B	Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people.
Target 1.C	Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

### GOAL 2: Achieve universal primary education.

Target 2.A	Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.
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### GOAL 3: Promote gender equality and empower women.

Target 3.A	Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015.
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### GOAL 4: Reduce child mortality.

Target 4.A	Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under-five mortality rate.
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### GOAL 5: Improve maternal health.

Target 5.A	Reduce by three-quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio.
Target 5.B	Achieve, by 2015, universal access to reproductive health.

### GOAL 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases.

Target 6.A	Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS.
Target 6.B	Achieve, by 2010, universal access to treatment for HIV/AIDS for all those who need it.
Target 6.C	Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.

### GOAL 7: Ensure environmental sustainability.

Target 7.A	Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs and reverse the loss of environmental resources.
Target 7.B	Reduce biodiversity loss, achieving, by 2010, a significant reduction in the rate of loss.
Target 7.C	Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.
Target 7.D	By 2020, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers.

### GOAL 8: Develop a global partnership for development.

Target 8.A	Develop further an open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system. Include a commitment to good governance, development, and poverty reduction - both nationally and internationally.
Target 8.B	Address the special needs of the least developed countries. Includes: tariff and quota-free access for the least developed countries' exports; enhanced program of debt relief for heavily indebted countries and cancellation of official bilateral debt; and more generous ODA for countries committed to poverty reduction.
Target 8.C	Address special needs of landlocked, developing countries and small island developing states.
Target 8.D	Deal comprehensively with the debt problems of developing countries through national and international measures in order to make debt sustainable in the long term.
Target 8.E	In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, provide access to affordable essential drugs in developing countries.
Target 8.F	In cooperation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications.

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