

# UN MDGs (United Nations Millennium Development Goals)

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September 2000 marked the largest gathering of world leaders in human history; the Millennium Summit, hosted at the UN headquarters in New York, resulted in the establishment the United Nations Development Declaration, which manifests itself in a set of eight international goals aiming to alleviate poverty and support development in the world's poorest countries through social and economic change. Agreed upon by all 193 UN member states as well as at least 30 partner organizations, including the World Bank, the IMF, WTO and WFP, the objective is to accomplish these goals by 2015. VPWA, as a collaborative partner of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), has pledged to do our part in working towards the attainment of these eight goals.

John F. Kennedy once said, "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future". VPWA has confidence that this statement holds true, and as six of the eight goals relate directly to children, it is clear that youth are a clear priority target of poverty alleviation. We believe that investing in young people is investing in humanity. In order to ensure this investment, VPWA has created a diverse array of projects encompassing a wide array of disciplines, many involving young people, whose purposes are in alignment with the MDGs...

Therefore, it is essential that each VPWA team member be familiar with the eight MDGs as follows ([www.un.org](http://www.un.org)) and the distribution of our projects across targets:

## ***Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger***

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Target 1.A: Halve, between 1990 and 2015 the proportion of people whose income is less than \$1/day

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- ***Micro-Finance***
- ***Financial Literacy***

Target 1.B: Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people

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- ***Micro-Finance***
- ***Financial Literacy***

Target 1.C: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

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- *Youth Development Centre*
- *Child Support Project (Child Sponsorship)*
- *Micro-Finance*

## ***Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education***

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*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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- *Youth Development Centre*
- *Child Support Project (Child Sponsorship)*
- *Street Library Project*
- *Teach in Ghana (TIG)*

## ***Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women***

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*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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- *Youth Development Centre*
- *Child Support Project (Child Sponsorship)*
- *Street Library Project*
- *Teach in Ghana (TIG)*
- *Women's Empowerment*

## ***Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality***

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*Target 4.A: Reduce by two thirds, between 1990 to 2015, the under-five mortality rate)*

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- *Youth Development Centre*
- *Women's Empowerment*
- *Child Support Project (Child Sponsorship)*

## ***Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health***

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*Target 5.A: Reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio*

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- *Health Insurance Fund*
- *Ghana Medical Volunteers*
- *Nutritional Care Project*

*Target 5.B: Achieve universal access to reproductive health*

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- *Health Insurance Fund*
- *Ghana Medical Volunteers*
- *Youth Development Centre*

## ***Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other Diseases***

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*Target 6.A: Have halted by 2015 and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS*

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- *Health Insurance Fund*
- *Ghana Medical Volunteers*

*Target 6.B: Achieve, by 2010, universal access to treatment for HIV/AIDS for those who need it*

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- *Health Insurance Fund*
- *Ghana Medical Volunteers*

*Target 6.C: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases*

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- *Health Insurance Fund*
- *Ghana Medical Volunteers*
- *Nutritional Care Project*
- *Kick Malaria Out (KMO) West Africa Campaign*
- *Deworm Ghana*

## ***Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability***

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*Target 7.A: Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs and reverse the loss of environmental resources*

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- *Green Ghana*
- *Agriculture Projects*
- *Carbon Offsetting: Moringa Farming*

*Target 7.B: Reduce biodiversity loss, achieving, by 2010, a significant reduction in the state of loss*

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- *Green Ghana*
- *Agriculture Projects*
- *Carbon Offsetting: Moringa Farming*

*Target 7.C: Halve, by 2015, the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation*

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- *Youth Development Centre*
- *Darmang Community Sanitation Project*

*Target 7.D: By 2020, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers*

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- *Youth Development Centre*
- *Child Support Project (Child Sponsorship)*

## ***Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development***

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*Target 8.A: Develop further an open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system*

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- *Micro-Finance*
- *Women's Empowerment*

*Target 8.B: Address the special needs of least developed countries*

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- *ALL projects affiliated with VPWA*

*Target 8.C: Address the special needs of landlocked developing countries and small island developing states*

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- *None - Not applicable in Ghana*

*Target 8.D: Deal comprehensively with the debt problems of developing countries*

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- *Micro-Finance*
- *Moringa Eco-Tourism Village Project*
- *Agriculture Projects*

*Target 8.E: In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, provide access to affordable essential drugs in developing countries*

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- *Health Insurance Fund*
- *Ghana Medical Volunteers*
- *Kick Malaria Out (KMO) West Africa Campaign*
- *Youth Development Centre*
- *Nutritional Care Project*

*Target 8.F: In cooperation with the private sector, make available benefits of new technologies, especially information and communication*

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- *Information Communication Technology (ICT) Centre for DarmangAnhuntem Community*
- *GA West Science and Mathematics Quiz Competition*