

What has the international community done to address the negative effects of population growth and globalization? Have they been successful?

Efforts to Lower Extreme Poverty and Improve Global Health: The United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals

Directions: Watch [this video on the Sustainable Development Goals from the United Nations Development Program](#), and read the text and analyze the images below.

Globalization has connected developed and developing nations with economic and political ties. One of the political organizations that is most responsible for bringing the nations of the world together is the **United Nations**. According to its website, the United Nations works on a number of different issues including “peace and security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, disarmament, terrorism, humanitarian and health emergencies, gender equality, governance, food production, and more.” While globalization has made many of these issues worse, it also has connected the people and organizations that have the power to address them.

In 2000, the United Nations created eight **Millennium Development Goals** to reduce extreme poverty by 2015. The United Nations worked with organizations and countries around the world to work towards each of these goals. The United Nations creates programs, helps fund programs created by others, and works with programs to improve to help reach the development goals. Some of the targets were met, while others are still a work in progress.

With the passing of the 2015 deadline on the Millennium Development Goals, the United Nations reconvened the nations of the world to establish another set of goals, the **Sustainable Development Goals**. These goals will direct the United Nations from 2015-2030.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



1. Based on the text above and the video from the United Nations Development Program, how does the United Nations help address issues in the world?
2. What successes did the UN have working towards the Millennium Development Goals?
3. What work still needs to be done to meet the MDGs?
4. What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

Activity: What efforts were made to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)? Were they successful?

Directions: To examine the Millennium Development Goals and the success of the UN and their partners in reaching them, explore the websites and videos linked in this document, then answer the accompanying questions. After all 8 goals, identify 3 and for each explain why that goal is necessary & describe at least one effort to reach the goal.

MDG #1: End Hunger

Watch [this video on the Millennium Development Goal](#) and Explore the information, infographic, and video on [this United Nations webpage](#).

- 1a. Why is there a need for this Millennium Development Goal?
- 1b. Describe one program that was used to make progress towards this goal.
- 1c. What evidence shows that the UN made progress towards this goal?
- 1d. What challenges related to this goal still need to be met?

MDG #2: Universal Education

Watch [this video on the Millennium Development Goal](#) and Explore the information, infographic, and video on [this United Nations webpage](#).

- 2a. Why is there a need for this Millennium Development Goal?
- 2b. Describe one program that was used to make progress towards this goal.
- 2c. What evidence shows that the UN made progress towards this goal?
- 2d. What challenges related to this goal still need to be met?

MDG #3: Gender Equity

Watch [this video on the Millennium Development Goal](#) and Explore the information, infographic, and video on [this United Nations webpage](#).

- 3a. Why is there a need for this Millennium Development Goal?
- 3b. Describe one program that was used to make progress towards this goal.
- 3c. What evidence shows that the UN made progress towards this goal?
- 3d. What challenges related to this goal still need to be met?

MDG #4: Child Health

Watch [this video on the Millennium Development Goal](#) and Explore the information, infographic, and video on [this United Nations webpage](#).

- 4a. Why is there a need for this Millennium Development Goal?
- 4b. Describe one program that was used to make progress towards this goal.
- 4c. What evidence shows that the UN made progress towards this goal?
- 4d. What challenges related to this goal still need to be met?

MDG #5: Maternal Health

Watch [this video on the Millennium Development Goal](#) and Explore the information, infographic, and video on [this United Nations webpage](#).

- 5a. Why is there a need for this Millennium Development Goal?
- 5b. Describe one program that was used to make progress towards this goal.
- 5c. What evidence shows that the UN made progress towards this goal?
- 5d. What challenges related to this goal still need to be met?

MDG #6: Combat HIV/AIDS

Watch [this video on the Millennium Development Goal](#) and Explore the information, infographic, and video on [this United Nations webpage](#).

- 6a. Why is there a need for this Millennium Development Goal?
- 6b. Describe one program that was used to make progress towards this goal.
- 6c. What evidence shows that the UN made progress towards this goal?
- 6d. What challenges related to this goal still need to be met?

MDG #7: Environmental Sustainability

Watch [this video on the Millennium Development Goal](#) and Explore the information, infographic, and video on [this United Nations webpage](#).

- 7a. Why is there a need for this Millennium Development Goal?
- 7b. Describe one program that was used to make progress towards this goal.
- 7c. What evidence shows that the UN made progress towards this goal?
- 7d. What challenges related to this goal still need to be met?

MDG #8: Global Partnership

Watch [this video on the Millennium Development Goal](#) and Explore the information, infographic, and video on [this United Nations webpage](#).

- 8a. Why is there a need for this Millennium Development Goal?
- 8b. Describe one program that was used to make progress towards this goal.
- 8c. What evidence shows that the UN made progress towards this goal?
- 8d. What challenges related to this goal still need to be met?

