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# Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The United Nations Millennium Development Goals are eight goals that all 191 UN member states have agreed to try to achieve by the year 2015. The United Nations Millennium Declaration, signed in September 2000 commits world leaders to combat poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation, and discrimination against women. The MDGs are derived from this Declaration, and all have specific targets and indicators.

The Eight Millennium Development Goals are:

1. to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger;
2. to achieve universal primary education;
3. to promote gender equality and empower women;
4. to reduce child mortality;
5. to improve maternal health;
6. to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases;
7. to ensure environmental sustainability; and
8. to develop a global partnership for development.

The MDGs are inter-dependent; all the MDG influence health, and health influences all the MDGs. For example, better health enables children to learn and adults to earn. Gender equality is essential to the achievement of better health. Reducing poverty, hunger and environmental degradation positively influences, but also depends on, better health.

# Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In September 2015, the General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Building on the principle of “leaving no one behind”, the new Agenda emphasizes a holistic approach to achieving sustainable development for all.

The SDGs also explicitly include disability and persons with disabilities **11 times**. Disability is referenced in multiple parts of the SDGs, specifically in the parts related to education, growth and employment, inequality, accessibility of human settlements, as well as data collection and the monitoring of the SDGs.

Although, the word “disability” is not cited directly in all goals, the goals are indeed relevant to ensure the inclusion and development of persons with disabilities.

The newly implemented 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development holds a deep promise for persons with disabilities everywhere.

The year 2016 marks the first year of the implementation of the SDGs. At this critical point,  #Envision2030 will work to promote the mainstreaming of disability and the implementation of the SDGs throughout its 15-year lifespan with objectives to:

* Raise awareness of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs for persons with disabilities;
* Promote an active dialogue among stakeholders on the SDGs with a view to create a better world for persons with disabilities; and
* Establish an ongoing live web resource on each SDG and disability.

The campaign invites all interested parties in sharing their vision of the world in 2030 to be inclusive of persons with disabilities.

The 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) to transform our world:

[GOAL 1: No Poverty](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/?page_id=6226&preview=true)

[GOAL 2: Zero Hunger](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal2.html)

[GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal3.html)

[GOAL 4: Quality Education](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal4.html)

[GOAL 5: Gender Equality](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal5.html)

[GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal6.html)

[GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal7.html)

[GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal8.html)

[GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal9.html)

[GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal10.html)

[GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal11.html)

[GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal12.html)

[GOAL 13: Climate Action](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal13.html)

[GOAL 14: Life Below Water](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal14.html)

[GOAL 15: Life on Land](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal15.html)

[GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal16.html)

[GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal17.html)