

Millennium Development Goal 1



Prayer for the Work Against Poverty

Christ, who showed great compassion to the poor,
give us compassion toward those in poverty.
Your wish is for all of your children to live with dignity,
with adequate food, shelter, health care and education.
Help us take up your work as a community of faith
and guide us as we seek just solutions to the poverty in our midst.
Amen. http://www.educationforjustice.org/system/files/mdgwater_0.pdf

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Indicators

Target 1a: Reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day

- 1.1 Proportion of population below \$1 (PPP) per day
- 1.2 Poverty gap ratio
- 1.3 Share of poorest quintile in national consumption

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

- 1.4 Growth rate of GDP per person employed
- 1.5 Employment-to-population ratio
- 1.6 Proportion of employed people living below \$1 (PPP) per day
- 1.7 Proportion of own-account and contributing family workers in total employment

Target 1c: Reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

- 1.8 Prevalence of underweight children under-five years of age
- 1.9 Proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption

Did you know?

At a minimum, 1 million people die from malaria each year. Governments should promote the use of essential antimalarial intervention tools such as medicines, insecticides, insecticide-treated nets, and indoor residual spraying. Such public goods

should be available free of cost to populations at risk for malaria. These efforts will require donor community participation to mobilize resources, as malaria-endemic countries cannot afford to implement these programs on their own.[Source: The Millennium Project]

Suggested Lessons

A case study in Ethiopia

<http://www.undp.org/mdg/goodpractices/Ethiop>

Check out the [Millennium Campaign's page on Poverty and Hunger](#) and see how Brazil is doing.

Divide the class into groups of 3 or 4 students. Have the students choose a country they would like to follow through the next months. They will then research what the country's status was for each of the MDGs in 2000, and see what the country has accomplished in each area after almost 8 years.
<http://www.mdgmonitor.org/>

Additional Resources:

Millennium Project Report: [Halving Hunger: It Can Be Done](#)

[Millennium Campaign's page on Poverty and Hunger](#)



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