



## UN “Millennium Development Goals” (MDGs) ... to be achieved by 2015

- Cut extreme **poverty and hunger** by 50 per cent
- Allow every child to have an **elementary education**
- Empower women and **promote equality** between women and men
- Reduce by 66 per cent the number of **children who die before the age of five**
- Reduce by 75 per cent the number of **women who die during childbirth**
- Reverse **the spread of diseases**, especially HIV/AIDS and malaria
- Ensure **environmental sustainability**
- Create a global partnership for development with targets for **aid, trade and debt relief**

### Obstacles to Development

#### Lack of money for social (public) spending, especially on health care and education

- Insufficient **international aid**
- high **debt** burden
- unfair **trade** conditions (tariffs, subsidies)
- high **military** spending

#### Existing social realities

- natural **disasters**
- **environmental degradation** ... an increasingly critical factor
- **conflict**
- lack of **basic education** (especially for girls)
- **infectious diseases** (especially HIV/Aids, water-born diseases, TB)
- unstable or ineffective **government**