

What will make poverty history?

In the news

World leaders are often in the news, especially around the time of the G8 meeting.

Q: How many of the G8 countries can you name? (*Clue:* all 8 names were on one of the slides!)

Q: Are leaders of developing countries in the news as often as G8 leaders? Why do you think this is? What effect do you think this has?

Q: What could G8 leaders do to help make poverty history? What powers do they have?

Millennium Development Goals

Q: Had you heard of the Millennium Development Goals before today?

Q: If not, why do you think this is?

The eight goals set by world leaders in 2000 that aim to halve poverty by 2015 are:

Goal 1: Wipe out extreme poverty and hunger.

- Halve the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day by 2015
- Halve the proportion of people who suffer from hunger by 2015

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education.

- Ensure that all children complete primary schooling by 2015

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women.

- Ensure girls have the same access to schooling as boys by 2015

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality.

- Cut infant and child deaths by two-thirds by 2015

Goal 5: Improve maternal health.

- Reduce by three-quarters the proportion of women dying in childbirth by 2015

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases.

- Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015
- Begin to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases by 2015

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability.

- Halve the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water by 2015
- Transform the lives of 100 million slum dwellers by 2020
- Reverse the loss of environmental resources by 2015

Goal 8: Secure a global partnership for development.

- Address trade, debt, aid, public health and technology issues to promote economic growth and poverty reduction by 2015

Q: Choose one goal you feel strongly about:

- How can you help make it a reality?
- What creative ways can you think of to publicise your chosen goal?