

# Afro Global Alliance

## THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGS)

The Millennium Development Goals are contained in the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations Millennium Summit in September 2000. They are a refinement of the International Development Goals and are derived from the agreements and resolutions of United Nations conferences in the 1990s. They consist of the following eight goals:

### 1 ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER

- Halve the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day by year 2015;
- Halve the proportion of people who suffer from hunger by year 2015;

### 2 ATTAIN UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION IN ALL COUNTRIES BY YEAR 2015

- Ensure children of both sexes everywhere will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling;

### 3 PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN

- Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by year 2005, and at all levels of education no later than 2015;

### 4 REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY

- Reduce by two-thirds under five mortality rate by 2015;

### 5 IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH

- Reduce by three-quarters the maternal mortality ratio by year 2015;

### 6 COMBAT HIV/AIDS, MALARIA AND OTHER DISEASES

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

### 7 ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs and reverse the loss of environmental resources;
- Halve by 2015 the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water;
- Achieve a significant improvement in the lives of at least 1000 million slum dwellers by 2020;

### 8 DEVELOP A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT

- Develop further an open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system;
- Address the special needs of the least developed countries;
- Address the special needs of land-locked countries and small island developing states;
- Deal comprehensively with the debt problem of developing countries through national and international measures in order to make debt sustainable in the long term;
- In cooperation with developing countries, develop and implement strategies for decent and productive work for youth;
- In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, provide access to affordable essential drugs in developing countries;
- In cooperation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications.