



Children at school in Bhutan (UNICEF)

In 2000, world leaders agreed on the Millennium Development Goals to halve extreme poverty.

After the great success brought about by the Millennium Development Goals the world is about to sign onto the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. These are a broader, more challenging agenda to **finish the job and end extreme poverty by 2030**. The MDGs represented the first attempt at a combined worldwide set of measurable goals aimed at ending poverty that received support of countries across the world. Through this global effort, the number of people living in extreme poverty was halved.

Great progress has been made, including 91% of children now being enrolled in primary school...

Eleven-year-old Tsherin Zam has attended the Mirchem School in Bhutan for five years. She's now in fifth grade and excels at math and science. Tsherin says: *"Science is interesting because it helps day to day in every part of our lives and helps us measure and build. I want to become a civil engineer and construct houses. I'm happy that girls go to school because now I can get educated and get a good job. I hope someday to send my own girl to school."*

In 1999 56% of Bhutanese children were in primary school, by 2012 this had increased to 91% of children. The Global Goals aim to ensure 100% of children, everywhere, are in good quality schools and learning. **The time to act is right now.** When you are listening to the Fact & Action Call on September 27 our world leaders will be in New York signing off on the Global Goals. Look out for media articles right now and get writing!



Over the coming months we will focus on Global Goals that relate most closely to our work. This month: **Goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.**

And in coming months we will look at:

Goal 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

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Global Goal 17 is “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development” and includes 19 indicators including:

- 17.2 Developed countries to implement fully their commitments, including to provide 0.7% of Gross National Income in Official Development Assistance to developing countries and 0.15-0.20% to least-developed countries.
- 17.14 Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development.
- 17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships

To achieve Global Goal 17 we must be a committed partner in building a better world, including rebuilding Australian aid to 0.3% of Gross National Income by 2018-19. As a nation we must make the Global Goals a blueprint for directing the work of Australian aid. We must invest in partnerships that bring the public and private sector together including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria; the Global Partnership for Education and of course Gavi the Vaccine Alliance.

Having 17 goals is ambitious and some politicians and key people in the international development community have been critical of such a large agenda. But people were critical of the MDGs also and through them the world achieved massive results. The Global Goals recognise the significant challenge of inequality that remains despite progress in ending poverty, and aim to build a world free from inequality as well as extreme poverty.

The questions RESULTS is asking is: how do we best overcome the challenge of the large agenda? The answer is we will focus on what is most important and what we are best at. The Global Goals are a framework and only achievable if the whole world gets behind them. So let's do what we do best – build the political and public will to end extreme poverty!

Will you call on our Foreign Minister to endorse, adopt and resource the Global Goals?

Take action: Write a letter to the editor highlighting the historic occasion taking place, the unprecedented opportunity the world has to rally behind a global effort to end extreme poverty, and the need for Australia to endorse, adopt and resource these goals.

Top tips:

1. Respond (passionately!) to a published letter, article or opinion piece.
2. Keep your letter short and simple – less than 180 words and with one main point.
3. Draw on the information in this and previous Fact & Action Sheets.
4. If your letter isn't published, edit it and look for another opportunity to submit it.
5. If your letter is published, send a copy to your Member of Parliament.
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