

Apps for Development

Sources of Data and Information about the Millennium Development Goals

Achieving the Millennium Development Goals is a global effort involving many people, governments, and international agencies. Besides the official list of indicators used to measure progress at the national level, there many other sources of data that can help to develop, test, and implement new strategies for reaching the goals – at the local, national, regional, and global levels.

Listed here are sources of data and other information about the challenges of achieving the goals. But don't stop with these. Identify other sources of data and new strategies for improving the lives of people around the world. Create new knowledge and put it in the hands of people who will use it!

General sources of information about the MDGs

World Bank

World Development Indicators database

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/world-development-indicators>

The most comprehensive database of national statistics about people, the economy, the environment, states and markets, and global links; available in World Bank's DataBank and API

World Bank MDG Monitoring database

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/millennium-development-indicators>

MDG indicators from the World Bank's databases; available in World Bank's DataBank and API

World Bank MDG website

<http://www.worldbank.org/mdgs>

Information about World Bank programs to help achieve the goals

World Bank MDG monitoring website

<http://go.worldbank.org/9NL8YAYOE0>

General information about the MDGs with other useful links

World Bank Poverty Reduction Strategies

<http://www.worldbank.org/prsp>

Poverty reduction strategy papers describe country policies and programs to promote growth and reduce poverty. PRSPs contain monitorable indicators to track country progress.

The Millennium Development Goals and the Road to 2015

<http://issuu.com/world.bank.publications/docs/9780821385876/>

A statistical assessment of progress to date and the impact of the financial crisis.

United Nations

Official listing of the Millennium Development Goals, Targets, and Indicators
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdg/Host.aspx?Content=Indicators/OfficialList.htm>

UN MDG database

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdg>

This site presents the official data, definitions, methodologies and sources for more than 60 indicators to measure progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

UN MDG summit website

<http://www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010/>

Includes the outcome documents from the summit, the Secretary General's speech, and other records.

Millennium Development Goals Report 2010

http://issuu.com/zoltannyc/docs/mdg_report_2010_en

Comprehensive report on progress to the MDGs with a foreword from the Secretary General.

United Nations Development Program

UNDP MDG website

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

The UNDP has the responsibility of helping countries develop plans for achieving the MDGs. This website includes links to many report so work currently underway.

Country progress

<http://www.undp.org/mdg/countries.shtml>

Links to national and regional MDG reports.

International Monetary Fund

IMF website

<http://www.imf.org/external/>

The IMF is a major producer of economic, financial, and trade data.

Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board

<http://dsbb.imf.org/>

Provides information about the IMF's program for improving statistical reporting: Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS), the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS), and the Data Quality Reference (DQRS).

Specific sources for each goal

Goal 1: Eradicate Poverty

International Household Survey Network

<http://www.internationalsurvenetwork.org/home/>

Inventory of household surveys, including income and expenditure surveys used to measure poverty.

Living Standards Measurement Study

<http://go.worldbank.org/IPLXWMCNJ0>

Information about the World Bank's survey program

Poverty and Inequality Analysis

<http://go.worldbank.org/VFPEGF7FU0>

Links to more information about poverty and inequality

Poverty Calculations Data Tool (PovcalNet)

<http://iresearch.worldbank.org/PovcalNet/>

Online calculations of poverty statistics

Poverty Mapping Tool

<http://iresearch.worldbank.org/PovMap/PovMap2/PovMap2Main.asp>

Software for producing poverty maps

Food and Agricultural Organization

<http://www.fao.org/>

The FAO produces global agricultural statistics and the MDG indicator on undernourishment

FAO, State of Food Insecurity in the World 2009

<http://www.fao.org/publications/sofi/en/>

Contains most recent report on State of Food Insecurity in the World

FAO, Food Security Statistics

<http://www.fao.org/economic/ess/food-security-statistics/en/> (database)

Contains data on prevalence of undernourishment together with other food security statistics

International Labour Organization

<http://www.ilo.org/>

The ILO is the source of global statistics on employment, wages, and working conditions

ILO, Key Indicators of the Labour Market (KILM) database

http://www.ilo.org/empelm/what/lang--en/WCMS_114240

This site provides a comprehensive database of country-level data on 20 key indicators of the labour market

UNICEF Health Statistics

http://www.unicef.org/health/index_statistics.html

The Children's fund produces statistics on the welfare of mothers and children

UNICEF Childinfo

<http://www.childinfo.org/>

Childinfo presents UNICEF's statistical information for children and mothers and Multiple Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS) data, documentation and reports.

World Health Organization (WHO) Global Database on Child Growth and Malnutrition

<http://www.who.int/nutgrowthdb/en/>

Information on the measurement of malnutrition

Goal 2: Education for all

World Bank EdStats database

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/ed-stats>

Database containing statistics on education; available in World Bank's DataBank and API

World Bank EdStats website

<http://go.worldbank.org/ITABCOGIV1>

Information on education

United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

<http://www.unesco.org/>

General website for UNESCO

UNESCO Institute for Statistics

<http://www.uis.unesco.org/>

UIS is the principal source of global statistics on education

UNESCO Institute for Statistics Data center

http://stats.uis.unesco.org/unesco/TableViewer/document.aspx?ReportId=143&IF_Language=eng

Customizable tables of statistics from UIS

UNICEF Childinfo Statistics on Education

<http://www.childinfo.org/education.html>

UNICEF produces statistics on education from surveys and other sources

Demographic and Health Surveys

<http://www.measuredhs.com/>

DHS surveys provide a broad array of statistics on education and health status

Goal 3: Gender equity

World Bank GenderStats database

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/gender-statistics>

Database containing statistics on gender; available in World Bank's DataBank and API

World Bank GenderStats website

<http://www.worldbank.org/genderstats>

A one stop source of information on gender

Inter-Parliamentary Union

<http://www.ipu.org/>

Information on women in governmental positions

UN Development Fund for Women

<http://www.unifem.org/>

General website for UNIFEM

UNESCO Institute for Statistics

<http://www.uis.unesco.org/>

UIS is the principal source of global statistics on education including data on male and female participation in education

UNESCO Institute for Statistics Data center

http://stats.uis.unesco.org/unesco/TableViewer/document.aspx?ReportId=143&IF_Language=eng

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UNICEF Childinfo Statistics on Education

<http://www.childinfo.org/education.html>

UNICEF produces statistics on education from surveys and other sources

OECD Wikigender

<http://www.wikigender.org/>

Wikigender facilitate the exchange and improve the knowledge on gender equality-related issues around the world

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality

World Bank HNPStats database

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/health-nutrition-and-population-statistics>

Database containing statistics on health, nutrition, and population; available in World Bank's DataBank and API

World Bank HNPStats website

<http://go.worldbank.org/N2N84RDV00>

A one stop source of information on health, nutrition and population

UNICEF Childinfo Statistics on Child Survival and Health

<http://www.childinfo.org/mortality.html>

UNICEF produces statistics on child health from surveys and other sources

UNICEF

<http://www.unicef.org/>

UNICEF Statistics and Monitoring

http://www.unicef.org/statistics/index_24304.html

Presents UNICEF's statistical work including monitoring MDGs

World Health Organization Data on Child Mortality
http://www.who.int/child_adolescent_health/data/child/en/index.html
WHO's work on measuring child mortality

Demographic and Health Surveys
<http://www.measuredhs.com/>
DHS surveys provide a broad array of statistics on education and health status

Macro international Statcompiler
<http://www.statcompiler.com/>
Online database tool that allows users to select numerous countries and hundreds of indicators to create customized tables

Child mortality CME Info
<http://www.childmortality.org/cmeMain.html>
Latest child mortality estimates based on the research of the Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation

Goal 5: Improve maternal health

World Bank HNPStats database
<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/health-nutrition-and-population-statistics>
Database containing statistics on health, nutrition, and population; available in World Bank's DataBank and API

World Bank HNPStats website
<http://go.worldbank.org/N2N84RDV00>
A one stop source of information on health, nutrition and population

Trends in Maternal Mortality Report
http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EXTHNPSTATS/Resources/Trends_Maternal_Mortality_1990_2008.pdf
Latest report on trends in maternal mortality produced by WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and World Bank

UNICEF Childinfo Statistics on Maternal Health
<http://www.childinfo.org/health.html>
UNICEF produces statistics on maternal health from surveys and other sources

UNICEF Information on Maternal and Newborn Health
http://www.unicef.org/health/index_maternalhealth.html
UNICEF's work on maternal and newborn health

World Health Organization Information on Maternal Health
http://www.who.int/topics/maternal_health/en/
WHO's work on maternal health

Interagency Group on Safe Motherhood
<http://www.safemotherhood.org/>
Work of Safe motherhood.org

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

World Bank HNPStats database

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/health-nutrition-and-population-statistics>

Database containing statistics on health, nutrition, and population; available in World Bank's DataBank and API

World Bank HNPStats website

<http://go.worldbank.org/N2N84RDV00>

A one stop source of information on health, nutrition and population

UNAIDS

<http://www.unaids.org/en/>

General website of UNAIDS. UNAIDS is the principal source of global statistics on HIV/AIDS

UNAIDS Publications

http://unaidstoday.org/?page_id=5

Provide links to key publications by UNAIDS, including AIDS epidemic update.

UNICEF Childinfo Statistics on HIV/AIDS

http://www.childinfo.org/hiv_aids.html

UNICEF produces statistics on HIV/AIDS from surveys and other sources

UNICEF Technical and Policy Documents on Children and HIV/AIDS

http://www.unicef.org/aids/index_documents.html

UNICEF's report on children and HIV/AIDS

World Health Organization

<http://www.who.int/en/>

WHO's general website

World Health Organization Information on MDGs

http://www.who.int/topics/millennium_development_goals/en/

This site provides technical information on health MDG goals, and links to health related data.

WHO Global Health Observatory

<http://www.who.int/gho/en/>

WHO's database on health

World Health Organization Information on HIV/AIDS

http://www.who.int/topics/hiv_aids/en

WHO's work on HIV/AIDS

UNICEF Childinfo Statistics on Malaria

<http://www.childinfo.org/malaria.html>

UNICEF produces statistics on malaria from surveys and other sources

UNICEF Information on Malaria

http://www.unicef.org/health/index_malaria.html

UNICEF's work on malaria

World Health Organization Information on Malaria

<http://www.who.int/topics/malaria/en/>

WHO's work on malaria

World Health Organization Information on Tuberculosis

<http://www.who.int/topics/tuberculosis/en/>

WHO's work on tuberculosis

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center

<http://cdiac.ornl.gov/>

The CDIAC website contains information on carbon dioxide and other radioactively active gases

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

<http://unfccc.int/>

The site contains information on Kyoto protocol, convention on climate change, and data for greenhouse gas.

United Nations Environment Programme Ozone Secretariat

<http://ozone.unep.org/>

http://ozone.unep.org/Data_Reporting/

This site provides information and documents regarding the Montreal protocol and data for ozone depleting substances

International Energy Agency

<http://www.iea.org/stats/>

Provides statistics on energy balances, energy uses, oil, gas, coal, and electricity

Food and Agriculture Organization

<http://www.fao.org/>

The FAO produces global agricultural statistics and the MDG indicator on forest

Food and Agriculture Organization's Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/fra/fra2010/en/>

The Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 is the most comprehensive assessment of forests and forestry to date

International Union for Conservation of Nature

<http://www.iucn.org/>

This site provides information on biodiversity and climate change

UN Environment Programme

<http://www.unep.org/>

UNEP's website provides publications and other information on environment protection

UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre

<http://www.unep-wcmc.org/>

World Database on Protected Areas

<http://www.wdpa.org/>

The World Database on Protected Areas is a foundation dataset for conservation decision making

World Resources Institute

<http://www.wri.org/>

This website provides information on WRI's work on urgent environmental challenges, and links for useful databases and publications

World Resources Institute EarthTrends database

<http://earthtrends.wri.org/>

EarthTrends is a comprehensive online database, maintained by the World Resources Institute that focuses on the environmental, social, and economic trends that shape our world

World Wildlife Fund

<http://www.wwf.org/>

This site contains information biodiversity projects

WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water Supply and Sanitation

<http://www.wssinfo.org/en/welcome.html>

<http://www.wssinfo.org/datamining/introduction.html>

This site provides data and publications for access to water and sanitation

WHO Information on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/en

WHOs' work on water, sanitation and hygiene

UN World Urbanization Prospects Population Database, the 2007 Revision

<http://esa.un.org/unup/>

Provides data on urban and rural population for 1950-2050

UN-HABITAT

<http://www.unhabitat.org/>

<http://www.unhabitat.org/stats/Default.aspx>

Provides data for population in slums

World Bank Urban Development

<http://go.worldbank.org/PQE9TNVDI0>

Information about the World Bank's work on urban development

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

OECD DAC (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Development Assistance Committee)

<http://www.oecd.org/dac>

OECD DAC collects statistics on official development assistance from bilateral and multilateral donors, and publishes analysis and guidance for international aid

OECD DAC, International Development Statistics

www.oecd.org/dac/stats/idsonline

The DAC annual aggregates database provides comprehensive data on the volume, origin and types of aid and other resource flows; The Creditor Reporting System provides detailed information on individual aid activities, such as sectors, countries, project descriptions etc.

Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative

<http://worldbank.org/hipc>

Provides data and information on multilateral debt relief

European Commission

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid>

Contains information on EU contribution to the MDGs

World Bank Group, International Development Association

<http://www.worldbank.org/ida>

World Bank's work for the poorest countries

International Trade Centre

<http://www.intracen.org/>

Provides data and information on trade barriers and market access

Millennium Development Goals, Goal 8

<http://www.mdg-trade.org/>

Contains data for market access indicators, jointly produced by ITC, UNCTAD, and WTO

UNCTAD (UN Conference on Trade and Development)

<http://www.unctad.org/>

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=1888&lang=1>

Contains links to online databases on commodity price, foreign direct investments, and trade barriers

UNCTAD TRAINS (Trade Analysis and Information System) database

<http://unctad.org/trains>

A comprehensive computerized information system at the HS-based tariff line level covering tariff, para-tariff and non-tariff measures as well as import flows by origin

World Trade Organization

<http://www.wto.org/>

Contains information on various trade topics

World Integrated Trade Solution

<http://wits.worldbank.org/wits/>

A software that provides access to major international trade and tariffs data compilations

UN-OHRLS (UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States)

<http://www.unohrlls.org/>

Provides information on least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing states

Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

<http://www.bis.org/statistics/index.htm>

Provides data for various elements of the global financial system

International Monetary Fund Information on External Debt Statistics

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sta/ed/ed.htm>

IMF's work on external debt and links to various databases

Joint External Debt Hub

<http://www.jedh.org/>

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/joint-external-data-hub>

Contains data for external debt from the BIS, IMF, OECD, and the World Bank; available in World Bank's DataBank

World Bank Quarterly External Debt Statistics

<http://www.worldbank.org/qeds>

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/quarterly-external-debt-statistics-ssds>

<http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/quarterly-external-debt-statistics-gdds>

Contains detailed external debt data on quarterly basis; available in World Bank's DataBank

International Telecommunication Union

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/>

Provides data for information and communication technology indicators