The UN Millennium Development Goals

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Identify four problems that you consider to be global issues.
Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3p2VLTowAA
Why the United Nations?

• An association of 193 nations
• Aims to facilitate international cooperation
• Serves as a forum that prompts collaborative thinking to resolve global issues
In 2000, 8 main global problems that affected most of the nations were addressed.

MDGs were a milestone in international cooperation.

In past 12 years, goals have improved the lives of millions of people.
Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty

- **Target 1A:** Halve proportion of people whose income is <$1/day
- **1B:** Achieve full and productive employment in safe environments, including women and young adults
- **1C:** Halve proportion of people who suffer from hunger
Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

• **Target 2A:** By 2015, both *girls and boys* will be able to enroll in and complete a full course of primary schooling.
Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality & Empower Women

- **Target 3A:** Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably in 2005, and in all levels of education by 2015

“One of the most important things that you can do for a girl is to empower her with her education.”
Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality

• **Target 4A**: Reduce mortality rate by $\frac{2}{3}$ among children *under the age of 5*
Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health

- **Target 5A:** Reduce maternal mortality rate by 3/4
- **5B:** Achieve universal access to reproductive health

“Every minute, a woman dies from complications of pregnancy or childbirth. Every year, over 1 million children are left motherless.”
Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other diseases

- **Target 6A:** Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS

- **6B:** Achieve universal access to HIV/AIDS treatment

- **6C:** Have halted and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases by 2015
Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

- **Target 7A:** Integrate **sustainable development** into policies, and reverse loss of environmental resources
- **7B:** Reduce **biodiversity** loss
- **7C:** Halve proportion of population w/o sustainable access to **safe drinking water & basic sanitation**
- **7D:** Improve lives of ~100 million **slum-dwellers**
Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

- **Target 8A:** Open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system
- **8B, 8C, 8D:** Address special needs and debt problems of least developed and developing countries
- **8E:** Pharmaceutical companies – access to essential drugs in developing countries
- **8F:** Private sector – make available benefits of new technologies
Has the UN made any progress?

Achieved Targets

✓ **MDG 1**
Number of people living in extreme poverty has been halved

✓ **MDG 7**
Improved access to safe drinking water and improved lives of slum dwellers
Targets within Reach!

- **MDG 1**
  - Proportion of undernourished people in developing regions decreased from 23.2% in 1992 to 14.9% in 2012

- **MDG 2**
  - # of children out of school declined from 102 mil in 2000 to 57 mil in 2011

- **MDG 3**
  - Gender parity is closest to being achieved at the primary level

- **MDG 4**
  - 87 child deaths per 1,000 births in 1990 to 51 in 2011 – 14,000 fewer child deaths per day
Targets within Reach!

- **MDG 5**
  - Maternal mortality rate declined – 400 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births to 210 between 1990 and 2010

- **MDG 6**
  - Malaria mortality rates declined by 25% globally between 2000-2010
  - Deaths from tuberculosis likely to be halved by 2015

- **MDG 7**
  - At end of 2011 – 8 mil people in developing regions receiving antiretroviral medicines, a 1.4 increase from 2010

- **MDG 8**
  - Low debt burden and improved trading climate in developing countries
Despite progress...

There are pressing global concerns!

- Increasing world population
- Shifting demographics
- Environmental degradation
- Lack of governances at all levels
- Insecurity and violence
Inequalities

- Wealth
- Gender
- Location
“We must not fail the billions who look to the international community to fulfill the promise of the Millennium Declaration for a better world.”

Together Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015
Discussion

Now that you’ve learned about the MDGs, which two goals would you want to address? Why?

Do you think the two you selected overlap in any way? In other words, can specific projects address both of the goals at the same time?