The eight international Millennium Development Goals for the year 2015 were established by the United Nations in 2000. The eight goals had measurable targets and clear deadlines for improving the lives of the world’s poorest people by 2015:

1. To eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
2. To achieve universal primary education.
3. To promote gender equality and empower women.
4. To reduce child mortality.
5. To improve maternal health.
6. To combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases.
7. To ensure environmental sustainability.
8. To develop a global partnership for development.