

Global disparities

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1 The UN Millennium Development Goals

Choose an MDG and prepare a presentation about it!

You can use the report by the United Nations (online-link 104513-0304) to collect information. The texts in the report are rather difficult, but there are many graphs and maps that can help you to get the most important information.



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Your MDG: Beispiellösung für MDG 2: Achieve universal primary education

a) Describe the exact aims of the MDG in your own words.

The aim of the MDG 2 is that in 2015, all children in the world can get a primary education, i.e. go to elementary school at least.

b) Name indicators with which the success of the goal can be measured.

school enrolment rate, literacy rate

c) Describe the situation at the moment. Say how far the aim is reached now in different parts of the world.

From 1999-2009, the amount of children attending primary school has increased from 82 % to 89 % in the developing world, but has sunk from 97 % to 96 % in the developed world. Generally, the situation has improved a lot in most world regions, especially in Africa and Southern Asia.

d) Do you think the goal can be reached until 2015? Give reasons.

In Western Asia between 1999 and 2009, the enrolment rate has only increased from 83 % to 88 %.

In South-Eastern Asia, it has only increased by 1 % from 93 % to 94 % in the ten years, so it is unlikely that the goal can be reached until 2015.

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e) List measures that should be taken to reach the goal.

– supporting parents whose children have to work to support the family, e.g. on the fields

– convince parents that school education is necessary and will improve their children lives

– class projects to collect money for schools e.g. in Africa

– building schools also in remote rural regions

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