In the year 2000, world leaders agreed that we should all work together to fight income poverty, hunger, disease, lack of adequate shelter, and exclusion - while promoting gender equality, education, & environmental sustainability. They agreed on eight global objectives, now known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

**THE GOALS**

**Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**
- Target 1. Halve by 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than $1 a day
- Target 2. Halve by 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

**Achieve universal primary education**
- Target 3. Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling

**Promote gender equality and empower women**
- Target 4. Ensure there are an equal number of girls and boys attending primary, secondary and tertiary education by 2015

**Reduce child mortality**
- Target 5. By 2015, reduce the under-five mortality rate by two-thirds

**Improve maternal health**
- Target 6. Reduce by 75% the number of women dying in childbirth

**Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases**
- Target 7. To stop and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015
- Target 8. To stop and reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases by 2015

**Ensure environmental sustainability**
- Target 9. Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs
- Target 10. Double the number of people who have access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
- Target 11. Improve the quality of life of people who live in slums

**Develop a global partnership for development**
- See governments, organizations and people all working together for a better future…