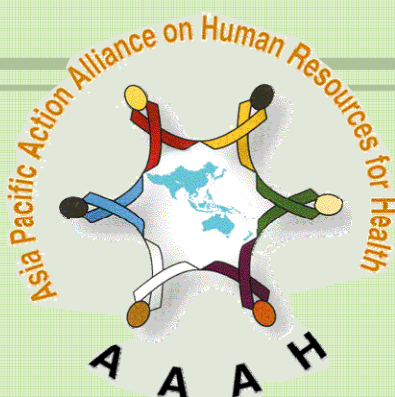


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Millennium Development Goals

In September 2000, 189 heads of state adopted the UN Millennium Declaration and endorsed a framework for development. The plan was for countries and development partners to work together to reduce poverty and hunger, tackle ill-health, gender inequality, lack of education, lack of access to clean water and environmental degradation.

They established eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), with targets set for 2015, and identified a number of indicators to monitor progress, several of which relate directly to health. All the goals and their targets are measured in terms of progress since 1990. Reporting on progress towards the MDGs has underscored the importance of producing more reliable and timely data.

There are eight MDGs, 18 targets, and 39 indicators. While there is some agreement that the health related MDGs are incomplete as they focus only on the communicable diseases and not also on non-communicable diseases and injuries and trauma, and that the baseline and targets are arbitrary, there is merit in focusing on them as MDGs, since when all are taken into account, they do relate to issues of development.








































































































































The MDGs are inter-dependent; all the MDG influence health, and health influences all the MDGs. For example, better health enables children to learn and adults to earn. Gender equality is essential to the achievement of better health. Reducing poverty, hunger and environmental degradation positively influences, but also depends on, better health.

<p>MDG 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger</p>	<p>This goal includes as a target the halving between 1990 and 2015 of the proportion of people who suffer from hunger, with progress to be measured in terms of the prevalence of underweight children under five years of age. The target implies an average annual rate of reduction of 2.7 percent.</p>
<p>MDG 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education</p>	<p>This target is to ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling</p>
<p>MDG 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women</p>	<p>The goal aims to eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015</p>
<p>MDG4: Reduce child mortality</p>	<p>The target is to reduce by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015 the under-five mortality rate, equivalent to an annual rate of reduction of 4.3 percent.</p>
<p>MDG5: Improve maternal health</p>	<p>The target is to reduce by three-quarters between 1990 and 2015 the maternal mortality ratio, equivalent to an annual rate of reduction of 5.4 percent.</p>
<p>MDG6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases</p>	<p>The target is to halt and begin to reverse the spread of the diseases by 2015.</p>
<p>MDG7: Ensure environmental sustainability</p>	<p>This goal includes as a target the halving by 2015 of the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water.</p>
<p>MDG8: Develop a global partnership for development</p>	<p>This goal includes as a target the provision of access to affordable essential drugs in developing countries.</p>

Achieving of MDGs among AAAH Country Members

The country-level "MDG Profile" narratives are based on information supplied by national Governments and UNDP country offices. Country-level assessments of progress by goal, are derived primarily from national MDG reports.

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Indonesia								
LaoPDR								
Myanmar								
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Philippines								
PNG								
Samoa								
Sri Lanka								
Thailand								
Vietnam								

-  Achieved
-  Very likely to be achieved, on track
-  Possible to achieve if some changes are made
-  Off track
-  Insufficient information

Source: <http://www.mdgmonitor.org/>
Data as of 17 August 2010

Please note that the country MDG Profile narratives are based on information supplied by national Governments and UNDP country offices.

Human Resources for Health and MDGs

Critical shortages, inadequate skill mix and uneven geographical distribution of the health workforce pose major barriers to achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Some pregnancy-related services can be delivered by mid-level health workers. Community-based health workers can provide a number of life-saving child health services, such as immunizations and the management of non-severe pneumonia. These healthcare providers are not counted in the above threshold. Therefore, an effective workforce should consist of a carefully-planned balance of professional, paraprofessional and community workers.

To share country, regional and sectoral experiences and exemplify and accelerate evidence-based action along with identifying new challenges and opportunities in HRH based on evidence and knowledge, including building linkages between health system components, The Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC), the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will jointly organize the Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2011 / Second Global Forum on Human Resources for Health (HRH) during 25-29 January 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand. The theme of this Forum will be 'Reviewing progress, renewing commitments to health workers towards MDGs and beyond'.

The 5th AAAHA Annual Conference theme is based on that of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2011/Second Global Forum on Human Resources for Health. The 5th AAAHA Annual Conference is seen as a conference leading up to this conference which will be held in January, 2011. Due to this, the theme for the 5th AAAHA Annual Conference is also focusing on issues of HRH and MDGs. It is envisioned that some of the issues raised at the 5th AAAHA Annual Conference will be brought to the Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2011/Second Global Forum on HRH.

Please visit;

<http://www.pmaconference.mahidol.ac.th/index.php>

For more information of Prince Mahidol Award Conference

Country Coordination and Facilitation for HRH Institution Capacity Building Meeting, 12-15 July, 2010, Cairo, Egypt

Three AAAH member countries, Indonesia, Nepal and Papua New Guinea attended the Country Coordination and Facilitation (CCF) Institution Capacity Building Meeting which was also attended by other countries from WHO regions. The purpose of this first CCF institution capacity building meeting was to bring together ministries of health, training or research institutions and partners to validate the CCF capacity building process, design capacity building actions for CCF stakeholders, and introduce capacity building tools; advocacy, HRH Action Framework (HAF), and Resources Requirements Tools (RRT).

During the meeting, the three countries had the opportunity to discuss, share experiences and exchange ideas with the other participating countries. Each of the countries had to prepare a case study on the current CCF situation and engagement of stakeholders in their respective countries. The countries completed their CCF work plans which cover activities over the next several months. Presentations from Nepal and Papua New Guinea will be made before the 5th AAAH Annual Conference at the side meeting on “Implementing the HRH Action Framework (HAF) within the GHWA Country Coordination Facilitation (CCF) Mechanism” on 3 October, 2010.



The 5th AAAH Annual Conference Update



Dr. Akib Kemas, Drs Abdurachman, Mr. Sudung Nainggolan and Ms. Anna Kurniati came to visit the AAAH Secretariat on Thursday, 5 August, 2010 to finalize some of the planning for the 5th AAAH Annual Conference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What “Advanced nursing practice responding to changing environments: Creating opportunities, enhancing services and maximizing outcomes.”

When 8-11 September 2010

Where Brisbane, Australia

Link: <http://www.rcna.org.au/conferences/inpapnn>

What World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

When 21-24 September 2010

Where London, United Kingdom