



Progress on MDGs: Lessons for Improvement

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2009 MDG Report by the AfDB, ECA and AU

- **Africa: steady progress on some MDGs, little progress on others**
- **Significant disparities across countries**
 - Challenges less in North Africa, in reforming countries
 - Conflict, post-conflict countries worse off
- **Poor data undermines tracking of progress**
 - Prioritize statistical development

New Challenges to Achieving the MDGs

- **New challenges emerging (Fuel, Food, Economic & Financial Crises)**
 - Potential to stall or reverse progress
 - slump in exports > higher poverty incidence (e.g. miners)
 - Inflation rising; local currencies depreciating, staple food prices & imported commodities up
 - Threatens food security & goal of reducing hunger
 - Affects Government capacity to deliver public services

MDG Agenda: Lessons for Improvement

- **Simplify multiplicity of targets and indicators**
 - Help to focus policies & policy coordination
 - In environment of poor country capacity
 - Consolidate targets for more effectiveness
- **Invest in statistical development**
- **MDGs End Outcomes?**
 - Results in poor mapping of policy instruments
 - Information on sensitivity of targets to instruments
 - Need intermediate goals
- **MDG Agenda lacks coherence & coordination**
 - Multiplicity of players => duplication of efforts => sub-optimal use of scarce resources

Re-thinking MDGs Beyond 2015

- **MDGs will continue to be relevant**
 - Rallying point for increased ODA
 - Platform for better partnerships
 - Popular & easy to understand

- **Need to Rethink MDGs: Focus on Promoting Growth & Reducing Inequalities**

Re-thinking MDGs Beyond 2015 (Cont'd)

■ Promoting Growth

- Wealth creation prerequisite for redistribution, investment, rapid improvement in living standards
- Growth targets based on progress in other targets (e.g. education, health, infrastructure)
- Focus on growth => optimal use of resources

■ Reducing Inequalities

- Rising inequality major constraint to wealth creation & poverty reduction
- Reducing inequality spreads gains from growth
- Lower inequality promotes social justice & stability

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