



## Millennium Development Goals Awareness Project (MDGAP) UW-Madison

**Mission.** The mission of Millennium Development Goals Awareness Project is to raise awareness of the eight U.N. Millennium Development Goals on the UW-Madison campus and to connect students with relevant research, internship and volunteer opportunities in order to promote the development of job skills, foster global competency, and advance the goals locally, nationally, and internationally.

**Background.** The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are targets adopted by all 192 member states of the United Nations to address eight large world issues. Specifically, they are designed to:

- Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**
- Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education**
- Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women**
- Goal 4: Reduce child mortality**
- Goal 5: Improve maternal health**
- Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases**
- Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability**
- Goal 8: Develop global partnerships for development**

The MDGs have galvanized unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of the world's poorest, yet much remains to be done. World leaders have established 2015 as the year by which the goals must be achieved.

Believing that students - as global citizens and future leaders - have an important role to play in helping to solve the world's problems, International Student Services (ISS) launched MDGAP in the Spring of 2009 with students interested in global social justice.

**Project Description.** MDGAP strives to raise awareness of the MDGs on campus by cultivating speaking engagements both in and out of campus classrooms, holding educational forums, hosting a website, and publishing a monthly electronic newsletter. The project also researches local, national, and international organizations working in areas related to the MDGs in order to develop volunteer and internship opportunities and to link students with them. Finally, the project works to develop Goal related research options.

**Partners.** ISS Student Program Planning Committee, Global Studies, Multicultural Student Center, CALS-International Programs, Poverty Stops Here, UW-Engineers without Borders, WUD-Society and Politics, Model UN, UNICEF-UW, Village Health Project, Microfinance Leadership Initiative, International Learning Community, Wisconsin International Students Association. All campus units, individuals and organizations as well as related community organizations are invited to become partners of the MDG Awareness Project.

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