



"Nobody should die of hunger  
... one man should not  
live in excess while another  
has no possible means  
of existence."  
—'Abdu'l-Bahá

## RACE TO JUSTICE

**H**umanity is in an important race. It's a race to end poverty, hunger, and other global problems.

In 2000, world leaders from all 189 member states of the United Nations agreed to improve the world by 2015. They made eight promises called the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The MDGs are like a roadmap leading us to a better future. Besides reducing poverty and hunger, the goals promote health, education, and caring for the environment.

Volunteers and organizations from around the world are doing their part to get us to the finish line. How can you help win the race?

You can learn more about the MDGs, write about them at school, raise money, and follow the three Rs of the environment—reduce, reuse, and recycle! You could even hop on your bike and talk to your friends about how you can help together.



**Top Row:** Most nations prohibit child labor, yet many kids are forced to work instead of attending school. In Bolivia, a girl pulls fish from nets (left). In Haiti (middle), kids scavenge for anything of value in mountains of garbage. At right, a rider joins a bike race celebrating peace in Timor-Leste (in Southeast Asia). **Bottom Row:** At left, a UN peacekeeper examines a kid in a conflict-affected area of Sudan. At right, a kid drinks water at a camp for humanitarian aid in Afghanistan.

### Quiz yourself about the world problems addressed by the MDGs.

- Clean drinking water is key to preventing disease, but over 780 million people have no safe source of fresh water.**  
True • False
- 1.4 billion people in the world live on less than \$1.25 a day.**  
True • False
- Earth loses about two million acres of forests every year.**  
True • False
- More than a billion people still need electricity to improve education, communications, and health.**  
True • False
- Vaccines and mosquito nets can help kids avoid dangerous diseases.**  
True • False
- About 67 million kids are not able to go to elementary school. Almost half live in China.**  
True • False
- On average, women make up only 40% of national law-making bodies worldwide.**  
True • False
- In some developing countries, less than half of the women give birth with help from trained health workers.**  
True • False