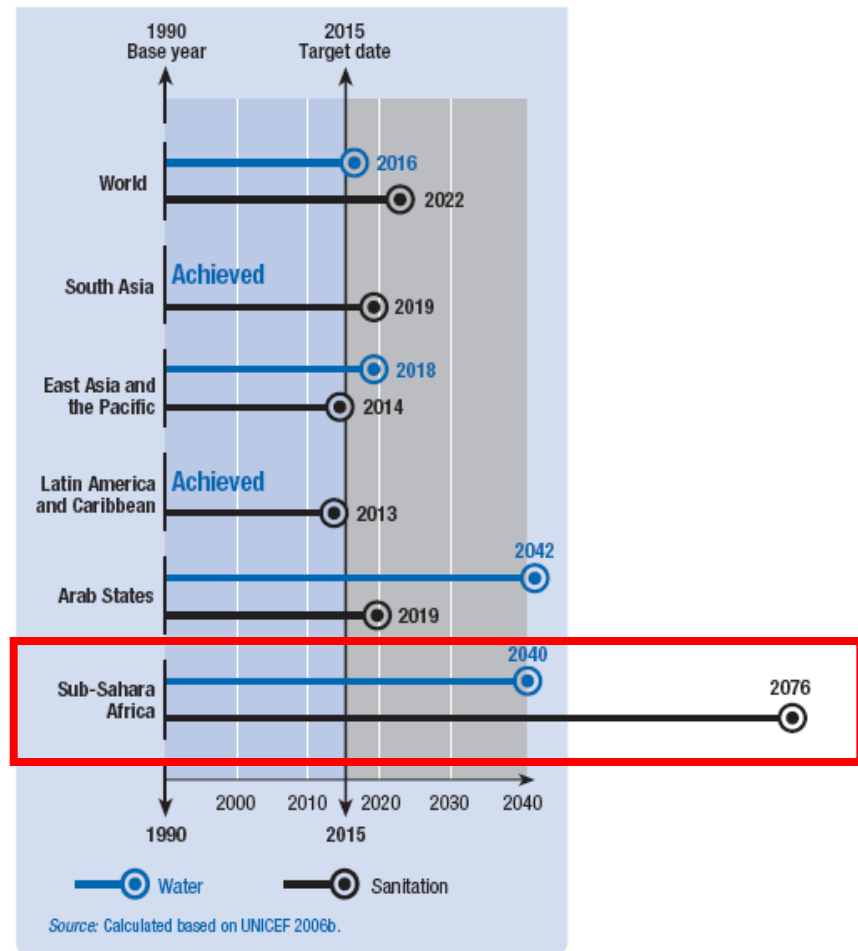


The EU MDG Action Plan and the water and sanitation targets before the UN MDG 2010 Summit

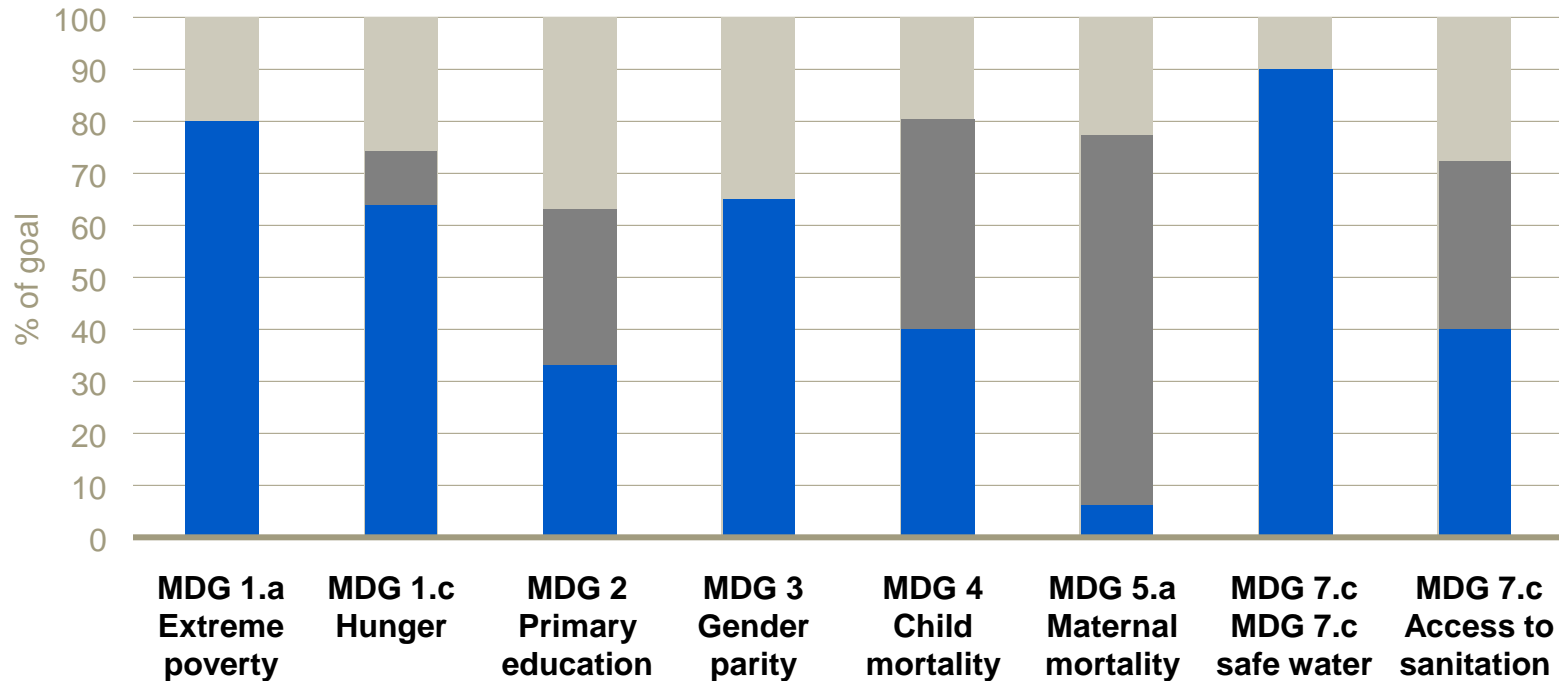
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At the current rate of progress, Sub-Saharan Africa will miss the Millennium Development Goals of halving by 2015 the proportion of people without access to safe water & sanitation by an **entire generation** for Water and by more than **two generations** for Sanitation.



GLOBAL PROGRESS ON MDGs

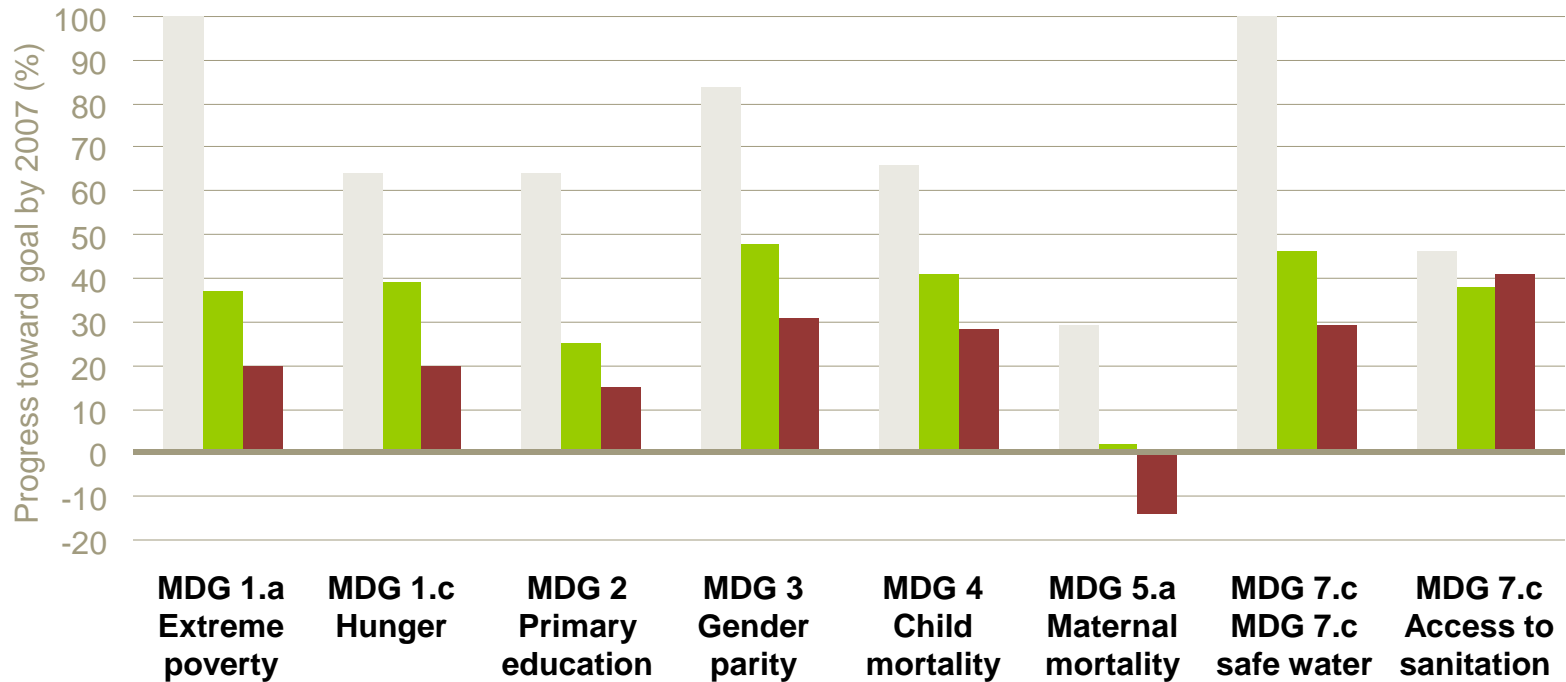
Variation in progress by 2007



- Needed to be achieved by 2007 to be on track
- Achieved by 2007
- 2015 targets

GLOBAL PROGRESS ON MDGs

Fragile states have made least progress towards MDGs



- Middle-income countries
- Low-income countries
- Fragile states

Water, sanitation and other MDGS

- **Poverty** : *W&S brings health, productive time, economic opportunities and direct savings to the poorest*
- **Hunger** : *W&S improves nutrient uptake and allows for increased agricultural output*
- **Primary Education** : *W&S in schools greatly improves school attendance, especially for adolescent girls*
- **Gender Equality** : *W&S helps empower women*

W&S and other MDGs (2)

- **Child Mortality** : *W&S greatly reduces diarrhea – the single biggest killer of children in the developing world*
- **Maternal Mortality** : *W&S during pregnancy and at maternal facility diminish maternal mortality*
- **Major Diseases** : *W&S is the foundation of health and therefore a prerequisite for addressing major diseases*
- **Environmental Sustainability** : *Water is the natural recipient of most pollutions*

Council conclusions on MDGs (14 June 2010)

Preparing for UN MDG Summit

- **Focusing efforts** : Special attention to countries most off-track, and developing countries that make firm commitments through their development policies and plans
- EU recognises interdependence of progress on the different MDGs and the impact of off-track MDGs such as hunger, child and maternal health, and **sanitation**.

A 12-POINT EU ACTION PLAN

- Aid promises – a pathway to 2015
- More effective aid means better value for development
- Off-track countries and “fragile first”, starting with Haiti
- MDGs in key sectors: hunger, health, education, gender
- From "donorship" to ownership – with countries and with Africa
- Making other EU policies coherent for development
- Domestic taxation capacities
- Global and regional trade capacities
- Innovative financing
- Climate change: a test case
- Development and security
- Reforming global governance

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4. MDGs in key sectors: hunger, health, education, gender

- Health - national health systems and GFATM
- Education – focus on quality – with governments and through Fast Track Initiative
- Food security – sustainable smallholders
- Gender – apply OECD's 'policy marker' to all MDG actions
- Research - priority funding for health and food security in EU programmes

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6. Making other EU policies coherent for development

5 global challenges:

trade/finance,
climate change,
food security,
migration,
security

EU SUPPORT

The EU Water Initiative

The EUWI Objectives

- The reinforcement of political commitment towards action and innovation oriented partnership
- The promotion of improved water governance, capacity building and awareness
- Improved efficiency and effectiveness of water management through multi-stakeholder dialogue and coordination
- Strengthened co-operation through promoting river basin approaches in national and transboundary waters
- Identification of additional financial resources and mechanisms to ensure sustainable financing

Regional components : Africa, EECCA, MED, Latin America
Research, Finance, Monitoring

Interaction with other processes/initiatives :

Sanitation and water for all, G8-Africa Partnership, Human rights for W&S, etc

Africa-EU Partnership

- **Africa-EU Strategic Partnership on water affairs and sanitation** (Johannesburg 2002):
Reinforced Dialogue with African Ministerial Council on Water (AMCOW) & African Union;
Implementation of AU Sharm el Sheikh commitments (2008)
- **EU-Africa Strategy** : 8 new Partnerships
Interaction with Partnerships on MDGs,
Infrastructure/Regional integration, Climate change,
Science, Peace and security, Human rights

EU SUPPORT

An Integrated Framework

Complementarity of instruments

- National and Regional programmes
- ACP-EU Water Facility (intra-ACP)
- Africa-EU Infrastructure Partnership Trust Fund
- Thematic funding (ENRTP)
- Research

The ACP-EU Water Facility

As a contribution to the EUWI, the Commission created the ACP-EU Water Facility with two specific objectives

- Increased access to safe, affordable and sustainable water and sanitation services for the rural and urban poor.
- Improved governance in water and sanitation and improved and integrated management of water resources at regional and transboundary, national and local levels,

Renewal of the Water Facility under the 10th EDF : 200 m € under preparation

2 calls for proposals : local access ; partnerships for governance and capacity development

Setting up the Water MDG research agenda for the urban poor

Final recommendations

Which research projects need to be done?

Attention on policy development

- Assist countries to develop credible strategies and plans
- Reinforce interdependence between MDGs – impact of W&S on achievement of all MDGs
- Capacity building at all levels