

Upper Primary Worksheet 2: HSIE/SOSE / Literacy / Numeracy



Extension activities: Fair Play Today

In 2000, 189 United Nations Member States met and promised to halve world poverty by 2015. See Column 1 for what they promised. The table below compares Australia with Bangladesh. For a glossary of terms please see page 11. Once you have looked at the table, complete the activity on the next page.

Promises – MDGs	Australia	Bangladesh
How many people?	20 million	147 million
MDG 1: Reduce poverty and hunger	Non-Indigenous life expectancy 80 years Indigenous life expectancy 63 years	Life expectancy 63 years
MDG 2: Primary education for all	97% of children go to primary school	84% of children start primary school ¹
MDG 3: Make sure girls get the same chances as boys	Same number of boys and girls attend school Just over 1 in 4 people in Parliament are women	Roughly the same number of boys and girls attend school ² 1 in 50 people in Parliament are women.
MDG 4: Reduce child deaths	6 in every 1,000 children die before their fifth birthday	69 in every 1,000 children die before their fifth birthday
MDG 5: Caring for mums and their babies	1 in every 12,500 mothers die in childbirth	1 in every 263 mothers die in childbirth
MDG 6: Fight HIV/AIDS and other diseases	93% of 1 year olds get measles injections 1 in 16,670 people has tuberculosis	77% of 1 year olds get measles injections 1 in 204 people has tuberculosis
MDG 7: Access to clean water	All people have access to clean drinking water	Almost 37 million people do not have access to clean drinking water
MDG 8: Working together for a fair share	Australia spends over 2½ times more on health than on repaying debt. Australia has agreed to increase aid to poor countries.	Bangladesh spends twice as much money repaying debt than it does on health.

For teachers

¹ While 84% of Bangladeshi children enrol in school, only 54% of those enrolled reach Grade 5.

² This has not always been the case. In 1993 the Bangladeshi Government introduced a “Food for Education” Programme. This means that students receive food for attending school.

Source: United Nations Development Report, 2005: http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2005/pdf/HDR05_HDI.pdf and United Nations cyberschoolbus: <http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/mdgs/index.html> then click “monitor goals”