

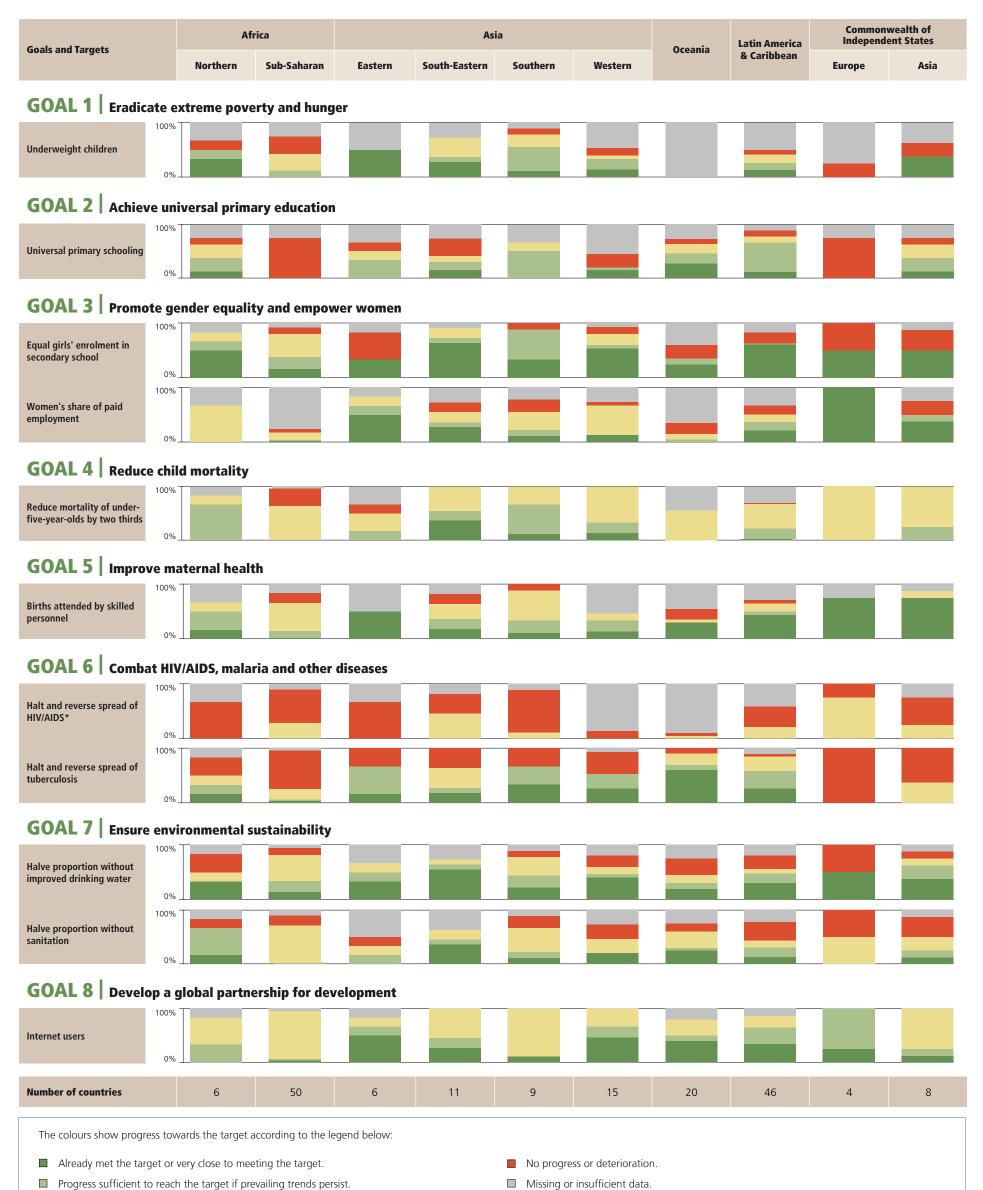
## Millennium Development Goals: 2008 Progress Chart Country Progress Within Regions

he Millennium Development Goals represent a set of commitments established by 189 nations in 2000 to respond to the world's main development challenges: to eliminate poverty, to achieve universal education, to improve access to maternal health care, to reach gender equality, to decrease child mortality, to stop the spread of AIDS and other diseases, and to end environmental degradation. Set for the year 2015, the achievement of the MDGs requires the participation of all countries.

or target; those which have made progress sufficient to achieve the goal; those which have made progress but insufficient to achieve the goal; those which have deteriorated; and those which do not have sufficient data to make an assessment. The assessment is based on statistics from 1990 until the latest year for which data are available.

Global and regional data, as contained in the Millennium Development Goals Report 2008, help in measuring progress towards the Goals, but such aggregate statistics mask disparities among countries. The chart below groups countries within each region according to their degree of progress towards the achievement of the Goals. The bars show the proportions of countries in five categories: those which have already reached the goal

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For the regional groupings and country data, see mdgs.un.org.

Sources: United Nations, based on data and estimates provided by: Food and Agriculture Organization; Inter-Parliamentary Union; International Labour Organization; International Telecommunication Union; UNAIDS; UNESCO; UN-Habitat; UNICEF; United Nations Population Division; World Bank; World Health Organization. Based on statistics available as of June 2008.

\* The methodology used for the assessment of progress of countries toward this target is different from the methodology used for the regional assessment.

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