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With only five years left until the 2015 deadline to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called on world leaders to attend an MDG Summit ([English](#), [Español](#)) in New York on September 20-22 to accelerate progress towards the MDGs.

Coming amid mixed progress and new crises that threaten the global effort to halve extreme poverty the summit will be a crucially important opportunity to redouble our efforts to meet the Goal adopted at the UN Millennium Summit of 2000, aimed at slashing poverty, hunger, disease, maternal and child deaths, illiteracy, gender inequality, and environmental degradation by a 2015 deadline.

“Our world possesses the knowledge and the resources to achieve the MDGs” the Secretary-General stated in his [report](#) in preparation for the September summit. “Our challenge today is to agree on an action agenda to achieve the MDGs.”

On the weekend before the summit (September 17-19) the School Sisters of Notre Dame, will once again join our voices with millions of people around the world as we *Stand Up* and demand that heads of state deliver breakthrough plans at their Summit the following week.

On Saturday, September 18, millions of people will participate in a unified global action to “Make Noise for the MDGs.” From Italy, where citizens will set off their alarm clocks in a public square, to Africa, where MDG supporters will gather to play drums, to villages in Asia, where anti-poverty campaigners will bang on pots and pans, the global movement in support of the MDGs will be visible, vocal, and impossible to ignore.

Join the global movement of people and *Stand Up!* Send a clear and urgent message to world leaders: ***“We will no longer stay seated or silent in the face of poverty and the broken promises to end it!”*** Be part of the millions who will [Stand Up](#) September 17-19 ([Český](#), [Deutsch](#), [English](#), [Español](#), [Italiano](#), [Polski](#), [Português](#)) to support the Millennium Development Goals.

Take Action

- Pray and Fast!
- Participate in a *Stand-Up Event* in your community.
- Organize a *Stand-Up Event*. Down load the planning guide ([English](#)) and poster.
- Contact your head of state or government and tell her or him that you expect your nation to keep its promises.
- Invite others to help put an end to poverty and accomplish the MDGs.
 - Sponsor a food drive.
 - Donate used-books and school supplies.
 - Plant trees.
 - Write letters to local media.
 - Post banners and posters or distribute pamphlets.
 - Send an instant message to your friends about poverty eradication and the MDGs.
 - Organize a religious procession.
- Wear and distribute white bands—symbols of support for the MDGs.
- Teach about the MDGs.
- Visit local officials and enlist their help to end poverty.

Additional Resources

- The [UN Millennium Campaign](#) offers multiple resources and provides links to country level campaigns. Resources about the campaign are also available in [Česky](#), [Deutsch](#), [Español](#), [Magyar](#), [Polski](#), and [Slovenski](#).
- Learn more about the MDGs ([Deutsch](#), [English](#)) and join the School Sisters of Notre Dame in our work for peace, justice, and the integrity of creation.
- TakingITGlobal is a youth oriented website that facilitates global understanding and promotes leadership growth among youth to enhance their participation in social movements for a better world. ([English](#), [Español](#), [Italiano](#), [Português](#)).

Interactive Resources

- *Stand Up* videos are available for viewing and downloading on Millennium Campaign's [YouTube](#) channel.
- You can view and download the official video, "[Stand Up, Take Action, Make Noise for the MDGs 2010](#)".
- Follow *Stand Up* on [Twitter](#).
- The UN Millennium Campaign is on Facebook, ([Deutsch](#)) ([English](#))
- *Stand Up* is using [flickr](#).
- You can download the [Stand Up Song](#).

Prayer for the Millennium Goals

In a world where so many go hungry,
Let us make the fruits of Creation available for all.

In a world where one billion of our brothers and sisters do not have safe drinking water,
Let us help the waters run clear.

In a world where so many children die so young, and so many mothers die in childbirth,
And so many families are ravaged by disease, let us bring health and healing.

In a world where women carry such heavy burdens, let us recognize and restore the rights of all, let us join together, with a new sense of global community, a new awareness of our need for one another.

And for this fragile planet, to meet the clear challenges of the Millennium Goals, to bring hope as substantial as bread, to make human dignity as visible as wheat in the fields.

Amen! (Center of Concern www.coc.org)



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