



THE MISSING
2015 MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT
GOAL



“If we that suffered the most from this conflict can sit together and talk, then why can’t everyone else?”

Elay Oren, One Young World delegate, Israel – one of world’s 1 billion young people

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The following are some of the signatures of the OYW delegates who supported the petition on **Missing Millennium Development Goal** at www.ipetitions.com/petition/missingmdg/

"ALL of the MDGs need to be understood in context with religion. Religion defines people's concepts of life and humanity, and if we don't understand these different viewpoints we cannot all work together on unified goals."
Chris Bicourt, England

Tanya
01-03-10
Andrea M. M. Biele
CEO REC LIVE WINES
Kaas
Roksana

Nijm
"Regardless of your decision to partake in a specific faith, or to partake in faith at all, it's a call to live out love for fellow man."
Biblia Kim, United States

Mazaher Chagani
Rakhe
01.05.2010
El Salvador

Ellie Rocks
One Young World
Ambassador - UK
Ellie Rocks

Lucia Valencia - Dongo
Peru

"The problem is not people holding religious beliefs; it is holding those beliefs to the exclusion of all others. Given the common principles espoused in all the major religions, it is baffling that they so often serve as a divisive, rather than unifying force."
Christopher Skillicorn, Britain

Andreas
Anjie

Jet
Amy
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Talar Karakashian
Melroy Sam?
Kwadwo Ofori Owusu
Russell

The Missing Millennium Development Goal: Ensure Interfaith Collaboration for Peace

"EVEN THOUGH I'M AN ATHEIST I RESPECT AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND ALL RELIGION. WHY DON'T THE WORLD'S RELIGIOUS LEADERS MEET TOGETHER TO SET A PRECEDENCE FOR OTHER PEOPLE, JUST LIKE WORLD LEADERS MEET TO SPEAK OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND BUSINESS?"
BERGLIND ÁSK BERGSDÓTTIR, ICELAND

Asma g'12
Dirij
Thasoff
K. R.
V. S.
(V. Srinath)
Anna Godfrey
One Young World
Ambassador-UK
Anna Godfrey

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ESTONIA
CATHOLIC
B. J.
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Anna
J. K.
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"Anyone who kills or commits a violent act in the name of their God does not worship any worthy god."
Susann McMichael, United States

"There are no secrets to success. It is a result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.
So we must accept that the MDGs will not be achieved as defined. We need to repulse deadline and review it according to our possibilities."
Nyazozo Dzidula, Togo

H. W.
KARUNA RANA
MAURITIUS
Adrian Lo

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The *Missing* Millennium Development Goal: Ensure Interfaith Collaboration for Peace

In the year 2000, for the first time in human history, humanity agreed on a common set of objectives in tackling its biggest challenges, establishing benchmarks to halve extreme poverty in all its forms. These objectives are the Millennium Development Goals, otherwise known as MDGs, and they include targets on reducing extreme poverty and child mortality rates, fighting disease epidemics such as AIDS, and building a global partnership for development. The deadline for the MDGs to be achieved is 2015. However, as the 2009 UN MDG Report indicates, many countries will miss this crucial deadline.

The slow progress of meeting the MDGs in some countries should not simply be overlooked as the lack of will or potential for people to work towards a better world. Some societies are prevented from working together by armed conflicts and general hostility, much of which is based on, motivated by or excused with religious values and principles.

These hostilities exist despite the clear, simple message of peace and reconciliation inherent in every faith. Hatred and intolerance is encouraged in many societies by those who profess to identify with this message, and despite the clear statement of the Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human rights:

Article 18

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

The ones who are the most affected and deprived in this environment of intolerance are the young. Therefore, it is from the global youth leadership platform of One Young World that we proclaim that the youth of this world do not believe in violence in the name of religion!

At the 2010 inaugural One Young World summit supported by Kofi Annan, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Professor Muhammad Yunus and other luminaries, the youth delegates chosen by their peers from around the globe voted 83% in favour of the following resolution:

"In the belief that war must never be carried out in the name of religion, we call upon leaders and followers of all faiths to unequivocally commit to deliver peace amongst nations, races and creeds."

In order to achieve the above, we believe that religious leaders, governments of the UN member-states and international agencies must adopt a common goal on eradication of religious violence and adoption of practical targets that would guide interfaith collaboration for peace. We believe such a common goal would enable greater progress towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals and towards a better future, beyond 2015.

The *Missing* Millennium Development Goal:

Ensure Interfaith Collaboration for Peace

Target 1: Provide an atmosphere for the dialogue involving all religions.

Target 2: Promote tolerance and understanding of religious symbolism and traditions in society, honouring Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Target 3: Promote a positive understanding of all faiths in order to facilitate the development of mutual intercultural and interfaith respect.

Target 4: Promote positive and transparent leadership in governance and public affairs which does not accept masking of religious intolerance with political aims.

Target 5: Promote the rights and civic responsibilities of people of all faiths, including their individual duties towards peace-building, development of mutual respect and collaboration.

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