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MDG Report 2008

**Progress in achieving UN anti-poverty goals
for 2015 under threat, new report finds**

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The 11th meeting of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) on the progress of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) was held in London on 25 October 2008. The HLPE is a group of independent experts that provides the Secretary-General with advice on the progress of the MDGs.

The 2008 report, 'Progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Report of the High Level Panel of Experts', was presented to the Secretary-General by the HLPE Chair, Professor Jeffrey Sachs, on 25 October 2008. The report highlights the progress made in achieving the MDGs since 2000 and the challenges that remain.

The report notes that the world has made significant progress in achieving the MDGs since 2000. For example, the number of people living in extreme poverty (less than \$1 a day) has fallen from 1.8 billion in 1990 to 1.4 billion in 2005. However, the report also notes that progress has been slower in some areas, such as primary education for girls and environmental sustainability. The report also notes that the global financial crisis has threatened progress in several areas, including poverty reduction.

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