



Sign the Millennium Kids **PETITION** to fulfill the **MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

by 2015 and raise your voice for your world's poorest!

**Mail
Petitions by:
May 9, 2014**

*eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
achieve universal primary education
promote gender equality and empower women
reduce child mortality
improve maternal health
combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
ensure environmental sustainability
create a global partnership for development*

Millennium Development Goals



pe•ti•tion a formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority in respect of a particular cause (Oxford Dictionary)

- ✓ no minimum age to sign a petition
- ✓ must use cursive handwriting
- ✓ collect at least 25 signatures and your MP is permitted to present the petition in the House of Commons!

Step 1—Learn what the MDGs are and why they're important (see www.un.org/millenniumgoals).

Step 2—Download and **print the petition** from www.millenniumkids.ca.

Step 3—Chat with your **teacher, principal, faith or community leader** about how you could ask youth to sign the petition (e.g. make an announcement over the school PA system or in your church, mosque, synagogue or temple).

Step 4—**Ask your family, friends and classmates to sign the petition by May 9, 2014** (e.g. bring the petitions outside for recess or set up a petition signing table in the school lunchroom).

Step 5—Find your member of parliament at www.millenniumkids.ca by entering your postal code. **Contact your member of parliament** as early as possible to arrange a meeting by phone, Skype or in-person at your school, place of worship or your MP's office. If you do not meet in-person, you will need to **mail the petitions to your MP's office** (no stamp needed for your MP's Ottawa office). Don't forget to request that he present the petition in Parliament.

Step 6—Tweet or email the total number of petition signatures you collect to [@MKs4MDGs](https://twitter.com/MKs4MDGs) or sara@millenniumkids.ca so we can re-tweet and keep a tally on the website.

Remember: our democratic government can only act on the priorities of Canadians if we tell them what is important to us!

MDG facts:

- ✓ In 2000, Canada, along with 188 United Nation countries, signed the *Millennium Declaration* agreeing to what would become known as the eight MDGs, and committing our nation to a new global partnership to reduce extreme poverty by meeting a series of targets by 2015.
- ✓ We are not on track to meet most of the eight goals though we have made good progress on MDG #1 — extreme poverty.
- ✓ Our MDG commitment can be fulfilled by keeping an earlier promise to spend 0.7% of Canada's Gross National Product on official development assistance.

Millennium Kids creates opportunities for youth to propel Canada forward to meet our Millennium Development Goal promise by 2015.
www.millenniumkids.ca.

SAMPLE EMAIL for contacting your Member of Parliament about the petition:

Dear Member of Parliament,

My name is Jane Doe. I am in Grade 8 in the Davenport riding, Toronto, Ontario. My classmates and I have signed the Millennium Kids MDG petition because we want Canada to keep our MDG promise by 2015. It is extremely important to the world's poorest and to Canada's integrity that we keep our promise by the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals. My classmates and myself will inherit Canada's MDG successes and shortcomings.

Would you be willing to Skype/visit with our class or youth group to tell us how Canada is doing on keeping our MDG promise? We would like to give you our signed petitions so that you can present them in Parliament with all the other Millennium Kids' MDG petitions.

We look very forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards,

Jane Doe

Please mail petitions to your MP by May 9, 2014.