

HOW FISHERIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS?

The Millennium Development Goals were agreed internationally and are to be achieved by 2015.

Goal	Contribution of Fisheries
Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger	<p>Many of the world's poorest people live around large water basins. Many are fishermen who also live in squalid conditions. Fishery is the main income generating activity for economic development.</p> <p>Fisheries are a catalyst for other similar industries which increase the job opportunities.</p> <p>Fish stocks contribute to food security as surplus fish is stored in cold refrigerators.</p>
Achieve universal primary education	<p>Fishermen spend their hard earned income on the educational needs of their children. Higher income for</p>

	<p>fishermen translates to improving the existing school infrastructure and learning materials.</p> <p>Sustainable fishing methods enables higher fish yields therefore there's less burden for children to engage in fishing as opposed to being in classrooms for studies.</p>
Promote gender equity and empower women	<p>Primarily, it is men who go to the seas and lakes to fish but at the same time, it is the women who are the majority in the fish trade.</p> <p>Women are to be found playing active roles in community based groups engaged in fisheries.</p> <p>There are also targeted activities in co operative societies to improve the status of women.</p>

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Reduce child mortality	<p>Because fish are rich in nutrients and proteins, fisheries offer good grounds to protect those children most vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition.</p> <p>Through income generated from fisheries, other food products can be bought to boost other nutrients and avoid malnutrition.</p>
Improve maternal health	<p>Activities to improve livelihoods of women will increase their awareness and capacity of maternal health.</p> <p>Improve access to healthcare and clinical facilities and stocking them with medical amenities.</p>
Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases	<p>The Lake Region is plagued by high HIV/AIDS and malaria diseases. Indeed, the lack of fish can also have effect of pushing vulnerable women into prostitution.</p> <p>Distribution of mosquito bed</p>

	<p>nets to the fishing communities will go far in reducing the level of diseases.</p> <p>while has a is the Working with partners to improve access to HIV/AIDS services and health facilities</p>
Ensure environmental sustainability	<p>Over fishing has the effect of harming the environment and depletion of fish stocks. The ultimate loser is the fishing community. Proper fishing methods need to be enhanced.</p> <p>Co-management promotes sustainable fishing and sustainable management of the environment</p>
Develop a global partnership for development	<p>Fisheries management involves working with all partners to contribute to development within the region including grassroots fisheries groups and processors.</p>

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