

National MDG Dialogues
UN Terms of Reference
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1. Background: To complement national planning instruments (PRSP, 5 Year Plan) already in place and given the 2015 MDG deadline, the UNCT wishes to focus its UNDAF analysis by holding national MDG dialogues. The dialogues will be facilitated by specific UN agencies, in close consultation with relevant government ministries, and will include the participation of civil society, development partners and the private sector (where applicable). The dialogues will document the status of Bangladesh's achievement of the MDGs, with particular emphasis on lagging MDGs, including the identification of key bottlenecks constraining progress on specific MDG targets. The MDG National Dialogues will also assess the implications of the impact of the economic crisis and climate change on MDG progress as well as assess good practices examples that accelerate MDG progress and their replicability. The National Dialogues should to the extent possible include reliable and MDG-related trends and inequality analyses.

2. Composition: The following working groups, with agreed coordinating/convening agency in parenthesis, were agreed by the UNCT:

Millennium Declaration: Governance and human rights (UNDP)

MDG 1: food security (WFP) and poverty, including urban poverty (UNDP)

MDG2: universal primary education (UNICEF)

MDG3: gender equality and women's empowerment (UNFPA)

MDG4: child mortality reduction (UNICEF)

MDG5: maternal health (UNFPA)

MDG6: HIV/AIDS (HIV/AIDS) and Tuberculosis, Malaria (WHO)

MDG7: Water & Sanitation (UNICEF) and (Environment/Climate Change/Disaster Management (UNDP)

MDG8: ODA, trade and tariffs (UNDP), target 16 - *develop and implement strategies for decent and productive work for youth* - merged with MDG 1 and Target 17 - *Access to affordable essential drugs* - merged with MDG 4, 5 and 6.

Migration: (IOM)

3. Role of coordinating/convening UN agency: The coordinating/convening UN agency's representative will prepare the national dialogue in close consultation with government. The coordinating/convening agency will call together the relevant GoB ministries, UN agencies, development partners, national experts and other relevant participants to contribute to the analysis of the respective MDGs. The analysis should reflect the latest and most reliable information currently available. The coordinating/convening agency will ensure that non-resident agencies which could significantly contribute to the analysis are called into the discussion as needed. The coordinating/convening agency is responsible for compiling information/analyses generated by the group, addressing any emerging issues with participating agencies, and completing the final assessment for the UNCT (see attached template)

4. Role of participating agencies: The participating agencies will ensure that their participation is consistent (same staff member) and regular (attend all meetings). The participating

agency representative must ensure that s/he receives feedback from all groups and that the staff member attending meetings is empowered to make decisions/contributions on the agency's behalf. Any emerging issues from the group can be discussed between the participating agency's representative and the convening/coordinating representative if needed.

5. **Organization of the MDG National Dialogues:** The Working Groups should complete the analysis by early April. The RC will schedule a UNCT meeting to collectively finalize and endorse the material for the MDG dialogues. The dialogues will be scheduled in close consultation with the relevant ministries, one of which should be a lead ministry that can also co-chair the dialogue. Presentations at the dialogue from civil society luminaries should be a centre piece.