GOAL 3: PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN

THE TARGET: Eliminate gender disparities in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015. THE CHALLENGE: An estimated 63 million primary age girls are still not enrolled in school. And in only 9 countries in the world are 1 in 3 or more seats in parliament held by women. PROGRESS/REVERSAL: Progress towards gender equality in education has been made in most regions, but Africa, south-central and western Asia, and Oceania are still well short of the target.

GOAL 4: REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY

THE TARGET: Reduce by two thirds between 1990 and 2015 the under-five mortality rate. THE CHALLENGE: Nearly 11 million children under the age of 5 die in the world every year — well over 1,200 every hour, most from easily preventable or treatable causes. PROGRESS/REVERSAL: In some regions there is good progress towards achieving the child mortality target, but in sub-Saharan Africa there has been no significant progress from 1990 to 2001, and in south-central and western Asia, and in Oceania, progress is still too slow.