where does the world stand in meeting the millennium development goals?

GOAL 1: ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER

THE TARGET: Halve the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day and those who suffer from hunger by 2015. THE CHALLENGE: Today in the developing world an estimated 1.2 billion people survive on less than $1 a day. 800 million are undernourished and 153 million children under age five are underweight. In sub-Saharan Africa half the population lives in poverty. PROGRESS/REVERSAL: In sub-Saharan Africa and western Asia the proportion of people living in extreme poverty has actually increased since 1990, while in Latin America and the Caribbean it is unchanged. Eastern and south-eastern Asia are on pace to meet the income poverty goal and south-central Asia is making good progress. Two thirds of those who live on less than $1 a day live in Asia.

POVERTY
Percentage of the population living below $1 a day* (excluding countries classified by the World Bank as high income)

GOAL 2: ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION

THE TARGET: Ensure that all boys and girls complete primary school by 2015. THE CHALLENGE: An estimated 114 million children of primary age in the world are not enrolled in school, depriving one in every five children of access to even the most basic education. PROGRESS/REVERSAL: Sub-Saharan Africa, south-central Asia and western Asia need to greatly accelerate their progress if the goal is to be met.

PRIMARY ENROLMENT
Net primary enrolment ratio (enrolles per 100 children of enrolment age)