

Three key lessons from MDG monitoring



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- Effective monitoring of global goals and targets rests on different levels of data work that complement and mutually reinforce each other.
 - All data are national data; countries have been leading the revolution in data availability and quality.
 - Country level efforts have been supported by coordinated initiatives at regional and global levels.
 - A strong foundation for collaboration has developed but arrangements need to be formalized and further strengthened.

- The MDGs led to stronger emphasis on monitoring and reporting progress at different levels and resulted in innovations in indicators and methods.
 - MDGs put focus on high-quality data, comparable across time and countries.
 - The development and refinement of indicators has encouraged groundbreaking work at both the national and international levels.
 - Given the broader post-2015 agenda, even greater commitment and innovative work will be needed.

- Monitoring goals and targets well requires a huge level of effort and substantial commitment.
 - Adequate resources needed for data collection, compilation, analysis, and reporting at appropriate levels.
 - More indicators, more frequently, more disaggregation, more dissemination means more work.
 - Trade-offs between quantity and quality of indicators, potential to make better use of existing data.