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The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) present a key opportunity to improve the enjoyment of people's human rights around the world. Conversely, the MDGs will only be achieved in a sustainable way if States' human rights obligations are respected and strengthened in the strategies aimed at achieving the Goals.

Within the framework of its mandate (developing a culture of human rights and democracy and contributing to regional conflict prevention, peace building and development initiatives in Central Africa), the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa works to ensure that the human rights aspects of these strategies are primarily highlighted in its area of coverage including in Cameroon, Congo and Equatorial Guinea.



In Cameroon

The Centre is working to raise awareness on the MDG process and its potential benefits to the human rights community, firstly by drawing the attention of the Government, the members of the Parliament, the United Nations Country Team (UNCT), journalists and civil society organisations to UN human rights mechanisms and the relevance of the MDGs to their everyday work.

In this regard, and in collaboration with UNCT, the Centre is actively contributing to the strengthening of the national human rights protection systems by assessing conventions ratified by Cameroon and their provisions, through a national consultation. The report should be available by November 2008.

The Centre is organizing a training seminar for UNCT program Officers to provide them with tools to play its role towards the rights holders and the government for the realisation of MDGs.

In addition, the Centre trained 25 journalists on Human Rights based approach to reporting.

In Congo and Equatorial Guinea

The Centre started consultation with the UNCT towards human rights capacity building.

The Centre will provide assistance in the fight against discrimination and stigmatisation of persons living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Resources on MDGs and Human Rights

Millennium Development Goals - <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

Millennium Development Goals and Human Rights - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/millennium-development/index.htm>

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Millennium Development Goal	Key Related Human Rights Standards
Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger	Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 25(1); ICESCR article 11
Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education	Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 25(1); ICESCR articles 13 and 14; CRC article 28(1)(a); CEDAW article 10; CERD article 5(e)(v)
Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women	Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 2; CEDAW; ICESCR article 3; CRC article 2
Goal 4: Reduce child mortality	Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 25; CRC articles 6, 24(2)(a); ICESCR article 12(2)(a)
Goal 5: Improve maternal health	Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 25; CEDAW articles 10(h), 11(f), 12, 14(b); ICESCR article 12; CRC article 24(2)(d); CERD article 5(e)(iv)
Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases	Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 25; ICESCR article 12, CRC article 24; CEDAW article 12; CERD article 5(e)(iv)
Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability	Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 25(1); ICESCR articles 11(1) and 12; CEDAW article 14(2)(h); CRC article 24; CERD article 5(e)(iii)
Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development	UN Charter articles 1(3), 55 and 56; Universal Declaration of Human Rights articles 22 and 28; ICESCR articles 2(1), 11(1), 15(4), 22 and 23; CRC articles 4, 24(4) and 28(3)

*/ ICESCR (International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)
ICCPR (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)
CERD (International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination)
CEDAW (International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)
CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Child)



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