ARAB MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS ATLAS

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Over the past years, tremendous progress has been made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), specifically in several sectors including health, education, eliminating gender disparities in primary education, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, and ensuring environmental sustainability. However, a number of challenges remain, particularly in the least developed countries.

GOAL 1: ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER

Over the years, Arab countries have succeeded in lowering the percentage of the population living in extreme poverty. However, significant challenges remain, especially in the least developed countries.

GOAL 2: ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION

Efforts have been made to ensure universal primary education, but significant gender disparities remain, particularly in rural areas.

GOAL 3: PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN

While progress has been made in terms of literacy rates and women's participation in the labor market, gender disparities persist, especially in access to education and employment.

GOAL 4: REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY

Despite progress, child mortality remains a significant challenge, particularly in remote and rural areas.

GOAL 5: IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH

Progress has been made in reducing maternal mortality rates, but significant challenges remain, particularly in the least developed countries.

GOAL 6: COMBAT HIV/AIDS, MALARIA AND OTHER DISEASES

While progress has been made in terms of reducing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and malaria, significant challenges remain, particularly in remote and rural areas.

GOAL 7: ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Efforts have been made to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, but significant challenges remain, particularly in the context of industrial development.

GOAL 8: DEVELOP A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT

Efforts have been made to increase aid and other forms of assistance, but significant challenges remain, particularly in the context of achieving the MDGs.

The Atlas provides readers with visual comparative mapping of indicators and trend data over the past years, and highlights the need for continued efforts to achieve the MDGs.

Source: United Nations Statistics Division 2010 Database