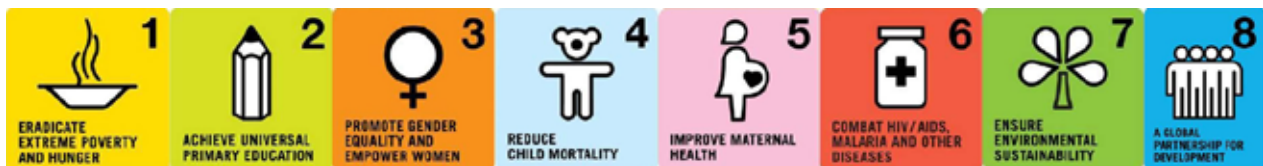


The Millennium Development Goals and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)



Health and Development held back by NCDs

- The Millennium Development Goals state that health is critical to the economic, political and social development of all countries, yet they contain no goals or targets for NCDs, the largest burden of disease in low- and middle-income countries
- NCDs – which include diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer and chronic respiratory disease – cause 60% of all deaths globally (35 million) each year
- 4 out of 5 deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries
- NCDs share the common risk factors of tobacco use, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity
- NCDs only receive 0.9% of health official development assistance (ODA)
- The provision of affordable essential medicines could save millions of lives each year
- Financial and technical assistance is needed to turn around the NCD epidemic that threatens to undo development gains made worldwide
- NCDs are a major cause of poverty, a barrier to economic development, and a neglected global emergency

DON'T LET NCDs UNDERMINE THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS – IT'S TIME TO ACT!