



MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)

Agreed by the world's leaders at the United Nations' Millennium Summit in 2000, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) aim to reduce world poverty and improve lives while protecting the global environment. Two of these targets seek to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015.

The scale of that challenge is immense. UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (WHO) say six years after the goal was set, 1.1 billion people still do not have access to safe drinking water and 2.6 billion still lack reasonable sanitation. Some 4,500 children die every day from the consequences of unsafe water and inadequate hygiene, according to WHO's 2004 figures (WHO/UNICEF figures, 2004)

"The world is in danger of missing targets for providing clean water and sanitation unless there is a dramatic increase in the pace of work and investment between now and 2015," the agencies said in a joint report.

The SkyJuice Foundation's mission is to advance the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for water and sanitation through stakeholder partnerships delivering water and sanitation solutions that are sustainable, affordable and appropriate to communities in developing nations and for emergency and disaster relief .