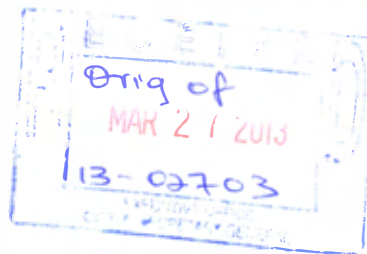


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22 March 2013

Dear Secretary-General,

Thank you for your letter of 13 March highlighting the fast approaching milestone of 5 April which will mark 1,000 days to the end of 2015, and the deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

This is indeed an important opportunity for all of us involved in this endeavor to reaffirm our commitment and galvanise new efforts to accelerate progress on the MDGs.

It is also an opportunity to celebrate our successes so far. Nevertheless, there remains much to be done, particularly in countries where progress has been slow or fragile, or where progress has been uneven. The UN Country Teams led by the Resident Co-ordinators have been at the heart of MDG-related work, supporting governments and other national partners in their efforts to make progress, through advocacy, policy support, technical advice, and implementation support.

I have invited Resident Co-ordinators and UN Country Teams to observe the week of 5 April in a manner appropriate to their national context, working with governments, civil society, and other partners, and to use this moment to re-energise support around the MDGs and to inspire further action.

His Excellency
Mr. BAN KI-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York





I am pleased to attach a copy of my letter to the Resident Co-ordinators

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Helen Clark', is positioned above the printed name.

Helen Clark



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

13 March 2013

Dear Ms. Clark,

An important milestone is around the corner. Friday 5 April 2013 will mark 1,000 days to the end of 2015 – the deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This event provides an important opportunity for communities around the globe to galvanize attention and action.

In this regard, Resident Coordinators and United Nations Country Teams have an important role to play. For more than a decade, our colleagues on the ground have helped to build the MDG successes we can share with the world, supporting Governments in their efforts to meet the Goals. At the same time, progress has been uneven between and within countries and is lagging on some of the key goals.

As we work to shape the post-2015 development agenda, we must stay focused on meeting the MDGs. Indeed, greater progress towards the MDGs will fuel confidence and mobilize support for an ambitious post-2015 development agenda.

I am inviting Resident Coordinators and United Nations Country Teams to make the most of the 1,000-day moment – starting on 5 April 2013 and continuing through 12 April 2013 – to highlight MDG progress along with the need to accelerate action as we approach the target date.

Ms. Helen Clark
Administrator
United Nations Development Programme
Chair
United Nations Development Group
New York

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In planning these events, country teams are encouraged to coordinate with Governments, civil society and international partners and tailor global efforts to national and local conditions. I am confident that the tremendous creativity of our colleagues, energy and ideas will help fully utilize this unique moment.

The MDGs have helped unite the world and inspire action. Let us harness that spirit to help deliver in the final 1,000 days.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon



22 March 2013

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Dear Colleagues,

April 5, 2013 marks the beginning of the 1,000-day countdown to December 31, 2015 – the target date for achieving the MDGs.

Since the MDGs were formulated, they have helped to guide policy, co-ordinate efforts and bring partners together around shared objectives for human development. You and the UN country teams have been at the heart of this work – supporting national efforts through advocacy, partner outreach, technical advice, implementation assistance, MDG acceleration, and reporting on outcomes. There have been many successes, but there are also areas of concern where progress is slow or fragile.

The global MDG acceleration conference, which I attended in Bogotá from 27-28 February 2013, highlighted important lessons learned from progressing the MDGs. I encourage you all to visit the following website for further details:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/events/2013/february/27-28-february--making-the-mdgs-work.html>.

The week of April 5- 12, 2013 has been identified as the beginning of a last 1,000 days countdown period for the MDGs targets. During that week, MDG achievements can be celebrated and efforts to accelerate progress on lagging goals reinforced, for example, by boosting implementation of MDG Acceleration Action Plans.

The Secretary-General has requested that UNCTs mark this key moment in an appropriate manner, working with governments, civil society, and international partners. There are also events being organized in connection with this at Headquarters. Information on these events will be provided shortly. For further details, please contact Abdel-Rahman Ghandour, Deputy Director, Communications, Bureau for External Relations and Advocacy (Email: abdel-rahman.ghandour@undp.org) or Pragati Pascale, Chief, Development Section, Department of Public Information (pascale@un.org).



Achieving the MDGs remains a top priority. The more which can be achieved during the 1000 days countdown to 31 December 2015, the more credible the approach of defining goals and targets beyond that time will be.

Yours sincerely,

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Helen Clark

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From: Helen Clark
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter addressed to the United Nations Secretary-General in response to the letter dated 13 March 2013 (also attached for easy reference)

We highly appreciate your kind assistance in bringing this to the attention of the Secretary-General and acknowledging this email.

Hard copies will be delivered via interoffice mail next week.

Many thanks and best regards,

Executive Office
UNDP
New York