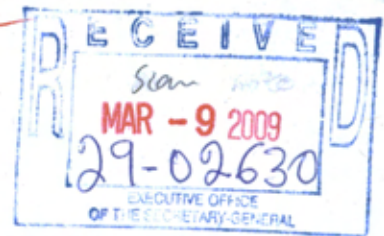


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Note to Mr. Nambiar

Status of the 2009 Report of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Gap Task Force

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On behalf of the MDG Gap Task Force, I am writing to inform you of the status of the work of the Task Force.

Following the launch and publication of the 2008 Report at the MDG High-Level Event in September 2008, and the Financing for Development follow-up Conference in Doha in December 2008, the Task Force has started work on the 2009 Report. The Report will continue to analyze gaps in the areas of Official Development Assistance, Market Access (trade), External Debt, and Access to Essential Medicines and Technology. While the 2008 Report focused on the "delivery gap", the 2009 Report will further analyze the "coverage gap", that is, it will take a closer look at the distribution of benefits in support of the MDGs across countries. In addition, the 2009 Report will feature the possible effects of the global financial crisis on "Delivering on the Global Partnership for Achieving the MDGs". All the participating United Nations agencies, the World Bank, the IMF and the WTO have reconfirmed their commitment to cooperate in the production of this publication.

We intend to submit the draft of the report to you no later than 15 June 2009 in order to receive your clearance. We would like to seek your support to ask the Secretary-General to present the Report at an appropriate venue during the General Assembly. Subsequently, the Task Force proposes to have a worldwide press launch of the Report and disseminate its findings.

The Task Force would appreciate receiving your views on the proposed handling of the report, including your agreement to present Report to the General Assembly.

Jomo Kwame Sundaram
5 March 2009

cc: The Deputy-Secretary-General
Mr. Ad Melkert

