

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- In the scale of the globe, the number of child deaths declined to an estimated 8.8 million in 2008 from 12.6 million in 1990.
- During 1960-1990, child mortality in developing regions was halved to one child in 10 dying before the age of five.
- Praiseworthy is China, which is for the first time on track to meet the child survival goal. Also several other countries have made significant progress.

CHALLENGES:

- The reduction is progressing too slow. If worldwide trends continue through 2015, the reduction in child deaths will be only 35%.
- The most urgent actions need to be taken in sub-Saharan Africa, where the proportion of child deaths is still high.
- The reduction of child mortality is very uneven. For instance in China child mortality rates in developed areas are much lower than in less developed areas.
- Out of 68 priority countries only 16 is on track to meet the goal. 26 made insufficient progress, and 26 made no progress at all.