

### **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Net disbursements of official development assistance (ODA) in 2008 increased 10.2 per cent to \$
- For the average developing country, the burden of servicing external debt fell from almost 13 per c
- Over \$117 billion of unpayable debt has been written off through the Heavily Indebted Poor Count
- 35 countries are currently receiving debt relief, with 5 still able to qualify when they meet the neces

### **CHALLENGES:**

- Total aid remains well below the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent of gross national income. In
- In general, aid is targeted to the poorest countries (that is, those countries classified as 'least deve