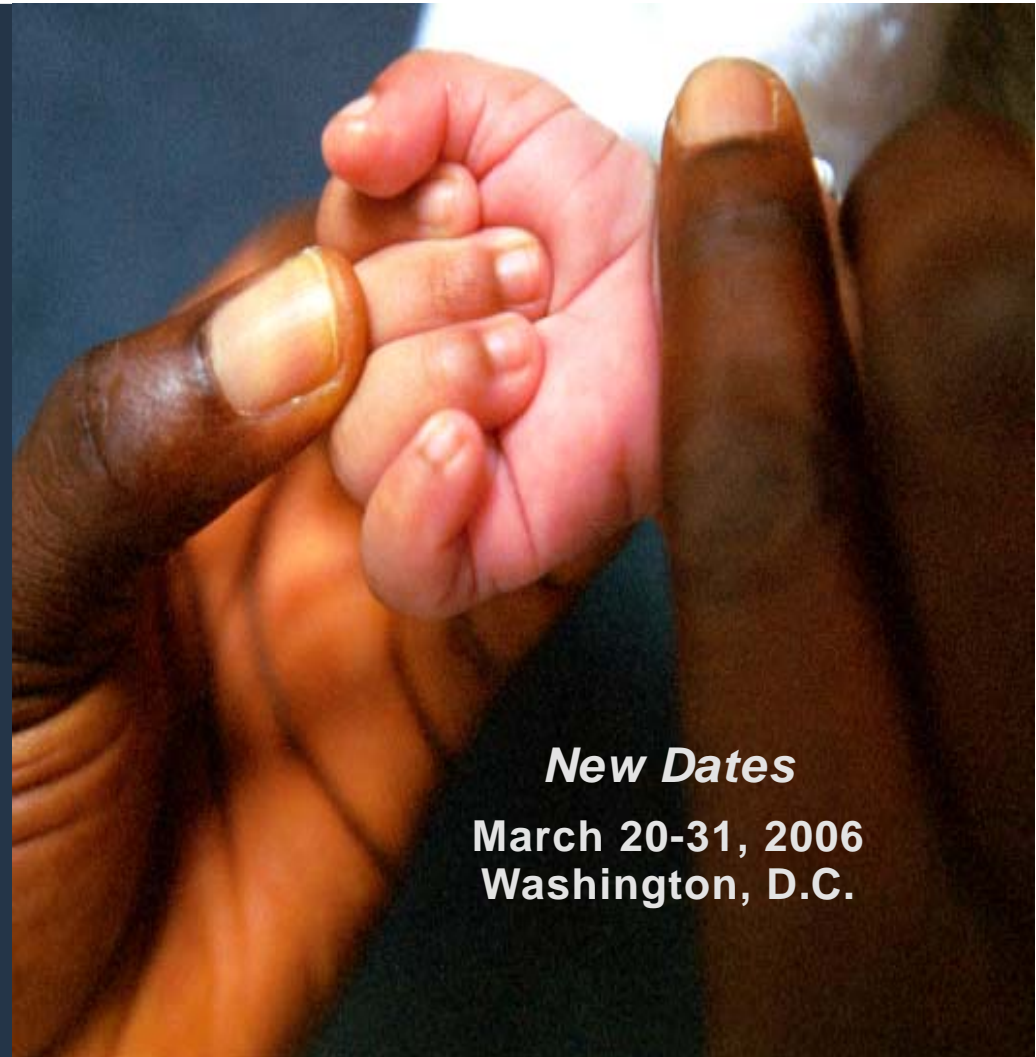


**Accelerating
Progress
Towards
the Health
MDGs
and other
Health
Outcomes**



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New Dates

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Background

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were endorsed by over 150 member states at the UN Millennium Summit in September 2001. More than half of the MDGs directly or indirectly concern health and today there are several alarming trends in the health indicators that need to be addressed in order to achieve those health-related MDGs.



How to Rise to the Challenges?

Analysis has shown that this is possible in all regions and countries. Effective interventions exist but are not being used by the people who would most benefit. Increased targeted government spending can help but improved policies and institutions are critical. **Strengthening these policies and institutions requires working across interrelated areas:**

- Lowering financial and non-financial barriers;
- Improving the performance of health providers;

- Facing human resources challenges and ensuring adequate resources;
- Improved access to medicines and essential supplies.

The World Bank Institute in collaboration with World Bank Operations and the Health, Nutrition, and Population Hub of the World Bank, has developed a course which brings these issues to the forefront.



Content and Design

The course will share tools and knowledge of reforms, the role of government, essential public health functions and new finance modalities in order to empower participants to become effective agents of change. In addition to lectures, this two-week course employs adult learning techniques such as interactive group work, debate and action learning. Participants are also asked to present case examples from their own experience.

- Day 1: Introduction, setting of the stage
- Day 2: Achieving & measuring health outcomes
- Day 3: Role of households & communities
- Day 4: Multi-sectoral determinants of MDGs
- Day 5: Improving health system performance
- Day 6: Role of government & decentralization
- Day 7: Overcoming financial & costing constraints
- Day 8: Instruments & means
- Day 9: Accountability, monitoring & evaluation
- Day 10: Group presentations, conclusions

Objectives

The main message of the course highlights the fact that money counts, but that more money and economic growth are of themselves not enough to achieve the MDGs. Systems matter, as do supporting institutions, households and communities. Specific learning objectives include:

- Learning how to apply a framework to better achieve health, nutrition, and population outcomes;
- Understanding the role of the public sector, and the impact of health systems performance on the MDGs;
- Using health sector reform to achieve health outcomes;
- Learning how to apply diagnostic, planning and implementation support tools.

Target Audience

Key players for achieving the MDGs, but not necessarily at the highest levels:

- **Government representatives:** director and program manager levels at Ministries of Health, Finance and Planning, Education, Water and Sanitation, Transport, Women and Child, Gender, Social Welfare, Social Funds, Local governments;
- **Civil society organizations:** key Non-Governmental Organizations, Community-based Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, academicians, think tanks and professional associations; and
- **Other Stakeholders:** bilaterals (in country and HQ), development banks, technical agencies such as WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, Global Fund and other initiatives, World Bank task team leaders.

Applications

Participants are encouraged to apply for the course through online registration at: <http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/acceleratingmdgs>.

The application form can also be downloaded from the above mentioned website and sent by email or fax to Ms. Shenna Ross.

The application deadline is January 15, 2006.

Financial Information

The course fee is USD1,500.00. In addition to the fee, participants are expected to cover their own travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses. Hotel cost for 14 days is approximately USD2,500.00. Subsistence expenses are approximately USD850.00 for 14 days.

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