

COMMITMENT 11: To reduce adult illiteracy to at least one half of the 1990 level

Illiteracy rate (%)

	1990 %	1998 %	PROGRESS OR REGRESSION	GOAL 2000 %		1990 %	1998 %	PROGRESS OR REGRESSION	GOAL 2000 %
Average	29.9	24.5			Average	29.9	24.5		
Afghanistan	73.1	65.1	→	36.5	Lesotho	22.1	17.6	→	11.1
Albania	22.6	16.5	→	11.3	Liberia	60.6	49.4	→	30.3
Algeria	45.7	34.5	→	22.9	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	31.8	21.9	→	15.9
Argentina	4.3	3.3	→	2.2	Lithuania	0.7	0.5	→	0.3
Armenia	2.6	1.8	→	1.3	Madagascar	42.0	35.1	→	21.0
Bahamas	5.3	4.5	→	2.7	Malawi	48.2	41.8	→	24.1
Bahrain	17.8	13.5	→	8.9	Malaysia	19.1	13.6	→	9.6
Bangladesh	65.0	59.9	→	32.5	Maldives	6.1	4.0	→	3.0
Belarus	0.7	0.5	→	0.3	Mali	74.4	61.8	→	37.2
Belize	10.9	7.3	→	5.4	Malta	11.5	8.5	→	5.8
Benin	71.9	62.3	→	36.0	Mauritania	63.6	58.8	→	31.8
Bolivia	21.6	15.6	→	10.8	Mauritius	20.1	16.2	→	10.1
Botswana	31.8	24.4	→	15.9	Mexico	12.2	9.2	→	6.1
Brazil ^A	19.1	13.8	→	9.6	Moldova, Rep. of	2.6	1.4	→	1.3
Brunei Darussalam	14.4	9.3	→	7.2	Mongolia	47.1	38.6	→	23.5
Bulgaria	2.8	1.8	→	1.4	Morocco	61.3	52.9	→	30.6
Burkina Faso	83.6	77.8	→	41.8	Mozambique	66.5	57.7	→	33.3
Burundi	62.0	54.2	→	31.0	Myanmar	19.2	15.9	→	9.6
Cambodia	69.3	62.6	→	34.7	Namibia	25.1	19.2	→	12.6
Cameroon	37.4	26.4	→	18.7	Nepal	69.4	60.8	→	34.7
Cape Verde	36.2	27.1	→	18.1	Netherlands Antilles	4.4	3.6	→	2.2
Central African Rep.	66.7	56.0	→	33.3	Nicaragua	35.1	32.1	→	17.5
Chad	72.3	60.6	→	36.2	Niger	88.6	85.3	→	44.3
Chile	5.9	4.6	→	3.0	Nigeria	51.4	38.9	→	25.7
China	23.0	17.2	→	11.5	Oman	45.3	31.2	→	22.6
Colombia	11.4	8.8	→	5.7	Pakistan	63.9	56.0	→	32.0
Comoros	46.2	41.5	→	23.1	Panama	11.0	8.6	→	5.5
Congo, Dem. Rep.	52.4	41.1	→	26.2	Papua New Guinea	42.4	36.8	→	21.2
Congo	32.9	21.6	→	16.5	Paraguay	9.7	7.2	→	4.8
Costa Rica	6.1	4.7	→	3.0	Peru	14.4	10.8	→	7.2
Côte d'Ivoire	66.2	55.5	→	33.1	Philippines	7.5	5.2	→	3.8
Croatia	3.1	2.0	→	1.5	Poland	0.4	0.3	→	0.2
Cuba	4.8	3.6	→	2.4	Portugal	12.6	8.6	→	6.3
Cyprus	5.7	3.4	→	2.8	Puerto Rico	8.5	6.7	→	4.3
Djibouti	47.0	37.7	→	23.5	Qatar	23.0	19.6	→	11.5
Dominican Republic	20.6	17.2	→	10.3	Romania	3.0	2.1	→	1.5
Ecuador	12.6	9.4	→	6.3	Russian Federation	0.8	0.5	→	0.4
Egypt	52.9	46.3	→	26.5	Rwanda	46.7	36.0	→	23.4
El Salvador	27.5	22.2	→	13.8	Samoa	24.0	20.3	→	12.0
Equatorial Guinea	26.7	18.9	→	13.4	Saudi Arabia	32.8	24.8	→	16.4
Eritrea	57.0	48.3	→	28.5	Senegal	71.7	64.5	→	35.8
Ethiopia	71.9	63.7	→	36.0	Singapore	11.1	8.2	→	5.6
Fiji	11.4	7.8	→	5.7	Slovenia	0.4	0.4	→	0.2
Gambia	74.4	65.4	→	37.2	South Africa	18.7	15.4	→	9.4
Ghana	41.6	30.9	→	20.8	Spain	3.7	2.6	→	1.9
Greece	5.0	3.1	→	2.5	Sri Lanka	11.3	8.9	→	5.7
Guatemala	38.8	32.7	→	19.4	Sudan	53.7	44.3	→	26.9
Guinea-Bissau	71.8	63.3	→	35.9	Swaziland	28.4	21.7	→	14.2
Guyana	2.8	1.7	→	1.4	Syrian Arab Republic	35.1	27.3	→	17.5
Haiti	60.3	52.2	→	30.1	Tajikistan	1.8	1.0	→	0.9
Honduras	31.5	26.6	→	15.8	Tanzania, U. Rep. of	36.2	26.4	→	18.1
Hong Kong, China (SAR)	10.0	7.1	→	5.0	Thailand	7.6	5.0	→	3.8
Hungary	0.9	0.7	→	0.4	Togo	54.0	44.8	→	27.0
India	50.7	44.3	→	25.4	Trinidad and Tobago	8.6	6.6	→	4.3
Indonesia	20.3	14.3	→	10.1	Tunisia	40.9	31.3	→	20.5
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	36.0	25.4	→	18.0	Turkey	22.0	16.0	→	11.0
Iraq	54.7	46.3	→	27.4	Uganda	43.9	35.0	→	22.0
Israel	6.1	4.3	→	3.0	Ukraine	0.6	0.4	→	0.3
Italy	2.3	1.7	→	1.1	United Arab Emirates	29.5	25.4	→	14.8
Jamaica	18.0	14.0	→	9.0	Uruguay	3.4	2.4	→	1.7
Jordan	18.7	11.4	→	9.4	Uzbekistan	16.7	12.0	→	8.4
Kenya	29.2	19.5	→	14.6	Venezuela	11.0	8.0	→	5.5
Korea, Rep. of	4.1	2.5	→	2.0	Viet Nam	9.5	7.1	→	4.8
Kuwait	22.5	19.1	→	11.3	Yemen	67.3	55.9	→	33.7
Lao, People's Dem. Rep.	63.8	54.0	→	31.9	Zambia	31.9	23.7	→	15.9
Latvia	0.2	0.2	→	0.1	Zimbabwe	19.3	12.8	→	9.6
Lebanon	19.7	14.9	→	9.9					

A: Data 1998 from PNAD 1998, Brazil.

Source: World Development Indicators 2000, World Bank.

COUNTRIES IN BLUE: Countries with 1990 starting point above average.

COUNTRIES IN GREY: Countries with 1990 starting point below average.

⊙ Goal met before 1990.

⊙→ Countries having met the goal before 1990 still progressing.

⊙← Countries having met the goal before 1990 but going backwards.

← Significant regression.

→ Some regression.

|| Stagnation.

→ Some progress.

→ Significant progress or goal already achieved.