

Practical Plan to Achieve Millennium Development Goals To Be Presented

If the world reaches the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015, more than 500 million people will be freed from poverty, 250 million will be relieved from hunger, and endangered lives of 30 million children and two million mothers will be saved, the UN Development Program (UNDP) said in a statement.

These are the findings of the UN Millennium Project, an independent advisory body headed by professor Jeffrey Sachs of the Columbia University.

The Millennium Project was formed by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, to define global plan for achievement of the MDGs by 2015.

The UN will present in Sarajevo on February 18 the results of the Millennium Project, as well as reports "Investing in Development: A Practical

Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals" and "A Short Reference to the State of Millennium Development Goals in BiH", which analyzes the MDGs in the specific context of BiH, providing data on poverty reduction, education, gender equality, health care and environment protection.

More than 250 world experts in the fields of development, health care and poverty reduction spent three years analyzing each and every aspect and cause of poverty.

They have identified needs and provided recommendations for actions they deemed necessary to achieve the MDGs. The report "Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals" has been described as the most important intellectual effort by the UN in the development sector over past several decades, cited the statement.