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Millennium targets are achievable for all: Sachs

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NEW DELHI: The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set by the UN are not only not being met in large parts of the world, including South Asia, there are even regions like sub-Saharan Africa where there has been backward movement on several parameters.

However, noted economist Jeffrey Sachs, who is the head of the Millennium Development Project, maintained on Wednesday that the 10 years left for the goals to be met were adequate even in the most deprived countries given the technology at our disposal as well as the resources committed.

Releasing the Millennium Project Report, entitled 'Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals' along with Indian agricultural scientist M S Swaminathan, the Nobel laureate said what was needed was political will in both the developed and developing countries.

The report proposes practical solutions for meeting the MDGs in reducing poverty, hunger, lack of education, child and maternal mortality, disease, and environmental instability by 2015. Commenting on the goals, Sachs said, "MDGs are important and unprecedented because they are specific, quantitative and time-bound."

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