

ACHIEVING THE POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE PRE- AND POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDAS IN ADDRESSING HEALTH - KENYA'S VISION 2030 APPROACH

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

The world leaders outlined **fundamental values** in the millennium declaration which they perceived as important for international relations (UN 2000). Kenya adopted the millennium declaration and set up a long term policy framework named **the Vision 2030** that would ensure that all the development strategies were responsive to the millennium declaration actionable goals-Millennium Development Goals. Progress towards achieving these goals has been monitored but how effective the Vision 2030 is in ensuring the progress towards achieving the millennium declaration fundamental values has not yet been conducted. Moreover the Vision 2030 lifespan transcends that of the MDG framework deadline of year 2015. Thus, it is important to see how fitly set the Vision 2030 is for the post-2015 development agenda.

METHOD

To achieve this study's objectives, a **literature and document review** was conducted along with an **analysis of available data** on MDG achievement progress. **Pubmed database** was searched in November 2013 for peer-reviewed literature on this topic. The documents reviewed were the Millennium Declaration, Vision 2030 Popular Version and Post 2015 High Level Panel report to find out the underlying policies objectives. The **United Nations Statistics Database** was **accessed** on 19th-20th November 2013 and data exported to MS Excel ©2007 for analysis. **UN MDGs 2013 status reports, Kenya's MDGs status reports 2005, 2007 and 2009, Vision 2030 first and second medium term reports** were reviewed to find out the reported progress of the health related millennium development goals.

FINDINGS

The fundamental values identified were **Freedom, Equality, Solidarity, Tolerance, Respect for Nature** and **Shared Responsibility**. Kenya has made some progress towards achieving the MDGs. The Vision 2030 **foundational areas for reformation** could only be weakly linked to

the Millennium Declaration stated Fundamental Values. No peer-reviewed literature was found on the Vision 2030 progress or relation to the fundamental values. Kenya is participating in the ongoing debates on the post-2015 development agenda framework however there is no specific statement of contribution from the Government. The 2013-2017 Vision 2030 mid-term plan has been released and here the government has indicated its commitment to the new development agenda proposed Sustainable Development Goals.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

In adopting the MDG agenda to national development framework very little attention has been given to the underlying policy objectives. In comparing monitoring of the progress towards MDGs attainment through targets to that of achieving the underlying policy objectives in Kenya, pre-eminence has been given to the former. Therefore much more needs to be done so as to ensure that the original intent of the millennium declaration - the fundamental values- has been observed and upheld in the remaining MDG framework lifespan and the forthcoming post-2015 development agenda through Kenya's Vision 2030.