

## HIGHLIGHTS

The following provides a summary of status of the various Goals, Targets, and Indicators.

### **Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger**

**Status:** The 1999 poverty assessment estimated that the proportion of persons living on income below the poverty line was 25.9%; the severity of poverty measured by the Foster, Greer, Thorbecke (FGT) index was 2.6%; the Gini coefficient was 0.37; and poverty gap ratio, 5.7%. No updated data are available. Data on the prevalence of underweight children and on the proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption were also not available.

### **Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education**

**Status:** Net enrolment ratio in primary education was 84.37% as early as 1998/99. The proportion of pupils starting grade 1 who reach grade 5 increased from 86.58% in 1998/99 to 98% in 2005/06. The literacy rate of 15-24 year-olds in 2001 was estimated at 95.12%.

### **Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women**

**Status:** The ratio of girls to boys in primary school was 101:100 in 1998/99 and 98:100 in 2005/06; the ratio of girls to boys in secondary school was 104:100 in 1998/99 and 91:100 in 2005/06; at the tertiary level, the ratio of girls to boys in tertiary education was 302:100 in 2003. The ratio of literate women to men, 15-24 years old was estimated in 2001 as 0.98. Women are still significantly under-represented in key decision-making positions in public life and leadership, although significant strides have been made in the last five years – the proportion of seats held by women in national parliament was 15.79% in 2000 and 21.05% in 2005. The share of women in paid employment in the non-agricultural sector was 41.96% in 2002 and increased to 42.73% in 2005.

### **Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality**

**Status:** Under-five mortality rate reduced from 20.7 per 1,000 live births in 2000 to 3.1 in 2005; infant mortality rate decreased from 6.9 per 1,000 in 2000 to 3.1 in 2005. Widespread immunization programmes are needed if the TCI is to achieve 100% coverage for immunization against measles – it was reported that 49.13% of 1 year-old children were immunized against measles in 2005.

### **Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health**

**Status:** In past years, there have been no maternal deaths and hence maternal mortality ratio was 0; and almost 100% of births were performed by skilled personnel except for approximately 1% of the births which were “born before arrival”.

### **Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases**

**Status:** Condom use at last high-risk sex was reported to be 63% in a 2003 survey. Prevalence of malaria cases in 2000 was 9.57 per 1,000 and reduced to 0 by 2005; prevalence of tuberculosis cases was 10.82 in 2000, 27.84 in 2003, but reduced to 16.34 in 2005; no cases of malaria or dengue were reported between 1998 and 2000 (PAHO); during the period 1996-2000, there was one death and 28 hospitalisations due to TB.

### **Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability**

**Status:** 79.1% of the TCI is forested. The proportion of protected marine is 10.29% of the total marine area. Hydrocarbon fuels are the main sources of energy used. According to the 2001 Population and Housing Census 3.0% of the total households used wood/coal as their cooking energy source. The majority of households either use LPG fuel (44.3%) or electricity as their cooking energy source. No data are collected for the TCI on energy use per unit GDP and on carbon dioxide emissions. According to the 2001 Population Census, 95.74% of the total households have access to improved water source (21.9% of households have piped water into their dwelling; 67.9% of the total household receive water through the private catchment source; and 6.0% access water through public wells/tanks). The Census also showed that 95.86% of the total households have access to adequate sanitation. However, this includes 27.6% of households having pit latrines, which is not always considered to be an adequate excreta waste disposal system in the Caribbean because of poor maintenance.

### **Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development**

**Status:** Unemployment rate for young people aged 15-24 years (both sexes) was 18.4% in 2001 according to the Population and Housing Census; telephone line and cellular subscribers per 100 population increased from 35 in 1998 to 105 in 2005.