



Tokyo, 24 July 2014 — Although poverty is declining overall, almost 800 million people are at risk of falling back into poverty if setbacks occur. Nearly 1.5 billion people in 91 developing countries are living in poverty with overlapping deprivations in health, education and living standards. And according to income-based measures of poverty, 1.2 billion people still live with \$1.25 or less a day.

The [2014 Human Development Report](#), released today by the [United Nations Development Programme](#) (UNDP), comes at a critical time as attention turns to the creation of a new development agenda following the 2015 deadline for achieving the [Millennium Development Goals](#).

Unless persistent vulnerability that threatens human development is systematically tackled by policies and social norms, progress will be neither equitable nor sustainable. This is the core premise of the 2014 Report. “By addressing vulnerabilities, all people may share in development progress, and human development will become increasingly equitable and sustainable,” stated UNDP Administrator Helen Clark today.

