Sanitation

Goal
Universal access to sanitary means of excreta disposal*

Result
Global sanitation coverage increased from 51 per cent to 61 per cent during the decade, extending access to improved sanitation facilities to an estimated 1 billion people.

…but
About 2.4 billion people, including more than half of all those living in Asia, still lack access. An estimated 80 per cent of those lacking sanitation live in rural areas. Many governments still do not give hygiene improvement high enough priority nor provide sufficient resources to reach the goal.

Issue
In 1990, 2.6 billion people lacked access to sanitary means of excreta disposal. Reaching them and keeping up with the increase in population was the challenge. Low-cost appropriate technologies and social mobilization campaigns were seen as crucial to success.

*Access to sanitary means of excreta disposal was determined by percentage of the population using improved sanitation facilities.

**No 1990 data.