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Global Development, according to the article *'What is Global Development?'* by Pietrow (2019), refers to the actions countries or organizations take to lend aid to other countries in need around the world. This is evident establishment of various development goals, including the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations (UN) which aims to support countries in achieving sustainable and productive development.

The Millenium Development Goals were established in the year 2000 which had a deadline of 15 years, it was aimed to address different problems of developing countries, including extreme poverty, hunger, diseases and the lack of access to education and healthcare, While the MDGs led to significant progress on the 8 goals it had outlined, the MDGs received backlash and were criticized for having a narrow scope, failing to emphasize on sustainability, economic growth and inequalities. critics argued that the MDGs’ focus were too narrow, being more focused on social development in developing countries rather than development as a whole. Which Led to a follow up global development framework, the Sustainable development Goals.

The Sustainable Development Goals was established to fill the gaps that the MDGs left in pursuing global development, this includes more emphasis on sustainable development, economic growth, and inequalities which were lacking in the former Millenium Development Goals, starting from 2015 and a deadline of 2030. The sustainable development goals act as a follow up to the MDGs that tackle development issues as a whole.

A simple search on the MDGs and SDGs clearly shows the limitations of the MDGs, which led to the creation of the SDGs as a follow-up. The MDGs had a total of eight target goals aimed at addressing issues in developing countries, while the SDGs expanded the existing 8 goals of the MDGS to 17 goals, now focusing more on comprehensive development while also emphasizing sustainability, which the MDGs were lacking. In conclusion, the SDGs were designed as an improved global development framework to address the shortcomings of the MDGs.