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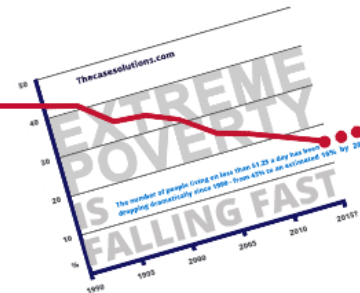


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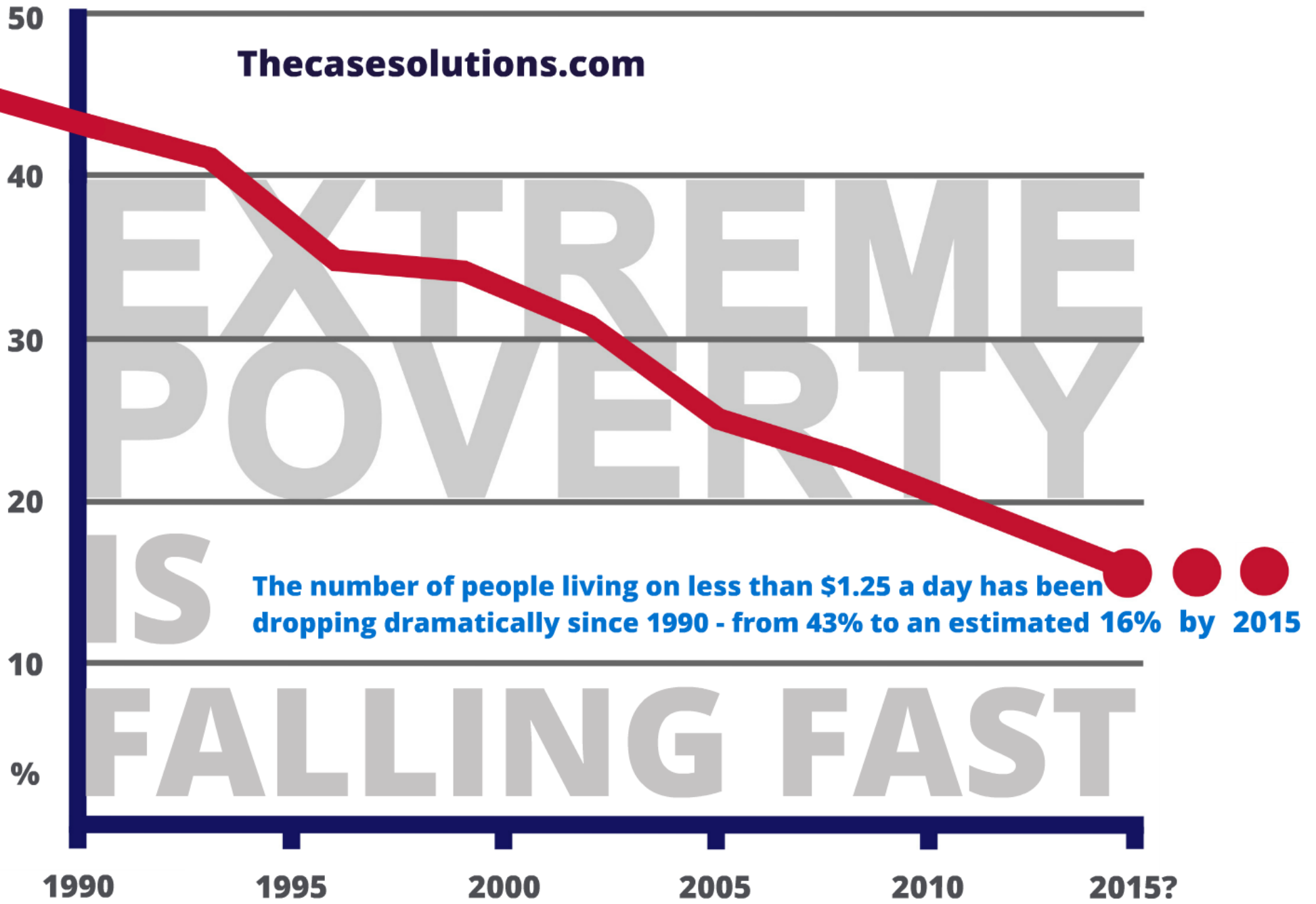
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...the group of G8 countries*
have promised to play their part
in international development
These are the promises they made
This is the progress so far...

***Canada, France, Germany, Italy,
Japan, Russia, the USA and UK**

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Promise: Aid and debt relief

Progress: Satisfactory ●

Over the last decade, the G8 made several commitments to help poor countries directly, from cancelling debts to increasing levels of aid.

While action to cancel debts has been agreed by all, the slowdown of the global economy has slowed down wider aid spending. Individual country assessments against the 2005 commitments shows mixed progress. But overall, aid to poor countries remained fairly constant.

Good progress is being made on making sure aid has a real impact - by agreeing ways to track where the money goes and to see what results it achieves. But there is still more work to be done.

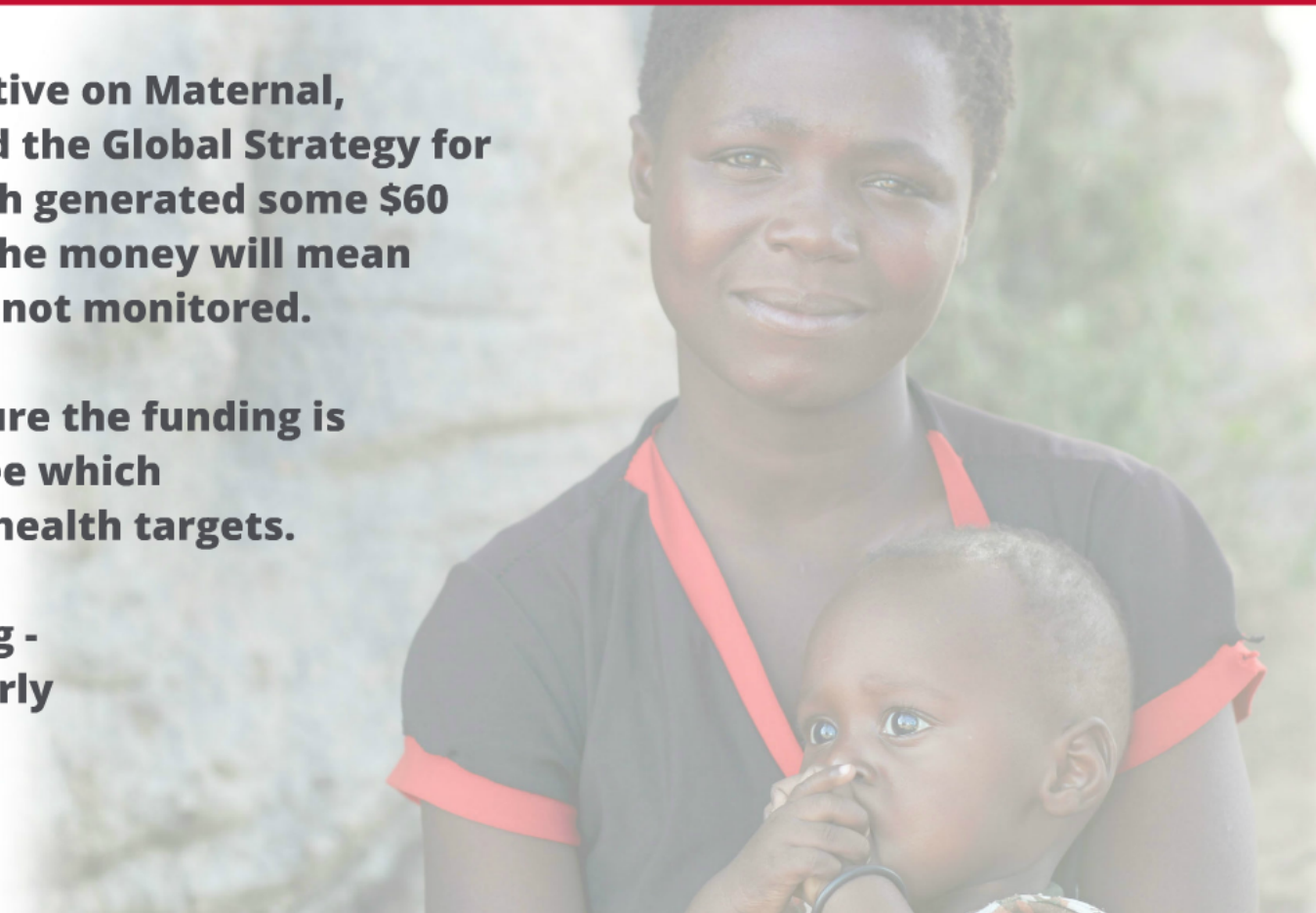
Promise: Aid

Case study: Canada 

In 2010 the G8 Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health generated some \$60 billion of commitments - but the money will mean nothing if it's effectiveness is not monitored.

Canada has helped to make sure the funding is evaluated at every level, to see which countries are achieving their health targets.

We now know what is working - globally, maternal deaths nearly halved from 1990 - 2011.



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Promise: Economic development

Progress: Good 

There has been positive progress by the G8 to support trade and development, including infrastructure and investment - particularly in Africa.

Much of this help has been in the form of financial or technical assistance, as well as building partnerships across trade regions among developing nations.

In total, the G8 contributed over \$20 billion in "aid for trade" by 2011. However, progress to halve the cost of sending money to individuals in developing countries has been slower than expected.