Anatomy of A Target

Targets get met when all of the elements come together. Effective targets that have impact are:



Resourced



Targets without sufficient resources are empty promises. Set the price tag, raise the resources and don't ask countries to do more with less.



Audacious



The best goals redefine possible. There were 50,000 people in low-income countries on ART in 2003. The 3 by 5 target changed the world.



Achievable



Effective targets reflect evidence and experience. AIDS science is evolving. We can't set a deadline for finding a cure. But we can aim high with research milestones.



Measurable



Quantification is key.
Prevention targets need to be tied to impact including incidence and other validated, indirect measures.



Accountable



Setting a target means taking responsibility for mobilizing resources, tracking progress and sharing data.



Political Support



Country-level support is key. Goals that originate in Geneva won't go anywhere without endorsement by leaders in hardhit countries.



Collective Priority



No one, including scientists, can set targets on their own. Civil society, policy makers and politicians all need to buy in.