END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

COVID-19 HAS LED TO THE FIRST RISE IN EXTREME POVERTY IN A GENERATION

An additional 119–124 million people were pushed back into extreme poverty in 2020.

The global poverty rate is projected to be 7% in 2030, missing the target of eradicating poverty.

As of April 2021, 118 countries reported national and/or local disaster risk reduction strategies, up from 45 in 2015.

Governments worldwide have put in place 1,600 short-term social protection measures in response to COVID-19.

But 4 billion people are still not covered by social protection.

END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC IS EXACERBATING WORLD HUNGER

WORLDWIDE, AN ADDITIONAL 70-161 MILLION PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO HAVE EXPERIENCED HUNGER AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC IN 2020

2014 2019 2020
607 MILLION 650 MILLION 720-811 MILLION

PANDEMIC WILL WORSEN CHILD MALNUTRITION

22% (149.2 MILLION) OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE STUNTED

6.7% (45.4 MILLION) OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 SUFFER FROM WASTING

5.7% (38.9 MILLION) OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE OVERWEIGHT (2020*)

*These 2020 estimates do not reflect impact of pandemic

ALMOST ONE THIRD OF WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE GLOBALLY SUFFER FROM ANAEMIA, IN PART DUE TO NUTRITION DEFICIENCIES

2.37 BILLION PEOPLE ARE WITHOUT FOOD OR UNABLE TO EAT A HEALTHY BALANCED DIET ON A REGULAR BASIS (2020)

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3. Good Health and Well-Being

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

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**The Pandemic**

Has halted or reversed progress in health and shortened life expectancy

90% of countries are still reporting one or more disruptions to essential health services

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**A Decade of Progress**

Could be stalled or reversed by COVID-19

- Reproductive Health
- Maternal Health
- Child Health

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**A Lack of Data**

Hinders understanding of the true impact of COVID-19

Countries with death registration system at least 75% complete

- 62% World
- <20% Sub-Saharan Africa

(2015-2019)

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**Scaling Up Investment in Universal Health Coverage**

Is essential

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**Health Workers**

In short supply in many regions — have been stretched to their limits by the pandemic

- Nurses and Midwives

Nurses

- 150 per 10,000 people

Midwives

- 10 per 10,000 people

Nothern America

(2013-2018)

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COVID-19 has wiped out 20 years of education gains.

An additional 101 million or 9% of children in grades 1 through 8 fell below minimum reading proficiency levels in 2020.

Participation in organized pre-primary learning increased from 65% in 2010 to 73% in 2019.

Now, many young children are entirely reliant on caregivers at home.

Slow progress in school completion is likely to get worse.

School completion rate:
- Primary: 2010 82%, 2019 85%
- Secondary: 2010 46%, 2019 53%

Basic school infrastructure to build back better is lacking in many countries.

Proportion of schools in LDCs with basic infrastructure (2016-2019):
- Drinking water: 56%
- Electricity: 33%
- Handwashing facilities: 40%

ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

WOMEN’S EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING IS CRUCIAL FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, BUT GENDER PARITY REMAINS FAR OFF

- 25.6% in national parliaments
- 36.3% in local government
- 28.2% in managerial positions (2021)

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PERSISTS AT UNACCEPTABLY HIGH LEVELS AND IS INTENSIFIED BY THE PANDEMIC

1 in 3 women (736 million) have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime since the age of 15 (2000-2018)

Up to 10 million girls will be at risk of child marriage over the next decade as a result of COVID-19

PANDEMIC IS ADDING TO THE BURDEN OF UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK AND SQUEEZING WOMEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE

Women already spend about 2.5 times as many hours as men on unpaid domestic and care work

BILLIONS OF PEOPLE STILL LACK ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN 2020

- 2 BILLION PEOPLE (26%) LACK SAFELY MANAGED DRINKING WATER
- 3.6 BILLION PEOPLE (46%) LACK SAFELY MANAGED SANITATION
- 2.3 BILLION PEOPLE (29%) LACK BASIC HYGIENE

ENSURING UNIVERSAL ACCESS IS FUNDAMENTAL FOR COVID-19 RECOVERY

2.3 BILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN WATER-STRESSED COUNTRIES (2018)

BETWEEN 1970 AND 2015, NATURAL WETLANDS SHRANK BY 35% ↓

3 x THE RATE OF FOREST LOSS

129 COUNTRIES ARE NOT ON TRACK TO HAVE SUSTAINABLY MANAGED WATER RESOURCES BY 2030

CURRENT RATE OF PROGRESS NEEDS TO DOUBLE

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**ENsure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all**

**One third** of the world’s population use dangerous and inefficient cooking systems (2019)

759 million people lack access to electricity
3 out of 4 of them live in Sub-Saharan Africa (2019)

Energy efficiency improvement rate needs acceleration

Accelerated action on modern renewable energy is needed — especially in heating and transport sectors

Modern renewable share of total final energy consumption (2018)

THE PANDEMIC HAS LED TO THE LOSS OF THE EQUIVALENT OF 255 MILLION FULL-TIME JOBS


1.6 BILLION INFORMAL ECONOMY WORKERS WHO LACK A SOCIAL SAFETY NET, WERE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS UNDER WAY

GLOBAL REAL GDP PER CAPITA (2017-2022)

BUT FOR MANY COUNTRIES, ECONOMIC GROWTH IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS ONLY IN 2022 OR 2023

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS

FELL FROM 1.5 BILLION IN 2019 TO 381 MILLION IN 2020 – INTERNATIONAL TOURISM IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO 2019 LEVELS FOR UP TO 4 YEARS

PANDEMIC WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN YOUTH NOT EMPLOYED, IN SCHOOL OR IN TRAINING

YOUNG WOMEN
31.1% RATE OF YOUTH NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (2019)

YOUNG MEN
14.0%

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BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION

GLOBAL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION PLUMMETED

AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

FALLING 6.8% IN 2020

2014 2016 2018 2020

MANUFACTURE OF MEDIUM- AND HIGH-TECH PRODUCTS
FUELLED ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN LATE 2020

4% GROWTH COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD IN 2019 (4TH QUARTER 2020)

2020 WAS CATASTROPHIC FOR AIR TRAVEL DEMAND

AIR PASSENGERS DROPPED FROM 4.5 BILLION IN 2019 TO 1.8 BILLION IN 2020, A 60% DECLINE

ENHANCING RURAL ROAD CONNECTIVITY HELPS REDUCE POVERTY

ALMOST 300 MILLION OUT OF 520 MILLION RURAL DWELLERS LACK GOOD ACCESS TO ROADS IN 25 COUNTRIES (2018-2019)

INCREASED INVESTMENT IN R&D IS ESSENTIAL TO FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR CRISSES SUCH AS COVID-19

$2.2 TRILLION GLOBAL INVESTMENTS IN R&D (2018)

1,235 RESEARCHERS PER MILLION INHABITANTS (2018)

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THE PANDEMIC IS LIKELY TO REVERSE PROGRESS MADE IN REDUCING INCOME INEQUALITY SINCE THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.

COVID-19 ESTIMATED TO INCREASE THE AVERAGE GINI FOR EMERGING MARKET AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY 6%.

THE GINI INDEX MEASURES INCOME INEQUALITY AND RANGES FROM 0 TO 100, WHERE 0 INDICATES THAT INCOME IS SHARED EQUALLY AMONG ALL PEOPLE, AND 100 INDICATES THAT ONE PERSON ACCOUNTS FOR ALL INCOME.

FOR EVERY 100,000 PERSONS, 311 ARE REFUGEES (2020).


REMITTANCE COSTS ARE AT AN ALL-TIME LOW AT 6.5% (2020).

FURTHER PROGRESS IS NEEDED TO REACH THE 3% TARGET.

IN 2020, 4,186 DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES WERE RECORDED ON MIGRATORY ROUTES WORLDWIDE.

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MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

THE PANDEMIC HAS WORSENED THE PLIGHT OF
SLUM DWELLERS

THE MAJORITY OF THE MORE THAN
1 BILLION SLUM DWELLERS
RESIDE IN THREE REGIONS (2018)

EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA
370 MILLION

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
238 MILLION

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ASIA
226 MILLION

16%
THE AVERAGE GLOBAL SHARE
OF URBAN AREA
ALLOCATED TO STREETS AND
OPEN PUBLIC SPACES (2020)
SHORT OF THE TARGET
OF 30% STREETS AND 10-15% OPEN PUBLIC SPACES

156 COUNTRIES HAVE DEVELOPED
NATIONAL URBAN POLICIES

BUT ONLY HALF ARE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

ONLY HALF OF THE WORLD’S URBAN POPULATION HAVE
CONVENIENT ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT (2019)

CONVENIENT ACCESS MEANS RESIDING WITHIN
500 M WALKING DISTANCE OF A BUS STOP/LOW-CAPACITY TRANSPORT SYSTEM
AND 1,000 M OF A RAILWAY OR FERRY TERMINAL

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ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

THE GLOBAL “MATERIAL FOOTPRINT” INCREASED BY 70% BETWEEN 2000 AND 2017

- 1 MILLION PLASTIC DRINKING BOTTLES ARE PURCHASED EVERY MINUTE
- 5 TRILLION SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS ARE THROWN AWAY EACH YEAR

ELECTRONIC WASTE CONTINUES TO PROLIFERATE AND IS NOT DISPOSED OF RESPONSIBLY

- EACH PERSON GENERATED ABOUT 7.3 KILOGRAMS OF E-WASTE
- BUT ONLY 1.7 KILOGRAMS WAS RECYCLED (2019)

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES STILL HAVE VAST UNTAPPED POTENTIAL FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

- NEW RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY CAPACITY
  - 880 WATTS PER CAPITA DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
  - 219 WATTS PER CAPITA DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
  - 4X

DESPITE PROGRESS, FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES CONTINUE TO THREATEN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND 2030 AGENDA

- $432 BILLION IN 2019
- A DECLINE OF 21% FROM 2018

BY 2020, A TOTAL OF 700 POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES WERE REPORTED UNDER THE 10-YEAR FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAMMES ON SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION (FROM 83 COUNTRIES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION)

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**The Climate Crisis Continues, Largely Unabated**

- 2020 global average temperature at 1.2°C above pre-industrial baseline.
- Woeefully off track to stay at or below 1.5°C as called for in the Paris Agreement.

**Rising Greenhouse Gas Emissions Require Shifting Economies Towards Carbon Neutrality**

**Climate Finance Increased**

- By 10% from 2015-2016 to 2017-2018, reaching an annual average of $48.7 billion.

**125 of 154 Developing Countries Are Formulating and Implementing National Climate Adaptation Plans**

**Highest Priority Areas Include**

- Food Security and Production
- Terrestrial and Wetland Ecosystems
- Freshwater Resources
- Human Health
- Key Economic Sectors and Services

CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEA AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR OCEANS IS UNDER SEVERE THREAT

- PLASTIC/MARINE POLLUTION
- FISHERY COLLAPSE
- OCEAN WARMING
- ACIDIFICATION
- EUTROPHICATION

DEAD ZONES ARE RISING AT AN ALARMING RATE, FROM 400 IN 2008 TO 700 IN 2019

“DEAD ZONES” ARE AREAS OF WATER THAT LACK SUFFICIENT OXYGEN TO SUPPORT MARINE LIFE

OVER HALF OF MARINE KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS ARE NOT PROTECTED

OVER 3 BILLION PEOPLE RELY ON OCEANS FOR THEIR LIVELIHOODS

ABOUT HALF OF COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE HAVE ADOPTED SPECIFIC INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT SMALL-SCALE FISHERS

ON AVERAGE, ONLY 1.2% OF NATIONAL RESEARCH BUDGETS ARE ALLOCATED FOR OCEAN SCIENCE

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MORE THAN A QUARTER OF SPECIES ASSESSED BY THE IUCN RED LIST ARE THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION

PROPORTION OF SPECIES THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION

- Amphibians: 41%
- Conifers: 34%
- Reef-building corals: 33%
- Mammals: 26%
- Birds: 14%

PROGRESS TO SAFEGUARD KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS HAS STALLED OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS

GLOBAL MEAN PERCENTAGE OF EACH KEY BIODIVERSITY AREA COVERED BY PROTECTED AREAS (2021)

- Terrestrial: 43%
- Freshwater: 42%
- Mountain: 41%

IUCN RED LIST TRACKS DATA ON MORE THAN 134,400 SPECIES OF MAMMALS, BIRDS, AMPHIBIANS, REEF-BUILDING CORALS AND CONIFERS. MORE THAN 37,400 SPECIES ARE THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION.

PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

BUT THE WORLD HAS LOST 100 MILLION HECTARES OF FOREST IN TWO DECADES (2000-2020)

INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES NEGATIVELY AFFECT NATIVE BIODIVERSITY AND COST THE GLOBAL ECONOMY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY.

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THE PANDEMIC IS INTENSIFYING CHILDREN’S RISK OF EXPLOITATION INCLUDING TRAFFICKING AND CHILD LABOUR

1 IN 3 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS WERE CHILDREN (2018)

CHILD LABOUR ROSE TO 160 MILLION (2020) FIRST INCREASE IN TWO DECADES

IN 2020, THE KILLINGS OF 331 HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS WERE REPORTED IN 32 COUNTRIES AN 18% INCREASE FROM 2019

ONLY 82 COUNTRIES HAD INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS (2020)

BRIBERY IS AT LEAST FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES 37.6% THAN IN HIGH-INCOME COUNTRIES 7.2%

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STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**NET ODA**
- Reached a record high of $161 billion in 2020
- Representing 0.32% of donors’ GNI
- But still short of the target of 0.7% of GNI

**DEFYING PREDICTIONS, REMITTANCE FLOWS**
- To low- and middle-income countries reached $540 billion in 2020
- Only 1.6% below 2019 level

**FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT**
- Dropped by up to 40%
- $1.5 trillion (2019)
- Below $1 trillion (2020)

**NEARLY HALF OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION - 3.7 BILLION PEOPLE - ARE STILL NOT ONLINE**
- Despite the immense need for connectivity during the pandemic

**63% OF LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR DATA AND STATISTICS TO FACE THE CHALLENGES POSED BY THE PANDEMIC**

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