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# **The COVID-19 pandemic implications for the implementation of the SDGs**

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# Presentation Structure

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# Global pandemic is hindering SDGs implementation



- The impact is unclear, long-lasting, difficult to measure
- SDGs were not on track (HLPF, 2020)  
Several Targets of SDG1, SDG8, SDG10, SDG11, SDG13, in regress
- Global pandemic changed priorities of member states
- Important not to lose what is achieved
- Recovery towards sustainability



# Impact of global pandemic for society

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- 101 million people will live in poverty
- 83-132 million more in hunger and malnutrition
- 90% of countries' health services disruption
- 1.5 billion learners affected
- Temporary reduction of CO2 emissions, but overall increase of Greenhouse Gases
- Production of data crucial for SDGs disrupted
- Enhanced pressure for cooperation

(Source: UN, Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals Report of the Secretary-General 2021)



# 2030 Agenda is indivisible

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- 17 SDGs are interconnected
- Progress/regress in one SDG influences other SDGs
- Interconnections are context dependent
- Pandemic context has intensified interconnections between specific SDGs
- Identifying interconnections is important for recovery process and future challenges



# Key implications: Health and Well-Being

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## Intersection of health and sustainability is clearer by pandemic



Source: Adopted from: Effects of Covid-19 on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Shulla et al. 2021



# Key implications: Education

## Online education - unequal access to knowledge and technological resources

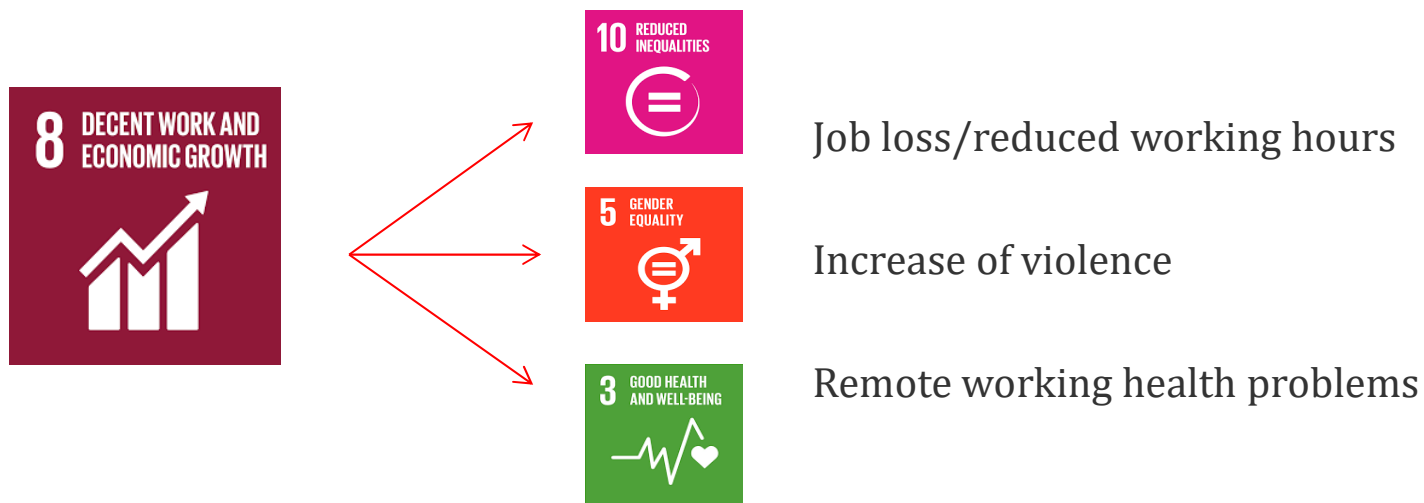


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# Key implications: Decent Work and Economic Growth

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## Forced home work can increase social-cultural injustice

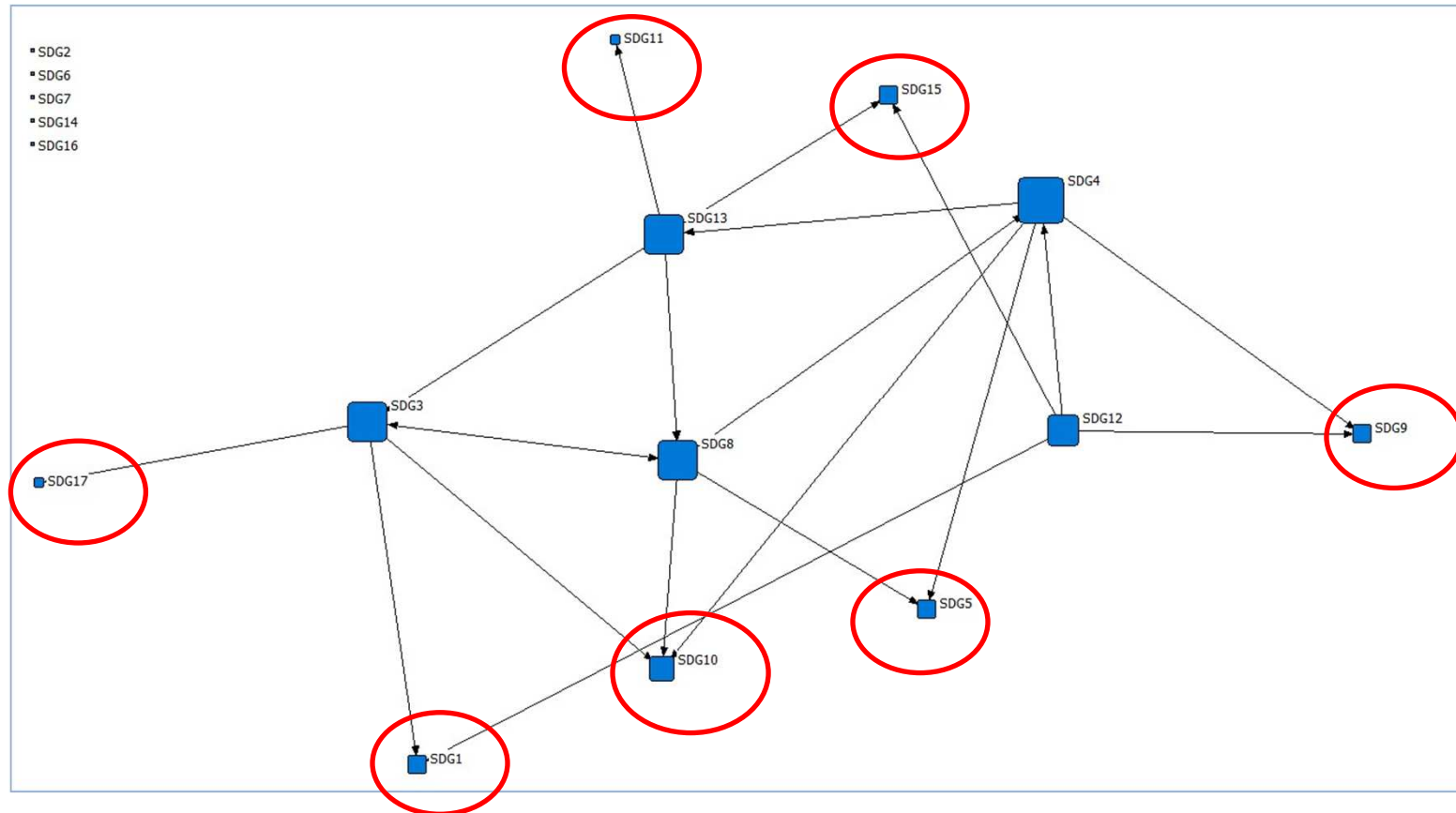


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# SDGs most influenced and influencing by global pandemic



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# Conclusions

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- SDGs framework is an important tool for post-pandemic recovery and policy response
- Financing for cluster SDGs with positive interdependencies to address multiple challenges
- Role of science in identifying ways to recover
- Sustainable policies can capture the benefits of behavior change
- Innovation to all sectors to adapt to new circumstances
- Global Cooperation



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# Thank you!

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