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What the United Nations has been working on in 2021 and 2022

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About this report

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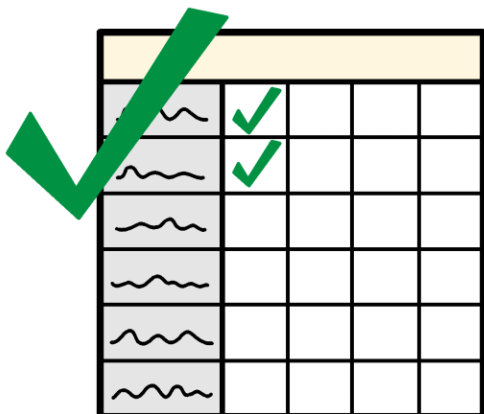


My job is Secretary-General for the United Nations (UN).



The United Nations is a place for 193 countries to meet and work together.

They are working to make the world better, fairer and safer.



This report is about some of the main work that we have done in the last year.

When we say we it means the United Nations.

We worked with many countries and organizations on this.

Some of our main work in the last year

Making the world better and fairer for everyone in the future



Covid-19

Covid-19 is an illness that many people in the world have been getting.

It is also called coronavirus.



Covid-19 is still causing big problems for many people.

For example, more people are poor now because of Covid-19.



We have been supporting countries to recover after Covid-19 and do well in the future.

That includes poorer countries.

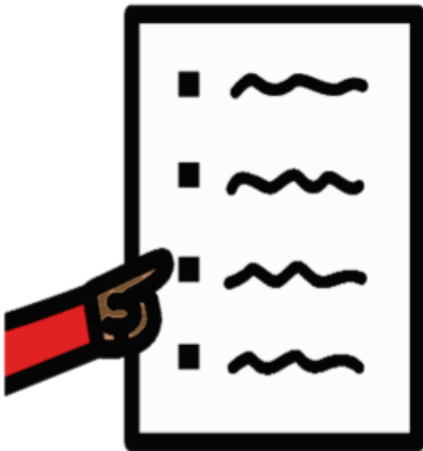


For example, in 2021 there were events and meetings about how the world can work together for a better future.

That includes making sure there is enough money and jobs to help all countries to do well.

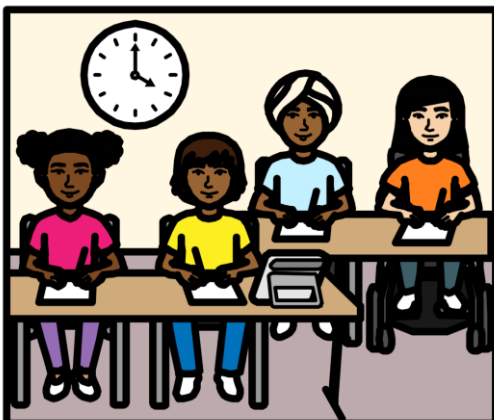
And making sure that everyone has enough money to live on.

Making sure that no one is left out



We are helping countries to work together more quickly to make the world better for everyone by the year 2030.

There are 17 big things that countries are working on.



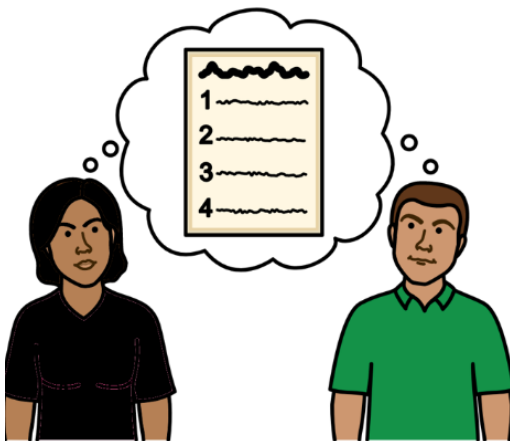
For example, countries want to stop people being poor and to make sure that everyone gets a good education.

Covid-19 has made that work harder. But it is important that countries work faster on the 17 things now.



We wrote a report about what the world should work on together in the next 25 years to be fairer for everyone.

Countries are ready to work on some of those things straight away.



We changed the way that we work in different countries.

That will help us give countries better support to make the world fairer for everyone by 2030.



We have worked to make life better for women and girls after Covid-19.

For example, we helped countries make plans about the rights of women and girls.



We also worked on a big project to help stop violence that usually happens to women and girls.

For example, the project helped more people to go to court or prison if they hurt women and girls.

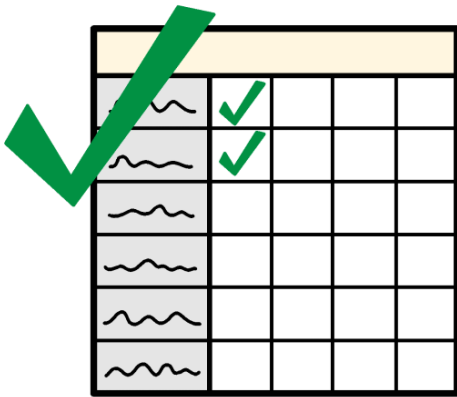
Climate change



Climate change is about the earth getting warmer.

That is causing big problems for people and the planet we live on.

For example, bad storms, floods and forest fires.



Many countries and businesses have promised to work faster to stop climate change.

We are working to make sure that they keep their promises.



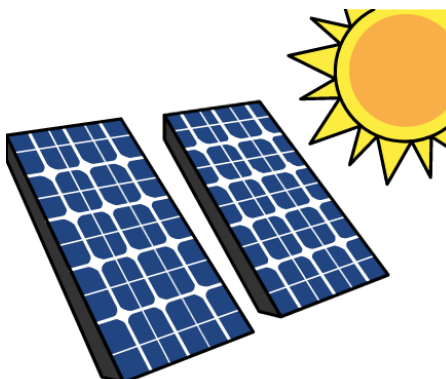
We had some meetings with countries about how to stop climate change.

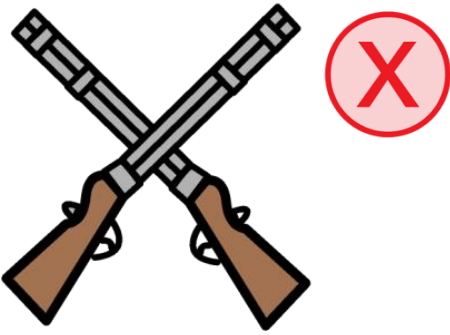
That includes:

- How to get and use food in a better way for climate change.

- How to get energy in a better way for climate change.

Energy is electricity and heat to keep our homes warm.





Helping the world to be peaceful and safe

We have worked to keep the peace and keep people safe in many parts of the world.

For example:

We worked with leaders and organizations to help stop fighting in some countries.

That helped people to talk more and solve problems instead of fighting.



We worked with governments to have fairer and safer elections.

Elections are when people vote to choose who they want to lead the country.



We have been working to keep the peace and keep people safe in many parts of the world.

That means we can take action if there are problems.

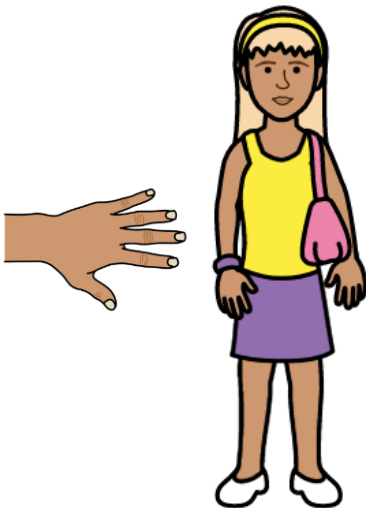




We supported more people to help make decisions about their country and about keeping peace.

That includes women and young people.

We also have more women leaders working to keep peace around the world.



We are working with countries to help stop violence that happens to children during war.

For example:

We have worked to help stop violence in many local communities.



We have worked with fighting groups to make plans to stop violence against children.



We have helped many children to leave fighting groups and take part in the community again.



Our work in Africa

Africa is an important part of the world that we work in.

We are working with countries in Africa to buy and sell things in a better way for Africa.



That could help people in Africa to have better lives. For example, more jobs and better support services.



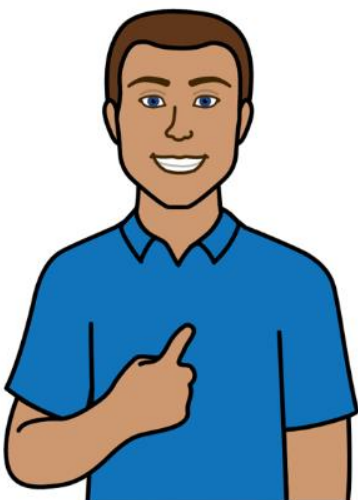
We are making sure that African people have a bigger say in our work.

Making sure that we respect people's human rights

Everyone in the world has human rights.

They are about how we should all be treated.

For example, everyone has the right to be safe and treated fairly.



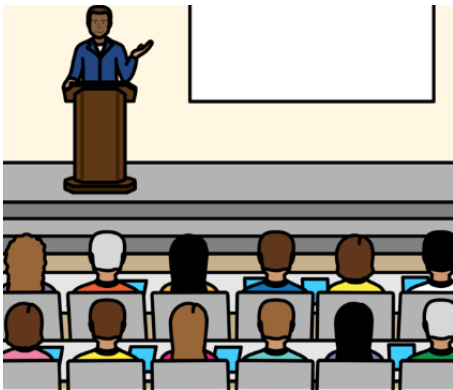


We have made human rights a bigger part of our work.

For example:

We now have an expert on climate change and human rights.

They will make sure that human rights are a big part of climate change work.



We have given training about human rights to many United Nations people who work to keep peace in different countries.



We have done other work to make sure that all groups of people are treated fairly.

That includes:

- Helping to make sure that people who come to other countries to work are treated fairly.
- Making sure that women and other people can get together to stand up for their human rights in a safe way.



Giving people the right support when big problems happen in the world

Like war and bad weather problems.



We helped to get more money for people who need urgent support in many countries.

That includes women, children and people with disabilities.



We helped people in different countries to get support quickly when there were big problems.

Like food and medicine.

And a safe way to leave the country.

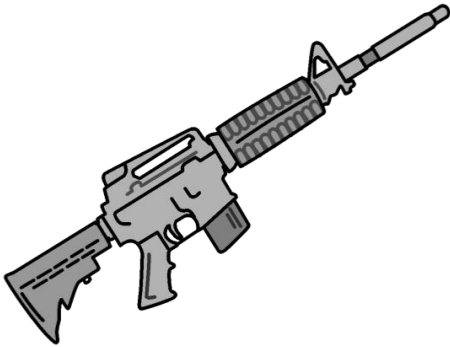
We worked with countries to find better ways to get ready for big problems that might happen.

Like not enough food and bad storms.

For example, we started a new way to use information about big problems that might happen and how to stop them.



Our work on weapons, drugs and crime



We are working with countries to have less weapons in the world.

Weapons are things that can kill people, like bombs and guns.

For example:

We helped with some big meetings about how to stop nuclear weapons in the world.

Nuclear weapons can kill many people.



We helped with a project to get rid of many guns.



We are working with countries to deal with some new drugs that can be dangerous.

These drugs are being made and used more around the world.

We also helped families to get support and training about these drugs.

Changing the way we work



We are changing the way we work to get ready for the future.

For example, we are looking at how to use information, computers and technology in a better way.



We are helping people to get good information they can trust about Covid-19.

We are also working to make sure that:

- We have more women managers and leaders.
- People from all different parts of the world have a fair chance of working for us.
- All groups of people who work for us are safe and treated fairly.

