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Secretary-General Progress Report on the Sustainable Development Goals

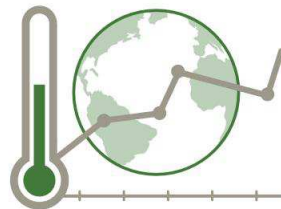
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Key Messages from the Report

The SDGs are in grave jeopardy due to multiple, cascading and intersecting crises



Together we turbo-charge our efforts to rescue the SDGs and deliver meaningful progress for people and the planet by 2030



Additional **75-95 million**
Live in **extreme poverty**
in 2022, compared with
pre-pandemic
projections



147 million children
missed more than
half of their in-
person instruction

COVID-19 impacting **years or even decades** of development

Led to the death of

**15 MILLION
PEOPLE**

(2020-2021)

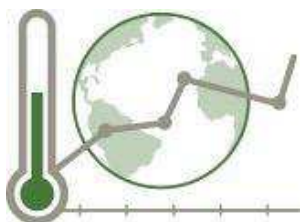


**Overwhelmed health
systems globally**



Women are
disproportionately
affected

Climate crisis is fast approaching



Global energy-related CO2 emissions **rose by 6%** in 2021



Based on current national commitments, global emissions are set to **increase** by almost **14%** by 2030

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Conflicts destroy the lives of many and destabilize the world



2 billion people living in conflict-affected countries by the end of 2020.



Refugees and forced displacement are at the **highest absolute number**

The outbreak of the war in Ukraine will impact the global economy



Increases in **food, fuel** and **fertilizer** prices



Disruption in **supply chains** and global trade



Could cut global economic growth by **0.9 percentage point in 2022** and have implications for aid flows.

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To bring the SDGs on track and to keep the 1.5-degree goal alive

1

We need to capitalize on the opportunity afforded by the recovery to adopt **low-carbon, resilient** and **inclusive** development pathway.

2

We must address the vaccine inequity and urgently redouble our efforts to tackle the pandemic and aim to **vaccinate 70%** of people in all countries as soon as possible.

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We also need a **full-scale transformation** of the international **financial and debt architecture**.

4

Creating a global economy that works for all will require **a new social contract** to rebuild trust and pool resources to deliver global public goods.

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Greater investment in data

- Data will be crucial for
 - getting ahead of crises and triggering earlier responses, anticipating future needs,
 - preventing crises from becoming full-blown conflicts and
 - designing the urgent actions needed to **realize the 2030 Agenda**
- Particular effort is needed for improving **disaggregated data** to ensure **leaving no one behind**





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An urgent **rescue effort** is needed...
a renewed commitment to
multilateralism and **international
cooperation** as called for in Our
Common Agenda.

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António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations

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