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
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.

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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
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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