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What the United Nations has been working on in 2023

Some of our main work in the last year

Making the world better and fairer for everyone

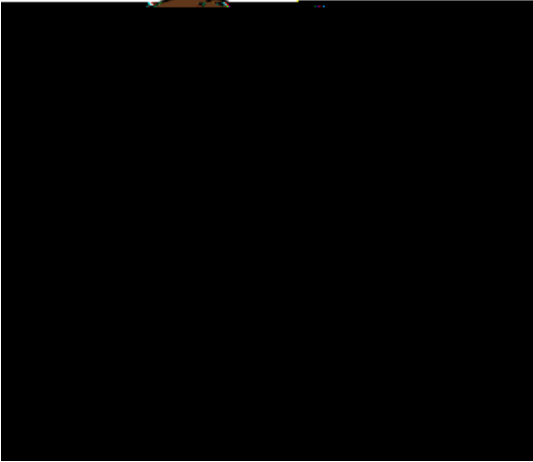
Helping people to have better lives

There are 17 big things that countries are working on by the year 2030.

For example, countries want to make sure that everyone has enough food, clean water and money to live on.

This work is not going as fast as it should.


But we supported countries to keep



We are helping to get more money for the work that countries promised to do.

That will also mean changing unfair rules in the world about money and tax.

That will help poorer countries to have more money to spend on things that people need.




We are working to make life fairer for all groups of people in the world.

For example, we started some projects to help make sure that:

More people in the world can use the internet.

Everyone gets treated fairly at work and has enough money to live on.



We are supporting more women and young people to help make big decisions in the world.

We set up a new team of people to help with our work with young people.

We have helped to make sure that people with disabilities get important healthcare.

That includes healthcare to do with safe sex and having children.

We helped

Climate change

Climate change is about the earth getting warmer.

That is causing big problems for people, animals and plants.

For example, there are more big weather problems now like floods and bad storms.

We started lots of work to help keep people and our planet safe.

That includes work to:

Stop people throwing so many things away.

Helping the world to be peaceful and safe

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

For example, we have a new plan about how countries can work together for a peaceful and safe world.

We also gave some countries money and support to help with their own plans about keeping peaceful and safe.

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

For example, we have been working to stop fighting getting worse between countries in some parts of the world.

We worked with governments to have fair and safe elections.

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

We supported more people to help make decisions about their country and how to keep people safe.

That includes women and young people.

Our work in Africa

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

We supported countries in Africa to find new ways to:

Get more money to make life better for everyone in Africa.

Make sure that everyone has enough healthy food to eat.

For example, we helped to start better ways to feed children at school. The food came from local farmers.

Create more jobs for people. That includes jobs for women and girls.

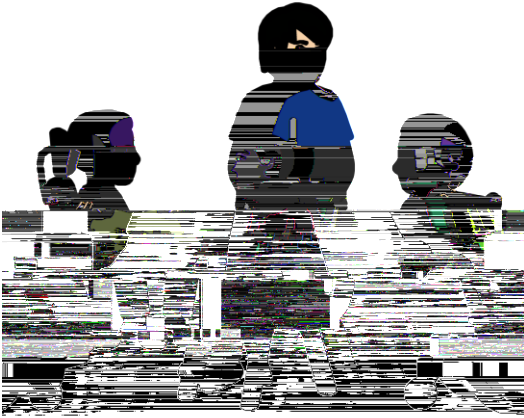
Buy and sell things in a better way for Africa.

Making sure that we respect people's human rights

Everyone in the world has human rights.

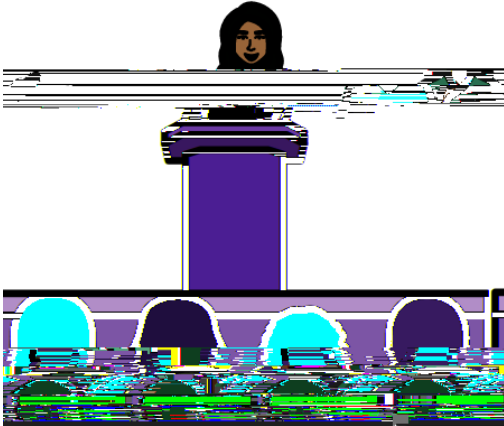
Human rights are about how we should all be treated.

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



We worked with organizations around the world to help make life better for people with disabilities.

This is part of our plan to include people with disabilities in all our work.



We gave more support to people and organizations that stand up for human rights.



We made a new document about how to stop information in the world that can cause harm.

For example, some people may put information on the internet that is not true.

The information may say unfair things about certain groups of people.

Many people may read the information.

Some groups of people could be hurt because of the information.



Giving people the right support when big problems happen

For example, earthquakes and bad weather problems.

We helped many people in the world to get support quickly to save their lives.

Like support with food, clean water and healthcare.

That includes mental healthcare for some people who were very sad or worried.

We helped many countries to get ready for big problems that may happen.

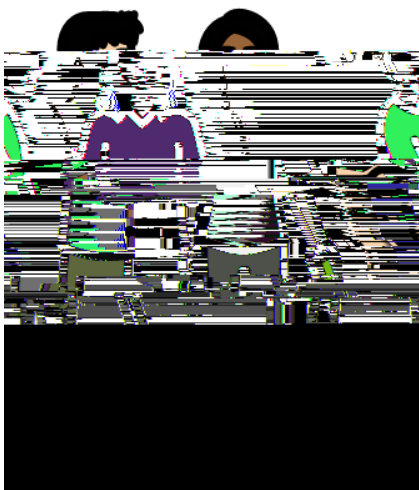
For example, we helped countries to get better information to know:

- What big problems may happen.

- What can be done to stop them.

- What support people may need.

This can help people to get the right support more quickly.



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 are helping some countries to make a new agreement.

This is about stopping nuclear weapons and other weapons in those countries.

We set up a new team of people to help stop other dangerous weapons.

Like weapons that use chemicals to kill people.

We helped with projects to make countries safer.

That includes projects to help stop guns, drugs and violence in communities.

Changing the way we work

We want to make the United Nations a better and safer place for everyone to work.

For example, we made new rules and plans about:

Helping mothers and fathers to take time off work when they have a baby.

Supporting our staff with their mental health.

Stopping people being hurt or treated badly.

That includes stopping people being treated badly because of where they and their family are from and the colour of their skin.

We started new ways to plan our work and plan how we spend our money.

This is helping us to work in a better and quicker way.