

NURSERY RHYMES OF OUR TIMES

Preface

Nursery Rhymes of Our Times - A Global Effort by Young Hearts-brought together by Global Social-network e.V.

This rhyme book is part of a very special series called "Nursery Rhymes of Our Times."

It is based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the (Inited Nations.

These goals include important issues like Zero Hunger, No Poverty, Gender Equality, Quality Education, and many more.

TOGETHER.
WE ARE
STRONG!







































One World, Many Voices

At Global Social, we believe that powerful change begins with small voices—and big dreams. That's why we partnered with young minds across the globe to Create a joyful, hopeful collection of nursery rhymes inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

From the bustling villages of Kenya to the highlands of Bolivia, from the classrooms of India to the rhythm of Brazil, children from Indonesia, Bolivia, Brazil, Kenya, Afghanistan, India, Uganda, Tanzania, Mongolia, Nairobi, and Pakistan came together through rhyme and imagination.

This book, dedicated to SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, celebrates the spirit of unity, collaboration, and shared purpose. It reminds us that only together—governments, people, and Communities—Can we build a better future for all.

We are honoured to feature illustrations from the brilliant young artists of the Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil de Santa Cruz de la Sierra, whose creativity adds music to every page. Let's sing, rhyme, and rise—together.

Step 1: 17 Goals - 17 Songs

Each team chose one sustainability goal.
They had online discussions and shared ideas to understand the issue. Then, together, they wrote songs that explain the goal in a simple and musical way.

17 goals - 17 teams - 17 songs.

Step 2: Songs Become Music Videos

Next, these songs were turned into music videos. Each country added its culture, traditions, and colorful visuals to the videos. This made the songs come alive and helped show the beauty of our global teamwork.

Step 3: Drawings by Children

The music and teamwork inspired children to create drawings. They used colours and shapes to express what they had learned and felt.

These drawings came from deep conversations, new ideas, and global friendships.



This book SDG 17
is illustrated by students of
Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil
de Santa Cruz de la Sierra
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Step 4: From Drawings to Rhymes

These drawings and ideas inspired Indian children's writer Suvasri De, who is also a partner of Global Social India.

She wrote 17 nursery rhyme books, one for each goal, using the drawings made by Children from around the world.

Suvasri believes that today's Children need rhymes that talk about real problems in today's world, and real ways to solve them.



The Journey Continues...

The project doesn't end here.

Global Social-network e.V. is working on more exciting projects-

like Children's theatre, storytelling, and educational programs—to keep raising awareness and inspiring young minds everywhere.

Together, one step at a time, we can build a kinder, fairer, and more peaceful world.

Let's start with a rhyme.









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SDG 1: No Poverty

1. A World Without Worry

No shoes today, no food to eat,
But hope still marches on its feet.
Let's build a world where all can share,
With love and kindness everywhere!



2. Sharing is Caring

A coin, a book, a loaf of bread,

Can bring a smile and dreams ahead.

Let's lend a hand, let's play our part,

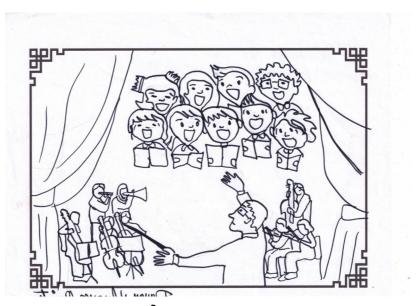
And fill each world with hope and heart.



SDG 2: Zero Hunger

3. Empty Bowl, Full Heart

An empty bowl, a silent plea,
But we can plant a food-filled tree.
From field to plate, let kindness flow,
So every child can thrive and grow.



4. The Farmer's Gift

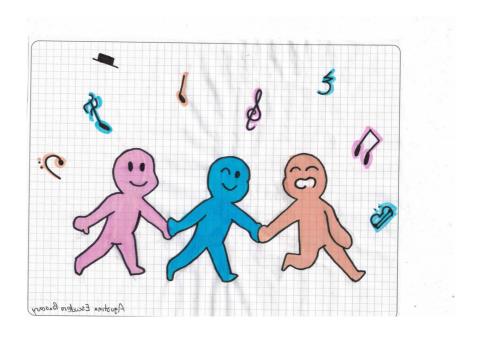
Farmers sow and rainclouds pour,
Grains and fruits from nature's store.
Let's stop the waste and share the meal,
So hungry bellies start to heal.



SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being

5. Health is Wealth

Brush your teeth and wash your hand,
Eat your veggies, take a stand!
Strong and happy, we can be—
With care and love for you and me.



6. Doctor, Doctor

Doctor, doctor, kind and wise,
Helping children when they cry.
Medicine, hugs, and gentle care,
Bring back health from anywhere!



SDG 4: Quality Education

7. Books and Dreams

Books can take you far away,
To places where bright ideas play.
Let's build more schools and
Light each mind,
So learning leaves no one behind.



8. Pencil Power

A pencil holds a mighty spell,
It teaches kids to write and spell.
With Chalk and board, with hope and light,
Let's teach the world to read and write.



SDG 5: Gender Equality

9. Girls Can Too!

Girls can build and boys can bake,
Let's break the rules we used to make.
All can dream and all can do—
The world is better when it's true.



10. Equal Sky

The sky is wide for every child, Strong or soft, fierce or mild.

Give each one the wings to fly,

Let fairness lift them to the sky!



SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

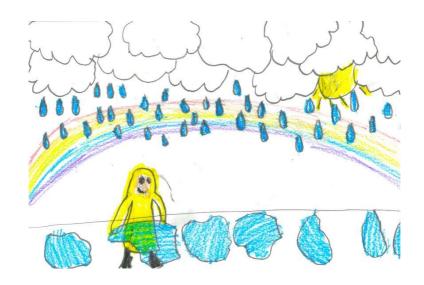
11. Water for All

Drip drop, splash and spray,
Water brings life every day.
Let's keep it clean and flowing free,
For every home and family.



12. Tap, Tap, Tap

Turn the tap and wash with care,
Germs are hiding everywhere.
Clean hands, clean land, sparkling bright—
Water makes the future right!



SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

13. Shine the Sun

Solar lights on every wall,

No dark nights, just bright for all!

Wind and sun and Earth so deep—

Clean energy for us to keep.



14. A Bright Idea

Click goes the switch, and lights appear, Let's make the power safe and clear. No smoky fires or polluting air— Let's give the world some clean, fair care.



SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

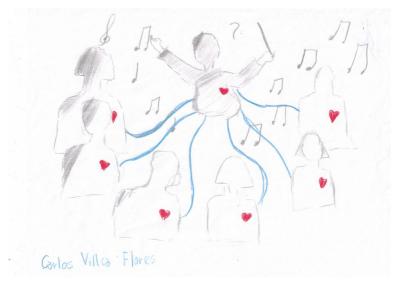
15. Jobs for All

Work that's fair and wages right, Keeps our futures big and bright. Jobs with safety, hours kind, Help each person grow and shine!



16. Busy Hands, Happy Land

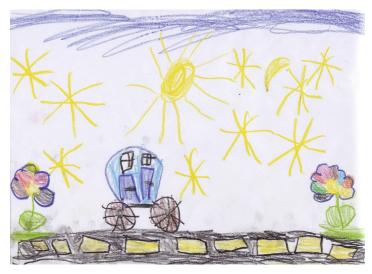
When young and old have work to do,
They build a world that's fair and true.
With hands that help and hearts that Care,
We grow success that all Can share!



SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

17. Roads and Rails

Trains that chug and roads so wide,
Help us travel, learn, and ride.
Build with Care and build to last,
So no one's future travels past!



18. Dream Machine

Ideas grow like shining trees,
In labs and minds and factories.
Let's innovate and make things new,
And share the good with me and you!



SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

19. Fair is Fair

No matter where or how we live,
We all have equal love to give.
Let's make the world a kinder place,
With equal hearts in every race.



20. High or Low

Tall or tiny, rich or poor,

Everyone deserves much more.

Let's lift each other, side by side,

And cross the world in equal stride!



SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

21. City of Dreams

Let's build a city clean and green,
With trees and parks and skies so serene.
Where homes are safe and hearts feel free,
That's how good cities ought to be!



22. Homes for All

In every street and every block,
Let's build strong homes like solid rock.
For every child a bed and light,
To dream, to learn, to sleep at night.



SDG 12: Responsible
Consumption and Production

23. Don't Waste It

Don't throw food or toys away,
Use them well and every day.
Fix and share, and you will see,
Waste-less life is smart and free!



24. Magic from the Bin

A box, a spoon, a sock with holes,

Can all be part of brand-new goals.

Reuse, reduce, and recycle too,

And watch what wonders you can do!



SDG 13: Climate Action

25. Dear Earth, We Care

The planet's warm, the ice is thin,
The wind's too loud, the floods begin.
Let's cool it down with every act,
And bring the clean and green life back.



26. Little Hands, Big Earth

Plant a tree and ride a bike,
Turn off lights and walk or hike.
Every step you take with love,
Heals the Earth and skies above.



SDG 14: Life Below Water

27. Ocean Song

The fish and whales, the coral too,

Need oceans clean and deep and blue.

No plastic there, no oil to spill,

Just waves that dance and fish that thrill!



28. Sea Friends

Starfish, dolphins, turtles glide,
Let's keep their homes safe far and wide.
Clean the beach and stop the net,
Save the sea, don't let them fret!



SDG 15: Life on Land

29. Forest March

Trees that whisper, birds that sing, Make our world a joyful thing.

Let's not cut but plant and grow,

And save the forest down below!



30. Wild and Free

Tigers, deer, and honeybees,
All need space and homes like trees.
Care for land, both dry and green,
And keep the Earth forever clean.



SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

31. Peaceful Place

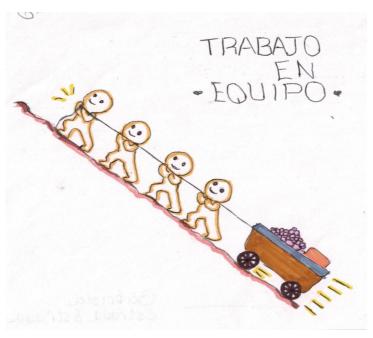
Let's not fight and let's not yell,
Let's build a world where all is well.
With law and love in every land,
We walk together, hand in hand.



SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

32. Better Together

North or South or East or West,
Working together is the best.
Share your tools and share your mind,
Solutions come when hearts are kind.



33. Join the Dots

Big or small, we all must link,

To make the world stop, pause, and think.

When partners work to do what's right,

The future glows with brighter light.



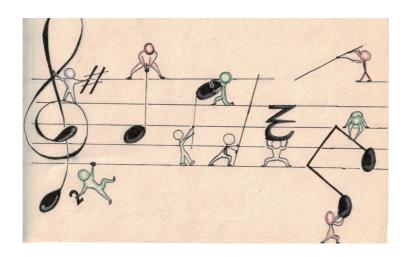
34. Holding Hands

One by one, we join our hands,
Across the seas and distant lands.
Together we can do much more—
Build strong bridges, shore to shore!



35. Teamwork Makes It Work

You and I and friends afar,
Working dreams from where we are.
Partnerships with heart and soul,
Help the world achieve each goal!



Music, Memory & Meaning: A Global Partnership in Harmony

In Bolivia's Chiquitos region, a remarkable blend of cultures gave birth to something timeless: baroque music that echoes through the centuries. The Jesuit Reductions of the 17th century were more than just settlements—they were spaces where Indigenous traditions met European influences in architecture, faith, and music. Here, local communities learned to sing, build instruments, and create music that transformed daily life into celebration. Today, this cultural legacy continues to inspire new generations.

At the heart of this revival is the Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil Santa Cruz, a youth symphony conducted by Maestro Boris Vásquez. Comprising young people aged 8 to 22 from diverse backgrounds, this orchestra has become a beacon of equity and creativity. Many members come from socially deprived communities, yet their shared love for music transcends all barriers. The orchestra not only offers free musical training and scholarships, but also lends instruments, covers transport, and even supports academic education for its most promising musicians.



The OSJ is a living, breathing example of this harmony in action

What makes OSJ truly special is its commitment to inclusion. Through free concerts for street children and underserved communities, it reminds us that art and music should never be confined to a privileged few.

Music is for everyone—and this belief forms the foundation of their partnership with Global Social Network.

Together, they show how all 17 Sustainable Development Goals can function like an orchestra—each goal a unique instrument, and together, they



must play in harmony to build a better world. The OSJ is a living, breathing example of this harmony in action, proving that with cooperation, passion, and support, a global symphony for justice, equality, and sustainability is not only possible—but already playing.vulnerable, and builds a more harmonious world—one note at a time.



STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

BEFORE COVID-19



ALMOST Unchanged From 2018



1.3% FROM 2018 2.6% FROM 2018



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

REMITTANCES -

TO LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES
AN ECONOMIC LIFELINE

FOR MANY POOR HOUSEHOLDS
ARE PROJECTED TO FALL

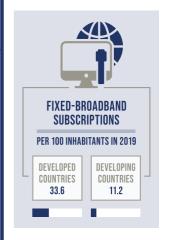


\$554 BILLION IN 2019





GLOBAL FOREIGN
DIRECT INVESTMENT
IS EXPECTED TO
DECLINE BY UP TO 40%
IN 2020



INTERNATIONAL FUNDING FOR DATA AND STATISTICS WAS \$690 MILLION IN 2017





ONLY Half the level It needs to be

