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Preface

Nursery Rhymes of Our Times – A Global Effort by Young
Hearts-brought together by GlobalSocial-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 United Nations.

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

TOGETHER
WE ARE
STRONG!



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Building a Better City for All:

Welcome to a world where cities grow greener and communities grow stronger!

In this book, we share rhymes inspired by real projects like the Edible City initiative by Jugendforum Saalfeld-Rudolstadt and the Ipoh Nature School—both of which show how people, plants, and children can make cities more sustainable.

The Edible City project invites everyone to plant and harvest flowers, fruits, and vegetables in public green spaces. It's a fun and inclusive way to care for the environment and share with others.

Meanwhile, the Ipoh Nature School teaches kids to love nature through hands-on experiences like gardening and cooking. These activities help children understand how to protect the Earth and live sustainably.

Through these rhymes, let's explore how we can make our own cities cleaner, greener, and full of life—for today and tomorrow!

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.



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This book SDG 11
is illustrated by students of
Mirraloke
Learning Centre, Kolkata
and children
of SUNDARBAN SCHOOLS

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.

GlobalSocial-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.

To listen to all
17 SDG songs
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To watch
music video
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To contribute
to our project
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1.The City That Grew So Tall

In a city rising high,
under blue and open sky,
People live and work and play,
building dreams each day.
But to keep it clean and fair,
we must always do our share!



2.Homes for All

Everyone deserves a home,
not just rooftops made of foam.
Safe and strong, and warm inside,
Where love and laughter can abide.



3. Green Parks Everywhere

A swing, a slide, a tree to hug,
A bench to rest, a path to jog.
Parks for all, big and small,
Let's build green spaces for
one and all!



4. The Clean Air Song

Breathe in deep, the air so sweet,
Thanks to trees on every street.
Fewer cars and more green buses,
Means clean skies for all of us-es!



5.Walking to School

Sidewalks wide and crossings bright,
Make sure we're safe day and night.
Children walking hand in hand,
To schools that shine across the land.



6.The Recycled Town

Paper, plastic, glass and tin,
In the right bin, drop them in!
Recycling helps the planet glow,
A better world begins to grow.



7. Safe City, Happy City

No loud bangs or scary fright,
We want cities safe at night.
Lights that shine and help us see,
A safe, strong home for you and me.



8. Build It Green

Build with care, strong and neat,
With local hands and local feet.
Use less, waste less, that's the rule,
To make our homes both safe and cool!



9. Together We Plan

Gather round, all have a say,
Planning cities the fair way.
Old and young, speak your voice,
Together we can make the choice!



10. Rain or Shine

Rain may pour, or sun may beam,
Resilient cities chase the dream.
Storm drains ready, trees stand tall,
Disaster won't make our cities fall!



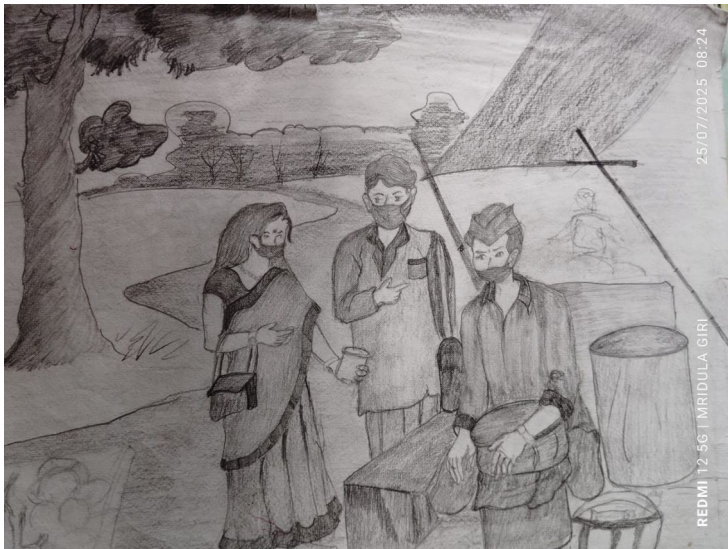
11. Bus and Train Parade

Hop on a bus, zoom on a train,
Riding together through sun and rain.
Less pollution, more delight,
Public transport feels just right!



12. City of Smiles

Children laughing, people greet,
Gardens blooming on every street.
Inclusive hearts, open door,
This city loves forever more.



13. My Community Song

Meet your neighbour, lend a hand,
Side by side, we take a stand.
Together we grow, together we thrive,
That's what keeps our cities alive!



14. The Climate Clock

Tick-tock, tick-tock, Climate's near,
Build with care, hold what's dear.
Cooler homes and shady trees,
Help us fight the rising seas.



15.No More Slums

Raise up homes strong and wide,
Where families laugh and sleep inside.
No more shacks, no muddy ground,
Just safe shelter all around.



16. Garden on My Roof

Flowers bloom above my head,
Tomatoes growing near my bed!
Urban gardens, green and high,
Bringing life close to the sky.



17. Smart Little Lights

Lights that blink when people near,
Keep our Cities bright and clear.
Save some power, waste no light,
Making every pathway right!



18. All Aboard!

Trains and trams and fun ride shares,
Zooming safely, down the stairs!
All can ride, day or night,
Wheels of change rolling right.



19. Fix That Road

Bumpy roads, holes to mend,
Good repairs are City's friend.
Smooth and strong, we'll ride with glee,
Safe for you and safe for me!



20. The Tree Song

Plant a tree where people play,
Shade and joy for every day.
Roots grow deep, leaves reach high,
Touching softly the city sky.



21. Bike Lane Race

Pedal fast, pedal slow,
On the bike lane we all go!
Safe and green, we ride today,
Let's keep it going every day!



22. Save Our Space

Trash in bins, not on the street,
Keep our pathways clean and neat.
Public places, fresh and new,
Belong to me, belong to you!



23. My Urban Dream

Homes and parks and schools in sight,
Green and clean, just feels right.
That's the dream we want to see,
A city safe for you and me.



24. Shh... The Noise!

Too much honking, too much loud,
Let's make cities calm and proud.
Whisper winds and chirping birds,
Better sounds than angry words!



25. Everyone Belongs

Tall or short, big or small,
Cities welcome one and all.
Every person has a place,
In a city filled with grace.



26. Bright Ideas

Solar panels, smart street lights,
Save the Earth with future sights!
Innovation's what we need,
To make our cities grow and lead!



27. My City My Pride

Raise your voices, raise your hands,
Let's build better with our plans.
Clean, green, fair and free,
That's the city we want to be!



28. Bridges to Tomorrow

Build a bridge from you to me,
Over rivers, joyfully!
Bridges strong, not just of stone,
But hearts connected, not alone.



29. Let's Build It Right!

Not too fast, not too slow,
Plan the city as we grow.
Sustainable is the way to be,
For future folks like you and me!



30. "Hop on the Green Bus"

Hop on the bus, it's clean and fast,
No noisy smoke, it's built to last!
It zooms through town with happy cheer,
A ride for all, far and near!
Let's travel smart and ride with glee,
For a cleaner, greener city, you see!



31. "My Happy Home Street"

I live in a lane where trees do grow,
Neighbours smile and say hello.
No trash around, just flowers and sun,
Playing outside is so much fun!
A happy street is home so sweet,
With love and care in every beat.



32. "City of Lights, City So Bright"

City of lights, city so bright,
Shining stars through every night.
Solar lamps and safe footways,
Guide us home in peaceful ways.
With every glow and gentle breeze,
We build our town with love and ease.



33. "Stop and Go"

Red light says stop, green light says go,
We cross the street nice and slow.
Look left and right, then walk with care,
Safety first, everywhere!
In our city, big or small,
These little rules protect us all!



34. Brick by Brick

Brick by brick and tree by tree,
Build a town for you and me.
Safe and strong, warm and wide,
Homes where families all can hide.
Let's make sure we plan with heart,
So everyone gets a perfect start!



35. My City is Clean and Bright

My city is clean and bright,
Trash goes in bins, all day and night.
Streets are swept, the parks all shine,
This lovely town is yours and mine!

No plastic here, no litter there,
We all do our part and show we care.
Neighbors smile, the flowers grow,
In our clean city, joy will flow!



The Project Partners



Jugendforum Saalfeld-Rudolstadt

The Youth Forum serves as a platform created by and for young people in the district of Saalfeld-Rudolstadt.

Guiding Principles The forum aims to capture and realize the ideas and interests of young people in the district. It firmly rejects any form of discrimination and is committed to tolerance, inclusion, and peaceful coexistence. The forum operates without political affiliation and does not tolerate any inhuman or discriminatory statements. It encourages open dialogue and cooperative conflict resolution. Projects supported are designed by young people for young people.



Nature School of Ipoh

believes that children learn best through play. Our play-based learning approach nurtures the innate curiosity and creativity of young minds, fostering holistic development beyond traditional methods.

Through purposeful play, children build strong social, emotional, and cognitive foundations while developing essential academic skills.

By immersing themselves in fun and engaging hands-on activities, we cultivate essential problem-solving skills, resilience, and a lifelong love for nature and learning.





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SLUMS ON THE RISE

1.1 BILLION URBAN
RESIDENTS ARE
LIVING IN SLUMS (2020)

2 BILLION MORE ARE EXPECTED
IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS



GLOBALLY, ONLY
ONE IN TWO
URBAN RESIDENTS HAVE
CONVENIENT ACCESS TO

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(2022)



AIR POLLUTION IS NO LONGER AN
EXCLUSIVELY URBAN PROBLEM

TOWNS EXPERIENCE
POORER AIR QUALITY



THAN CITIES IN EASTERN AND SOUTH-
EASTERN ASIA (2019)



IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

1 BILLION PEOPLE LACK ACCESS

TO **ALL-WEATHER ROADS** (2022)

== GLOBALLY, ==
3 IN 4 CITIES



HAVE **LESS THAN 20%**
OF THEIR AREA DEDICATED TO
PUBLIC SPACES AND STREETS

MUCH LOWER THAN THE
TARGET OF 45-50%
(2020)



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