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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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Global Youth Collaboration: A Dream, and a Shared Goal

Students from Eisenberg and Schmölln in Germany connected with peers in Sialkot, Pakistan, to discuss Sustainable Development. Their reflections were meant to become a song with a local musician, but political unrest halted the project. Later, hope was rekindled when a Pakistani artist performed in Europe and helped revive the idea. Together, they produced a music CD inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 8 — promoting decent work and economic growth. A key takeaway from their dialogue was that 1 in 4 youth are not in education or employment, with young women being most affected, highlighting the need for global partnerships.

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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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
scan here



To watch
music video
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To contribute
to our project
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1. A Job for You, A Job for Me

A job for you, a job for me,
Work with joy and honesty!
Build and plant, sing and sew,
Every worker helps us grow!



2. Work with Heart

Work with heart and work with care,
Good jobs help us everywhere.

Workplace as safe as the house we stay
Happy and smiling every day.

Safe and fair, from start to end,
Let's support each working friend!



3. Let's All Lend a Hand

Let's all lend a helping hand,
To grow our farms and clean the land.
From teacher, nurse to engineer,
Every worker's role is clear!



4. Tick-Tock Job Clock

Tick-tock, the job clock,
Work begins and markets rock.
Clean your stall, sweep the shop,
Safe and fair work must not stop!



5. Grow the World with Skill

If you learn, and if you try,
You can reach the highest sky!
Jobs with safety, fair and right,
Make the future bold and bright.



6. The Busy Town Song

In our town, you'll surely find,
Workers of each cheerful kind.
Builders, bakers, farmers make—
Working hard for all our sake !



7. Dream Job Parade

March along the dream job street,

Find your path with happy feet.

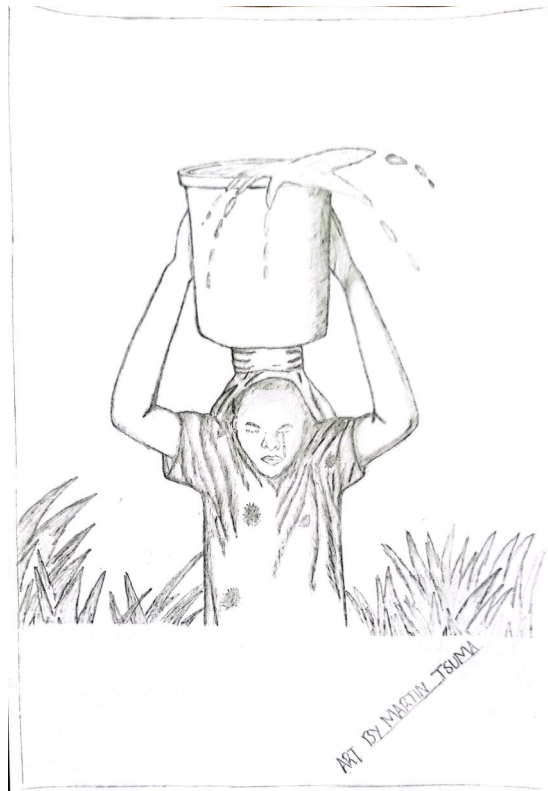
Doctor, dancer, tailor, cook—

All deserve a fair look!



8. Equal Pay Today

Boys and girls, the same they be,
When they work responsibly.
Equal pay is just and true,
For the things they say and do!



9. Start Your Dream Today

Want to be a star one day?

Start your dream in school and play.

Learn to read, to count and write—

Jobs will come, your future's bright!



10. Jobs are Not Just Big and Loud

Jobs are not just big and loud,
Some are silent, soft, and proud.
Writers, potters, Craft with flair—
Every job deserves care!



11. Help the Helpers

Nurses, sweepers, drivers too,
Help the world for me and you.
Give them tools and give them cheer,
Keep their workplace safe and clear.



12. Fair Work for All

In the fields or in a mall,
Everyone deserves it all:
A decent job, fair pay and care,
Work with love and equal share!



13. From School to Skill

Go to school, then learn a trade,
Every skill we've ever made,
Can turn the world from weak to strong,
Help us all to get along.



14. My First Job Dream

I dream to be a painter bright,
Or work with stars that light the night.
All I need is chance and cheer—
A decent job to hold so dear!



15. Work is Dignity

Work is strength and dignity,
A builder, teacher, or a bee!
Jobs with safety, rules and care—
Let's make sure that all are fair!



16. The Equal Team

Boys and girls, side by side,
Work together, full of pride.
Same respect and same old pay,
Let's build fairness every day!



17. Happy Workers' Song

Clap your hands for workers all,
Big or small, they stand tall!
Jobs with safety, peace, and fun,
That's how progress will be won..



18. Fix the World with Work

Want to fix the world today?

Give the youth a skill and pay.

Let them dream and let them build,

A world that's fair and full of will.



19. Let's Make It Fair

From mountains high to village square,
Jobs must always be fair and rare.
No more cheating, no more fear—
Let's bring good work far and near!



20. Job Train Coming Through!

Choo-choo, the job train comes,
Filled with tools and beating drums.
Hop aboard and bring your skill,
Let's all work with joy and will!



21. The Pay Gap Song

Why should pay be big or small,
When we work the same for all?
Fix the gap, and raise the cheer,
Equal pay is what we hear!



22. Grow, Grow, Economy!

Grow, grow, economy,
With kindness and with honesty.
Jobs for youth and women bright,
Let's all work to do what's right!



23. Clean and Safe is Best

No child should work, no teen should cry,
Let's keep the workplace clean and high.
For every job, let safety shine—
That's how progress will align!
Clean and Safe is Best
Like a bird's nest.



24. The Smart Investor Rhyme

Invest in kids, invest in school,
That's the golden growth rule.
When all are trained and all are wise,
The economy will surely rise!



25. Sing for Decent Work!

Sing a song for decent work,
Where no one's treated like a clerk.
Jobs that help and jobs that care,
With honest pay and work to share!



26. Jobs for all

Jobs for all, big and small,
Let's build ladders, not a wall.
How we act, how we sow,
That's how future fruits will grow!



27. Fair Pay

Mama works and Papa too,
Making dreams and dinners true.
With fair pay and kindness there,
We can live with love and care.



28. Let's not Waste

Let's not waste a single hand,
Give each youth a skill so grand.
Train them now and guide them well,
Let them rise and stories tell.



29. I Deserve Good Pay

I can be a baker bold,
Or fix the pipes when it gets cold.
Any job that I may do,
I deserve good pay like you!



30. Learning Skills

Learning skills, one by one,
Work can also be good fun!
Train me well and treat me right,
I'll build a future big and bright.



31. Rule for Every Day

Safe at work and safe at play,
That's the rule for every day.
No more danger, no more fear,
Healthy work for all is near.



32. Equal pay and fair delight

Boys and girls, side by side,
Working with respect and pride.
Equal pay and fair delight,
Equal dreams that soar in flight.



33. Walk With Pride

Let the youth come join the ride,
Let them learn and walk with pride.
Give them jobs and open doors,
They'll build peace and so much more.



34. Wages Fair

Don't forget the farmer's field,
Wages fair for every yield.
Grow the food and sow the grain,
All with joy and not with pain.



35. That's The Dream

Polish shoes or sweep the floor,
Every job deserves much more.
Dignity and wages true,
That's the dream let all pursue .



The Project Partners



PAKHORA school project on Nanga Parbat (Pakistan)

In 2024, support was extended to the remote village school in Pakhora, located in the Jall Valley at the foot of Nanga Parbat, Pakistan, through Michael Beek and Ameer Ullah of the Children Education Foundation & Charity Damer.

The focus was on girls' education, with 55 school uniforms produced and four Labdoo laptops loaded with educational software delivered.



Students of Upendranagar Nazrul Sangha, Sundarban, from the Global Social India computer unit, actively contributed to the project by illustrating the nursery rhyme book on SDG 8. Their colorful, creative artwork added life to the messages of decent work, education, and hope, bringing the children's voices and dreams vividly to the pages.

Students from Eisenberg and Schmöln in Germany

Students from Eisenberg and Schmöln in Germany collaborated with peers in Sialkot, Pakistan, to explore the topic of Sustainable Development. Their heartfelt conversations and shared reflections not only sparked the idea for a Cross-cultural song but also inspired the creation of a special nursery rhyme book based on SDG 8 — "Decent Work and Economic Growth." The children's thoughts highlighted the challenges many young people face around the world in accessing education, employment, and opportunities. Their voices became the creative foundation for both the music and the rhymes, making the message of inclusive, sustainable growth come alive for younger generations.

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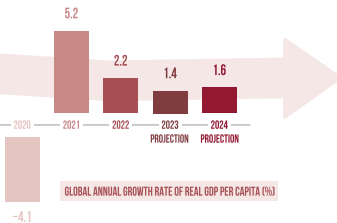
Based in Kenya, Barnabas Children's Center is dedicated to caring for orphans and vulnerable children by providing love, education, food, and shelter. With their heartfelt motto "Putting a Smile :)", they currently support over 500 school children and 52 in their orphanage. Their mission is to meet the holistic needs of each child and help them grow into responsible, empowered adults





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GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY CONTINUES, BUT ON A SLOW TRAJECTORY



2 BILLION WORKERS ARE IN PRECARIOUS INFORMAL JOBS WITHOUT SOCIAL PROTECTION
[2022]

GLOBAL UNEMPLOYMENT IS EXPECTED TO FALL BELOW PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS, BUT NOT IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES



1 IN 4 YOUNG PEOPLE

ARE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING,



WITH YOUNG WOMEN MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY AS YOUNG MEN TO BE IN THIS SITUATION
[2022]



DURING THE PANDEMIC, 4 IN 10 ADULTS IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES OPENED THEIR FIRST BANK ACCOUNT

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and be a CLIMATE CHAMPION

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