

#### 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!









































# Created by Children from Around the World

Thanks to the outstanding work of Afghanische Kinderhilfe Deutschland e.V., 120,000 children and mothers in Afghanistan received medical treatment in 2024. At the same time, a new school for girls was built and much more... In addition to co-financing urgently needed heating costs, we have provided some help for the construction of the new girls' school and the financing of training courses for seamstresses. We were also able to provide several laptops with the help of Labdoo.

## 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.

The creation of the peace song from Afghanistan was fraught with obstacles.

There was indeed an exchange between the women in Afghanistan, who are supported by the Afghan Children's Aid association (and also by GlobalSocial-network eV), and refugee women from Afghanistan living in Saalfeld, who came into contact with each other through the Werkhaus Beulwitz. After several failed attempts to turn the women's lyrics into a song in Afghanistan, an Afghan refugee in Canada, Said Mushfiq

Hashimi, was finally found.
Thanks to his expertise, the song could be realized using traditional Afghan music. This peace song is based on the strong desires for freedom and peace that emerged from the Afghan women's lyrics.

### 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 colors and shapes to express what they had learned and felt.

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



This book SDG16 is illustrated by students of

Kinderbilder Afghanistan / Syrien from Werkhaus Saalfeld

### 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 rhymes, 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.

Welcome to Nursery Rhymes of Our Times – Created by Children, for Children, Around the World.

To listen to all 17 SDG songs scan here



To watch music video scan here



To contribute to our project scan here



# 1. Peace Is for Everyone

Peace is for you, peace is for me,

Peace is for children from land and sea.

No need to shout, no need to fight,

Let's hold hands and do what's right.



# 2. Say No to War

Say no to war, say yes to peace,
Let all the angry voices cease.
Play with toys, not guns that roar,
Let's not fight, not anymore.



## 3. Justice Bell

Ding-dong-ding, the justice bell,
Rings for all and rings so well.
Rich or poor, big or small,
The law must be the same for all!



# 4. Hold My Hand

Hold my hand and walk with me,
No matter what your name may be.
We are different, yet the same,
Every child should feel no shame.



# 5. Safe to Play

We should feel safe at home and school, Safety is love, it's life's best rule.

No more fear in any street,

Let's make safety super sweet!



# 6. Happy and Free

We are happy, we are free,
Singing songs of liberty.
Let us speak, let us dream,
Let the world with justice gleam!



# 7. Every Child is Strong

Every girl and every boy

Deserves to learn, deserves some joy.

No more pain, no more cries,

Only love beneath the skies.



# 8. Stop the Crime

Let's stop the crime, let's stop the lies, No more secrets, no disguise. Truth is brave and justice bright, Let's all walk in honest light



# 9. Speak Up!

Speak up loud, don't be shy,
Raise your voice, reach the sky!
If something's wrong, we'll make it right,
With kind hearts and minds so bright.



# 10. No One Left Behind

No one's too small, no one's too new, Every Child Counts—yes, me and you! All must matter, side by side, With hearts so big and arms so wide.



# 11. Fair and Square

Policemen, judges, teachers too, Must be fair in all they do. No more bribes, no more lies, Let the truth win every prize!



# 12. School of Peace

In our school, we never fight,
We solve things calm, we solve things right.
Sharing, Caring every day,
Learning peaceful, kind ways.



# 13. Rainbow of Rights

Red is for freedom, blue for care, Green for fairness everywhere. Rights are colors we all wear, In justice, all must share!



## 14. The Rule Book

The rule book says, "Be kind and just, Always fair, always a must."
Follow rules that help us grow,
So love and peace will always flow.



# 15. No More Tears

No more bullying, no more pain, Let's dance together in the rain. No more hurting hearts so small, We build a kinder world for all!



# 16. Rights for You and Me

You have rights and so do I,

To laugh, to learn, to reach the sky.

To be protected, to be free,

Loved and heard like we should be.



# 17. Hear Me Too!

Big or little, young or old,
All our stories must be told.
Let us vote, and let us say,
What we hope for every day.



## 18. One Big Family

One big world, one big crew,
Lots of me, and lots of you!
Different faces, different ways,
Still we shine on sunny days!



# 19. Look Around

Look around and you will see,
Peace begins with you and me.
When we share and help, not shout,
Kindness grows, there is no doubt.



# 20. Safe in My Home

I want to be safe when I sleep,

Not to Cry, and not to weep.

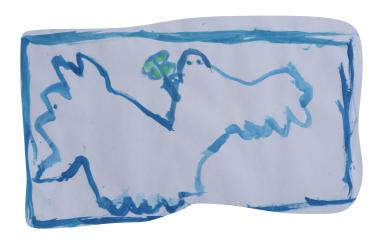
With warm hugs and doors that close,

And dreams that bloom like garden rose.



# 21. No More Secrets

Secrets hurt, but truth can heal,
We say what's wrong, we say what's real.
Let us tell someone we trust,
To protect our world is a must.



# 22. I Am Somebody

I have a name, I have a song,
I know what's right, I know what's wrong.
With a birth Card in my hand,
I belong to every land.



# 23. All Together Now

North or south, east or west,
Working together is the best!
Nations big and nations small,
Should make fair rules for one and all.



## 24. Doors of Justice

The doors of justice should open wide, For every child who's pushed aside.

Let courts be kind, let laws be fair,

Let every child get equal care.



# 25. Light a Candle

Light a candle, sing a song,

Peace and truth will keep us strong.

One by one, we'll change the night,

With tiny sparks of glowing light.



# 26. Peace for the Planet

Let's make peace from land to land,
With gentle hearts and helping hands.
No more hate, just harmony—
That's the way the world should be.



# 27. Justice for All

Justice for all, not just a few,
Old or young, and me and you.
Every voice must count and rise,
Under fair and friendly skies.



# 28. All Fit In

Big or small or quiet or loud, Every child should feel so proud. Inclusive schools, inclusive play, Let's make space in every way.

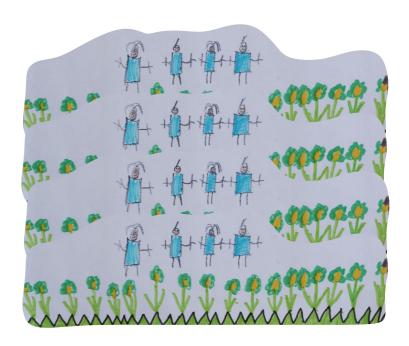


## 29. The Fair Bell Rings

The fair bell rings for right and true, It's not just me—it's you, you, you!

Laws are meant to help us grow,

With fairness blooming row by row.



# 30. We Plant Peace

We plant peace like flowers grow,
With love and light and hearts aglow.
Wherever war once made a scar,
Let's build hope both near and far.



# 31. A Home Called Justice

Justice isn't far away,
It should greet us every day.
In every school and every street,
Justice walks on steady feet.



# 32. Your Voice Counts

Raise your voice, don't stay low, Your ideas help the future grow. Speak with love, act with care, Together we make systems fair.



# 33. No More Fear

Every child should sleep in peace,
Worries gone and fears released.
With fair rules and love that stays,
Let's build safe homes in joyful ways.



## 34. Right to Be Heard

Right to be heard, right to know,
Right to learn and right to grow.
Rights for kids both near and far,
Shining bright like every star.!



# 35. Follow What's Right

Follow what's right, not what's loud, Stand for truth, stand tall and proud. Kindness is the path we choose, Peace and love—we never lose!



## Afghan Children's Aid Germany eV



Afghan Children's Aid Germany e.V. runs two day clinics and a girls' school in Kabul, and supports young women with vocational training in sewing. Graduates receive a sewing machine, empowering them to earn a living independently.

Despite the difficult situation in Afghanistan, the organization continues to offer hope through education and healthcare. One clinic, led by a woman, was visited by the Taliban—yet it remains open thanks to community ties. Rising costs and limited access to funds have made operations harder, but the team persists with support from German donations.



The vocational school in Dogh Abad, launched in 2011, offers training in English, computer science, sewing, and embroidery to around 280 girls. These courses prepare them for self-sufficiency and to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Soon, 100 girls will graduate and receive sewing machines, each costing €145. Global Social Network e.V. and Sofareisen aim to raise funds for 20–30 machines.



Afghan Children's Aid Germany joined Global Social Network in October 2021. Their project offers a model for post-COVID educational recovery in countries like Bolivia and (Iganda, where many girls have not returned to school."There are many children in Afghanistan, but little childhood." - Khaled Hosseini, The Kite Runner



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# CONFLICT-RELATED CIVILIAN DEATHS



WITH AN OVER 50% SURGE IN 2022, FUELED BY THE WAR IN UKRAINE

#### 2021 SAW

THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF INTENTIONAL HOMICIDES

IN 20 YEARS

**458,000 LIVES LOST** 



9 IN 10 VICTIMS WERE MALE





--- MORE THAN -----

### **108.4 MILLION PEOPLE**

HAD BEEN FORCIBLY DISPLACED WORLDWIDE AS OF END-2022

2.5X THE NUMBER A DECADE AGO

NEARLY **200,000** 



#### TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

WERE DETECTED WORLDWIDE
BETWEEN 2017 AND 2020

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BUT MANY MORE LIKELY REMAINED UNDETECTED

### YOUTH FACE UNDERREPRESENTATION IN POLITICS,

HINDERING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

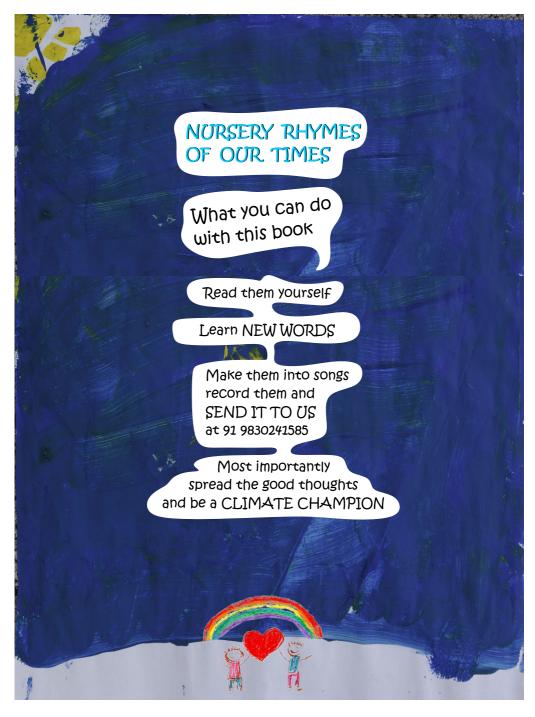


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