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What the United Nations has been working on in 2024 and 2025

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**Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the
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About this report

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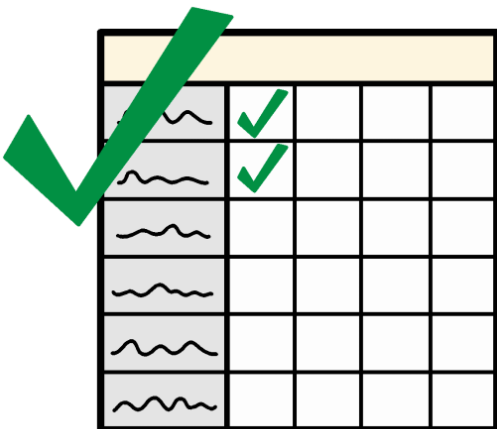
My job is Secretary-General for the United Nations.

The United Nations is called the UN for short.



The United Nations is a place for 193 countries to meet and work together.

They are working to make the world better, fairer and safer.



This report is about some of the main work that we have done in the last year.

When we say **we** it means the United Nations.

We did this work with many countries and organizations.

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.



But this work is going too slowly.

So we have supported countries to keep moving forward.



For example, we helped countries to make an important agreement with each other.

It is called the **Pact for the Future**.

It is about solving big problems for the world now and in the future.



For example, countries want to change unfair rules in the world about money and tax.

This will help poorer countries to have more money for things that people need.

That includes healthcare and education.



Countries will also work on using technology and the internet in a good way for human rights.

Technology is things like phones, computers and artificial intelligence.



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

For example, we are supporting work to:

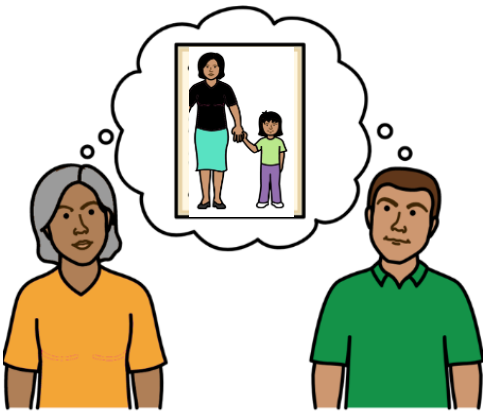
- Make sure that everyone in the world has somewhere safe to live.



- Make sure that people with disabilities get important things they need.

For example, enough healthy food and the right healthcare.

- Make sure there is more support for children and young people who need it.



We made a new plan to help the United Nations work faster to make life better for women and girls.



We have started on this plan.

For example, we are working more with women and girls to make our decisions.



We have also taken part in work to:

- Make sure that women and girls can help to make laws and decisions for their country.

That includes decisions about how to keep their country safe.



- Stop violence that happens mainly to women and girls.
- Make sure there is better information about what women and girls need.

This has helped many countries to make better laws and plans for women and girls.

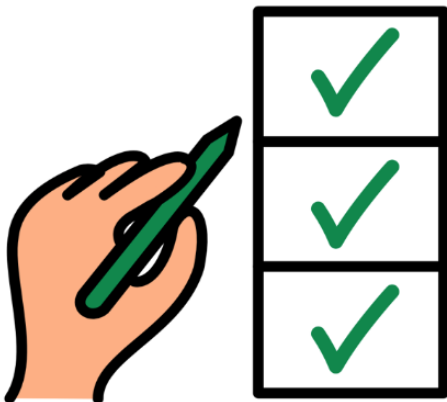
Climate change



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 are working hard to keep people and our planet safe.

For example, we supported many countries to make a plan about what they will do to stop climate change.



New projects started in some countries to deal with climate change problems.

For example, there are projects to get more land to grow food on.

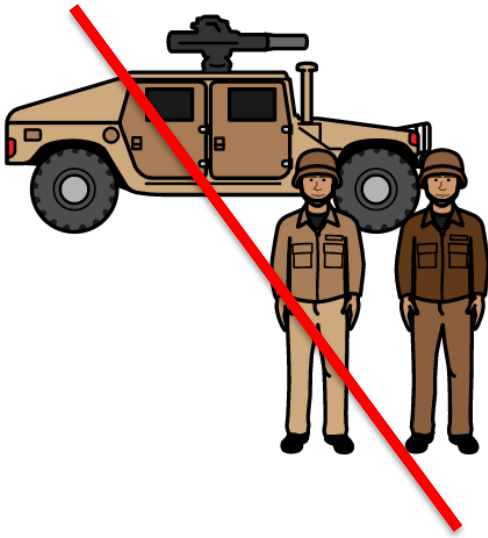


The world uses too much plastic.

This is bad for animals and the planet.

We are supporting countries to make a new law to help stop these problems.

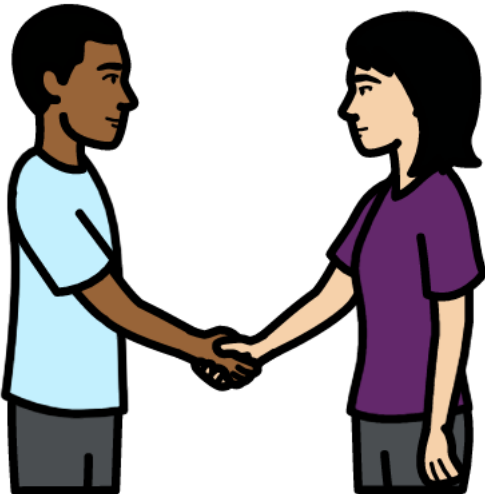
Helping the world to be peaceful and safe



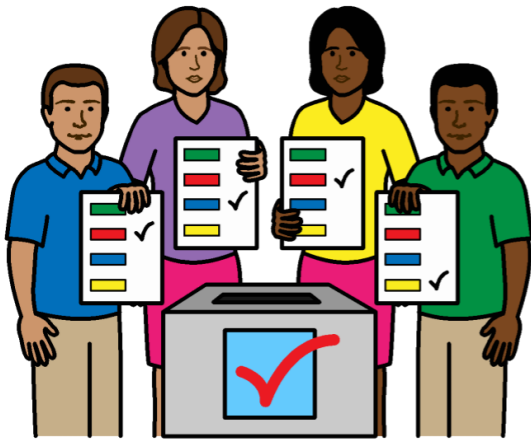
We worked to keep the peace and keep people safe in many parts of the world.

For example, we helped many countries with the things below:

- Stopping fighting from happening or getting worse.
- Solving problems by talking about them instead of fighting.
- Supporting different groups of people to get on well together. This helps to stop violence from happening.
- Helping people in local areas to stop violence where they live.

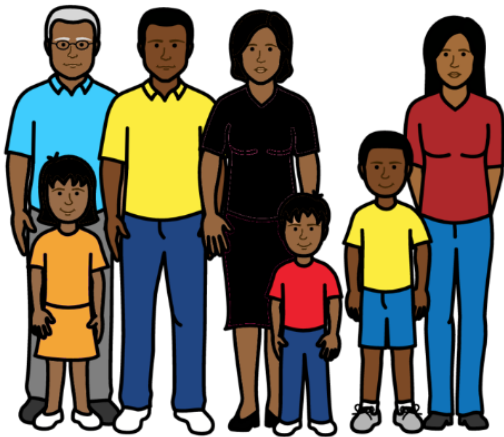


For example, by giving training to leaders in local areas about how to solve problems between people.



We gave countries advice and training about how to have fair and safe elections.

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



We did more to stop bad things that happen to people during wars.

For example, many children are forced to join groups of people who are fighting.

We helped many children to leave the groups and be part of their community again.



We also had a big meeting with many countries about stopping violence that happens to children.

Many countries promised to work faster to stop violence that happens to children.

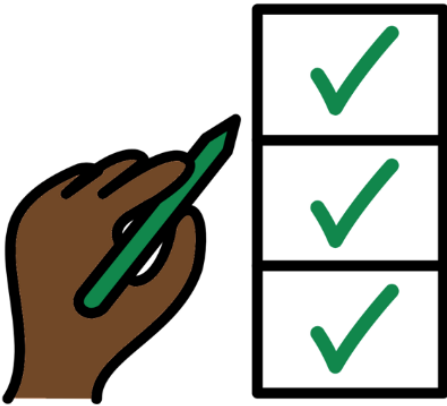


We helped to get better support for people who are forced to have sex or do sexual things during wars.



Our work in Africa

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



We are supporting Africa with its big plan to grow and do even better in the future.

Countries in Africa want this plan to happen by 2063.



We also worked with countries in Africa on things like:

- Making sure that more people can use technology.

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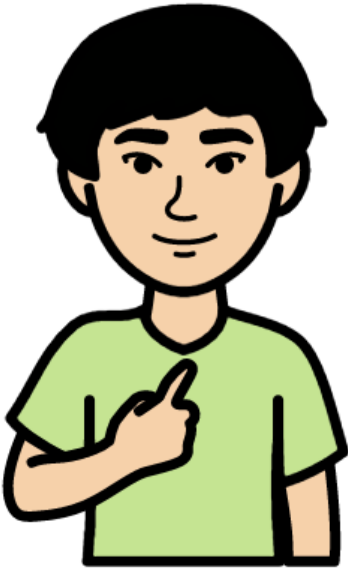


- Making laws and rules that are fair for everyone.

- Working in a better way to stop climate change.

- Making sure that every child gets a good education.

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 supported countries to do what they have promised about human rights.

This has helped to change things.

For example, some countries have now made better laws about human rights.



We did more to look into human rights problems in the world.

This means problems can be solved sooner.

It also means that people who have been treated badly can get the right support.



For example, we went to many countries to check what was happening with human rights.

We started a new way to see what is happening with human rights across the world.

We are using new technology and information to do that.

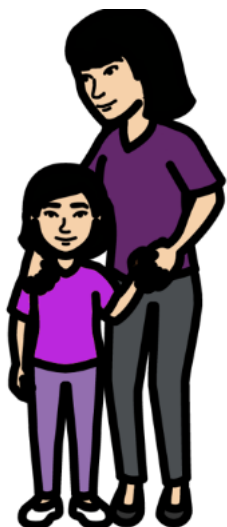
This will help countries to know about any problems and work faster to stop them.

We supported people from many countries to stand up for their human rights.

This includes groups of people who are often left out and treated unfairly.

We helped many people to get support if they were in danger because of violence.

That includes many women and girls.





Giving people the right support when big problems happen

For example, wars, earthquakes or bad weather problems.



We worked quickly to save lives when big problems happened.

For example, by making sure people got clean water, food and healthcare.



We supported more countries to plan for big problems before they happen.

For example, we started a better way to get information about problems that may happen.

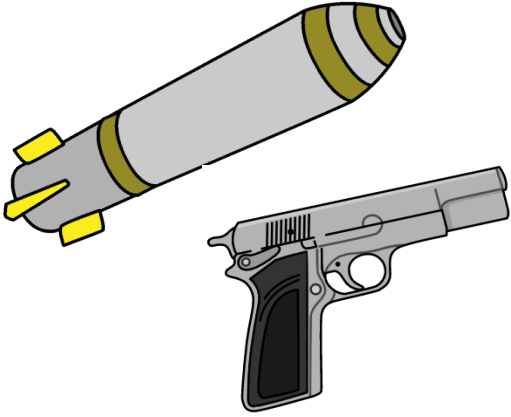
This can help people to get better support more quickly and to save lives.



We are also helping countries to work together to make a new law for the world.

This means countries would have to keep people safer from big problems that may happen.

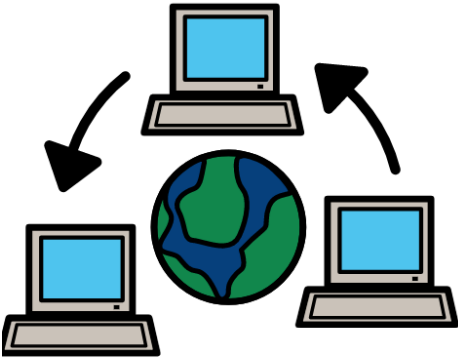
Our work on weapons, drugs and crime



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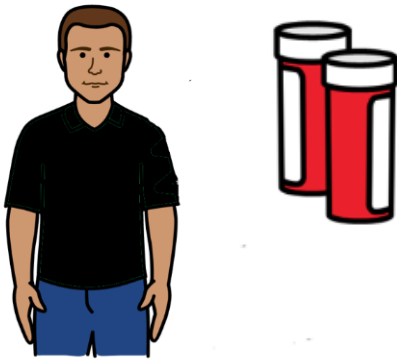
- Having less weapons and drugs in the world.

Weapons are things that can kill people. Like bombs or guns.



- Stopping some big crimes in the world.

For example, crimes where groups of people work across countries to sell drugs or do other bad things.



- Getting better support for people who cannot stop using some drugs.



We also started a new law for the world about stopping crime that happens on the internet.

For example, people may use the internet to make children do sexual things.

Or they may steal people's money.



Changing the way we work

We started a new project to look at new and better ways to do our work.



We want to be a safe and fair place for all groups of people to work.

For example, we are changing the way we choose new staff to work for us.

This will make it easier and fairer for different groups of people to work for us.



We are doing more to stop people from being treated badly.

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



We have looked at how to use new technology in a good way for our work.

For example, new technology means we can have meetings in many languages. This helps more people to take part.