

On Sustainable Development Goal Issue

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The Sustainable Development Goals are series of measures to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure the global well-being of human beings. Do you know what they are and how they were conceived? Human-kind faces many challenges to ensure that all people have the same development and well-being opportunities.

In a global perspective, in the year 2000, the United Nations adopted eight (8) objectives to meet the main needs of the poorest, the Millennium Development Goals: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Achieve universal primary education; Promote gender equality; Reduce child mortality; Improve maternal health; Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases; Ensure environmental sustainability; and develop a global partnership for development.

These are ambitious goals, disaggregated into targets, that require the collaboration of civil society and the public and private sectors, whose

success means a more egalitarian and livable world. But the question to be answered is- What do the Sustainable Development Goals seek?

The Sustainable Development Objectives cover different aspects of social development, environmental protection and economic growth, and these are the main ones: The eradication of poverty and hunger so as to ensure a healthy life; Achieve universal access to basic services such as water, sanitation and sustainable energy; Support the generation of development opportunities through inclusive education and decent work; Foster innovation and resilient infrastructures by creating communities and cities capable of producing and consuming in a sustainable way; Reduce inequalities in the world, especially gender inequalities; Caring for the environment by combatting climate change and protecting oceans and terrestrial ecosystems; Promote collaboration between different social actors to create an environment of peace and sustainable development.

If we achieve this sustainable development goals among people, government and companies, we will make the world a more prosperous place for all. In the last few years, it's clear that issues like climate change, plastic waste management, increasing migration, and other major issues are growing global concerns. For the last two years students have become

highly active in protesting and finding solutions to both national and global issues.

As a teacher, traditional education gives students few opportunities to explore, understand, and solve real world problems. So how are students expected to prepare for all these global issues? The SDGs can be used as a framework and tool to support students develop their research, critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and communication skills. Students need this 21st Century Skills to prepare them for the major real-world problems they will face during their lifetime. Teaching Sustainable Development Goals and exploring them can also support students find their identity and purpose.