**7 Examples of Solving Global Problems We All Need to Follow**

* Imagine a world where there’s no trash, no air pollution, no world hunger, and no issue

homeless

of starving and of

global crisis,

animals. Do you think it’s an unreachable dream in the conditions increasing population, and technical progress? Fortunately, a perfect world like

this is still an achievable reality. Some countries have already found solutions to global problems and we are going to tell you how they managed to do so.

**Bright Side** knows that the planet we are living on can be saved if everyone starts being more attentive to their surroundings, respecting nature, and caring about the environment. At the end of the article, there is a bonus showing that it’s possible to protect nature anywhere regardless of what condition it is in.

# 7. Taking care of

stray animals

Many people, and especially children, feel sorry when they see homeless animals. Can you imagine how wonderful this world would be if every creature found its home and never had to feel hunger and cold again? Turns out this problem can be solved without killing stray animals.

**Countries who have found a solution:** Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic are the countries where you won’t find any stray animals. The well-organized animal protection system helped achieve this result. Every animal has its rights and the violation of these can lead

imprisonment.

to severe punishment, including

Also, great attention is paid to s where there are special people responsible for their

shelter

maintenance. For example, in the Czech Republic, it’s the duty of the local police, while the financing comes from the city’s budget. Shooting animals and euthanizing them is prohibited by the local law.

In the sleeping districts of Prague, it’s easy to see hares, pheasants, and hedgehogs instead of stray dogs. All because Czech people are very empathetic when it comes to the destiny of homeless animals and adoption is very popular there.

It takes a lot of time and effort to find a home for a stray animal. In Turkey, a vending machine was installed to feed animals on the streets. In order to get 20 g of animal feed, one must throw a PET bottle in the machine.

# 6.

Sorting out garbage

The more people in the world, the more garbage they produce. Most of us don’t even think about what happens to our garbage after we throw it down the chute or put it out by our driveways every week.

**Countries who have found a solution:** The city of Kamikatsu in Japan proved by its own example that it’s possible to get rid of garbage. Of course, it was not easy. Every citizen got a 27-page-instruction with a detailed description of how to sort out their garbage. According to it, garbage must be sorted into 34 different containers — each for a different sort of waste.

If the instructions didn’t indicate what to do with a specific type of trash, it was placed in a public warehouse for recycling and further reusing. Incredible efforts have shown

an incredible result — 80% of the garbage is utilized while the other 20% is used as fertilizer. Just imagine — a city with no garbage! And it actually exists!

This news shocked the world and San Diego declared its intention to reduce the amount

of garbage by 75% by 2030 and to get rid of it completely by 2040. New York City also has big plans — the city hopes to reach the same result as Kamikatsu within 15 years.

# 5. Cleaning air

Air pollution is one of the main problems in large cities and many believe that there’s no solution.

**Countries who have found a solution:** Dutch painter Daan Roosegaarde, together with engineers, constructed a Smog Free Tower. Thanks to ionization technology, the tower can clean 30,000 square m of air per hour and consumes as much energy as a regular water heater. In the process of cleaning, solid impurities are pressed, which are further used in the production

of jewelry. It has already been tested in China and is currently used in many European cities, improving the ecological situation in large cities.

# 4.

Reducing electricity costs

Atomic, oil, and gas power stations affect the environment in a bad way and the bills for consuming electricity keep growing. Nevertheless, a modern person can’t imagine living without electricity.

**Countries who have found a solution:** Scientists are constantly searching for alternative energy sources, and many countries are currently refusing to build nuclear power plants. For example, Italy has closed all atomic power stations and has completely refused to use nuclear power.

Belgium, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, and Taiwan are planning to follow its example.

Power plants based on renewable sources are beneficial from an ecological and from a financial standpoint. The residents of Germany even receive payment to consume energy from time

to time. The thing is that wind can generate 39,190 MW of energy, which is equivalent

to 40 nuclear reactors. This energy is enough for half of Germany. When electricity production breaks records, electricity prices fall below zero. In such situations, the producers of energy either have to close stations to reduce the amount of produced energy or to pay consumers for using the energy. The second option seemed to be better and those payments have been happening for quite a while.

# 3. Saving

endangered animals

According to scientists, if there were no humans left on the planet, then the number and variety of animals would increase. While if there were no animals left, humankind would die out because our planet would not be able to stand such a disbalance. Unfortunately, every year,

the Red Data Listis replenished with new species. However, there are known cases when people could correct their own mistakes.

**Countries who have found a solution:** Many people like watching funny and cute videos with pandas, however, few of us realize that recently humankind was very close to destroying the population of these adorable and lovable creatures. China has developed a whole policy for the protection of the natural habitat of pandas and started to combat poaching. One can face the death penalty for killing a panda.

There is another wonderful story about saving a population of Arabian oryxes (antelopes).

In 1972, they were almost exterminated completely — only a few rich sheiks had them. And they’re the ones who started the program to restore this breed. People have spent many years, invested a lot of money and work, and, finally, got the desired result — Arabian oryxes have not been considered endangered since 2011.

# 2. products for free

Distributing

What do supermarkets usually do when the expiration date on products come to the end? Many shops cut the prices or simply utilize them. However, they could help people with small incomes. **Countries that have found a solution:** The first country that got this idea was Germany. The shop owners in this country started to give away expiring products for free.

Also, in Germany, you can find stores like “Tafel” or food bank. People pay only the entrance fee, which is between €1 to €2, and get all the products for free.

# 1. Caring for people’s happiness

If we create only one ministry and put the happiness of citizens at the center of national policy, then many issues will disappear by themselves.

**Countries that have found a solution:** When the Sheik of Dubai was asked the question “Why does your country need a Ministry of Happiness?” he answered, “I want my people to have

a better life now. I want them to be getting a decent education now. I want them to have access to the best medicine and be healthy now. Not in 20 years.”

The second country that has the same type of ministry is Bhutan. In 2008, the government proclaimed the happiness of their people the main priority and fixed it in the constitution. At the population census, people were asked if they are happy: 45.2% answered “extremely happy,” 51.6% — “happy,” and only 3.3% said that they were “not very happy.”

# Bonus

There are many things each of us can do to help the environment and preserve nature. Going green is actually very simple — all you need to do is maximize your own awareness and the awareness of those around you. Not only is taking care of the planet our common responsibility, but it’s also a matter of honor. Start with yourself — respect nature and nature will reward you in return!

Is it possible to create a whole new world by uniting modern technologies and a wish

of humankind to make our lives better? We would be glad to read your opinion in the comments!