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Decent Work and Economic Growth

"Let's create a world where everyone can find meaningful work, grow their careers, and thrive in a strong, inclusive economy."

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About Our Topic



Why does decent work and economic growth matter?

To grow our economy in a healthy and lasting way, we need to make sure everyone has access to good jobs that support both people and the planet. Creating work opportunities in safe and respectful environments is essential for every adult who wants to earn and live with dignity.

People need better access to financial services so they can save money, invest in their future, and grow their income. At the same time, improving trade, banking, and farming infrastructure—especially in poorer areas—can boost productivity and create more jobs.

By 2030, everyone—women, men, young people, and people with disabilities—should have access to fair, meaningful jobs. And no matter who you are, equal work should mean equal pay.



SDG 8 Targets





8.1

Sustain Economic Growth

Every country should grow its economy in a way that fits its own needs—and for the world's poorest countries, that means aiming for at least 7% growth each year to lift more people out of poverty.



8.2

Diversify and Upgrade Economies

To boost the economy, we need to focus on innovation, smart use of technology, and creating diverse industries—especially those that create more jobs and add real value.



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8.3

Promote Entrepreneurship

We need policies that support people in starting businesses, creating decent jobs, and turning ideas into reality—especially by helping small and local businesses grow and succeed.



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Full Employment & Decent Work

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Improve Resource Efficiency

By 2030, we should use the world's resources more wisely—producing and consuming in smarter ways that help the economy grow without harming the environment.



8.6

Reduce Youth Unemployment

By 2030, everyone—regardless of gender, age, or ability—should have access to meaningful work and fair pay for the work they do.

Young people deserve a better future—so we need to make sure more of them have access to jobs, education, or skills training.

Global Progress

Here's how we're doing in achieving the targets for Decent Work and Economic Growth worldwide.





Economic Growth

Many countries are making progress and are on track to meet their economic growth goals.



Youth Employment

Since 2015, fewer young people are out of school or without jobs—which is a step in the right direction.



Labor Rights

A growing number of countries have strengthened protections for workers and their rights.



Resource Efficiency

Improvement in global resource efficiency since 2015

Solutions & Actions

What can we do to achieve the goal of Decent Work and Economic Growth?

Governments

Businesses

Individuals



What Individuals Can Do

- Choose to support brands that treat their workers fairly and follow ethical trade practices.
- Keep learning and building new skills—it's the best way to stay ready for future job opportunities.
- Social entrepreneurship uses innovative solutions to tackle community problems while making a positive, lasting impact.
- Stand up for fair wages and better working conditions to ensure everyone is treated with respect and dignity at work.
- Back policies that create good jobs and boost economic growth for a stronger, more sustainable future.

Everyone has a part to play in building an economy that works for all, whether through personal choices or coming together to push for change.

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