

# Quality Education

IT'S ABOUT US



**Aim: To learn about the role of education in affecting global change**



**Objectives:** Young people will...

- Learn about the work of Malala Yousafzai, an inspiring education activist.
- Learn about the broad benefits of education.
- Understand the role for education in driving progress and societal transformation.
- Understand the vital importance of ensuring girls are educated.

**Background Resources and Links:**

- [The Value of Education](#)
- [UNICEF & MDG 2 \(Education\)](#)
- [Key Messages and Data on Girls' and Women's Education and Literacy](#)

**You will need:** 10 - 15 Worksheets with Global Goal for Sustainable Development headings.





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### View:

- [Malala Speech to UN](#) - Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani school pupil and education activist from Pakistan. She is known for her education and girls' rights activism. In early 2009, at the age of 11, Malala began blogging for the BBC in Urdu under the pen name 'Gul Makai'. She detailed her life under Taliban rule and her objections to the Taliban prohibition on girls' education. On 9 October 2012, Malala, 14 years old, was shot in the head and neck in an assassination attempt by Taliban gunmen while returning home on a school bus. She survived the assassination attempt but the Taliban has reiterated its intent to kill Malala and her father. In this video, Malala - now 16 - speaks to the United Nations at her first public speaking engagement since her attack.

OR

- Malala Yousafzai on [The Daily Show](#) - In this exclusive interview with Jon Stewart following the release of her book, "I Am Malala", she remembers the Taliban's rise to power in her Pakistani hometown and discusses her efforts to campaign for equal access to education for girls.



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### Discussion Points:

- Where do we begin if we want to see change in the world? *Education.*
- Why is the education of women banned by the Taliban? Globally, 66 million girls are out of school that is one on 5 girls. (UNESCO)
- Why are schools often targeted during conflict and amongst terrorist groups like Boko Haram (figuratively meaning "Western education is sin") who recently kidnapped 276 girls from a school in Chibok, Nigeria?
- Why is this speech so important? *School is not free in over 50 countries.* (UNESCO).
- What do you value about your education?



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### **Group Work:** Making the Links

Divide the group in to smaller groups, hand out the infographics below and ask the participants to discuss how education can have impact on each of these issues.

- **Example 1: Conflict** - Through education people can learn about respecting difference.
- **Example 2: Pollution** - Through education people can learn about ways to reduce waste.

Hand out a lined A4 sheet of paper to each group and ask participants to write down a solution and pass the sheet to the next group and continue until each issue has been addressed.

**Follow up :** Hang the A4 sheets in the room, ask participants (in pairs) to choose an issue they would like to learn more about. Get them to design a poster or leaflet reflecting their choice.



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### **Closure:**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” [Nelson Mandela](#)

- What have you learned today that you would like to teach to another person?



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## At Home:

Around the world, girls face barriers to education that boys do not. But when you educate a girl you can break cycles of poverty in just one generation. Name 5 reasons why educating girls can have a lasting impact on global development.

### Notes:

1. *Educated mothers are more than twice as likely to send their children to school. (UNICEF)*
2. *A child whose mother can read is 50% more likely to live past the age of 5. (UNESCO)*
3. *Evidence suggests that girls who have little or no education are up to six times more likely to marry as children compared with girls with secondary schooling. (UNICEF)*
4. *If India enrolled 1% more girls in secondary school, their GDP would rise by \$5.5 billion. (Global Campaign for Education and RESULTS Education Fund)*
5. *One additional school year can increase a woman's earning by 10-20%. (United Nations Global Education First)*
6. *Women operate a majority of small farms and business in the developing world. Investing in girls' education could boost sub-Saharan Africa's agricultural output by 25%. (International Food Policy Research)*
7. *Almost two-thirds of the world's 792 million illiterate adults are women. (UNESCO)*
8. *The education of girls and women can lead to a wide range of benefits – from improved maternal health, reduced infant mortality and fertility rates to increased prevention against HIV and AIDS. (UNESCO)*
9. *More educated mothers are more likely to know that HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding, and that the risk of mother-to-child transmission can be reduced by taking drugs during pregnancy. (UNESCO)*
10. *Girls are less likely to start school than boys, but once enrolled, they are more likely to reach the last grade of primary school. (UNICEF)*



## **Take Action 'Using education to change our world'**

1. Brainstorm and decide on how your group can take action in your local community around the importance of education in the world, a specific issue such as the plight of the Nigerian girls or an issue in your local community you can change through educating your community.
  1. Hold an art exhibition
  2. Perform a flashmob
  3. Create a public art installation (artivism -creating awareness around social change through public art)
  4. Stage a play or create a video about the importance of education
  5. Put up an information stand about your specific issue
  6. Put on a fundraising event, concert, comedy night, poetry reading for your specific cause to do with education
2. Plan your event using our toolkit
3. Contact local media to cover the event
4. Spread your message online
5. Prepare, Rehearse, Motivate and Participate





# Environment

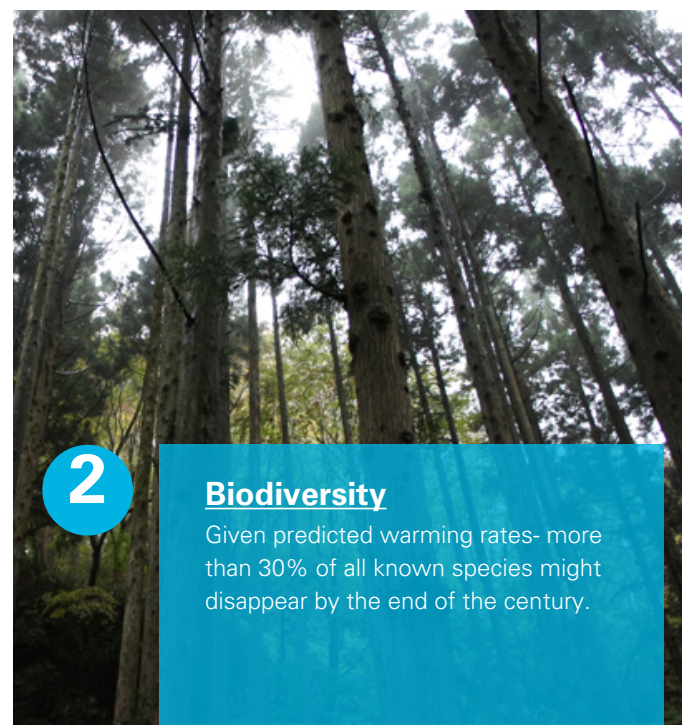
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## Climate Change

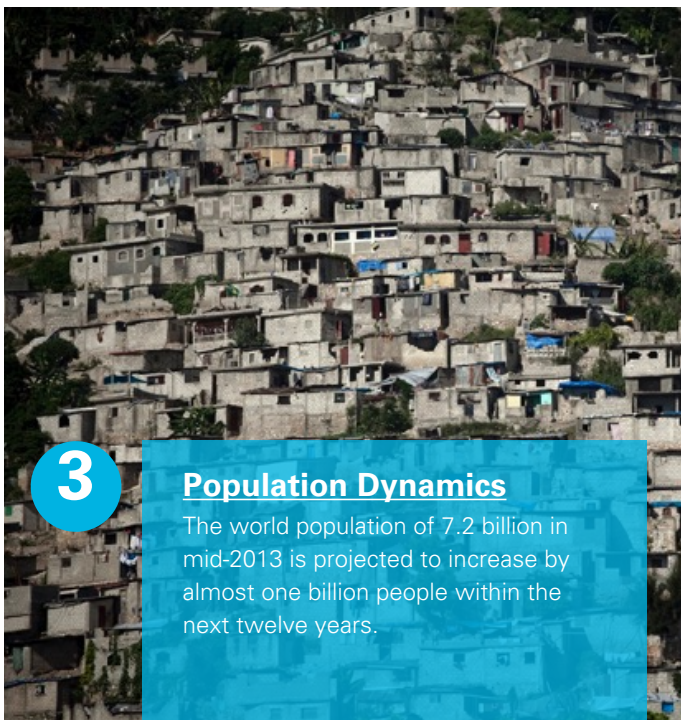
Since the middle of the twentieth century, recorded disasters have increased tenfold, with the majority stemming from weather related hazards. Children typically represent 50 to 60 per cent of those affected by disasters.



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## Biodiversity

Given predicted warming rates- more than 30% of all known species might disappear by the end of the century.



3

## Population Dynamics

The world population of 7.2 billion in mid-2013 is projected to increase by almost one billion people within the next twelve years.



4

## Energy

China is burning almost as much coal as the rest of the world combined.



5

## Protecting Natural Resources

86% of the world's energy is generated from non-renewable resources.





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### Poverty

1.2 billion people are still living in extreme poverty. In Sub-Saharan Africa, almost half the population live on less than \$1.25 a day.



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### Water

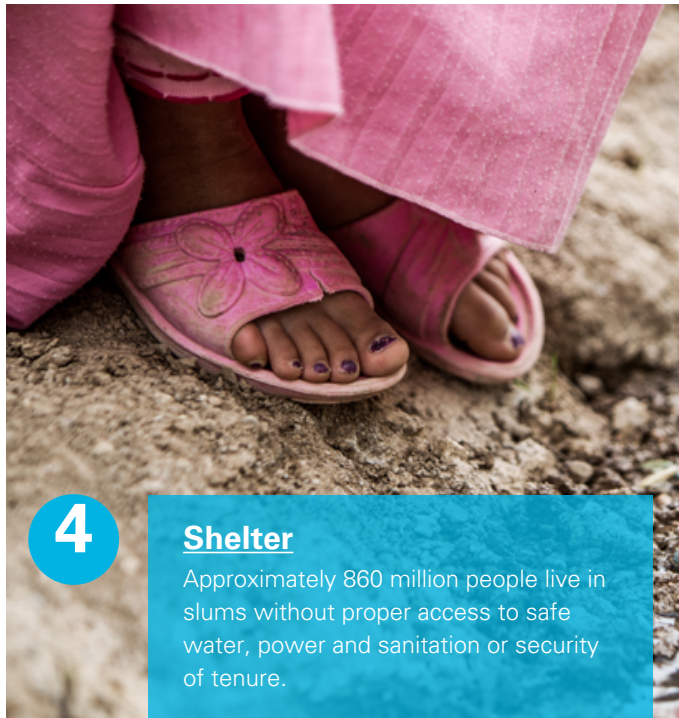
Over 180 million people rely on rivers, streams, ponds or lakes to meet their daily drinking water needs.



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### Nutrition

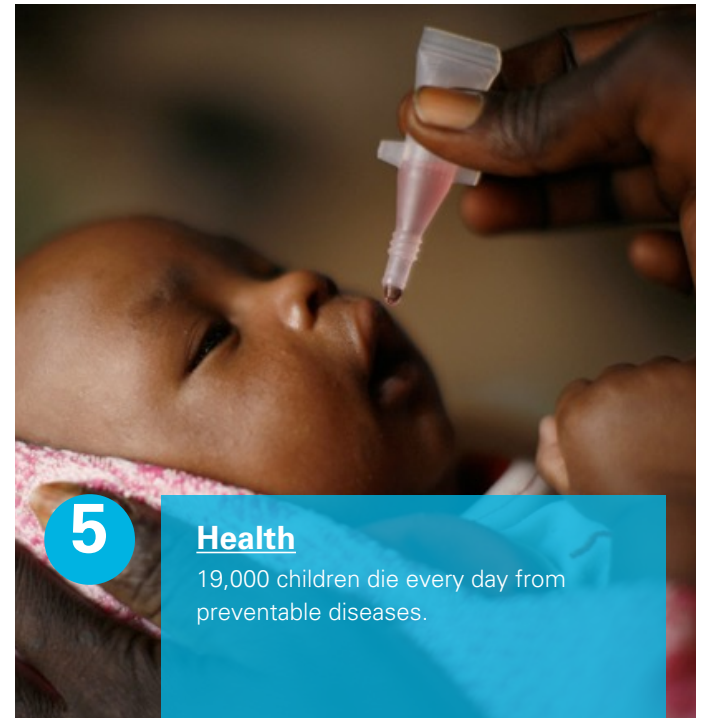
Worldwide, 1 in 8 people remain hungry.



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### Shelter

Approximately 860 million people live in slums without proper access to safe water, power and sanitation or security of tenure.



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### Health

19,000 children die every day from preventable diseases.





# Participation

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## Gender

A child whose mother can read is 50% more likely to live past age 5.



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## Education

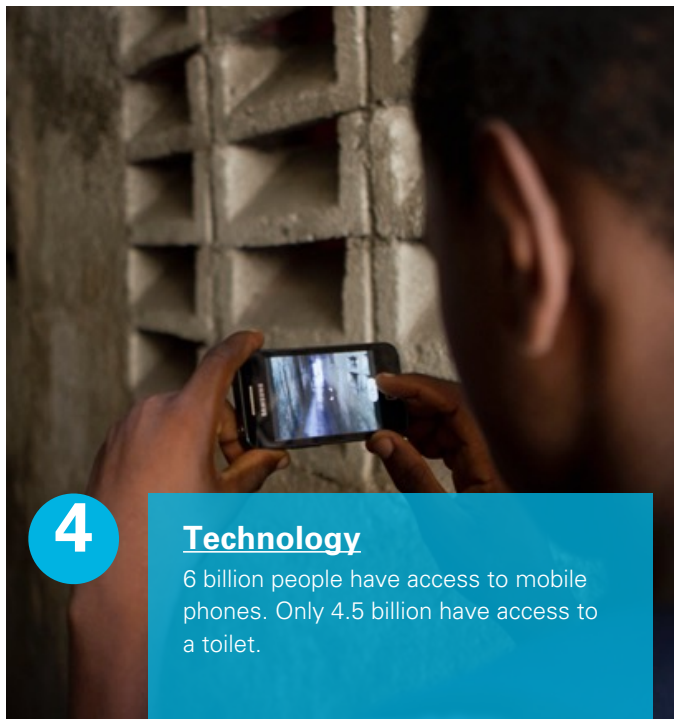
In the world's poorest countries, a quarter of young men and a third of young women cannot read.



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## Inequality

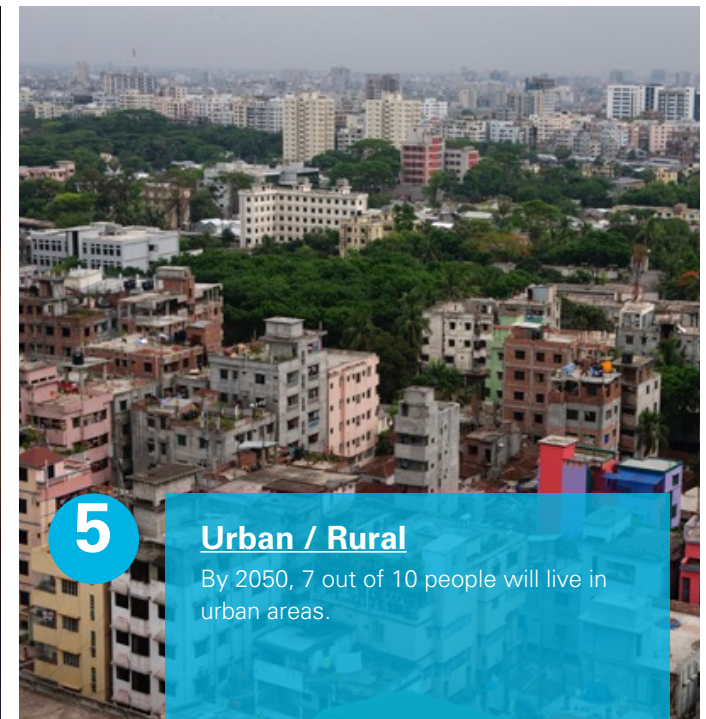
Children from the poorest households throughout the developing world are twice more likely to die before the age of 5.



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## Technology

6 billion people have access to mobile phones. Only 4.5 billion have access to a toilet.



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## Urban / Rural

By 2050, 7 out of 10 people will live in urban areas.





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### Conflict

Globally it is estimated that over 1 billion children live in countries or territories that are affected by armed conflict.



2

### Child Labour

An estimated 215 million children are involved in child labour. The majority are in the agricultural sector.



3

### Child Soldiers

An estimated 300,000 children are directly involved in more than 30 conflicts around the world.



4

### Child Marriage

Child brides are at risk of early and unwanted pregnancies. The complications associated with pregnancy and child-birth are among the leading causes of death for girls aged 15-19 worldwide.



5

### Birth Registration

49% of children under the age of 5 are not registered at birth meaning no birth certificate, passport, proof of age or biological parentage.

# Protection

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