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AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



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Goal 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions

We cannot hope for sustainable development without peace, stability, human rights and effective governance, based on the rule of law. Yet our world is increasingly divided. Some regions enjoy peace, security and prosperity, while others fall into seemingly endless cycles of conflict and violence. This is not inevitable and must be addressed.

Armed violence and insecurity have a destructive impact on a country's development, affecting economic growth, and often resulting in grievances that last for generations. Sexual violence, crime, exploitation and torture are also prevalent where there is conflict, or no rule of law, and countries must take measures to protect those who are most at risk

The SDGs aim to significantly reduce all forms of violence, and work with governments and communities to end conflict and insecurity. Promoting the rule of law and human rights are key to this process, as is reducing the flow of illicit arms and strengthening the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance.

Facts and figures

68.5 million

By the end of 2017, 68.5 million people had been forcibly displaced as a result of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations.

10 million

There are at least 10 million stateless people who have been denied nationality and its related rights.

US\$1.26 trillion

Corruption, bribery, theft and tax evasion cost developing countries US\$1.26 trillion per year.

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49 countries lack laws protecting women from domestic violence.

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In 46 countries, women now hold more than 30 percent of seats in at least one chamber of national parliament.

1 billion

1 billion people are legally 'invisible' because they cannot prove who they are. This includes an estimated 625 million children under 14 whose births were never registered.