

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**1.1 billion people across the globe**

live in areas that lack adequate access to safe water, sanitation, durable housing, and sufficient living space.<sup>1</sup>



**Only 44% of SDG indicators have sufficient data**

for global or regional monitoring, so we have **no way of properly tracking our progress.**<sup>3</sup>



around **750 million** people faced hunger in 2023.<sup>5</sup>

In 2022,

**2.2 billion people**

lacked access to safely managed water services.<sup>2</sup>



The world is far from reaching the 2030 Agenda, with **only 17% of the SDGs on track to be achieved.** **Half (48%) of the targets are showing serious setbacks.**<sup>4</sup>

**To be able to meet national education targets by 2030, countries...<sup>6</sup>**

... must enroll 1.4 million children in early childhood education each year.

... admit a new child to school every two seconds

... triple the progress in primary school completion rates



**Ireland ranks 17th in the world for subjective wellbeing in a ranking of 143 countries.**

Finland, Iceland and Denmark are the top three.<sup>7</sup>



In 2023, **Ireland invested over €2.6 billion in Official Development Assistance, the highest amount ever recorded.**<sup>8</sup>



**Ireland ranks 7th in the world using the Human Development Index (HDI),** which measures the mean average of **life expectancy**, years of **schooling** and **GNP** per capita.<sup>9</sup>



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1 [The Sustainable Development Goals Report \(2024\)](#) | 2 [UNDP \(2022\)](#) | 3 [Gennari, P. & Navarro, D.K. \(2020\)](#) | 4 [United Nations \(2024\)](#) | 5 [United Nations \(2024\)](#) | 6 [United Nations \(2024\)](#) | 7 [World Happiness Report \(2024\)](#) | 8 [Government of Ireland \(2024\)](#) | 9 [UNDP \(2022\)](#).