

## Thinking about the Sustainable Development Goals

*Optional activity to accompany slide 5 of More or Less Equal? introductory slideshow.*

- Print out and place the *SDG cards* around the room. Explain that for this activity the Sustainable Development Goals have been arranged into seven themes:
  - *Poverty*
  - *Health and well-being*
  - *Education, skills and jobs*
  - *A just world*
  - *Sustainability*
  - *The environment*
  - *The Global Goals*
- Explain that each of the SDG cards has information about one of these seven themes. Ask learners to take their time to explore each of the cards and to then stand near the card (SDG theme) that they think is the most important thing about or for development. Learners may feel that more than one theme is important but they should choose the one which they think is the top priority. One card is blank. Explain that learners can stand near the blank card if they feel that there is something else that is more important than the seven SDG themes.
- Once learners are in place, select individuals to share their choice and the reasons for it, using the following questions as prompts:
  - *Did you find it hard to choose?*
  - *Why do you think your theme is the most important?*
  - *Which theme do you think is the least important and why?*
  - *Are you persuaded by the choices of anyone else in the room?*
  - *Which SDG theme do you think is most likely to succeed and why?*
  - *Which SDG theme do you think is least likely to succeed and why?*
  - *Is there something else that you feel is more important than these SDG themes? What is it?*
- If time allows, give learners the opportunity to shift their position if they wish. Ask any learners who have changed position to explain why they have done so.
- Tell learners that progress on the SDGs will be measured by governments every year, in order to help achieve them all by 2030.

### Further ideas

- Ask learners to investigate the SDGs in more detail. Find out more: [sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals)  
[www.globalgoals.org](http://www.globalgoals.org)
- Ask learners to use Oxfam's education resources to support their learning about the SDGs: [www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/sustainable-development-goals](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/sustainable-development-goals)

# SDG Theme 1 – Poverty



Credit: Abbie Trayler-Smith/Oxfam

## No poverty

Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

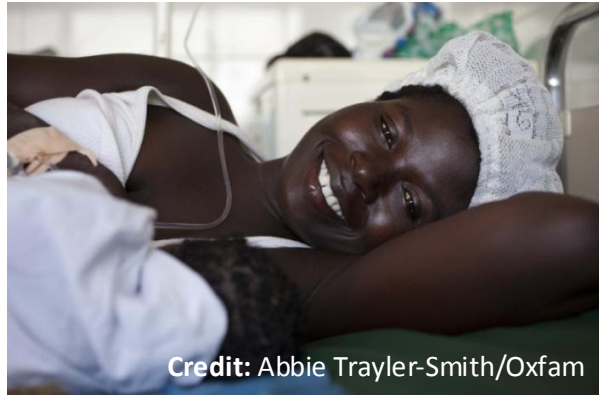


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## Reduced inequalities

Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries.

# SDG Theme 2 – Health and well-being



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## Good health and well-being

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.



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## Clean water and sanitation

Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.



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## Zero hunger

Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.

# SDG Theme 3 – Education, skills and jobs



## Quality education

Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all.



## Decent work and economic growth

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

# SDG Theme 4 – A just world



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## Gender equality

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.



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## Peace, justice and strong institutions

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

# SDG Theme 5 – Sustainability



## Accordable and clean energy

Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.



## Industry, innovation and infrastructure

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.



## Sustainable cities and communities

Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.



## Sustainable living

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

# SDG Theme 6 – The environment



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## Climate action

Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.



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## Life below water

Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.



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## Life on land

Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

# SDG Theme 7 – The Global Goals



## Partnership for the goals

Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.



# My own goal is...