

Look at the image of the 17 SDGs.

Discuss:

- What do you see?

- What is your initial impression?

Do you think that these goals apply universally? Why or why not?

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted unanimously by UN Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. At its heart are the 17



CASE
STUDIES
ON
SDG 4



SDG 4
TARGETS

Explore the UN websites below and specifically look at the targets for SDG 4


∅ Have these targets been achieved in your school or community? If not, do

ABOUT MALALA YOUSAFZAI

Malala Yousafzai became an international symbol of the fight for girls' education after she was attacked in 2012 for opposing Taliban restrictions on female education in her home country of Pakistan. In 2009, Malala had begun a blog under a pseudonym about her fears that her school would be attacked; even after her identity was revealed, Malala and her father continued to speak out for the right to education.

The attack on Malala in 2012 received worldwide condemnation. She and her family moved to the UK, where she and her father co-founded the Malala Fund to raise awareness of the importance of girls' education. She became the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate in 2014, and was designated a UN Messenger of Peace in 2017 to focus on empowering girls and ensuring their right to education.

Quality education is the foundation for improving all lives. Unfortunately, millions of children - especially girls - remain out of school, and bolder efforts are needed to achieve universal education goals.



CASE
STUDY 2:
SDG 4

Please watch the following video on a UNICEF initiative in Côte d'Ivoire through partnership with



DISCUSSION

You learned about:

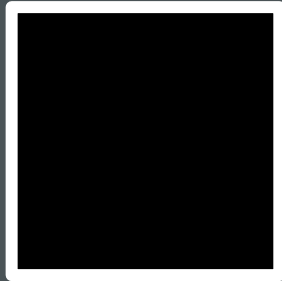
- Malala's story and the struggle for access to quality education.
- UNICEF's innovative solution to lack of classroom infrastructure.

- Ø Discuss your reactions to these two examples. Why is SDG 4 important?
- Ø What are some of the main obstacles to achieving SDG 4 globally? Can you come up with some recommendations?



Review these primary source documents to see how the UN has focused on education:

Ø The Preamble and Article 26 of the Universal



REFLECTION
QUESTIONS

Consider the questions below based on the information found in the primary sources:

- Ø What is the role of the UN in guaranteeing and improving access to quality of education?
- Ø How does education contribute to sustainable development and vice versa?
- Ø How does access to education relate to the UN's three pillars (Peace and Security, Human Rights, and Development)?
- Ø How do the SDGs provide a roadmap for the international community? Do you see relevance in your local community?



SDGS

Additional Resources (including those found in previous slides):

[-World's Largest Lesson](#)

[-The Lazy Person's Guide to Saving the World](#)

[-UN Development Programme \(UNDP\) SDG Website](#)

[-UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs \(DESA\) SDG Website](#)