

60.5% youth globally are not aware of the United Nation's SDG Goals

Extreme stress is weighing down 74% of the young people globally

Dubai, Nov 23, 2020 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the reset button on the imagination, scope, and pursuit of ambitions within the young generation. It has also made them vulnerable to isolation, mental health challenges, as well as lack of engagement and ideation. As per the Teenspire Global Mission's 2020 survey, which captured the pulse of 1500 young people worldwide, 74% of youth surveyed acknowledged being under severe stress and needing support.

The survey concluded that globally youth believe the pandemic was a period of reflection for them and inculcated a strong desire to tackle critical issues affecting humanity. Young people want to make a difference at the grass-roots level and find solutions to challenges overwhelming our world, the policymakers, governments, and humanity, but do not know where to start. 61% of young people feel the avenues of where to embark on the journey are unclear and the definition of success very limited.

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Whilst 84.3% of young people are aware that the world's biggest problem is hunger, they see no correlation between the problem and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. In fact, a majority of young people did not have any understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals.

57.9% are also aware that violent conflicts, and disasters, have left 168 million people in need of aid this year. Yet, they see these problems in isolation, empathize with them, but have no real context to the underlying reasons, or potential solutions. Neither do they relate them back to the United Nation's SDG goals.

The lack of connection and their inability to see themselves as contributing members to impact solutions is a wake-up call for us and definitely something we need to change collectively.

Youth make up 25% of the world's population and are an influential voice to drive change if empowered to do so. By not empowering them to evaluate problems and drive the change we are limiting their ability to make a difference.

Young people are also frustrated with the slow progress being made on critical issues like equality, injustice, gender discrimination, and mental health that have been hiding behind the walls of stereotypes and biases for too long. They believe access to education is the biggest enabler of building long-term and sustainable capabilities to ensure a better future.

Our research indicates, if we created mechanisms and playbooks by which youth could have the ability to influence and impact the outcomes, the world would definitely be a better place.

Our mission is to facilitate global partnerships that help empower youth. We equip young people with problem-solving skills to solve critical challenges, whilst forging corporate alliances for them.

We fast track innovation and ideation through unique programs that are conceptualized based on data and insights gathered from young people to facilitate global collaboration that solve local problems.

The survey was conducted in the months October and November 2020 with children in the age group 13-18 years from Malaysia, USA, Hong Kong, India, Canada, Burma, Ghana, UAE, and South Korea

The Executive Director of Teenspire Global Mission, Ayusha Tyagi, is available for interviews about the youth survey report and Teenspire Global Mission's programs for youth empowerment.

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