



GOAL 8: Promote Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth, Employment and Decent Work for All

Description

Roughly half the world's population still lives on the equivalent of about US\$2 a day. And in too many places, having a job doesn't guarantee the ability to escape from poverty. This slow and uneven progress requires us to rethink and retool our economic and social policies aimed at eradicating poverty.

A continued lack of decent work opportunities, insufficient investments and under-consumption lead to an erosion of the basic social contract underlying democratic societies: that all must share in progress. The creation of quality jobs will remain a major challenge for almost all economies well beyond 2015.

Sustainable economic growth will require societies to create the conditions that allow people to have quality jobs that stimulate the economy while not harming the environment. Job opportunities and decent working conditions are also required for the whole working age population.

Facts and Figures


- Global unemployment increased from 170 million in 2007 to nearly 202 million in 2012, of which about 75 million are young women and men
- Nearly 2.2 billion people live below the US\$2 poverty




- line and that poverty eradication is only possible through stable and well-paid jobs
- 470 million jobs are needed globally for new entrants to the labour market between 2016 and 2030

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