



General Assembly Third Committee

Topic A: Youth and the Achievement of SDG 3

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted in 2015 creating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These goals serve as the world's development strategy for future generations.¹ Youth played a key role in their creation as they will be the future of global development and experience first-hand the issues the SDGs seek to address.² SDG 3 is the attainment of good health and well-being for all. However, inequalities in health care access are still present in the world.³ Targets include: ending epidemics including AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other communicable diseases, achieving universal health coverage, and providing access to safe and affordable medicines and vaccines for all by 2023.⁴ The COVID-19 pandemic and other ongoing crises have significantly impacted towards SDG 3.⁵ Youth are especially vulnerable to many of the global challenges to development particularly when it comes to accessing health services. The SDGs established that young people are a driving force for development when they are provided with the skills and opportunities needed to reach their potential, support development, and contribute to peace and security.⁶

Topic B: Preventative Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The UN implements robust preventative measures to combat trafficking in persons, recognizing it as a grave violation of the *Universal Declaration on Human Rights* and a threat to international peace and security.⁷ It is imperative Member States address the root causes of trafficking and strengthen legal frameworks.⁸ The international community has focused on developing and implementing policies that enhance border control, dismantle criminal networks, and prosecute perpetrators. Special emphasis is placed on protecting and assisting victims, providing them with access to critical services.⁹ The UN also promotes socioeconomic development programs in regions prone to trafficking, offering viable alternatives to potential victims. Furthermore, the UN advocates for stronger international cooperation and coordination to tackle cross-border trafficking networks. By engaging stakeholders at all levels, the goal is to create a world where human trafficking is eradicated and the dignity and rights of all individuals are upheld.¹⁰

¹ <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/health/>

² <https://www.undp.org/publications/fast-facts-youth-partners-implementation-sdgs>

³ <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal3>

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ <https://hlpf.un.org/2023/outcome>

⁶ <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/09/why-young-people-are-key-to-achieving-the-sdgs/>

⁷ <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/es/humanrights/index.html>

⁸ <https://www.un.org/en/chronicle/article/prevention-prosecution-and-protection-human-trafficking>

⁹ <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/human-trafficking/>

¹⁰ Ibid.