

# 17 Goals for a ZERO HUNGER Generation

How old will you be in 2030? Did you know that 193 countries have agreed to end hunger and create a better world for all by then? They plan to do this by completing 17 goals, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **These goals are everyone's homework** until 2030 and they belong to us all, whether we are from the developing or developed world. The only way we can achieve them is if we work together.

## How does FAO contribute to the SDGs?

FAO's work contributes to many of the SDGs but **our main focus is SDG2: Zero Hunger**. And we can't achieve Zero Hunger without tackling many of the issues that cause people to migrate. It is possible to feed our growing population and help them rise out of poverty without threatening the health of our planet for future generations.

## Migration CAN contribute to achieving the SDGs

If governments learn to manage migration better, and to stop and prevent conflicts, it can lead to economic growth and bring us closer to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. **Safe, orderly and regular migration can contribute to development**, if migrants are able to find a job, learn the local language or receive training to acquire new skills.



Migrants can also contribute to growth in their country of origin by sending money back to their families, which can improve food security and rural people's lives. If migrants are able to go home when conflict has ended, they can bring new skills they learnt while they were away, back to their community. In addition, addressing the root causes of migration – climate change, poverty and hunger, conflict – helps us to reach our ultimate goal: Zero Hunger. **Achieving the SDGs means involving all people, including migrants!**

## What can we do?

We can try to encourage governments to address climate change, and work towards solving long-term conflicts that are forcing people to flee from their homes. We can

also convince governments to give people alternatives to migration, where possible, by providing new and better work opportunities at home.

By changing some simple everyday habits that have an effect on our climate, for example by wasting less food, saving water and recycling, **we can become the Zero Hunger Generation** – the first generation to make hunger vanish from the planet. Have a look at our Climate Actions in the 2016 Activity Book here: [bit.ly/WFDBOOK16\\_EN](http://bit.ly/WFDBOOK16_EN) to find out more.

## The importance of choice

Deciding to stay at home, or to leave home when it's safe to do so, should always be a choice for everyone. FAO is working to give people choices. This means investing in people's abilities and dreams and lifting them out of poverty and hunger. But some people choose to go and find ways to contribute to their new home or country of origin. Migration Champions are doing their part to achieve the SDGs. They come in all shapes, ages, colours and sizes; what counts is that they **stand up for others and help to make our planet a better place.**

Have a look at some of our favourite Migration Champions, be they young or old, from the past or the present, individuals or organisations. Many of them are also Zero Hunger Heroes, actively fighting hunger around the world. **Can you think of any others?**



### Shakira Mebarak

Shakira started her singing career in Colombia before becoming an international star and moving to Spain. Shakira is a Migration Champion because she founded the Pies Descalzos Foundation, which provides education and meals to 4,000 Colombian children. She is also an active advocate for children's rights all over the world.

### Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)

SEWA has lifted over 2 million women out of poverty in Asia. They work with FAO to help women and young people in Africa too. They create jobs, spread knowledge, offer health services and provide education to give people a better future. SEWA is a Migration Champion because it is giving millions of people the choice to stay at home when it's safe to do so.

### Grameen Bank

The Grameen bank in Bangladesh provides poor people with access to money to start profitable activities. The founders were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for their groundbreaking work. Grameen bank is a Migration Champion because it is giving people new opportunities, lifting them out of hunger and poverty.

### Yusra Mardini

When fleeing home during the Syrian civil war, Yusra and her sister pushed a sinking boat for over 3 hours until it reached Greece. Yusra is a Migration Champion because she helped to save the lives of 18 other refugees. She also swam in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio as part of the Refugee Olympic Team and today, she continues to advocate for refugees everywhere.

### Albert Einstein

Einstein fled Germany for the USA because of the rise of the Nazi party shortly before World War 2. He received the Nobel Prize for his revolutionary work in physics. Einstein is a Migration Champion because he worked tirelessly to save the lives of German Jews by helping them to escape their country and settle into their new community.

### Migrant money-senders

When people leave home and start a life in a new country, they are sometimes able to send money to family or friends who stayed behind. When migrants send money home, they are sending what we call cash remittances. In 2015, migrants sent over \$600 billion in remittances to their countries of birth. They are Migration Champions because they help their old and new countries to grow and develop.