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FOCUSING OUR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS ON THE WORLD'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS:

The Sustainable Development Goals

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THE SDGs: A DEVELOPMENT AGENDA FOCUSED ON FIVE “Ps”

- **People:** end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, ensure dignity and equality and a healthy environment
- **Planet:** protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change
- **Prosperity:** all human beings must enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature
- **Peace:** fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence
- **Partnership:** mobilize the means required to implement this agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development



Overall MDG Progress Score



1A Poverty



1C Hunger



2 Education



3 Gender



4 Infant
Mortality



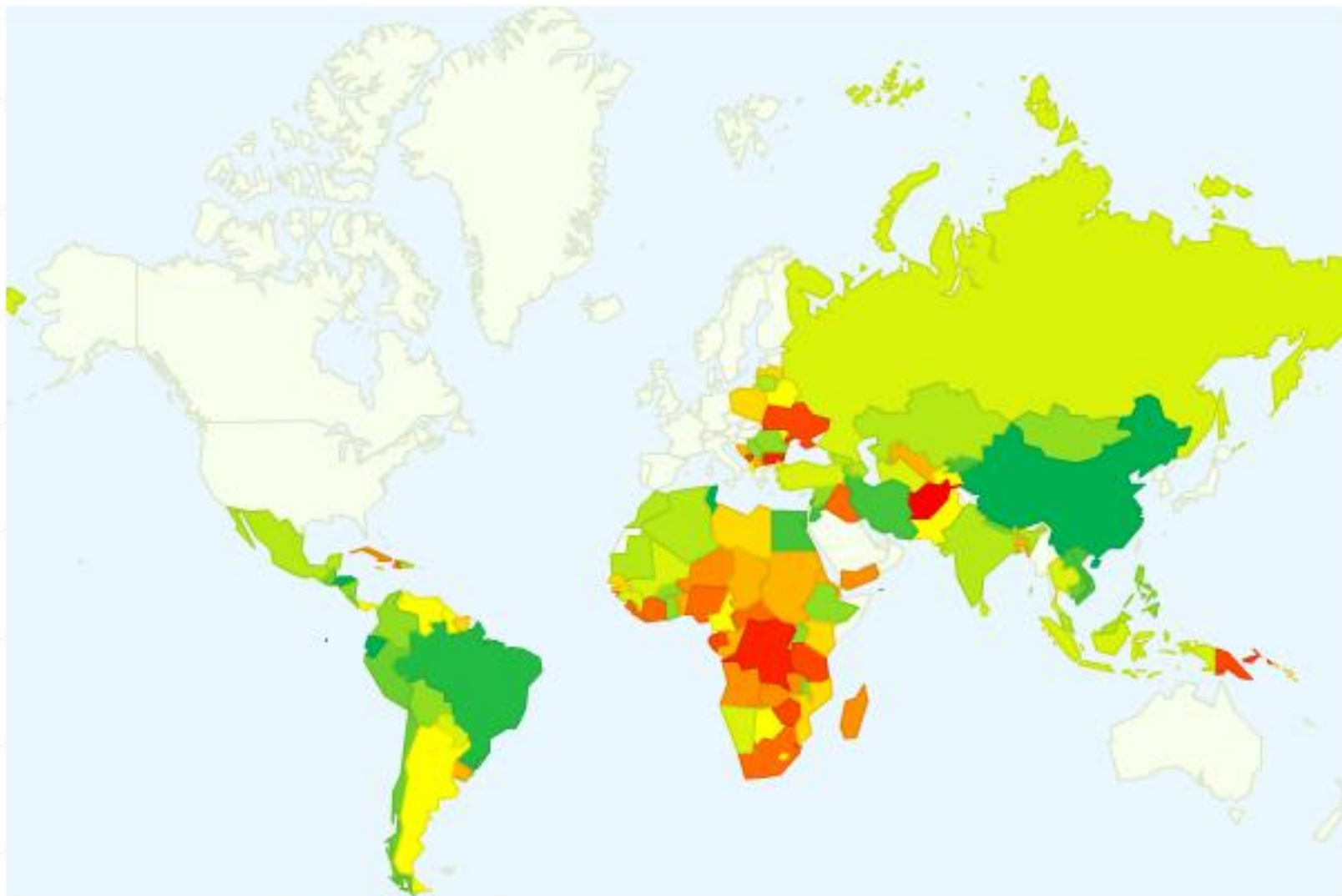
5 Maternal
Mortality



6 HIV/AIDS



7 Water



Progress Scores 0  8

Countries colored white have no data for this view



GOAL 1

END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE



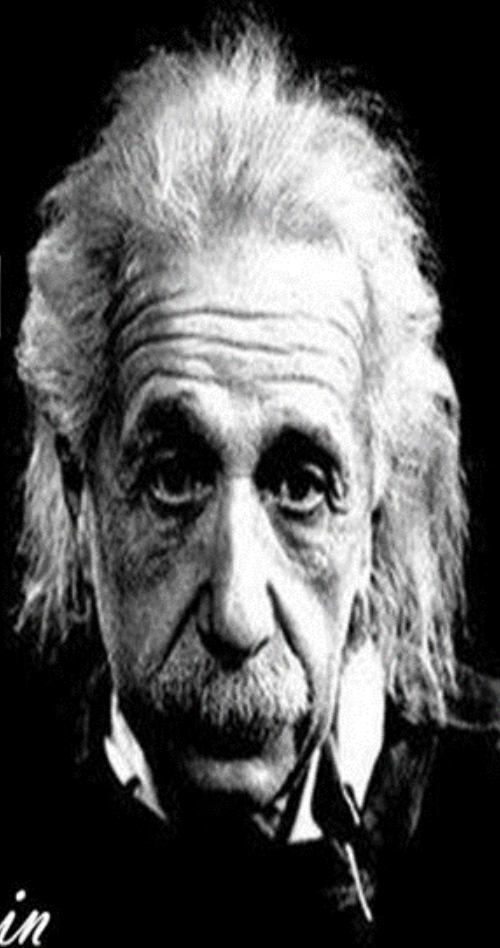
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WE CANNOT SOLVE
OUR PROBLEMS WITH
THE SAME THINKING
WE USED WHEN
WE CREATED THEM

~ Albert Einstein





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“In order to demonstrate the will to sustain and restore, rather than consume and destroy, the ecosystems upon which all life depends, business needs to redefine how we create value and measure success.

Developing this approach will help drive a race to the top amongst companies investing and innovating towards a net-zero emissions economy – and ultimately a net-zero environmental impact economy – for the benefit of people and planet alongside profit.”

Paul Polman, CEO Unilever



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“As leaders of two global businesses with strong commitments to sustainable development, we believe the business community must be a full partner in designing and achieving these goals.

Now more than ever, the world’s economy is impacted by economic growth in countries formerly at the margins of the global economy. Increasingly, it is neither the developed markets nor the fast-emerging BRIC markets but rather a broad group of developing countries in Central and East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East that are new engines of growth and sources of talent and innovation.

Ultimately, the achievement of the sustainable development objectives depends on a growing economy that broadly distributes benefits.

While business can contribute through our operations, commitment to transparency, and best practices, we can also use our ability to innovate to provide practical near-term solutions to sustainable development challenges.”

*Jeff Immelt, Chairman and CEO General Electric GE,
and Sam Walsh, CEO Rio Tinto*



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YAK CHEESE AND KRAFT FOODS





UNV ONLINE VOLUNTEERING SERVICE



UN-CSOs-Gvts



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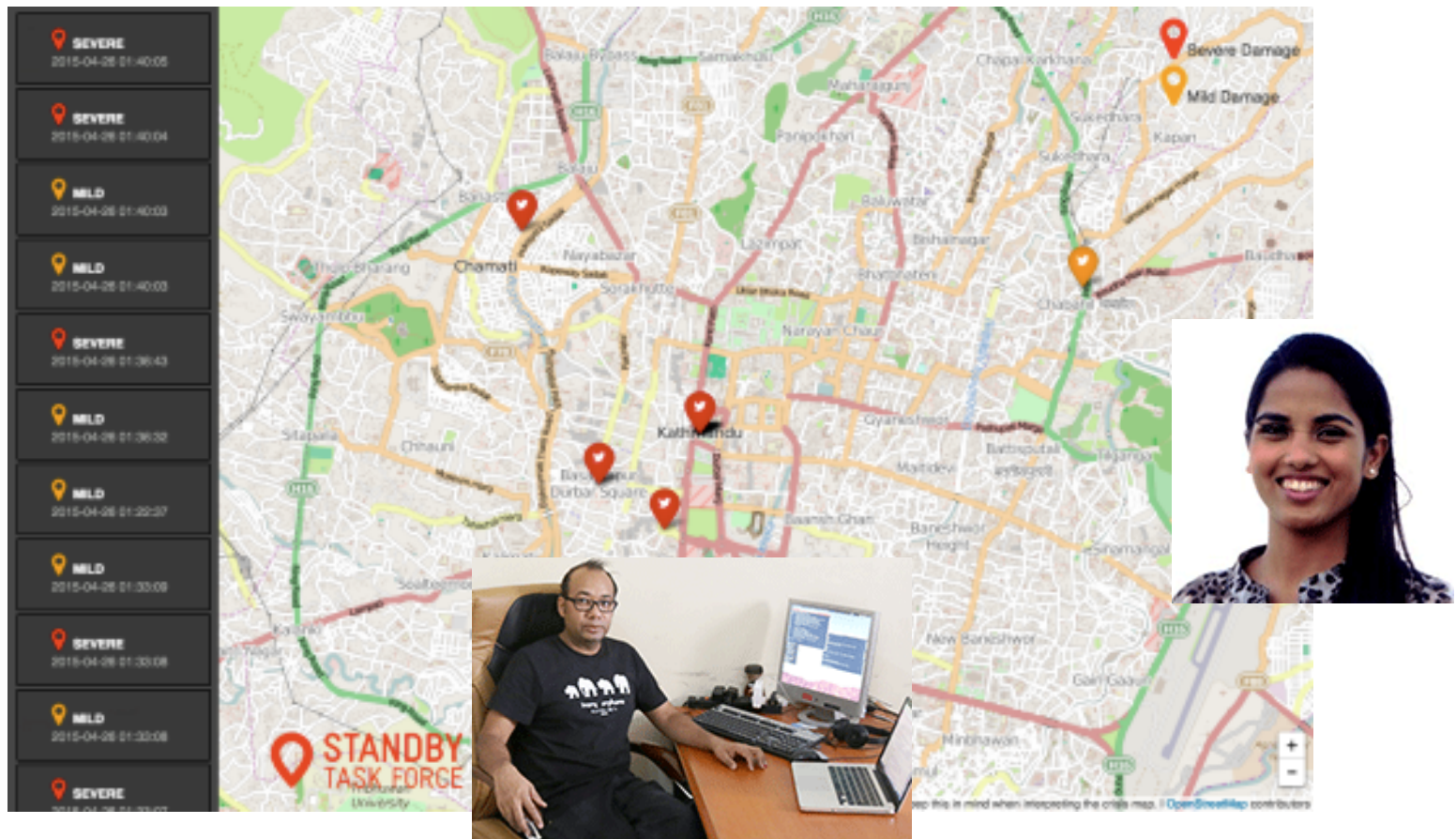
Connecting

Broker services:
screen organizations
shape assignments
guide collaboration
control quality

Assignments completed for Peace and Development



UN ONLINE VOLUNTEERS HELPED PREPARE THE GROUND FOR NEPAL EMERGENCY RELIEF





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TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Integrate SDGs in CSR programmes and make choices
- Discover new spaces and open them up
- Develop new partnerships and change the rules
- Work on corporate strengths (skills based)
- Combine philanthropy and volunteering



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