

# The Future We Want The United Nations We Need

Voices from Tajikistan on UN75

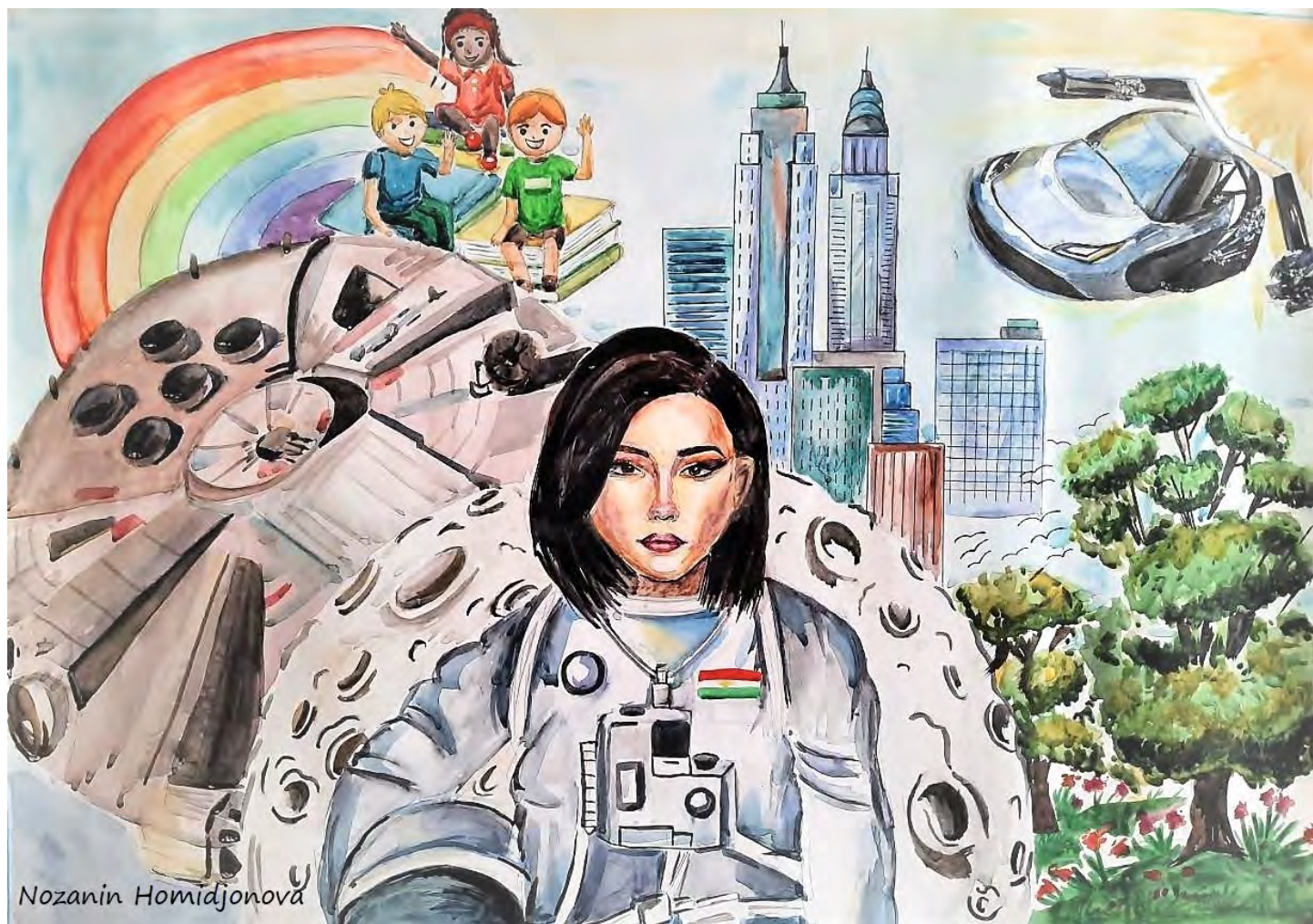


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# Executive Summary

The global UN75 campaign, dedicated to UN's 75th anniversary was launched in 2020 by UN Secretary-General Antynio Guterres to ignite a people's debate and became the largest and furthest-reaching global conversation ever on building the future we want.

Starting in January 2020, the United Nations held dialogues around the world and across borders, sectors, and generations. The aim was to reach the global public; to listen to their hopes and fears, and to learn from their experiences. Through the dialogues, UN75 aimed to build a global vision for the year 2045, the UN's centenary; to increase understanding of the threats to that future, and to drive collective action to realize that vision.

## #UN75 campaign in Tajikistan

UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Tajikistan cooperated with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan to run a national #UN75 campaign. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, main interventions were conducted online and through remote channels.

UN75 in Tajikistan aimed to drive the conversation with the engagement of wide segments of society with special emphasis on youth and those whose voices are too often marginalized or not heard.

National campaign included various actions: online and off-line dialogues with decision-makers, women, girls and youth, CSOs working with PWDs and vulnerable groups; digital information campaigns, quizzes and Q&A sessions through social media, online drawing and videos contest under the title of "Postcards from Future", TV programs and a town hall meeting with all UN personnel in the country.

This document mainly consists of the analysis of the UN75 one-minute online survey, which gathered more than 16,000 voices across all regions of Tajikistan, with some quotes and opinions from other activities.



# #UN75 in Tajikistan:



**1** TOWNHALL MEETING



**3** TV PROGRAMS & INTERVIEWS



**10** INFORMATION SESSIONS  
YOUTH EVENTS



**15** VIDEOS



**17** DIALOGUES



**70+** DRAWINGS WITHIN  
THE "POSTCARDS FROM  
FUTURE" CONTEST



**250+** UN75 SELFIES AND  
ONLINE PHOTO FRAMES



**16,228** ONLINE  
SURVEY PARTICIPANTS



**250,000+**  
PEOPLE  
COVERED\*

\* through national TV stations, traditional and social media, events.

# Top Ten Key Findings



- # 1** Priorities and concerns of **vulnerable populations** are remarkably aligned with those of the nation as a whole.
- # 2** Amidst the current crisis the **immediate priority** of most respondents is improved access to basic services: water, sanitation, healthcare, and education.
- # 3** The next immediate priority of respondents is greater international solidarity and increased support to the places and people hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- # 4** Top **longer-term priorities** for the future include: ensuring greater respect for human rights, increased employment opportunities, and better access to healthcare.
- # 5** Equality between men and women is a **top priority for women**, especially for those without a post-secondary education. It's the second priority of female respondents overall, following more respect for human rights.
- # 6** Respondents are most worried about the risk of terrorism, risks related to health, and climate change.
- # 7** Respondents are hopeful about the welfare of the next generation; 81% of respondents believe people in 2045 will be better off.
- # 8** When it comes to the future, younger respondents tend to be more pessimistic than older generations. On average, survey respondents grow increasingly optimistic as age increases.
- # 9** 88% of those surveyed believe international cooperation is vital for addressing global challenges.
- # 10** Survey data reveals a positive correlation between education level and attitudes toward global cooperation; respondents with higher levels of education show higher levels of support for global cooperation.

# SECTION 1

## Introduction



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Methodology: Two Data Streams

# UN75 One-Minute Survey & UN75 Dialogues

Last year, in a time of uncertainty, the United Nations marked its 75th anniversary. In January 2020, the organization launched the UN75 initiative — the UN’s most ambitious attempt to crowdsource priorities and solutions from the global public, providing unique insights into the “future we want and the UN we need” at this challenging time. These findings will guide the organization to chart a way forward and build a better future for all.

The following report mainly synthesizes data from **two data streams**: the UN75 one-minute survey ([www.un75.online](http://www.un75.online)) and UN75 dialogues, focusing specifically on responses collected from **Tajikistan** between January and November 2020. The survey and dialogues both capture respondents' priorities for the future, their perceptions of obstacles to achieving them, and the role of global cooperation in furthering them.

UN75 dialogues are conversations – informal or moderated – that enabled participants to explore the survey questions in more depth, and in line with the interests of their communities. In addition to gathering more detailed insights into priorities, concerns and solutions to the challenges the world faces, each dialogue is also an opportunity to encourage local action and build greater trust between groups and sectors.



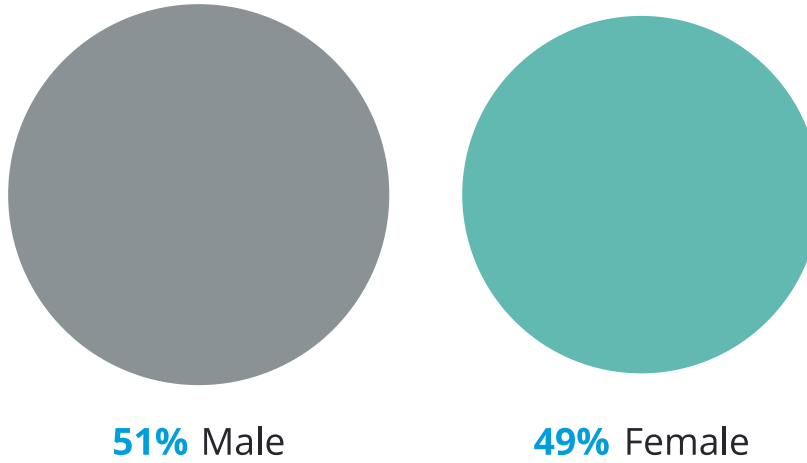


Population

# UN75 Survey: Breakdown of Respondents (Tajikistan)

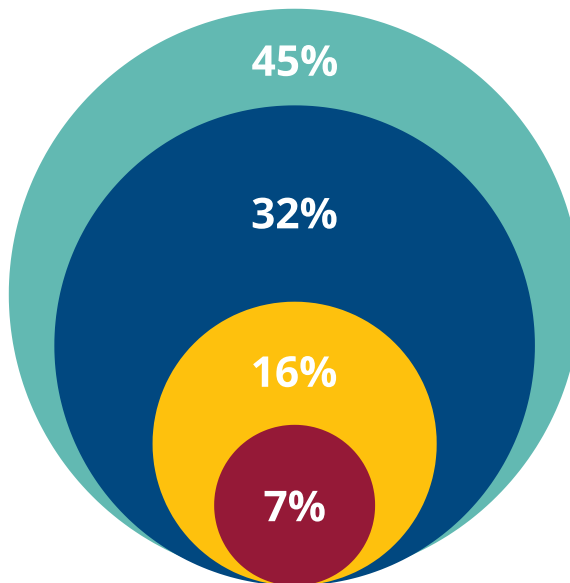
Total of 16,238 respondents

## Gender



## Education

- Beyond secondary
- Finished secondary
- Finished primary
- Some primary



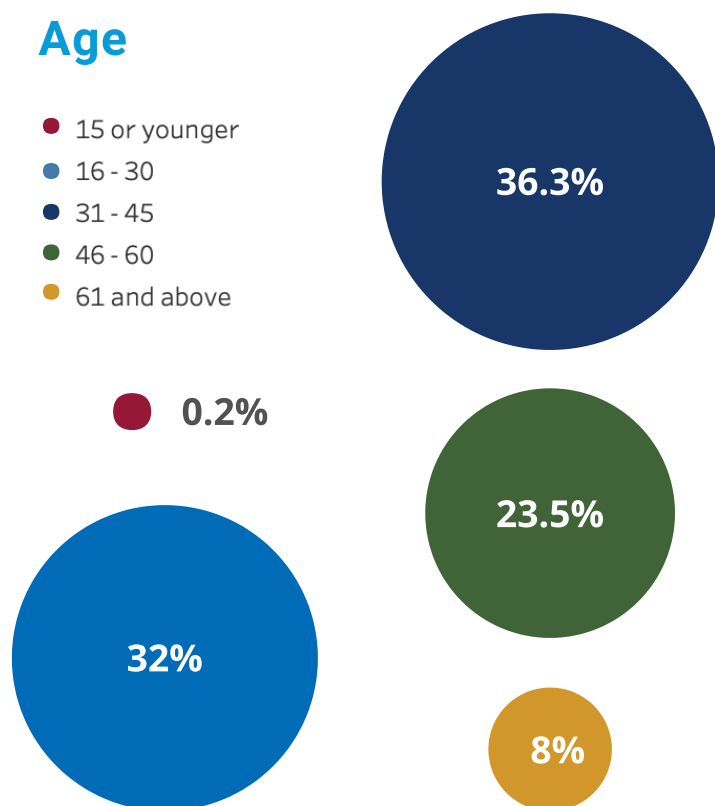
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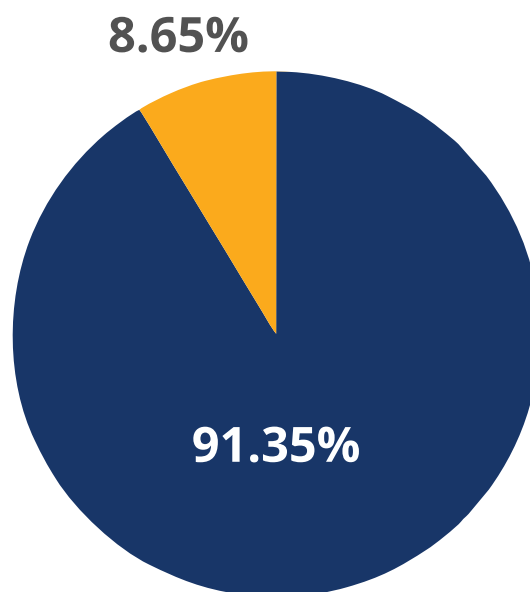
## Age

- 15 or younger
- 16 - 30
- 31 - 45
- 46 - 60
- 61 and above



## Disability

- no
- yes



## Demographic Analysis

The UN75 one-minute survey collected analysis-friendly data of each respondent's age, gender, disability, and education level. Other likely important demographic data, such as rural/urban location, employment status, and income level, was not systematically collected to facilitate quantitative analysis. However, the needs and perspectives of these demographics have been integrated to the best of our abilities throughout the report through qualitative UN75 dialogue discussions.

# SECTION 2

## Immediate priorities for recovering from the pandemic



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# Key Finding

Priorities and concerns of vulnerable populations are remarkably aligned with those of the nation as a whole



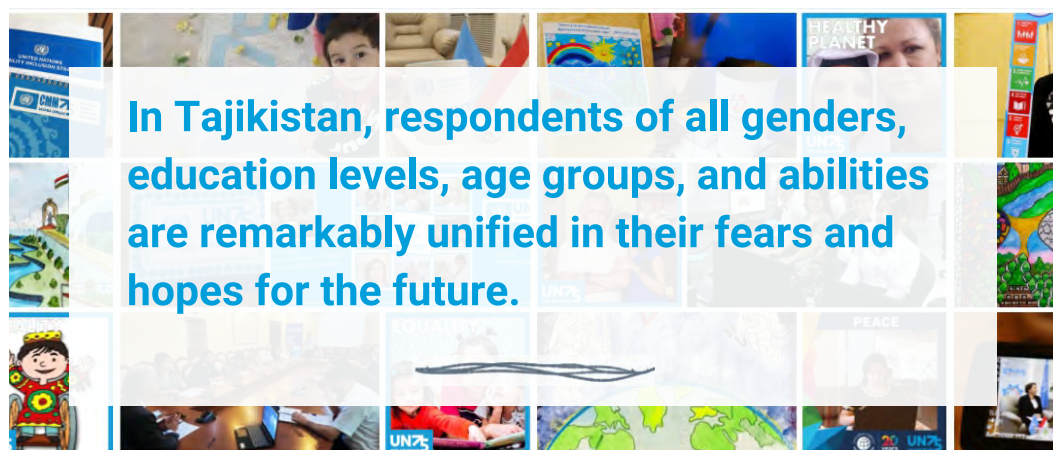
## Key Finding 1

# Survey respondents of all demographics are remarkably unified in their fears and hopes for the future

## Gender, Education Level, Age, & Disability

In line with the United Nations' pledge to [leave no one behind](#), contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, great efforts were placed on promoting the UN75 one-minute survey to ensure as broad of a representation as possible.

With this in mind, a demographic analysis was performed to better understand how gender, education level, age, and disability influence differences in priorities and perceptions. A particular emphasis was placed on identifying differences within groups of respondents containing possible [intersections of vulnerability](#).



Priorities for the future among vulnerable groups were [largely aligned with those of the nation as a whole](#). In other words, responses to survey questions were consistent across demographics, and across combinations of demographics, the majority of the time. Where significant differences were observed between demographic groups, these differences were highlighted in the results ([Key Finding #5, #8, and #10](#)). Additionally, the UN75 dialogues included representatives of vulnerable population, such as migrants and refugees, people with disabilities, rural farmers, youth, and women and girls. The voices of these populations are highlighted periodically throughout the report.

## Key Finding 1

# Participants in UN75 dialogues highlight similar priorities and concerns across demographics

A total of 17 UN75 dialogues were conducted in Tajikistan. Common themes appeared throughout many of these dialogues.

### ★ A WORLD WITH EQUAL ACCESS TO QUALITY BASIC SERVICES

- A world with equal access to education and reformed education systems: 13 dialogues
- A world with universal access to healthcare: 10 dialogues



### ★ A MORE EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE WORLD

- A more equal world, with equal opportunities for all: 12 dialogues
- A world with gender equality: 12 dialogues



### ★ A MORE SECURE AND PEACEFUL WORLD

- A world with societal and institutional cooperation between countries: 7 dialogues
- A more secure and peaceful world, free of violence, conflict, and terrorism: 13 dialogues



### ★ A WORLD FREE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

- A world of opportunity free and free of unemployment: 8 dialogues

### ★ A WORLD WITH HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL

- Freedom of speech and religious association: 8 dialogues

## Spotlight

# Voices of Vulnerable Communities

UN75 dialogue participants are united in their top priorities and concerns for the future and their priorities are generally aligned with those of survey respondents. Universal access to healthcare, investment in education, addressing inequalities, and international cooperation are top priorities among dialogue groups representing a wide variety of demographics. Similarly, participants across dialogues discussed concerns about conflict and terrorism, migration, unemployment, and gender inequality. However, several groups highlight recommendations and solutions to address challenges more specific to vulnerable communities.

### UN75 DIALOGUES

#### Recommendations and solutions to address challenges and priorities of vulnerable communities

"[Build an] enabling environment for the people with disabilities [and] make the issue of disabilities [are] of a high priority."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of NGO's working on disability issues  
(Group 3), Tajikistan

"Tajikistan [has] to think about providing farmers with developing technologies. Government [has] to support farmers and allocate money to agriculture [and] implement programs for women farmers to become entrepreneurs."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Farmers and migrants from Hisor,  
FAO grant recipients (Group 7), Tajikistan

"Develop specific rules and standards for the construction of buildings, taking into account the needs of disabled people and ensure their control. Encourage home-based work and state grants for the people with disabilities."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Labour migrants and refugees,  
(Group 13), Tajikistan

"Prioritize regulating migration process with special focus on their rights."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Labour migrants and refugees,  
(Group 13), Tajikistan

# 2

## Key Finding

Amidst the current crisis the immediate priority of most respondents is improved access to basic services: water, sanitation, healthcare, and education



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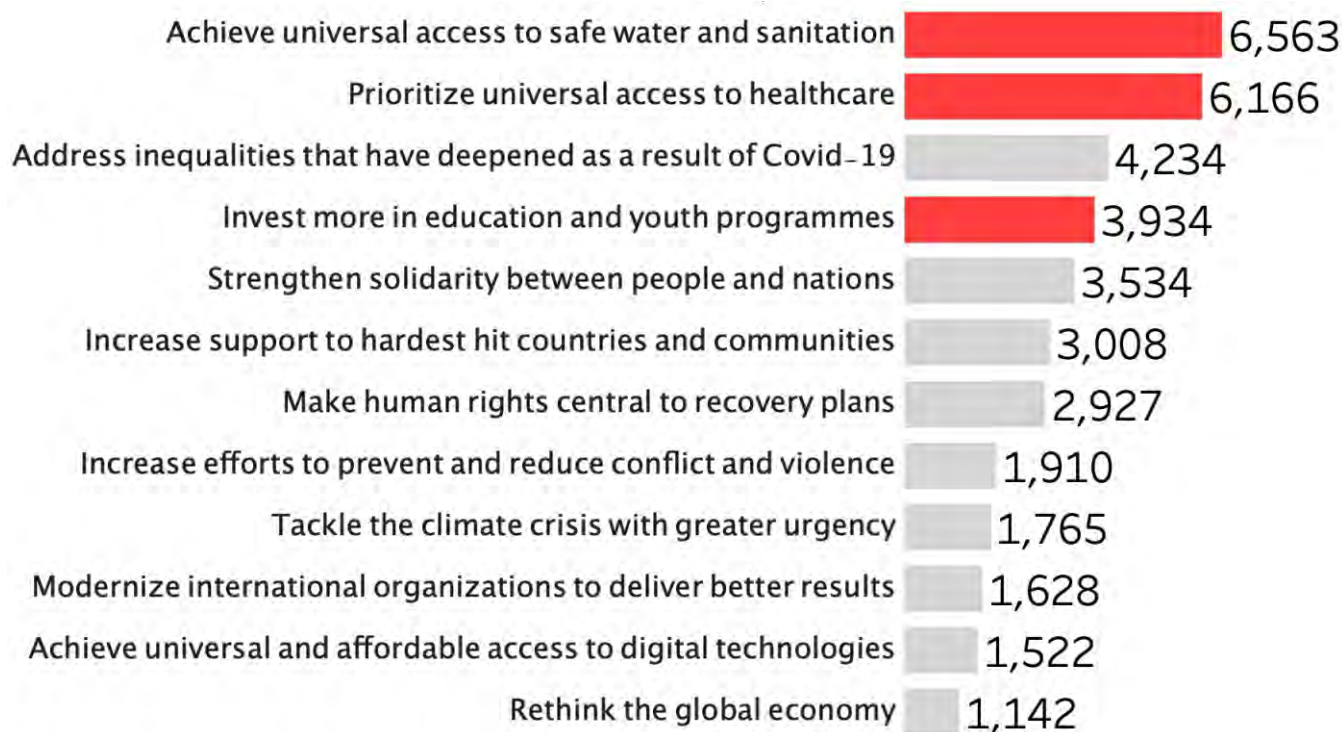
## Key Finding 2

# Respondents believe the most important priority is improved access to basic services: water, sanitation, healthcare, and education

### UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q1

**What should the international community prioritize to recover better from the pandemic?**

Each respondent could select up to three responses



Base: 16,238 respondents

“ Ensure access to books and reading of good literature to all children from their early ages so they grow with empathy and believe in the future... ”

- UN75 one-minute survey respondent, Tajikistan

## Key Finding 2

**In UN75 dialogues, participants discussed the need for strong healthcare systems, and broader access to basic services both as an immediate need and as a longer-term priority**

### UN75 DIALOGUES - INVEST IN A STRONG HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Dialogue participants called on the international community to invest in and build a strong global health system: prioritizing citizen health and well-being, working towards universal access to healthcare, and investing more in healthcare technology and equipment.

“In the year 2045, we want to see populations are provided with equal access to quality public services and resources. We want to see qualified education and health care are accessible and affordable.”

- UN75 Dialogue,  
Representatives of the Academy of  
Sciences and Universities  
(Group 6), Tajikistan

"The international community should prioritize access to qualified and affordable medical services to better recover from the pandemic."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of NGO's working on  
disability issues  
(Group 3), Tajikistan

"Develop programs to provide drinking water in every house and village throughout Tajikistan."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of young people and students  
(Group 17), Tajikistan, Jointly with Committee  
of Youth and Sports.

## Key Finding 2

# They also discussed the need for more equitable access to education for all and investment in youth

### UN75 DIALOGUES - INVEST IN EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Participants in UN75 dialogues want to see a greater investment in education and youth. They discuss the need for higher quality education within Tajikistan, and more equitable access to education.

"There is no access to school for special children, no conditions for their education in schools, universities. [There is] limited access to education, lack of teachers, tutors, working on inclusive education, and lack of literature. [There is a] lack of specialists working with children with disabilities. Inclusive education and its approaches are not clear to individuals and the state as a whole."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of NGO's working on disability issues,  
(Group 3), Tajikistan

"By 2045, we want to see higher education affordable, so our children are well educated. An obstacle that will most affect this vision is high education is not accessible for women. Most girls do not complete secondary education."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Women entrepreneurs (needlewomen, sewers)  
(Group 12), Tajikistan

"By 2045, we want to see people better educated and the quality of education considerably higher."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Students and civil society activists  
on girls' rights issues  
(Group 11), Tajikistan

“Today education still remains inaccessible to the majority of young people, moreover, it is not of high quality and does not meet international standards. We hope all this will be resolved by 2045 and the youth of Tajikistan will take their rightful place in the process of sustainable development of the country.”

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of young people and students  
(Group 15), Tajikistan, Jointly with Committee  
of Youth and Sports.

# 3

## Key Finding

The next immediate priority of respondents is greater international solidarity and increased support to the places and people hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic



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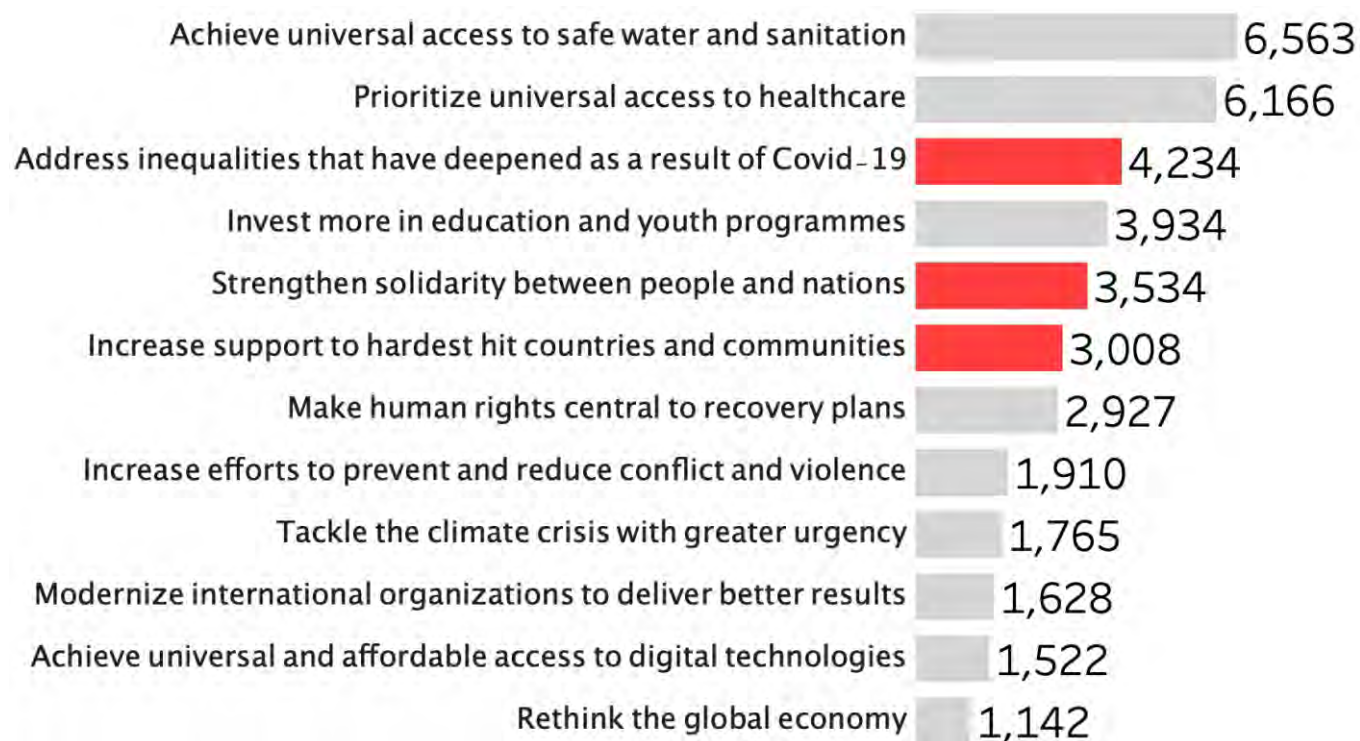
## Key Finding 3

# Respondents are calling for global solidarity and support for communities hardest hit by the pandemic

### UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q1

**What should the international community prioritize to recover better from the pandemic?**

Each respondent could select up to three responses



Base: 16,238 respondents

“ Try to unite peoples as one nation to make a next step in human history... ”

- UN75 one-minute survey respondent, Tajikistan

## Key Finding 3

# Participants in UN75 dialogues discussed the urgent need for greater international cooperation and solidarity in response to the pandemic

### UN75 DIALOGUES - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In particular, dialogue participants discussed the role that the United Nations and Member States can play to foster cooperation and collaboration, through:

- Maintaining effective dialogues between local authorities and Civil Society (CSOs)
- Strengthening civil society globally and nationally
- More partnerships with local communities and relevant stakeholders
- Introduce mechanisms of transparency and accountability of state bodies
- Better partnership between international organizations and local CSOs

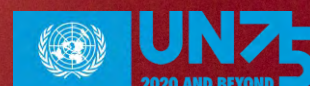


## SECTION 3

# Longer-term priorities for the future we want



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# Key Finding

Top longer-term priorities for the future include:  
Ensuring greater respect for human rights,  
increased employment opportunities,  
and better access to healthcare



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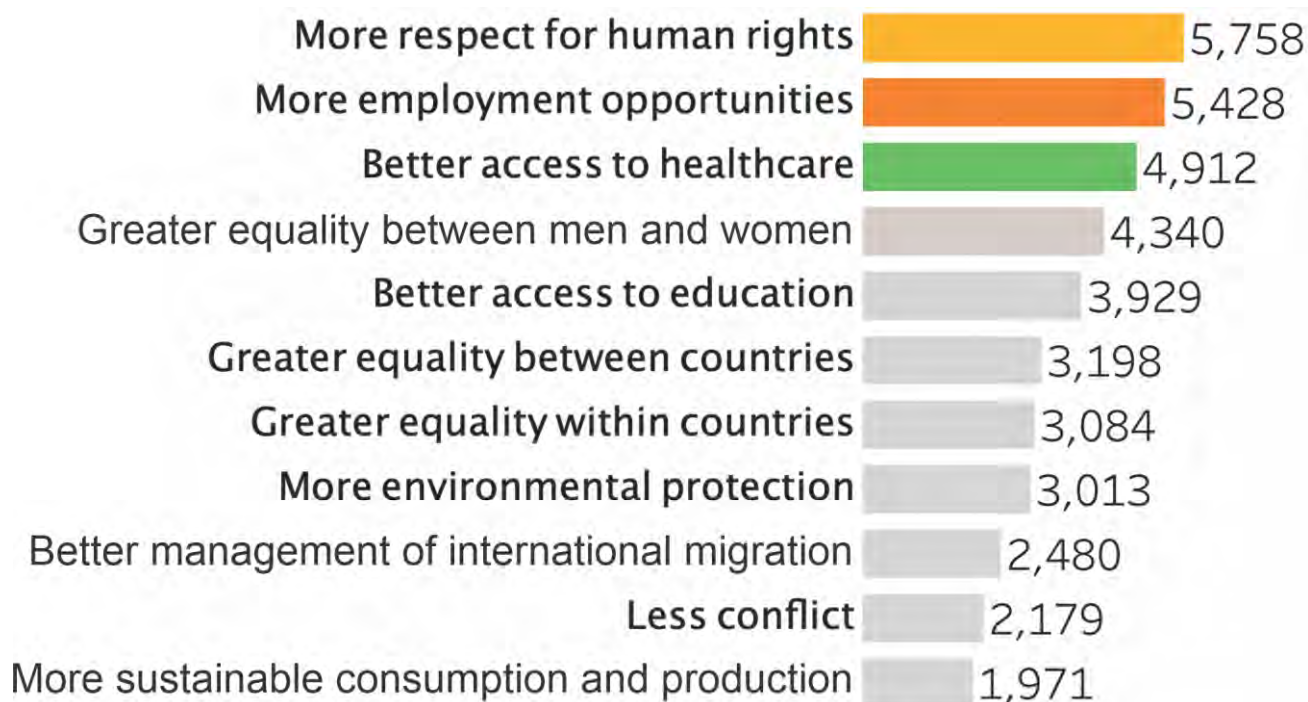
## Key Finding 4

# In the long term, respondents want to see more respect for human rights, more job opportunities, and better access to healthcare

### UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q2

Taking a longer view, if you picture the world you want in 25 years, what three things would you most want to see?

Each respondent could select up to three responses



Base: 16,238 respondents

1<sup>st</sup>

Respect for human rights

2<sup>nd</sup>

Employment opportunities

3<sup>rd</sup>

Better access to healthcare

## Key Finding 4

# Human rights and employment opportunities are key aspects UN75 dialogue participants' visions for the future

### UN75 DIALOGUES - HUMAN RIGHTS AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Dialogue participants highlight the need for investment in creating job opportunities and fostering a greater respect for human rights.

“**[The UN should focus on] increased cooperation between International Organizations and Local Authorities /Institutions in the creation of job opportunities.**”

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Students and civil society activists  
on girls' rights issues  
(Group 11), Tajikistan

"The country pays special attention to the problems of youth, especially in terms of education and employment. But the adopted state programs are not being effectively implemented and don't contribute to the proper preparation of young people for the realities of today's life."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of young people and students  
(Group 15), Tajikistan, Jointly with Committee  
of Youth and Sports.

"The international community should prioritize regulating [the] migration process with [a] special focus on their rights [and] creating new job opportunities [and] promoting human rights and youth-related development programs."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Labour migrants and refugees  
(Group 13), Tajikistan

“**Over 20 normative acts have been adopted in the country to protect the rights and development of women and women's entrepreneurship in [the] farming field, but they do not work well. Women in the country are well versed in farming, but due to the fact that they cannot write a business plan on their own or get a loan, they do not go into business.**”

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Board of Director's Members and the  
Volunteers of the Tajikistan National NGO Association  
(Group 1), Tajikistan

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# Key Finding

Equality between men and women is a top priority for women, especially for those without a post-secondary education



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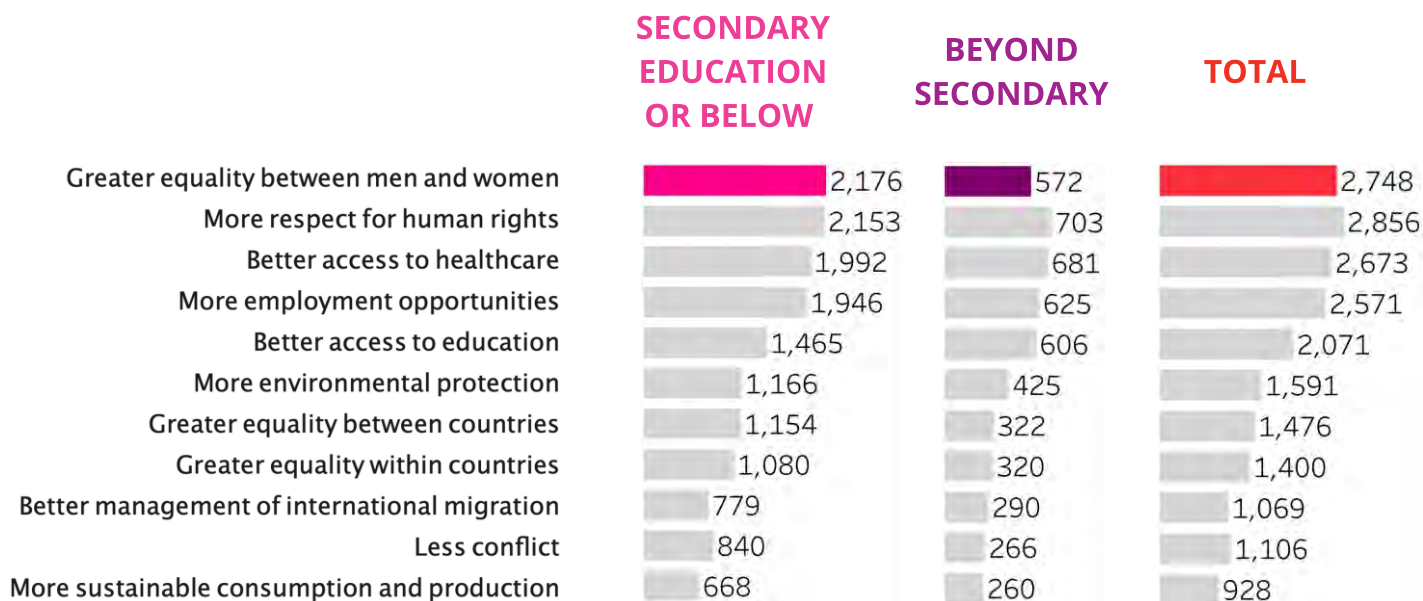
## Key Finding 5

# Gender equality is a major priority among female respondents, particularly for those without a post-secondary education

### UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q2

Taking a longer view, if you picture the world you want in 25 years, what three things would you most want to see?

Each respondent could select up to three responses



Base: all female respondents (7,921)

1<sup>st</sup>

Priority of female respondents with secondary education or below

5<sup>th</sup>

Priority of female respondents with an education beyond secondary

2<sup>nd</sup>

Priority of female respondents overall

## Key Finding 5

# Tackling gender inequality was a prominent theme in UN75 dialogues

### UN75 DIALOGUES - GENDER INEQUALITY

Participants in 12 out of the 17 UN75 dialogues in Tajikistan discussed the need for the international community to address gender inequality.



“Gender inequality can still be observed in our society, girls' rights are violated, there is no equal access to education, and girls have no right to choose. Also, the problem of domestic violence remains unresolved to this day, and girls still feel afraid to talk about domestic violence against them.”

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of young people and students  
(Group 15), Tajikistan, Jointly with Committee  
of Youth and Sports.

"Over 20 normative acts have been adopted in the country to protect the rights and development of women and women's entrepreneurship in [the] farming field, but they do not work well. Women in the country are well versed in farming, but due to the fact that they cannot write a business plan on their own or get a loan, they do not go into business."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Board of Director's Members and the Volunteers  
of the Tajikistan National NGO Association  
(Group 1), Tajikistan

«Access to all levels of education in our society should be equal. Especially girls from remote and rural areas should have more opportunities to continue their education in universities»

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of Y-PEER team  
and "Peshsaf" program  
(Group 5), Tajikistan

# 6

## Key Finding

Respondents are most worried about the risk of terrorism, risks related to health, and climate change



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## Key Finding 6

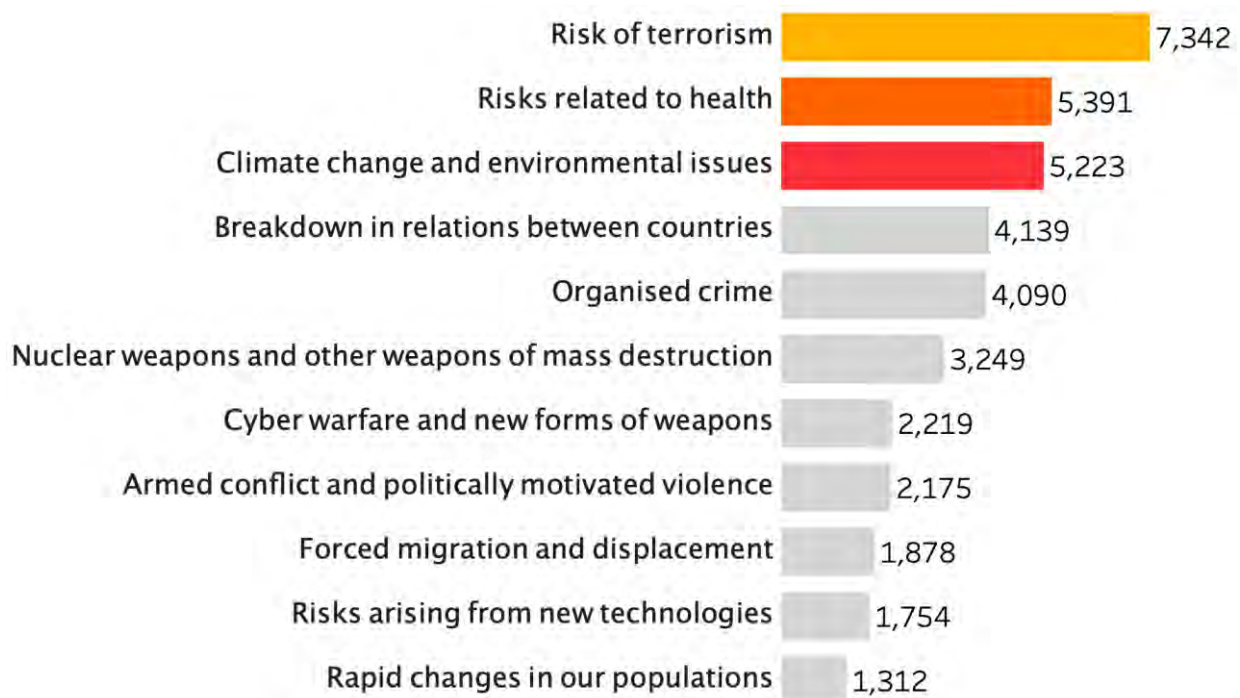
# Respondents are most concerned about what terrorism, health risks, and climate change will do to our future



### UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q3

**Which of these global trends do you think will most affect our future?**

Each respondent could select up to three responses



Base: 16,238 respondents

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**Risk of terrorism**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Risks related to health**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Climate change and environmental Issues**

## Key Finding 6

# Participants in UN75 dialogues discussed their concerns for what terrorism and conflict will do to our future

### UN75 DIALOGUES - TERRORISM / CONFLICT

Participants in 13 out of 17 UN75 dialogues focused their concerns for the future on terrorism and conflict.

“The problems of war and terrorism are still the most dangerous and urgent all over the world.”

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of the Academy of Sciences and Universities (Group 6),  
Labor migrants and refugees (Group 13),  
Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture (Group 8,9), Tajikistan

"There are many terrorist threats and problems now, and we wish there were no wars of conflict or terrorism."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Farmers and migrants from Hisor,  
FAO grant recipients  
(Group 7), Tajikistan

«Young people are at risk of joining illicit groups because of lack of education and employment. They should have positive alternatives to be safe from these risks. Equal access of girls and boys to various types of sports around the country is one of the good opportunities for youth»

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Representatives of young people and students (Group 15), Tajikistan, Jointly with Committee of Youth and Sports.

"The problem of conflicts and terrorism is of concern to the entire world community, there are still wars between countries, children should not live in such a world."

- UN75 Dialogues,  
Women entrepreneurs (needlewomen, sewers),  
(Group 12), Tajikistan





# 7

# Key Finding

Respondents are hopeful about the welfare of the next generation



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## Key Finding 7

# Respondents are generally optimistic about the welfare of the next generation

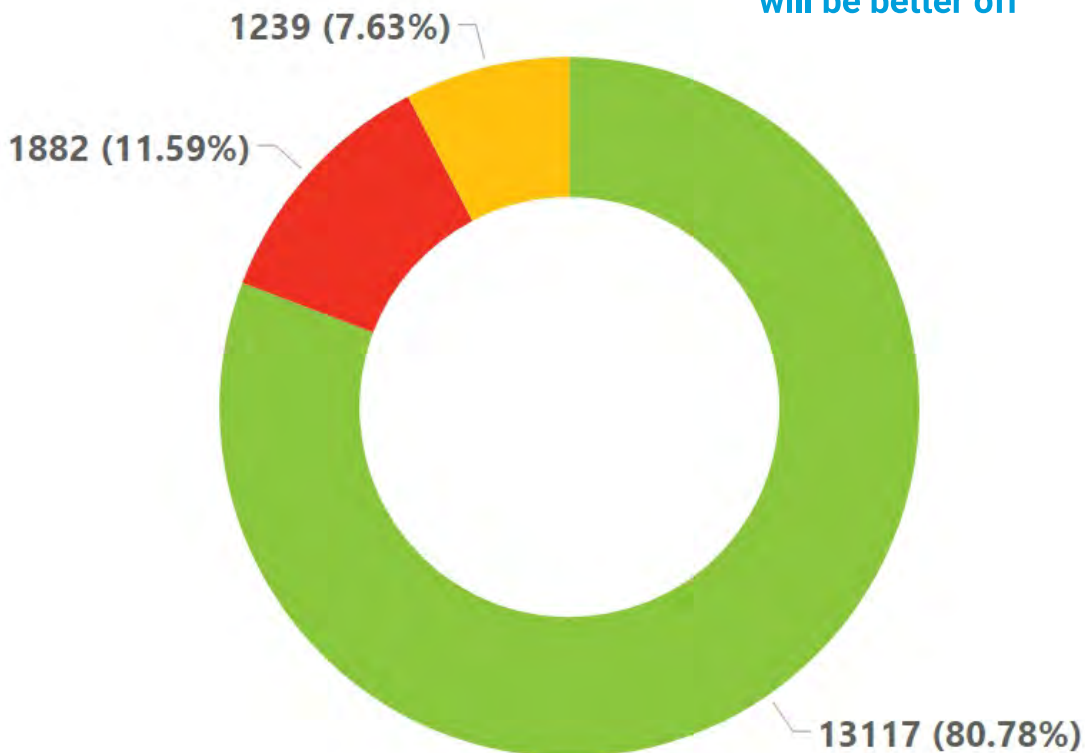


### UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q6

Overall, do you think that people in 2045 will be better off, worse off, the same as you are today?

81%

Believe people in 2045 will be better off



● BETTER ● WORSE ● SAME

Base: 16,238 respondents



# Key Finding

When it comes to the future,  
youth tend to be more pessimistic



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## Key Finding 8

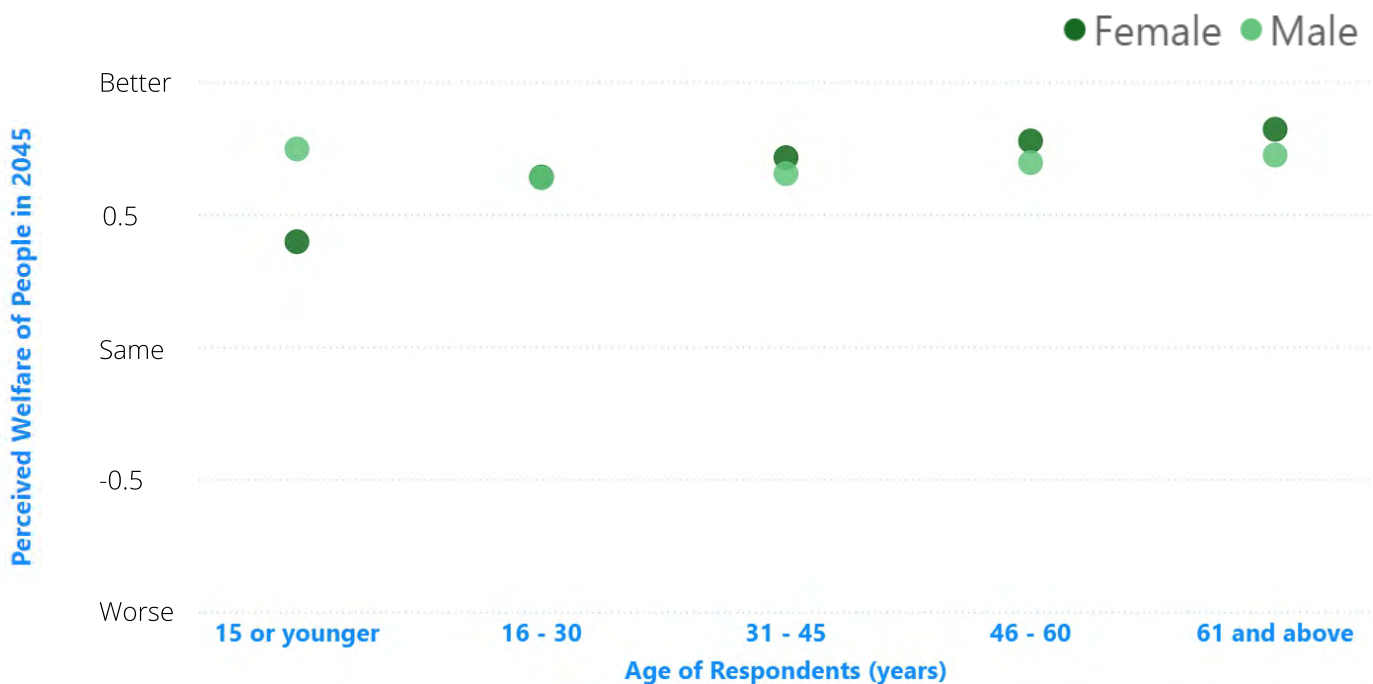
# The young are generally more pessimistic than older generations



### UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q6

Overall, do you think that people in 2045 will be better off, worse off, the same as you are today?

On average, survey respondents grow increasingly optimistic as age increases. Notably, females 15 or younger are particularly pessimistic when compared to other generations, 24% of whom believe people in 2045 will be worse off.



Base: 16,231 respondents

\*Note: female and male respondents 16-30 illustrate the same perceived welfare of people in 2045; the female data point appears to be missing as it is located directly beneath the male data point.

SECTION 4

International cooperation and the UN we need



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# 9

## Key Finding

**88% of those surveyed believe international cooperation is vital for addressing global challenges**

*Safina Ziganshina, Dushanbe.*

*“Postcards from Future” drawing contest participant:*

*“We are people from 2045. We live in an equal world, where they use environmentally friendly technologies, explore space and open new opportunities for life.*



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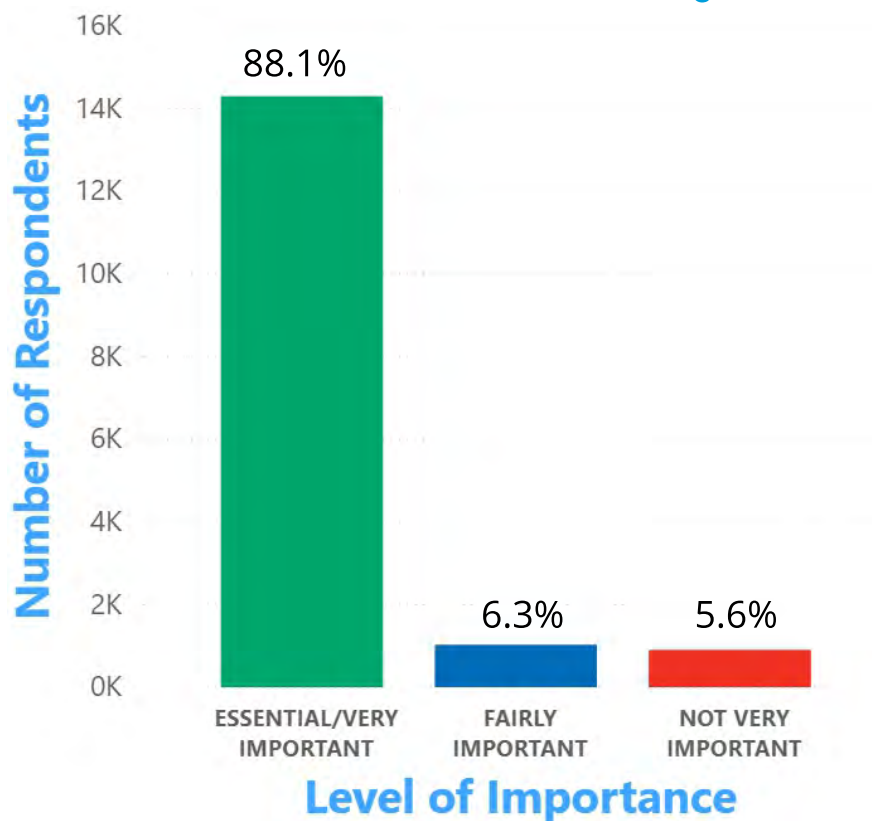
## Key Finding 9

# 88% of respondents believe international cooperation is very important or essential for addressing global challenges

UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q4  
How important do you feel it is for countries to work together to address global trends?

88%

Believe international cooperation is very important or essential for addressing global challenges



Base: 16,238 respondents

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# Key Finding

Respondents with higher levels of education show higher levels of support for global cooperation



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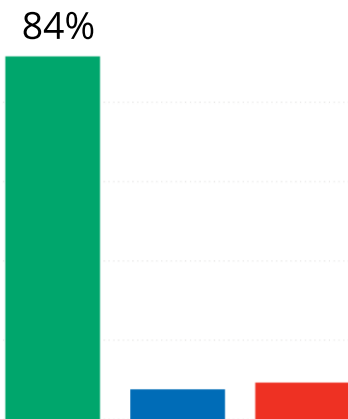


## Key Finding 10

# Survey data reveals a positive correlation between education level and attitudes toward global cooperation

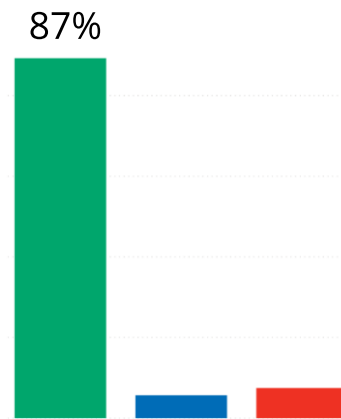
**UN75 ONE-MINUTE SURVEY Q4**  
How important do you feel it is for countries to work together to address global trends?

- ESSENTIAL/VERY IMPORTANT
- FAIRLY IMPORTANT
- NOT VERY IMPORTANT



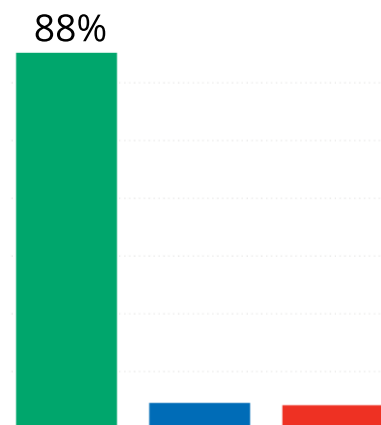
**SOME PRIMARY**

Base: 1,085 respondents



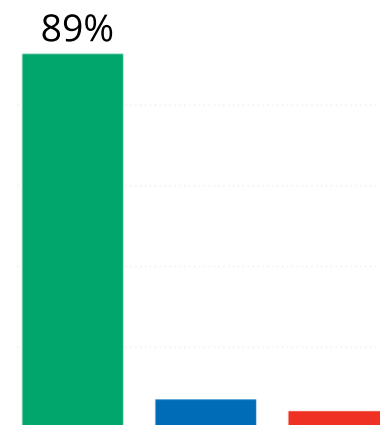
**FINISHED PRIMARY**

Base: 2,561 respondents



**FINISHED SECONDARY**

Base: 7,398 respondents



**BEYOND SECONDARY**

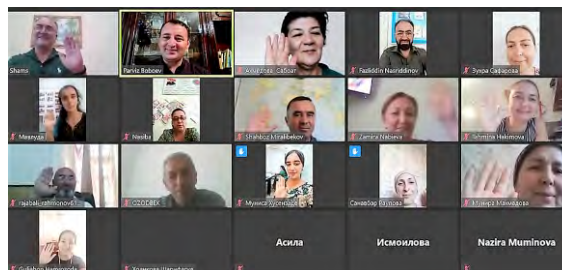
Base: 5,194 respondents

## Conclusion

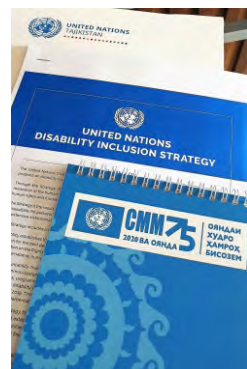
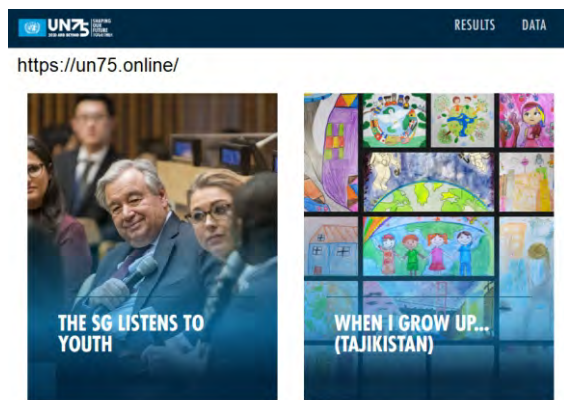
# The Future We Want, The United Nations We Need

Over 17,000 people in Tajikistan: survey respondents, UN75 dialogue participants, "Postcards from Future" contest participants, social media users have shared their visions and priorities for the future, their perceptions of obstacles to achieving them, and the role of global cooperation in furthering them.

In sharing their hopes and fears for the future, these voices have painted a hopeful picture. The United Nations is committed to being the organization Tajikistan and the world needs in order to be able to jointly achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and build a better future for all.



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