

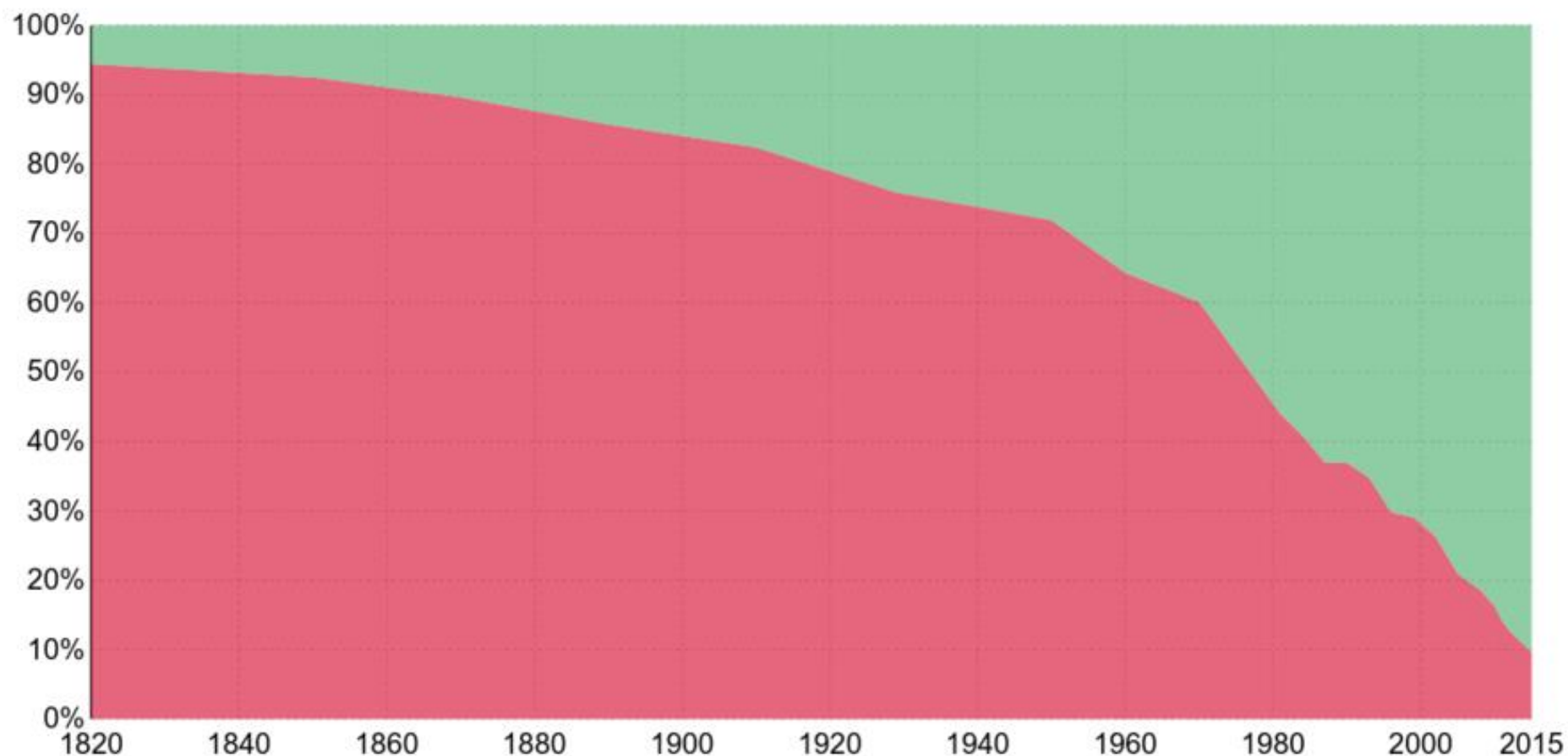


Hope in the time
of global
pandemic??

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World population living in extreme poverty, 1820 to 2015

Share of people living in extreme poverty Share of people not in extreme poverty



Data source: World Poverty in absolute numbers (Max Roser based on World Bank and Bourguignon and Morrison (2002))



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



How has COVID impacted children globally?

- Millions of children have been shut **out of school** for over a year in some cases. Many of these children, especially girls will never return.
- UNICEF estimates that up to 10 million more girls will be forced into **early marriages**. While we had been seeing real progress in addressing child marriage- going from 1 in 4 to 1 in 5 girls globally being married as children, this progress is being reversed
- **Violence and the abuse** of women, girls and boys has increased significantly in many countries, as lockdowns and movement restrictions have given vulnerable people no where to escape from their abusers
- Recalling the real progress we have made reducing **extreme poverty**, the recession created by the pandemic is so many contexts may lead to the first increase in those numbers for years- with perhaps 150 million people falling back into extreme poverty
- **Hunger** and even famine is on the rise- it was already increasing in the 2 years before the pandemic, but now is rising even more- the WFP says that the number of people in urgent need of food aid has doubled to 270 million people.

World Vision's COVER Impact

(figures from 70 countries as of 19 February 2021)

People reached

59,592,488

 Men **15,785,087**

 Women **17,431,895**

 Children **26,375,507**

Boys **12,922,016** Girls **13,453,491**



14,944,464

Community members provided preventative materials



128,669

Faith leaders disseminating preventative measures



158,661

Community health workers trained and supported



1,461,446

Children supported with child protection programming



6,675,430

People reached with food security assistance



US\$21,754,076

Cash and voucher assistance distributed



1,500,335

Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education



281

Global, regional, national policy changes achieved through advocacy and external engagement to improve the international responses to COVID-19

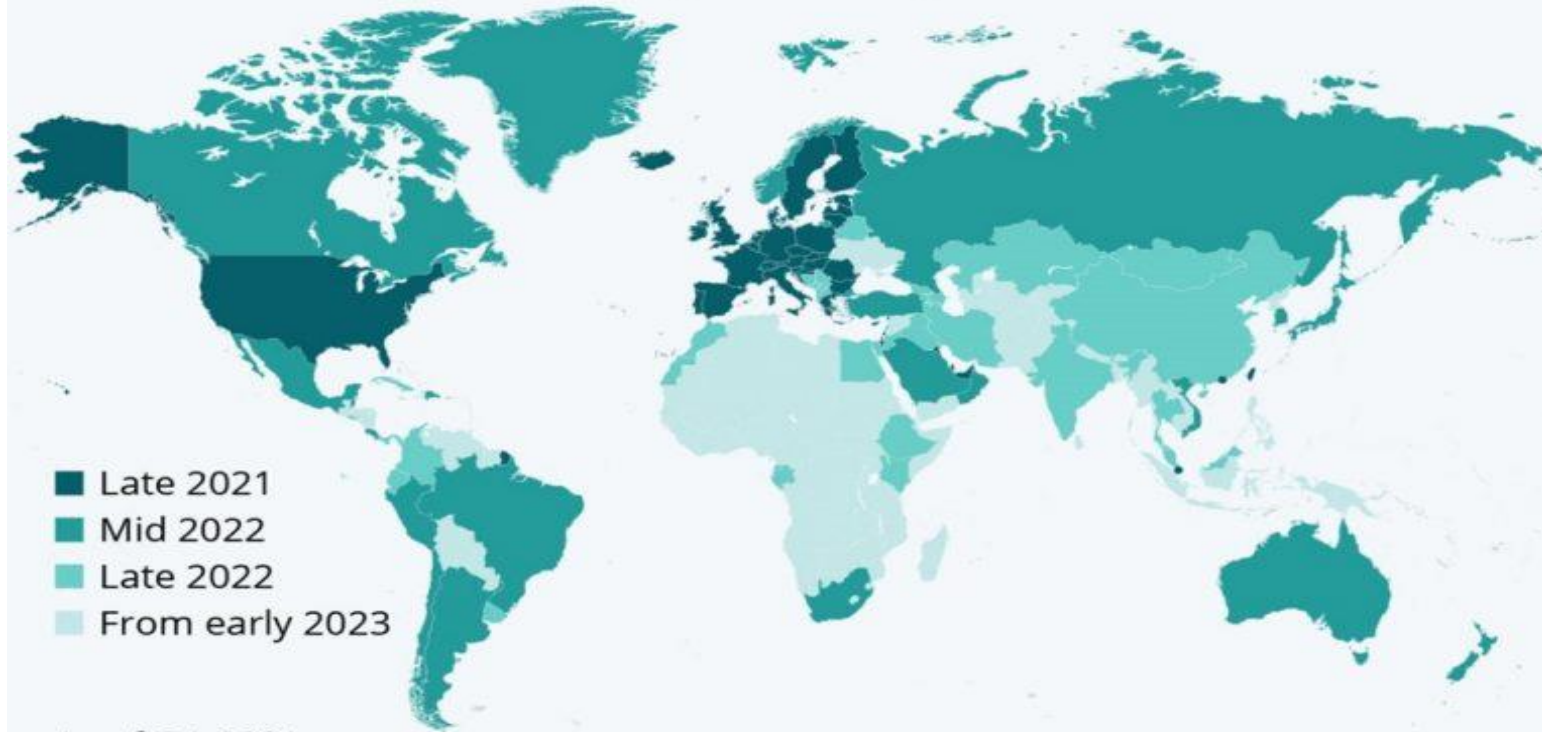


World Vision and Vaccines

- We see vaccine as a key part of saving lives and ultimately ending the global pandemic
- We are not involved in administering the vaccine: rather we are focused on “bringing arms to needles”
- Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy
- Addressing Vaccine Equity
- COVAX: How do you vaccinate the world?
- Safety, Efficacy, Production, Pricing, Distribution, Reaching the Most Vulnerable

Global Vaccine Timeline Stretches to 2023

Countries by when they are expected to have vaccinated 60-70% of their adult population against COVID-19



- Late 2021
- Mid 2022
- Late 2022
- From early 2023

As of Q1 2021

Source: Economist Intelligence Unit



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GLASGOW

COP26

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY



Climate: What is happening?

- CoP26: Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Glasgow, UK November 1-12
- Postponed from 2020
- May still be postponed or may become of “hybrid” event, with a limited number of delegates
- Pre-CoP Youth Summit in September alongside final pre-CoP negotiation conference in Milan, end of September



CoP 26

- Nationally Determined Contributions
- What will countries contribute
In terms of CO2 reductions
- Biden Summit
- US: 50-52%
- Canada: 40-45%
- UK: Zero by 2050
- EU: 55% by 2030, Zero by 2050





World Vision

What are children and youth telling us?





What are children saying?

- Children and young people have been leaders in the global climate change movement
- We met with 121 boys and girls from 10-17 in 12 countries: Bangladesh. DRC. Brazil, Nicaragua
- They see very clearly how climate change is affecting their communities
- _"Talk less and act more"
- We are not passive victims- we want to be agents of change
- 95% said they would take personal action



Back to Hope:

Thinking about some
other “UNs”



UN-learning

UN-veiling/
UN-covering
(apocalypse)