

UN Chief says ending poverty 'a question of justice' on International Day

Highlighting that for the United Nations, eliminating poverty in all its forms remains one of the greatest global challenges and priorities, UN [Secretary-General Antonio Guterres](#) stressed the fundamental connection between eradicating poverty and upholding equal rights for all.

"Let us remember that ending poverty is not a matter of charity but a question of justice," the UN Chief said in his message commemorating the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

He said that since the day was first marked 25 years ago, "nearly one billion people have escaped poverty, thanks to political leadership, inclusive economic development and international cooperation."

He cited that 700 million people are still being left behind and are unable to meet their basic daily needs.

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This year's theme, [Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity](#) underscores the connection between extreme poverty and human rights. Specifically, emphasizing that people living in poverty are disproportionately affected by many human rights violations.

Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions is embodied in [Goal 1](#) of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), which aims to foster social protection systems for all.

The UN will host the 25th [Commemoration](#) of the International Day at the headquarters in New York on Wednesday.

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