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# What Can YOU Do?

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## [Mother Earth's Blog](#)

Please check out earlier mother earth blogs by clicking the Blog link above on **Peace and Justice, Partnerships, Life on Land, Zero Hunger** and more.

### EDITOR'S NOTES

California is on fire. The outbreak of wildfires has become one of the deadliest in the state history. People returning to their homes see only devastation...

Read more [here](#).

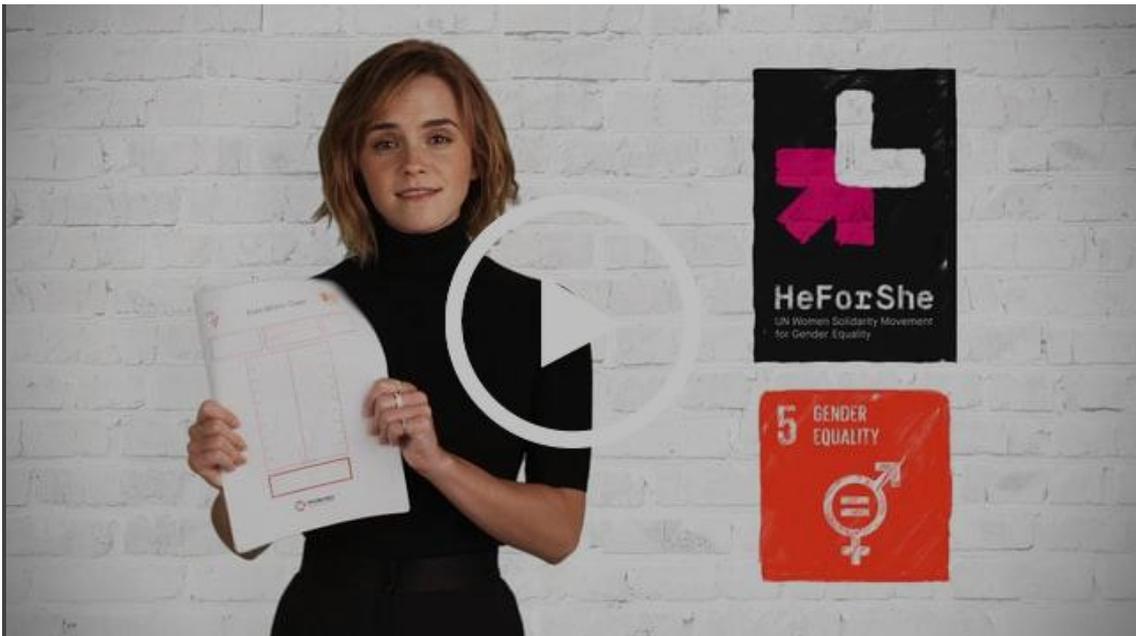
We are pleased to brief you on latest events, progress and issues addressed under each of the SDGs as grouped into the 5Ps -

**People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, Partnerships:**



### **FACTS OF THE WEEK – TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

- Every day in 2014, 42,000 people had to abandon their homes due to conflict
- There are 145 million orphans in the world who have no one to help them
- 663 million people do not have access to improved water sources
- Girls have less access to educational opportunities than boys



**Emma Watson - speaks of Gender  
Equality  
#FromWhereIStand**

PLANET

**David Attenborough calls for action  
because of plastic pollution**



Sir David Attenborough has called for the world to cut back on its use of plastic in order to protect oceans. His new BBC TV series, Blue Planet II, is to demonstrate the damage the material is causing to marine life.

Read full article [here](#)

## PEOPLE

### **More than 20,000 children are getting married every day, underage and illegally.**

7.5 million illegal child marriages take place globally each year, with one in three girls in developing world.

See more of the analysis [here](#).

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## PROSPERITY



## **Beijing Philanthropist Commits \$1.5 Billion to Conservation**

In China, a culture of environmental awareness is breaking through the smog by He Qiaony, one of the country's wealthiest women and most ardent conservationists.

Read full story [here](#).

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## **PEACE, JUSTICE**

## **This Is What Nuclear Weapons Leave in**

## Their Wake

A remote area of Kazakhstan was once home to nearly a quarter of the world's nuclear testing. The impact on its inhabitants has been devastating.

Check out full story [here](#).

## PARTNERSHIPS



## The architect is trying to save our cities from rising sea levels

Rising sea levels, coastal flooding, and biodiversity loss are stark realities for many cities across the United States. The architect tries to save our cities from [rising sea levels](#)

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