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# THE WORLD IN ICU

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## **Instability, Conflict and Unsustainability (ICU)**

Commonly, ICU stands for an 'intensive care unit' which provides the critical care and life support for acutely ill and injured patients. But in Peace Economic context, ICU stands for '*Instability, Conflict and Unsustainability*'.

Hereby, the present global situation is more or less same where the entire humanity is under the ICU because of the ongoing multiple conflicts, regional war zones, ecological imbalances, high rise unemployment's, unsustainable developments, and various other factors including mistrust, increasing disparity between rich and poor, gender inequality, rising hunger and poverty, insecurity, religious intolerances, rapaciousness, etc.

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century: An Era of ICU**

The 21<sup>st</sup> century has been the era of one of despairs, disbelieves, doubts and disappointments. The population of the world has increased almost fivefold, which has entailed a tenfold increase in the demand for food, energy, metals, space, housing, and water. There has also been a tenfold increase in the number of people living in urban agglomerations.

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## **The Implementation of SDG's 2030 Agenda: Mere a Reality or Myth?**

*“Only 12% of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are on track in fragile and conflict-sensitive settings (FCS), and none of the targets for SDG 16 – Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies – are close to being achieved”.*

*\*Source: The International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (2023)*



*“Existing approaches lack the tools to mitigate the risks – real or perceived – in fragile markets and conflict-affected settings. This results in a missed opportunity. Although SDG 17 – Promoting Partnership-building – is the most frequently targeted SDG in blended finance transactions, **SDG 16 is hardly addressed by investors at all**”.*

*\*Source: Convergence (2023)*

*\*SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions*

To achieve the SDGs and to put the world on a more sustainable and equitable path, we need a transformational shift in mind-set and decision-making. We need to recognize we cannot solve market failures purely with market-based solutions. We need all actors, including governments, regulators, civil societies and business houses to create an even playing field and bring economic, social, and environmental impacts on the people and the planet into the net of the primary economic system.

### **United Nations Unsuccessfulness (UNU)**

Apparently, The United Nations (UN) was officially established on October 24, 1945, following the ratification of its Charter by the 05 major powers and a majority of 46 other signatories. Founded to prevent future world wars, it replaced the ineffective League of Nations. The organization was created by 50 nations at the UN Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, which drafted and signed the Charter on June 26, 1945.

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After almost a Diamond Jubilee, an Intergovernmental Organisation is on the verge of collapse and jeopardise. The global organisation comprised of 193 countries as its member states lost its credibility, seemingly ineffective, wretched and divided. Hence struggling for its financial functionality and survivability due to abandoned peacekeeping contributions or voluntary contributions because of its failure in restoring Peace, Security and Cooperation amongst its own member states.

The various reasons are genuinely known that why it's become a white elephant due to lack of effective enforcement mechanisms, lack of coping mechanism, controlled dynamics, change inadaptability, underlying pressure anxiety, red tapism, financial distress, manipulative tactics, political polarisation, vested interest, etc.

## **UNSUSTAINABLE DEBT PILE (UDP)**

**The Unsustainable Debt Pile (UDP)** is one of the major reason of breakdown of psychological defeat, physical concerns, emotional imbalances, as well as financial crisis because of this neither able to restore peace, harmony or serendipity nor economic development, rather resulting unemployment's, haphazardous development, unsustainability, rising conflicts, higher chances of losing households, ill-will, mental trauma, depressions, impatience, mistrust, unfair trade practices, intolerance, organised crimes, suicides, inhumane activities, technological threat, border encroachments, etc.

***"The Global Debt rose by some \$1.3 trillion approx. to a new record high of \$315 trillion in Q1 2025 approx. Moreover, after three consecutive quarters of decline, the Global Debt to GDP resumed its upward trajectory in Q1 2024".***

*\*Source: as per the latest Debt Monitor Report by International Institute of Finance.*

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## CAUSES OF CONCERN

### Q: What is Global Debt?

A: The combined value of world's total product or services or the combined value of all loans borrowed by them all together either by Households or Businesses or Government are called Global Debt.

### Q: What is the size of the Global Gross Domestic Product (GGDP)?

A: The size of Global GDP is **USD 109 Trillion** approximately.

### Q: What is the size of Global Debt?

A: The size of Global Debt is **USD 320 Trillion** approximately as on Q1 2024.

### *The approximate bifurcation of the total global debt is as mentioned below:*

- Household Debt: **USD 59 Trillion Dollars**
- Businesses Debt: **USD 159 Trillion Dollars**
- Government Debt: **USD 92 Trillion Dollars**

***"The whopping interest on Global Debt rose to USD 847 Billion Dollars".***

The world combined loan or total loan is three times (03) higher than the global GDP. That means '***we owe lot more what we earn***'.

The steep increase in global debt is one of major cause of concern which has created the situation of high rates of mortgages, multiple bank failures, deb laden financial institutions, large risk of country(s) default, stagflations, political instability, etc.

\*Source: IMF World Economic Outlook (2025)

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## REGENERATIVE PEACE LED ECONOMIC NON-VIOLENCE

### THE PATH FORWARD

*"Heretofore, The Peace Treaties Were Medium to Facilitate Economic Treaties.*

*In This Day and Age, The Economic Treaties Becomes a Medium to Restore Peace".*

### REGENERATIVE PEACE

**Regenerative Peace** is a holistic concept or a comprehensive approach. At its core, it involves and co-evolves peace-building which just not only restore the status quo, but actively revitalise, regenerates, reinvigorate, reform and nurtures systems—social, economic, environmental—that promote long-term harmony, justice, and sustainability.

**Regenerative Peace** can bring restorative socio-economic justice practices, whereas human beings overcome out of irrecoverable loses after conflict but are given opportunities to peacefully transform and co-evolve through collaborative, inclusive and collective processes. It strengthens in rebuilding trust, redistributing resources more equitably, addressing future life plans, and ensuring that the available ecosystems in right place and manner which prevent future longevity.

### REGENERATIVE ECONOMY

**Regenerative Economy** means, the reinvigoration of indigenous, regional and inter-regional economies and associated improvements in national cum international positive economic competitiveness and economic prosperity.

It also brings **Regenerative Finance / Blended Finance**, which utilising a mix of public finance, private finance, and philanthropic finance to support and promote regenerative projects. Apart from only minting surplus or vested, it brings a sense of realisation

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towards '*Collective Sustainable Responsibilities*' (CSR) rather make more responsible and bring onus towards the overall communities for common and civic development which make society economically empowered & cultured.

The ideation of **Peace Economic Regeneration** provides balm, recovery, renewal, and regrowth, which extends far beyond conflicts, jeopardise infrastructure, broken communications, resolutions, arbitrations or ceasefires.

## EPILOGUE

Presently, the world is experiencing a trust deficit, unsustainability, failure of multilateral institutions, jeopardise negotiations, state-of-fear and insecurity resulting into economic stagflation, destructions, extreme violence and war.

The reluctance, unacceptability and unreliability of a multilateral organisations namely USAID, ICC, UNHRC, ICJ, etc., become redundant, obsolete and old owed. In-fact, UN's lack of trustworthiness, insignificance and non-impact becomes question mark and divided, as neither '**Peace**' nor '**Security**' being established as an chartered mandate.

Therefore, **Peace Economy© (Economic Non-violence)** is considered as a way forward for survivability and longevity of a greater human kind considering '**Common Good**' whereas Economic Co-development and Peaceful Co-existence conjointly could sustain.

Hence, an '**Alternative and Integrated Development Program**' (AIDP) inform of **Regenerative Peace Led Economic Integrity and Economic Discipline** becomes foremost global requirement which could take place for resilient organisational growth which shall help in redirecting the global **War Economy** towards **Peace Economy**.



**Wishing Everyone a Peaceful Economic Prosperity!**



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