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Children and Youth
the space for children and youth in the United Nations

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture- SDG 2 (EGM to HLPF 2021)

KEY POINTS- Pramisha Thapaliya (Major Group for Children and Youth)

2. What has changed since the last time this Goal was reviewed at the HLPF?

A. “Any deviations in progress from what was expected due to COVID-19”

Key points focused on the question:

-Achieving the SDG 2 targets has been a biggest challenge, particularly in the midst of COVID 19 pandemic. The pandemic has already shown the vulnerability of our food systems along with additional threats of climate shocks, increasing conflict, locust crisis and rising inequalities. Moreover, small scale farmers and poor communities are affected the most by pandemic, who were already vulnerable before the pandemic. The alarming condition is still coming i.e. economic recession, as a result of economic disruption, caused by pandemic.

-Prior to the [ECOSOC Youth Forum 2021](#), [Major Group for Children and Youth](#) and [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#), together launched a global survey which captured the young people’s views on how the food systems are affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Most youth reported that access to food has been impacted by COVID-19 (both lack of availability and inequality in food distribution). Youth also noted their experience of the effect of the pandemic directly by the economic fallout as well as lack of access to social protection as well as increase in food related costs.

These show how COVID-19 pandemic has affected the progress on reaching our targets.

