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## The Optimist

Relentless pursuit of an equitable world



Hello,

To close out 2023, we asked Optimists to share their goals for the new year. Hundreds and hundreds of you responded. You remain resolute in tackling challenges like climate adaptation and are committed to improving global health inequities. And you are optimistic about the promise of innovative solutions, like using AI to improve health outcomes and supporting community leaders.

We were inspired by your responses, and we want to share a taste with you today:

*“My major goal is to do research on how nature-based **solutions to the climate crisis** could be advanced by **AI**, and the connections that it enables.”*

*“Stopping polio in Pakistan!”*

*“My ambition for 2024 is creating and promoting numerous **lifelong learning opportunities** for African girls and young women.”*

*“Make contributions to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of **crop improvement networks** in Africa and South Asia.”*

*“To connect the work I’m doing supporting a Kenyan orphanage to its long-term implications on **climate change, poverty eradication, and health care** for all.”*

*“Renewing our collective push for **global gender equality**. It is the lynchpin to so many other development outcomes.”*

*“To **improve immunization coverage** in every community around me.”*

*“I want to keep showing up with **empathy and humanity** by continuing to do work that impacts people and the planet.”*

Each fall, we release our annual [Goalkeepers Report](#), tracking the progress of 17 goals that are essential to help the world end poverty, fight inequality, and stop climate change by 2030. The world is falling short of these goals. But there are so many of us who refuse to accept failure and are working every single day to achieve progress. With that spirit, we are ready for 2024 and the challenges to come!

— The *Optimist* Editors

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