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Violence: A Rising Plague

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In a century where evolution, advancement, and development are all staples of our daily life, violence still manages to see a rising emergence of its prominence in all its forms, be it physical or even psychological (wellnessbeam.org, n.d.). The United Nations, in its 2030 agenda, sheds light on the importance of combating violence and providing sustainable access to justice through the establishment of its sixteenth Sustainable Development Goal: "Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions" (sdgs.un.org, n.d.).

Several NGOs have moved forward to include this SDG in their respective agenda promoting awareness through campaigns and initiatives. The real question is what we can do as individuals to further support the completion of this goal. It is true that injustice rages on in several aspects of our daily lives. However, some aspects are within our locus of control. For example, businesses and institutions should be encouraged to draft non-discriminatory policies that help achieve equality and fair treatment among employees or even beneficiaries (sdgcompass.org, n.d.). By reinforcing "target 16. B" of this SDG (unirc.org, n.d.), any small institution can be making a relevant change that will surely have a great impact on all involved people. One institution at a time, one business after the other, change will start to spread providing enhanced access to justice through the strengthening of institutions.

As individuals, it is important to stay aware of the situation around us to properly assess how we can make even the smallest change towards a sustainable future in this field. It is our responsibility to not give up and fight for peace through our daily activities in any organization we might be part of.

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