

A close-up photograph of a pair of hands gently cradling a small, colorful globe of the Earth. The globe shows continents in green and yellow and oceans in blue. The hands are positioned around the globe, with fingers resting on its surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown color.

The Happiness Index
from 39 ways to save the planet

What is the best indicator to measure development?

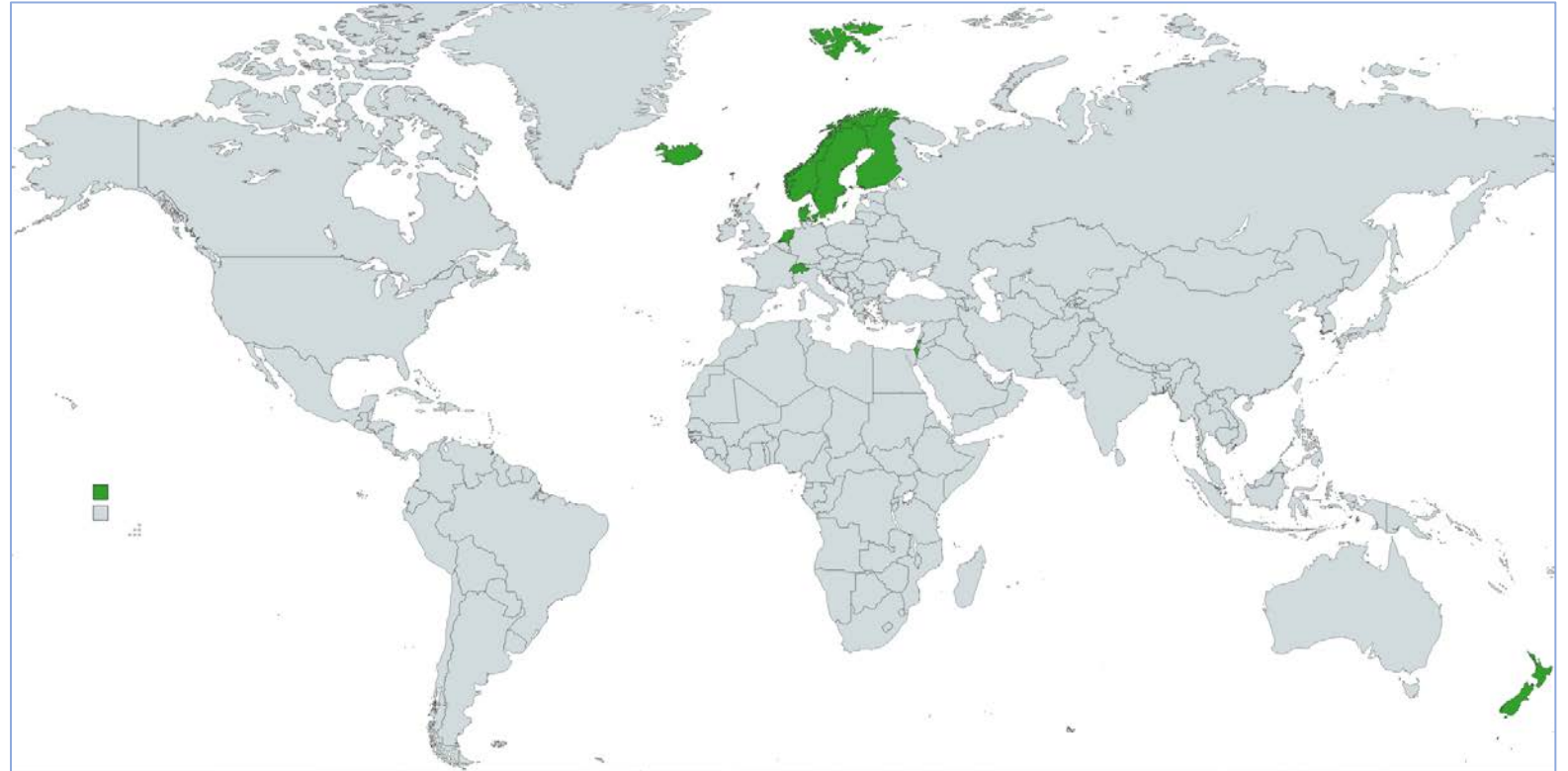
- Health, education, standart of living, environment protection, army, inflation rate, perceptions of corruption, housing prices, average life expectancy, GDP,...?
- To create an index that takes various factors into account
- Main problems: composition of the index and right weighting of the elements
- Example of indexes connected to development:
- HDI - Human Development Index.
- HPI - Human Poverty Index.
- Multidimensional Poverty Index.
- GPI - Genuine Progress Indicator.
- WHI – World happiness index

World happiness index

- **World happiness index** – part of annual report published by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- Factors used in calculation:
 1. GDP per capita
 2. Social support (having someone to count on in times of trouble)
 3. Healthy life expectancy (number of years lived in good health)
 4. Freedom to make life choices
 5. Generosity (measured by recent donations)
 6. Perceptions of corruption (measured by the absence of corruption in government and business)

Top 10 happiest countries in the world

1. Finland
2. Denmark
3. Iceland
4. Israel
5. Netherlands
6. Sweden
7. Norway
8. Switzerland
9. Luxembourg
10. New Zealand



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GDP per capita X Happiness index

| Rank | Country | | Date of Information |
|------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1 | <u>Liechtenstein</u> | \$139,100 | 2009 est. |
| 2 | <u>Luxembourg</u> | \$115,700 | 2021 est. |
| 3 | <u>Monaco</u> | \$115,700 | 2015 est. |
| 4 | <u>Singapore</u> | \$106,000 | 2021 est. |
| 5 | <u>Ireland</u> | \$102,500 | 2021 est. |
| 6 | <u>Qatar</u> | \$92,900 | 2021 est. |
| 47 | <u>Czechia</u> | \$40,700 | 2021 est. |

GDP per capita [*cia.gov*]

| Rank | Country | Value of WHI |
|------|---------|--------------|
| 18 | Czechia | 6.920 |
| 32 | Qatar | 6.374 |

World happiness index [*worldhappiness.report*]

GDP(Gross domestic product) - total value of all goods and services produced within a country's borders during a specific time period, usually a year.

GDP DOES NOT take into account non-economic factors that can impact happiness, such as social relationships, environmental factors, and mental and physical health.

What is the best indicator to measure development?

- Comprehensive measure of well-being
- International Comparison
- Policy-making
- Public engagement
- Positive impact on mental and physical health

