

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5

your
SDG5
toolbox

THE SDGS

193 countries have committed to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by the year 2030. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are specific goals and targets for how we can meet this ambitious agenda.

The SDGs provide a universal framework for shared action to be implemented by all people. Governments, organizations, businesses, donors, and individuals will contribute to achieving the SDGs through policy change, development programs, funding, and advocacy that prioritizes human rights and equality.



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Each of the 17 SDGs emphasize the need to "leave no one behind" in development. This means that anyone at any level should benefit from the efforts to achieve the goals, and further, that governments should focus on the most marginalized people first.

This is particularly important for groups like political and social minorities, people living in poverty, and women and girls. This principle also aims to ensure that those who have been traditionally denied their rights and agency are fully integrated into SDG implementation processes.

GET INVOLVED

While national government ministries and parliaments will make high-level decisions on the SDGs like financing and integrating the goals into national development plans, citizens will do the bulk of the work to actually achieve the goals.

This means that the needs and interests of citizens should be central to SDG decision-making, implementation, and monitoring. To do this, civil society organizations must have adequate financing for SDG advocacy and be afforded opportunities to participate as equal partners with governments.

There are many ways to get involved in implementing the SDGs. Here are some examples of how to begin to engage effectively in the SDG implementation process at different levels.

These activities will allow you to better understand local and national needs, priorities, and capacities. Use these as a guide to help you understand what engagement means and where you can start (or continue) your work:



TELL YOUR STORY

Determine how your work relates to the SDGs and write your SDG story.



ASSESS YOUR TARGETS

Map the roles of different stakeholders and identify opportunities to participate.



RAISE YOUR VOICE

Engage with decision-makers, conduct advocacy campaigns, and tell your SDG story.



REPORT YOUR DATA

Collect data, share stories, and create shadow reports.