

THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In January 2016, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) came into effect. They provide a framework to put the world on a more sustainable path towards 2030. The 17 goals aim to address pressing social, economic and environmental issues. They cover priorities such as ending extreme poverty, fighting inequality and protecting the planet. To learn more about the 17 SDGs, we invite you to visit the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals website.

SUEZ is committed to contribute to achieving the SDGs within the scope of our operations. By aligning the SUEZ Community Grants Program with the SDGs, this years' applicants have the opportunity to demonstrate how their projects contribute towards achieving those goals.

On the following pages we have selected the following SDGs that we think our grants recipients can influence the most and which align closely to the objectives of the Community Grants program:





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Clean water and sanitation

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Examples of projects: water savings systems or processes, initiatives to raise awareness about recycling water.



Affordable and clean energy

This goal focuses on access to energy in a way that is modern, affordable, and sustainable. Energy must be produced and used more efficiently. Renewable sources are becoming increasingly important.

Examples of projects: solar energy projects, initiatives to raise awareness on saving energy.



Reduce inequalities

This goal seeks to reduce inequalities in terms of economic or social inclusion, ensuring vulnerable groups are not left behind.

Examples of projects: providing opportunities to disadvantaged people to access services and/or contribute to the community.



Sustainable cities and communities

This goal pertains to the urban environment in terms of safety, inclusion, resilience and sustainability.

Examples of projects: initiatives to save water, use of durable products, clean energy, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, reducing waste, recycling, helping provide access to basic services for disadvantaged people, enabling alternative modes of transportation for the community to reduce air pollution.



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

This goal is to make us think twice about the things we use, the waste we create and how that impacts our planet. Transitioning to a circular economy is fundamental to achieving this goal.

Examples of projects:reduce, reuse, recycle and promote these activities in your community such as reducing single use plastic use or food waste, repurpose used or unused items, encourage communities to buy products from recycled materials (eg. an entire playground or outdoor furniture).

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Climate action

Take urgent action to combat climate change & its impacts

Examples of projects: raise awareness amongst children about climate change, encourage the development of cleaner methods of transport (bike, public transport etc), carbon reduction solutions such as solar panels or composting system, changing bin system to improve waste sorting and reduce recycling contamination, garden of vegetables (and why not sell them back at school stalls!), improved signage and educational materials.



Life below water

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas & marine resources for sustainable development with an emphasis to reducing marine pollution.

Examples of projects: Beach clean ups and raising awareness about marine litter, restoration of coastal marine ecosystems



Life on land

This goal encompasses all elements of the protection, restoration & sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems. This includes managing forests sustainably, preserve biodiversity avoiding the destruction of habitats of flora or fauna.

Examples of projects: fostering biodiversity, restoring and rebuilding native vegetation or wetlands.

Each of our actions, small or big, will make a difference locally but will benefit globally. The goals are all interdependent and your project can contribute to achieving more than one goal at a time. For example, installing solar panels will contribute to fighting climate change, to build strong cities and access renewable energy.

For each project, we ask applicants to input detailed information on which of the SDGs their work addresses. Preference will be given to projects contributing to the goals listed in this document. If you think your project fits with one or more SDGs not listed here, please make sure you provide the details in the application. Your application will be reviewed accordingly.

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