SDG Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned in SDG Implementation

Summary of outcomes of the first open call

SDG Good Practices

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Background

Five years into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), many Governments, UN entities, international and regional organizations and stakeholders are planning or have initiated evidence-based stock-taking of progress. What are the inspiring breakthroughs and success stories that are showing results and impacts? What are the good practices that can be replicated and scaled up? What are the gaps and constraints and how should we address them? Looking ahead, what steps should we take to accelerate progress? To help answer these and other questions, the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG)

in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) launched a call for submissions of good practices, success stories and lessons learned by national governments and all stakeholders in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and the results are made available in an online database of more than 500 good practices.

To search the SDG Good Practices database click the link below:

http://bit.ly/GoodPracticesDatabase
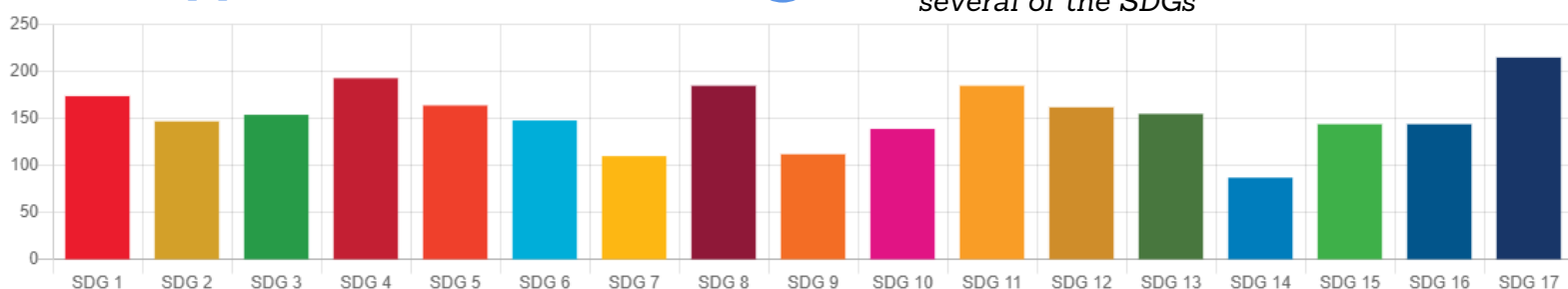
Finding Good Practices

From November 2018 to February 2019, an open call for submissions of good practices, success stories and lessons learned in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs was disseminated. Almost 700 submissions were received, from governments, international organizations, civil society, private sector, local governments, academia and others. Submissions were reviewed by a inter-agency team of 20 experts from UN entities.

Outcomes

The outcomes of the first round of SDG Good Practices are featured on a dedicated website which includes a feature page with several of the most robust and effective submissions. The highly accessible database of the SDG Good Practices showcases breakthroughs and success stories that can be replicated and scaled up to accelerate SDG implementation.

509 Approved Good Practices ✓

Figure 1: Number of Good Practices per SDG, with most practices applying to several of the SDGs

Several SDG Good Practices simultaneously contribute to the implementation of several Goals. There are SDG Good Practices from 96 countries and 91 national governments.

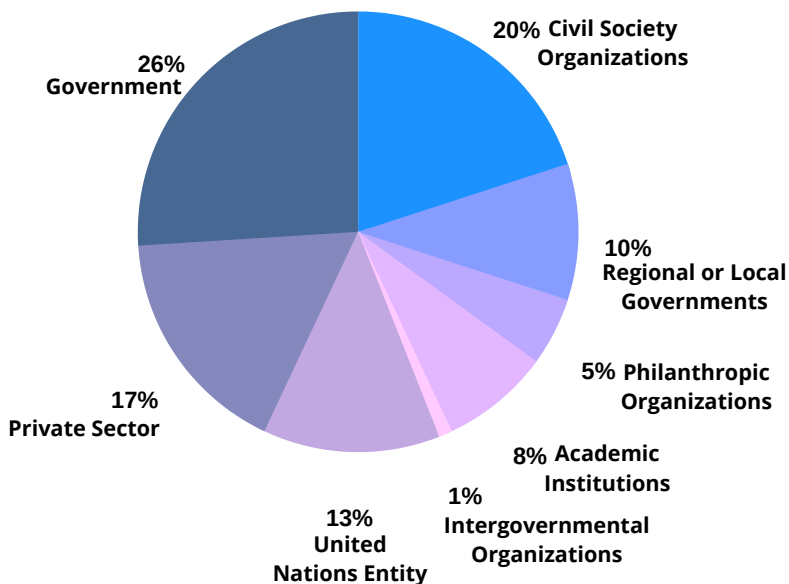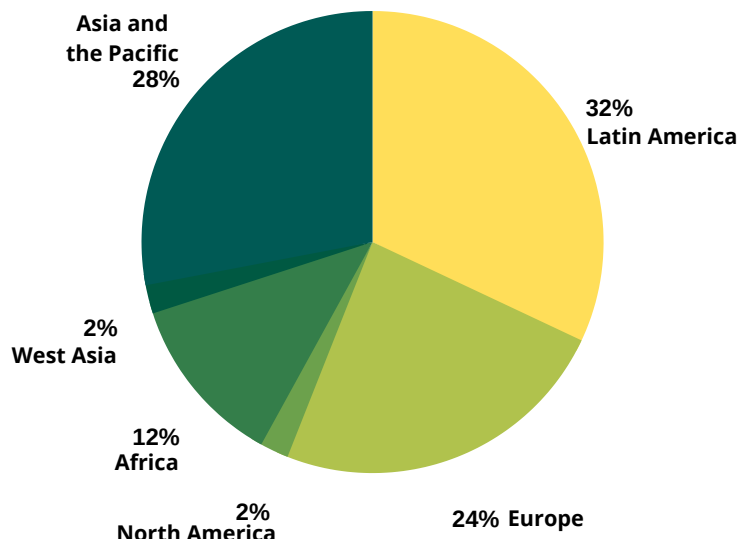*Figure 2: SDG Good Practices submitted by Sector*

- 20% Civil Society Organizations
- 26% Government
- 10% Regional or Local Governments
- 5% Philanthropic Organizations
- 8% Academic Institutions
- 1% Intergovernmental Organizations
- 13% United Nations Entity
- 17% Private Sector

Figure 3: Good Practices submitted by Region

- Asia and the Pacific 28%
- 32% Latin America
- 2% West Asia
- 12% Africa
- 2% North America
- 24% Europe

Examples of SDG Good Practices

Find below some examples of SDG Good Practices that were submitted during the first open call

1. HelpAge International, with local partners, established over 1,500 intergenerational self-help clubs to take care of Vietnam's most marginalized and vulnerable members, such as the elderly and minorities, to harness the willingness of community members to support each other through tough times.

2. FIT for School Programme (FIT) helped ensure adequate hygiene, water and sanitation in schools in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Philippines to stop preventable diseases among children, which negatively affect their well-being and ability to learn.

3. In order to measure progress and the well-being of residents, the City Prosperity Index (CPI) in Mexico, lead by the United Nations Program for Human Settlements Mexico Office, pursued the objective of creating an accurate knowledge of the prosperity conditions of Mexican cities, while delivering tools to local governments for analyzing, planning and monitoring urban policies geared towards the implementation of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

4. EKOenergy is an international, non-proft ecolabel and a network of environmental NGOs from Finland for people to find energy produced through highly sustainable means and contribute to financing renewable energy projects in remote areas of developing nations.

5. The Indigenous Navigator is a framework and set of tools, conceptualized by the civil society organization International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) in Bolivia, for and by indigenous peoples that systematically monitored the level of recognition and implementation of their rights.

6. The Enhanced Rural Resilience in Yemen (ERRY) project intervention, initiated by the United Nations Development Program, supported marginalized youths and women by establishing decentralized solar energy systems to improve access, employability skills, stable income and self-confidence.

Links to Learn More

SDG Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned Initiative :
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/goodpractices

Featured Stories of SDG Good Practices:
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/goodpractices/featured

SDG Good Practices Database (select the "SDG Good Practices" checkbox under the "Action Network & Databases" section in the left column):
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/browse/

Learn more about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs