

Sustainable Development Group International



Ensuring Local Participation and Ownership of Projects and Solutions.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP INTERNATIONAL identifies local participation and ownership of projects and developmental strategies as paramount in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

SDGI believes that the best governed projects are those in which communities are encouraged to take an active part in identifying needs and formulating solutions. SDGI utilizes participatory models for project design and implementation in order to generate the necessary commitment and consistency needed for communities to assume local ownership of their economic and social development.

The SDGI approach is consistent with and encompasses several fundamental principles; democratic governance and respect for human rights, empowerment and capacity building, and effective resource allocation and management.

Democratic Principles and Human Rights.

FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE in the cultural, political, economic and social life of a society without fear of persecution irrespective of ethnic origin, belief or gender is fundamental in successful project development.

Democratic principles and respect for human rights are important not only for consolidating local ownership and commitment to sustainable solutions, but also essential in ensuring continuity of all projects.

SDGI ensures that all initiatives uphold these standards and foster further understanding of their importance.

Capacity Building and Empowerment.

BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING already existing local capacity allows communities to sustain and take charge of their developmental strategies while empowering them to make important strategic choices about their future.

While making use of and building upon local knowledge not only ensures durability of projects, it also strengthens communities' sense of self-determination beyond ethnic origin, religious belief, or gender.

SDGI believes that strengthening capacity is a long term investment as it provides peoples with unprecedented opportunities. SDGI allows development projects to extend beyond traditional aid.

Effective Resource Allocation and Management.

EFFECTIVE RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT is crucial when maximizing the positive results of any development initiative.

Ensuring that all strategies are derived from adequate need-based analysis and careful consideration of available and potential resources, including human capital, facilitates for stakeholders to identify long as well as short term benefits.

This allows SDGI to maintain an approach that balances local, national and international use of resources, and carefully manage all projects to become viable investments in meeting the Millennium Development Goals.