



South Asian
Institute of Sustainable Development
(SAISD) – A Development & Research Institute

Promoting Sustainable Development Principles

Blue Planet

OUR ONLY HOME

SOUTH ASIA

***ONE REGION *MANY WONDERS**

**OUR FUTURE
OUR COMMON VISION**



ABOUT US

South Asian Institute of Sustainable Development (SAISD) – A Development & Research organisation.

Inspired by the United Nation's (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to uphold the spirit of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), SAISD was established in 1st May 2018 with the primary objective to promote sustainable development principles through grass-root level development work, research & innovation. We are a NOT-FOR-PROFIT organisation.

SAISD is committed to collaborate with both global and local level think-tanks, non-governmental organisations, public agencies, and corporates to plan and implement seventeen global SDGs based development projects in South Asia.

South Asian region or **SAARC** countries includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.



OUR VISION

A fair, equitable, prosperous, inclusive, and peaceful society within the ecological limits of our Blue Planet – Our Only HOME.

OUR VALUES:

- **Harmony.**
- **Accountability.**
- **Transparency.**
- **Empowerment.**
- **Partnership, Co-operation & Collaboration.**
- **Liberal, Secular & Cultural pluralism**

MISSION

To empower local communities and to partner with both public and private sectors to promote global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) effectively at the regional and local levels.

OUR OBJECTIVES:

1. To promote **sustainable development principles** (*intra-/inter-generational equity, conservation of biodiversity, adoption of precautionary principles, human rights and participation*) through development activities, public seminars and workshops.
2. To empower and enhance the readiness level of government, corporates, and community-based institutions to drive SDGs.
3. To provide technical support to our partner organisations in the designing and implementation process of SDG focused policies and programs.
4. To foster learnings with think-tanks at all levels (national, regional, and local) and to disseminate innovative ideas and concepts to realise SDGs.
5. To execute innovative SDG focused pilot projects to advance the SDG policy agenda.
6. To conduct research and innovation to address: the SDGs based policy issues, Climate change & Environmental agendas, Conservation of Biodiversity, Social Inclusion and other sustainability related challenges.

SEVEENTEEN GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)



OUR TARGETS

Short term (*within 5 years*)

- To create awareness among citizen and local actors on SDGs in the selected districts.
- To conceptualise Model SDG blocks and districts plan in partnership with government and other stakeholders to realise SDGs.
- To implement 2 to 3 Model SDG blocks and districts as pilot projects in partnership with governments, private sector, and other stakeholders.
- To develop 10 knowledge sharing project reports based on experience emerged from our model SDGs blocks and to share those success and challenge stories with our partners for better planning of our future SDGs based projects.

Long term (*within 10 years*)

- To support state and national government in South Asian countries to develop policies and guideline to implement SDGs projects.
- To develop 10-15 SDGs districts together with government in South Asian countries.
- To organize 25 knowledge management workshops / seminar / conferences with national and international stakeholders and to share learnings emerged from our model SDG districts.

Our Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) based Action Plan:

In the first phase we will conduct a detailed baseline study to assess development issues of our selected local jurisdictions (Block / District). Based on our findings we will design and implement seventeen SDGs based projects. Our broad action plans are listed below: -

Goals	Action Plan
SDG 1: NO POVERTY <i>(End poverty in all its form everywhere)</i>	• Skill development and entrepreneurship programme. • Promote sustainable agricultural practice and food security • Promote home based veggie-gardens, and healthy eating habit to reduce malnutrition • Develop livelihood opportunities and promote small and micro business opportunities. • Work with local governments to promote social inclusion measures
SDG 2: ZERO HUNGER <i>(End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture)</i>	

SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

(Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages)

- Promote healthy / safe hygiene practices to reduce risk of communicable diseases.
- Undertake awareness campaigns in partnership with government agencies to improve quality of life and to reduce risk of epidemics
- Promote healthy motherhood and childhood programmes.
- Execute capacity development programmes in collaboration with front-line government agencies.
- Work with government agencies to strengthen health-service delivery systems.

SDG4: QUALITY EDUCATION

(Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all)

- Promote quality primary and secondary education for all children.
- Work towards reduction of school dropped out.
- Work with local governments to provide quality education to all.
- Support under-privileged families by providing livelihood support to reduce the risk of school dropped children.

SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

(Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls)

- Awareness campaigns and community sensitization for gender equality.
- Promote women self-help groups
- Work with government agencies to stop trafficking of girls and women
- Work with stakeholders to promote awareness on safe-sexual and reproductive health
- Work with communities and stakeholder to end child marriage.

SDG 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANTATION

(Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all)

- Promote access to safe drinking water and sanitation services
- Promote integrated water resource management and reduce the ground water depletion.
- Support local government agencies and communities towards effective waste management strategy.

SDG 7: AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

(Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all)

- Promote the use of solar and other renewable energies at all levels.
- Work with government agencies and other stakeholder to provide renewable energy systems and micro-finance facilities to adopt solar energy system.
- Awareness campaigns to use environment friendly cooking fuels.

SDG 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH <i>Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all</i>	• Work with communities and government agencies to end child labour. • Promote skill development programmes to promote small scale and micro industries. • Enhance employability opportunities for youths with vocation training. • Pilot innovative ideas and entrepreneurship programmes.
SDG 9: INDUSTRY INOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE <i>(Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation)</i>	
SDG10:REDUCED INEQUALITIES <i>(Reduce inequality within and among countries)</i>	• Promote awareness campaign to say NO TO ANY KIND OF DISCREMINATION & INEQUALITIES (age, sex, caste, religion, disabilities etc.)
SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES <i>(Sustainable cities and communities)</i>	• Support homeless people in rural and urban areas. • Work with communities, governmental agencies, and others to reduce impact of pollution. • Pilot entrepreneurship programs to promote business model in the waste management industry.
SDG12:RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION <i>(Sustainable consumption and production)</i>	• Generate awareness on Natural Resource Management. • Promote rainwater harvesting and afforestation. • Pilot innovative models to promote the culture of recycling and reuse. • Promote awareness campaign and to undertake action to reduce any kind of food waste.
SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION <i>(Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impact)</i>	• Promote information and awareness on climate change. • Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity within communities to tackle climate change related disaster. • Strengthen capacity of local government agencies and service providers to adopt effective response strategy in time of disaster • Awareness generation on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.
SDG 14: LIFE BELOW WATER <i>(Conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources for sustainable development)</i>	• Promote awareness to reduce pollution of rivers and marine eco-system. • Promote treatment of wastewater.

SDG 15: LIFE ON LAND

(Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystem, sustainably manage forest, combat desertification, and halt and reserve land degradation and halt biodiversity loss)

- Work with communities, government agencies and stakeholders to mitigate pollution on land and to protect biodiversity
- Work with communities to preserve and protect forest and livelihood of tribal & forest dwellers.

SDG 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

(Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all level).

- Provide legal support to the underprivileged and to provide awareness on their legal rights to end abuse, exploitation, and trafficking.
- Pilot innovative monitoring systems to access quality of public governance and to advocate for improving efficiency of service delivery institutions
- Work with government and communities to provide justice and opportunities for all.

SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

(Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development)

- Build partnerships with local, national and international stakeholders / donors for dissemination of knowledge and ideas.
- Organize and facilitate workshops, conferences and seminars with government, academic institutions for exchange of knowledge. .
- Develop innovative model and governance approaches to achieve SDGs and to collaborate with government and other stakeholders to promote and fund SDGs based public policies and program.

Note: The aforementioned action-plans are just a broad outline. Jurisdiction specific activities will be developed based on a detailed base line assessment.

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