



Questions for Group Work Session

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Preamble

In this group work we shall be discussing examples of effective models/approaches to accelerate SDGs in the Covid-19 Era:

As the UN Secretary-General has said ‘...the creativity of the response to building back better must match the unique nature of the crisis – and the magnitude of the response must match its scale...’

We want to hear from the various stakeholders represented here – what are some of the stories that can inspire Ugandan and mobilize actions around the country to promote the implementation of the SDGs

What are some examples of actions taken in different localities to build resilience and inclusive recovery in the context of new realities of post COVID-19, so that the planet and people we serve could emerge stronger together from the crisis

The Focus

- The idea is to generate a list of solutions to the challenges that we have that are rooted in efforts by all stakeholders – LG, private sector, CSOs, donors – etc
- The preference is a push ourselves to collect solutions and not just collections challenges and lamentations
- We know there is a lot to learn across the country and people in various ways have taken action to improve their lives
- Our discussions will be on all SDGs because they are interconnected but the emphasis will be on the five critical SDGs under review this year

Goals Under Review

- Five SDGs:
 - **4 (quality education),**
 - **5 (gender equality),**
 - **14 (life below water),**
 - **15 (life on land),**
 - **17 (partnerships for the Goals).**

Goal 4: “Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”

1. What are the Goal 4 (quality education) **key changes and challenges** during the COVID-19 times in your area?
2. What **new/promising openings and opportunities** are there to achieve Goal 4 (quality education)?
3. Can you share an **example of an innovative approach/project/partnership** related to this Goal that could be scaled up and support accelerated implementation?

Goal 5: “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”

1. What are the Goal 5 (gender equality) **key changes and challenges** during the COVID-19 times in your area?
2. What **new/promising openings and opportunities** are there to achieve Goal 4 (quality education)?
3. Can you share an **example of an innovative approach/project/partnership** related to this Goal that could be scaled up and support accelerated implementation?



Goal 14: “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”

1. What are the Goal 14 (life below water) **key changes and challenges** during the COVID-19 times in your area?
2. What **new/promising openings and opportunities** are there to achieve Goal 14 (life below water)?
3. Can you share **an example of an innovative approach/project/partnership** related to this Goal that could be scaled up and support accelerated implementation?

Goal 15: “Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss”

1. What are the Goal 15 (life on land) **key changes and challenges** during the COVID-19 times in your area?
2. What **new/promising openings and opportunities** are there to achieve Goal 15 (life on land)?
3. Can you share an **example of an innovative approach/project/partnership** related to this Goal that could be scaled up and support accelerated implementation?

Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

1. What are the Goal 17 (partnership for goals) **key changes and challenges** during the COVID-19 times in your area?
2. What **new/promising openings and opportunities** are there to achieve Goal 17 Goal 17 (partnership for goals)?
1. Can you share an **example of an innovative approach/project/partnership** related to this Goal that could be scaled up and support accelerated implementation?

Instructions

- Each group should use one hour for the discussion.
- Spend 20 minutes on each question
- While the question is focusing on a specific goal – members that the SDGs are interlinked so you could also raise issues that are cross-cutting
- A one-pager with the SDG targets for each goal is provided for your reference during the group discussion
- Record your discussion accurately since they will be an input into the Outcome Document at the end of the meeting
- Each group will choose a chair and a rapporteur who will prepare notes with the lead facilitator at the end of the meeting.