

Joint Synthesis of Evidence on the Sustainable Development Goal 17 – Partnership Pillar

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Recognized expertise in international development research:

AIR's International Development Division has conducted research and technical assistance across more than 90 countries.

- a. Designed and conducted over 20 impact evaluations for UN organizations
- b. Conducted evidence syntheses for UNICEF, USAID, the World Bank, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Global leader in evidence syntheses:

AIR's Methods of Synthesis and Integration Center has implemented over 50 evidence syntheses

1. Developed evidence synthesis methods that align with the OECD-DAC criteria.
2. Refined and validated tools to appraise the quality of impact, performance, and process evaluations.

SDG-17

Rationale

"A successful sustainable development agenda requires partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society. These inclusive partnerships built upon principles and values, a shared vision, and shared goals that place people and the planet at the centre, are needed at the global, regional, national and local level."

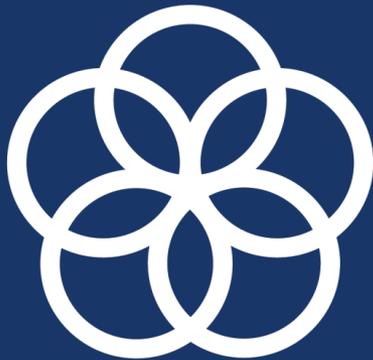
Goal

"Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development"

- United Nations

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SDG-17 THEMATIC AREAS



FINANCE



TRADE



TECHNOLOGY



CAPACITY BUILDING



SYSTEMIC ISSUES

Evidence syntheses and their value add

Syntheses provide greater confidence when identifying whether intervention lessons are generalizable or context-specific

Draw conclusions based on a comprehensive overview of literature instead of relying on single studies

Include and exclude studies based on validated quality appraisal tools

Meta-analysis and narrative synthesis to generate lessons about what works, why, and under which contextual conditions

Example

Individual studies of vocational training programs often do not find positive impacts on women's income, but an evidence synthesis that combines the individual studies finds positive impacts (Chinen et al., 2017).

The evidence synthesis will identify the state of the current evidence on SDG-17

IMPACT EVALUATION SYNTHESIS

Which interventions are most effective in improving and accelerating SDG-17 indicators and targets?

PERFORMANCE & PROCESS EVALUATION SYNTHESIS

Why are some interventions more or less successful in achieving progress toward SDG-17?

VNR ANALYSIS & DEVIANCE ASSESSMENT

Which SDG-17 targets are currently on track, and which are lagging behind?

Which countries (across contexts) have made the **most or least progress on SDG-17** and why?

Prioritization Strategy based on Consultations

Seeking a balance between impact evaluations, and performance and process evaluations to maximize learning and develop proof of concept for the SDG evidence syntheses

SDG-17 Components: Tradeoffs

Finance

More macro-level studies, fewer impact evaluations and UN performance/process evaluations

Trade

More impact evaluations, fewer UN performance/process evaluations

Technology

More impact evaluations, fewer UN performance/process evaluations

Capacity Building

More UN performance/process evaluations, fewer impact evaluations

Systemic Issues

More UN performance/process evaluations, fewer impact evaluations

Immediate Next steps

1 FINALIZE SCOPE

Select three thematic areas under the SDG Partnership Pillar to focus the synthesis

3 INCLUSION CRITERIA

Define the following criteria for the evidence syntheses:

- Interventions (e.g., micro or macro level, overlap with other SDGs, empirical strategy)
- Study types (e.g., methodology of included studies)

2 FINALIZE SEARCH STRATEGY

Refine and finalize proposed search strings for evaluations and database selection.





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