

SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative

With just under ten years left to achieve the SDGs, world leaders at the SDG Summit in September 2019 called for a Decade of Action and delivery for sustainable development, and pledged to mobilize financing, enhance national implementation and strengthen institutions to achieve the Goals by the target date of 2030, leaving no one behind. As part of this global Agenda towards making our planet more sustainable and equitable, the UNDP SDGCC in the State of Nagaland also has taken responsible steps towards making the SDGs a reality for the state, the country and the world as a whole.

In Nagaland, six priority goals that have seen least progress among the 17 SDGs (*Goal 2 – Zero Hunger, Goal 3 – Good Health and Well-being, Goal 4 – Quality Education, Goal 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth, Goal 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure and Goal 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities*) were identified and proposed to be included as part of the ‘SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative’. These goals have been further impacted due to the adverse effects of COVID-19. To ensure that these goals are given impetus and there is revival of the local economy post-COVID 19, locally relevant solutions which are innovative, are needed.

The ‘SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative’ was thus conceived with the idea of implementing innovative solutions that will contribute towards the achievement of the six priority SDGs (SDG-2,3,4,8,9 and 11) at the grassroots level.

Objectives:

1. To target one or more of the six priority SDG/s and make an effort to positively impact the Goal/s.
2. To generate awareness and disseminate knowledge of the SDGs at the local level.
3. To create a platform for the government to engage with the general public in respect to SDGs.
4. To find innovative solutions to perennial problems in achieving the goals and indicators which are yet to progress in the state with participation of local population.
5. Experiment the identified solutions in a practical manner and understand whether they are reliable and scalable in carrying forward the SDGs.

Outcomes:

1. Mobilise individuals and organisations to act for the achievement of the Goals, whilst building coalitions across communities and societies.
2. To inspire people to shift behaviours and policies for the achievement of the Goals, whilst promoting the values of hope and solidarity.
3. Connect partners to increase progress on the Goals, whilst strengthening dialogue and trust between people and institutions at the local levels.
4. Bouquet of solutions for the six priority goals and their indicators

Selection Criteria:

1. Innovative solutions to an existing local challenges
2. Impact one or more of the six priority SDGs
3. Clearly specify indicators to track outcomes
4. Timeline for the outcomes will be six months from the fund disbursed
5. Applications from Nagaland based organisations / individuals permitted only
6. In-depth understanding of how to leverage innovative / sustainable initiatives for social mobilisation and participation by local communities.

The proposals for the Research Initiative will be required to follow a specified format to ensure uniformity and clarity in the selection process. The tentative format for the application form is given below:

1. Name of the SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative
2. Name of the individual/organisation
3. Official Address/Contact details (phone number and e-mail ID)
4. If you/your organization has carried out any notable social initiative in the past, please mention briefly.
5. Details of the research initiative
 - (a) About the research initiative
 - (b) How is your research initiative innovative?
 - (c) Is your initiative
 1. Existing
 2. New
 - (d) Key stakeholders
 - (e) SDG(s) targeted
 - (f) Financial Implications
 - (g) Impact Assessment
 - (i) List out the indicators to measure the outcomes
 - (ii) Desired/intended outcome
 - (iii) Impact on targeted SDG(s)
 - (iv) Number of individuals impacted

8. Please attach the proposal of your SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative [PDF format only, max. file size: 1 MB]- Optional

Evaluation Criteria:

(a) The proposals will be scored based on 7 parameters :

Sl. no.	Criteria	Parameter
1	Impact Assessment	Potential impact on the targeted SDGs
2	Innovation Assessment	Degree of innovation in finding a local solution to Nagaland specific challenges
3	Sustainability Assessment	Eco-friendly nature and environmental impact of the project
4	Impact Assessment	Potential outreach/number of individuals impacted
5	Sustainability Assessment	Duration of impact of the project
6	Impact Assessment	Effectiveness of indicators in measuring the potential impact
7	Overall Assessment	Overall quality of the project proposal

(b) Each parameter to be given a score between 1 to 10. 1 being lowest, 10 being highest. Therefore, the proposals will carry a maximum score of 70 points.

(c) After calculating the average scores of each proposal given by the Selection Committee, the highest 3 scoring proposals will be selected for the initiative.