

# Can Communities Rescue the SDGs?

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*Women, Homes & Community*

# Sustainability

Sustainability is broadly used to indicate programs, initiatives and actions aimed at the preservation of a particular resource

Sustainability should refer to four distinct areas:

- Human
- Social
- Economic
- Environment

*Sustainable development is more than just economic growth  
- the quality of growth matters as well as the quantity*

# Localization

“Localizing” is the process of taking into account subnational contexts in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, from the setting of goals and targets, to determining the means of implementation and using indicators to measure and monitor progress

Localization relates both to how the SDGs can provide a framework for local development policy and to how local and regional governments can support the achievement of the SDGs through action from the bottom up and to how the SDGs can provide a framework for local development policy

# **THEORY OF CHANGE:**

## **CENTER-STAGING COMMUNITIES IN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COLLECTIVE POWER**

# Pathways for Change

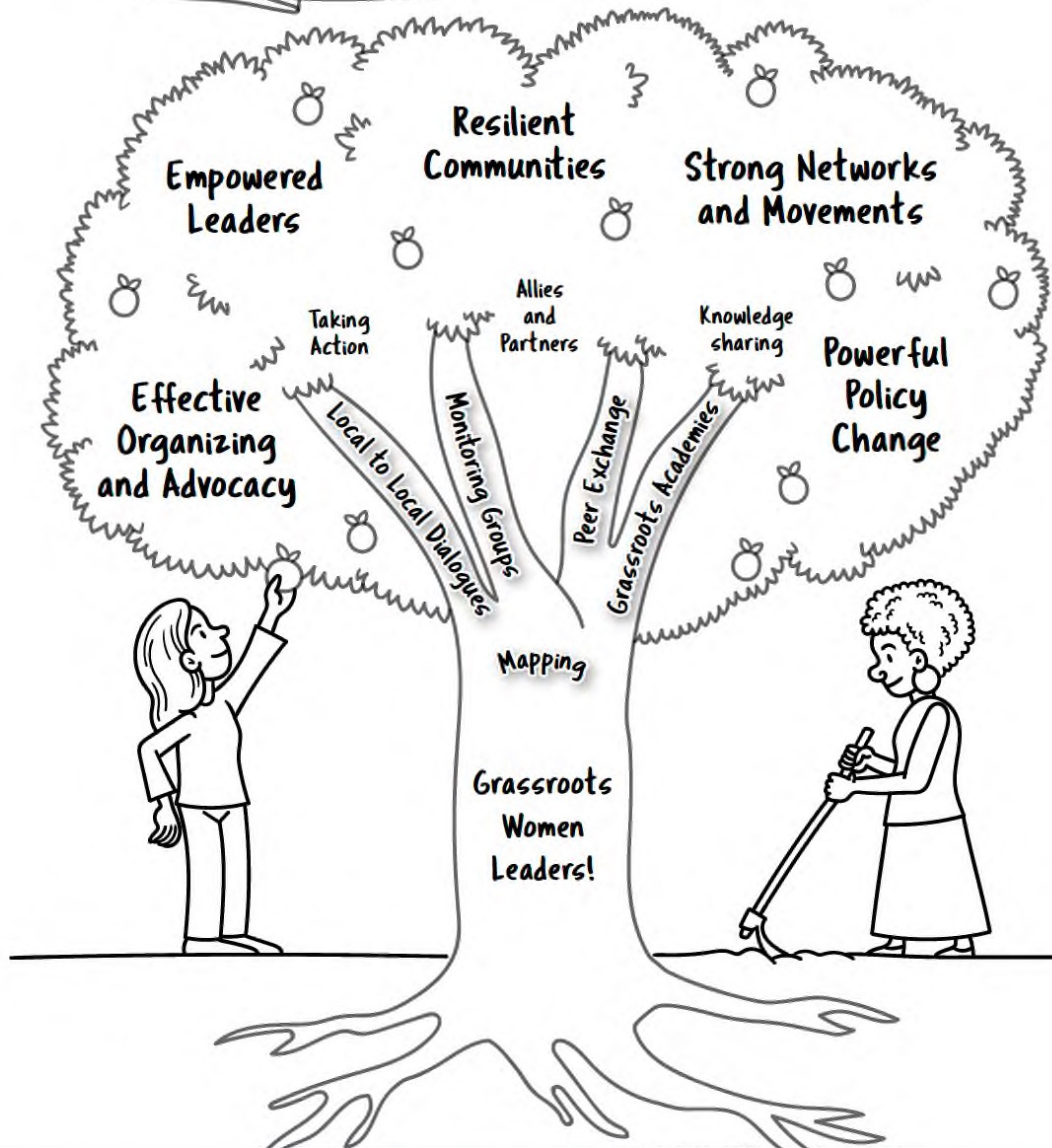
**Influence & Change Public Policy & Processes (Local, Regional, and International)**

**Strengthen Grassroots Women's Organizing & Leadership**

**Build Constituencies & Networks**

**Nurture Grassroots Women's Knowledge and Good Practice to Promote Gender-Just and Resilient Development**

# The Empowerment Tree



# SDG 11: make Cities & Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe, Resilient & Sustainable

Target 11.1: By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums¶

Target 11.2: By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons¶

Target 11.3: By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries¶

Target 11.4: Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage¶

Target 11.5: By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations¶

Target 11.6: By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management¶

Target 11.7: By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities¶

Target 11.a: Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning¶

Target 11.b: By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels¶

Target 11.c: Support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, in building sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials¶

# WORLD

## Goal 11 Indicators Progress

11.1.1 Based on **proportion**  
2014-2020



11.1.1 Based on **population**  
2014-2020



11.2.1



11.6.1



11.7.1



Rescuing SDG 11 is possible but requires **transformative actions** that depart from status quo, business-as-usual responses including by:

- Transitioning from ambition to action
- Ensuring an urban anchor in SDG financing
- Leapfrogging through data and technology
- Capturing the urban opportunity to advance global agendas



- Will Communities Be Recognized & Resourced For Their Contributions, Leadership and Roles in the Implementation of the SDGs?**
- Will Communities Have A Seat At the Table?**



## 5-point vision to achieve our sustainable development goals

- **Socially just** – the benefit of economic development would be shared equitably by all sectors of society, including the poor, women, children and the physically challenged.
- **Ecologically sustainable** – the maintenance of the ecological processes that keep the ecosystem in balance; the renewable use of natural resources; the maintenance of biological diversity.
- **Politically participatory** – the participation of all sectors of society in development and governance activities.
- **Economically productive** – the creation of employment and the generation of income for the population in order to meet its needs.
- **Culturally vibrant** – the sustenance of a culture with a proactive respect for diversity.