

17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



ONLY

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DONOR
COUNTRIES
MEET THEIR
COMMITMENT
FOR OFFICIAL
DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE TO
DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES

0.9%

SHARE OF
GLOBAL
EXPORTS FROM
LEAST
DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES

STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Successful partnerships rooted in strong human relationships are the engine to achieve all other SDGs.

NOTICING

To achieve the SDGs, partnerships are necessary between governments, private sector, civil society, and other parties, including a range of financial and technical support between developed and developing countries. Yet official development assistance remains less than half the UN target and debt relief for LMICs remains low.

INTERPRETING/EMPATHIZING

The value of compassion is exemplified in SDG17. Spreading awareness of our global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress, to bridge the digital divide, and to develop knowledge societies. Finance, fair and equitable trade, technology, capacities, partnerships, and data are among the primary tools for achieving all other dimensions of sustainable development. Partnerships hindered by postcolonial legacies and inequitable power dynamics need compassion to realize the global-level action necessary to achieve all SDGs.

TAKING ACTION

SDG17 is about more than coordinating policies to help developing countries achieve sustainable growth and development. We must nurture and sustain strong human relationships for successful partnerships. Compassion-driven partnerships provide the strongest and most equitable and inclusive systems, services, and communities for humanity. We must make space to facilitate courageous conversations about both suffering and flourishing, and embrace—not avoid—complexity and conflict. Such a social architecture is the engine to achieve all other goals.



“Compassion
is the glue
that holds the
sustainable
goals together.”

— Professor Liz Grant
Global Health Academy, University of Edinburgh