



The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are a set of 17 comprehensive development goals adopted in 2015, that range across various social, economic and other global issues. By developing people, protecting the planet, fostering peace, ensuring prosperity, and engaging in collaborative partnerships, the goals take a comprehensive view of the complexities of our global challenges, and provide an optimistic framework to build a future that is inclusive, equitable, and sustainable, for all people.

## Who are the Goalkeepers?



Ushering in a redefined future will require the collaborative effort not only of national governments and international agencies, but also of private organizations, civil society, non-governmental organizations, and individual members of society, including the youth and students. In order to fully realize the goals, we will all have to play our part by becoming Goalkeepers, in **advocating**, **implementing** and **championing** the Global Goals!



Did you know that schools can become some of the strongest goalkeepers for the Sustainable Development Goals by driving positive change in their immediate communities?

## The Power of 500 Schools can

- Converge a community of over **3 million** individuals
- Influence over **30%** of the nation's wealth
- Conserve **1 GWH** of energy per month
- Recycle **6 billion** litres of water each month
- Reduce waste production by **24 million** KG per month

*Can we reimagine schools as the primary engines of positive change, and place them at the centre of the sustainable development agenda?*



## Why should schools adopt the Global Goals?

Adopting the Global Goals at an institutional level affords multiple advantages for schools as well as for students:

- » **Showcase** your school's commitment to the SDG's, and expose students to sustainability education and sustainable development
- » **Introduce** students to the United Nations, and build an understanding and awareness of the international system and the general state of the world
- » **Enable** students to develop critical skills like teamwork, communication, research and leadership, while also instilling values of empathy, compassion and sustainability
- » **Access** unconventional extracurricular and co-curricular activities and opportunities for the student community
- » **Participate** in a global network of schools, individuals, organizations, governments and more, that are working towards the Global Goals
- » **Develop** a comprehensive knowledge base through case studies, resources and publications



## How can schools implement the Global Goals?

There are many different ways in which schools can engage with the sustainable development goals, including advocating, implementing and championing the goals. At the heart of each of these, is the focus on introducing the Global Goals to the school's student community, and on engaging students in taking concrete action towards the Goals. Some examples include:

- » **Host** an SDG Themed assembly for the entire school community
- » **Initiate** a no-plastic week or a carpool-only week
- » **Translate** the Global Goals into regional and local languages
- » **Install** solar panels and rain water harvesting systems in the school



## The SDG Action Kit

The SDG Action Kit is a humble step towards the realization of the immense potential power that schools hold in catalysing the sustainable development agenda for 2030, by fully leveraging the communities and resources that schools converge. The initiative is aimed at promoting awareness and understanding of the Global Goals, and at encouraging schools to take measurable action towards achieving them, by empowering and enabling schools through knowledge resources, incentive programs, and community engagements. The action kit includes all the information that you will need to get started on your journey to making your school into a primary engine of positive change for the sustainable development goals! It contains various knowledge resources, and action plans that schools can undertake, at various levels of commitment, as per the school's discretion and capacity.