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**South-South Good Practices Submission Guidance**

**Deadline for submission 7 December 2020**

**Background**:

The “[***Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development***](https://www.southsouth-galaxy.org/publications/good-practices-in-south-south-and-triangular-cooperation-for-sustainable-development/)” flagship publication features Southern good practices that are relevant to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The objective is to demonstrate how South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation can support countries to overcome shared challenges and accelerate progress towards sustainable development. It aims to benefit developing countries seeking to scale up South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives.

It highlights initiatives that illustrate the main characteristics of effective South-South and triangular cooperation; involved and benefited many people in two or more Southern countries; addressed transnational development challenges that would be difficult to tackle independently; and solutions that have been tested, validated, adapted and/or scaled up in various locations for the achievement of the SDGs.

The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation in collaboration with Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) aims to develop a special volume entitled “Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development in SIDS- Advancing SAMOA Pathway and Achieving Sustainable Recovery”. This special volume will have a particular focus on small island developing States (SIDS), with a view to mapping and sharing good practices relevant to the implementation of the SDGs, as well as the SAMOA Pathway in these countries including relevant and scalable efforts in the context of COVID-19 pandemic recovery while spotlighting the role of South-South cooperation in supporting sustainable development.

Provided here are the tools to help you identify good practices your organization supports (**up to five**) as they relate to South-South cooperation and embody the spirit of solidarity and collective efforts. You can refer to the [**Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development**](https://my.southsouth-galaxy.org/en/solutions/) database on South-South Galaxy as a reference for your submission. This special volume will be launched **mid-2021**.

**Identifying a Good Practice**:

The following set of criteria will help you determine whether a practice is a South-South ‘good practice’ when preparing for your submissions in relations to the achievement of one or more SDG targets. Kindly use the template on page 3 to complete your submission and use the below as a checklist to verify you have covered key elements when reviewing a solution your organization supports to determine if it is indeed a South-South ‘good practice’:

* **Horizontal**: It leads to the *systemic, cross-country* transfer of good practices and knowledge between two or more countries of the South for their mutual benefit and overcomes transnational development challenges difficult to tackle singlehandedly.
* **Innovative**: It demonstrates progressive solutions to pressing development challenges and/or more effective collaboration means between developing countries to improve their competitive advantage.
* **Replicable and adaptable**: It has the potential for replication and is adaptable to similar objectives in varying situations, as evidenced through proven applications or sound feasibility studies.
* **Environmentally, economically and socially sustainable, as per the SDGs**: It contributes to overcoming development challenges related to one of the 17 SDGs, guaranteeing positive impact over time without compromising the ability to address future needs.
* **Effective and successful**: It has proven its strategic relevance as an effective way to achieve a specific objective in relations to one or more SDGs, been successfully adopted/and or scaled up and had a positive impact on individuals and/or communities.
* **Technically feasible**: It is easy to learn and to implement.
* **Inherently participatory**: It inspires a joint sense of ownership of decisions and actions.

**Good Practices Template**

**(Submit Word document at southsouth-galaxy@unossc.org and upload it online on** [**South-South Galaxy**](https://my.southsouth-galaxy.org/en/accounts/login/?next=/en/solutions/create) **Platform)**

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| **[Initiative Title]**  [**Tagline** - Summarize the spirit of the project in a single phrase (tag line)- **up to 20 words**]  [Which **Sustainable Development Goal**(s) does the initiative address?]  a. Primary SDG and relevant SDG targets (ie 1.1. 2.4 etc)  b. Secondary SDG (s) and relevant SDG targets (1.1, 2.4 etc) |
| **Metadata** |
| **Project name:**  **Countries/territories/regions involved:**  **Nominated by:**  **Sustainable Development Goal target(s): (ie. 2.2, 4.5, 17.5)**  **Relevant priority area(s) of the SAMOA Pathway:**  **Supported by:**  **Implementing entities:**  **Project status (ongoing or completed):**  **Project period (indicate the time frame of its implementation (start and end year):**  **URL of the practice:** |
| **Describe the Challenge the “best practice” is addressing/addressed?** (100 - 150 words)  This section should provide an overview of the challenge in the country or region in which the initiative is being implemented in (or has been implemented) and what is required to address it for the achievement of one or more of the SDGs, as well as relevant priority area(s) of the SAMOA Pathway.  **Insert text here:** |
| **Towards a Solution** (Max 600 words).  In this section, ensure the following "questions" are addressed in the submission (what the project aims to achieve, the methodology used that led to successful outcomes, outcomes achieved, how was South-South and Triangular cooperation utilized to achieve results, how is it sustainable and replicable)  (Kindly ensure all the following ‘questions’ are addressed in the submission. Please do not answer the questions directly under each question but address them in max 600 words in the “insert text here” section) These questions sever as guidance when explaining a solution. Please ensure they are addressed).   1. What is the objective of the initiative? and what does it **aim to achieve** in response to the challenge(s)? Please indicate all the relevant SDG(s) and SAMOA Pathway priority area(s) the solution aims to address. 2. What **methodology** has been used to address the challenge that led to a successful outcome and in accelerating/achieving the SDG(s) and SAMOA Pathway? How was the process **participatory** between the partners? what were their concerted actions? 3. How was SSC/TrC utilized in the initiative? And how did the initiative lead to the **systemic, cross-country transfer** of the good practice and knowledge between two or more countries of the South for their mutual benefit to overcome the transnational development challenges that is difficult to overcome singlehandedly? 4. What were the **outcomes achieved in relations to the SDG(s) targets and relevant SAMOA Pathway priority area(s)?** (please include quantitative data that highlights the outcomes) 5. How was the good practice **innovative**? How did it improve countries competitive advantage? 6. How was the good practice **sustainable**? did it lead to any policy impact, cooperation agreements, regional integration efforts etc. to ensure its long-term sustainability? 7. How is the good practice **replicable**? What are the possibilities for the good practice to be extended more widely? What conditions need to be met to ensure its replicability?   **Insert text here: (max 600 words)** |
| **Contact details**  What is the address of the people or the project to contact if you want more information on the good practice?   * 1. Name   2. Title   3. Organization   4. Email address   5. Skype ID or Whatapp/Wechat number (optional) |
| **Please include 3-4 High Resolution Photos for the initiative** |
| **Related resources**  What training manuals, guidelines, technical fact sheets, posters, pictures, video, audio documents, websites have been created as a result of identifying the good practice? |