

# **DEVELOPMENT** GOALS



The U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent a sweeping agenda to advance health and well-being, ensure environmental protection and deliver peace and prosperity. The 169 associated targets represent a complex network of interlinking systems. Understanding these connections and enhancing synergies—while managing tradeoffs—is critical to bringing the SDG agenda to fruition.

#### **SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY - THE SDG CATALYST**

At Abt Associates, we recognize gender equality as a development objective in its own right, as well as a key approach to accelerate progress towards other development goals, such as health and economic well-being. We know that empowering women and other marginalized groups drives sustainable development for everyone.



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Abt's global portfolio spans health, the environment, governance, economic development and social policy. We work in low-, middle- and high-income countries and bring an integrated perspective to today's intractable challenges. Our approach is grounded in data and a deep understanding of complex systems.











#### **OUR FOCUS AREAS**

Education, Youth & Families
Environment & Energy
Food Security & Agriculture
Gender Equality & Social Inclusion
Governance & Justice
Health

Housing, Communities & Asset Building Workforce & Economic Mobility

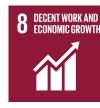
#### **OUR ENABLING CAPABILITIES**

Communications & Behavior Change Data Capture & Surveys Digital Transformations Research, Monitoring & Evaluation Technical Assistance & Implementation

## Advancing accountability and gender equality

In Southeast Asia, we are building business coalitions focused on prioritizing gender equity as a business imperative. We've brought together 28 leading companies, employing nearly 500,000 people in the region that are committed to measuring their progress in advancing gender equality.

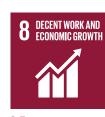




## Advancing women's economic empowerment

In West Africa, we helped female entrepreneurs working in traditionally male-dominated sectors attract \$11.6 million in investment. Our work created 10,821 jobs for women and established 1,339 buyer-seller linkages for women-owned and operated businesses in sectors such as apparel, livestock and grains processing.





#### Advancing equitable gender norms

Across sub-Saharan Africa, we trained more than **54,000 women** to support malaria eradication activities—empowering tens of thousands to pursue supervisory positions and become leaders within their communities. We mentored high-performing women to move from entry-level to supervisory roles.





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#### Combatting gender-based violence

In Mozambique we worked with community-based organizations to improve coordination, availability and quality of gender-based violence (GBV) services. As a result, more than 40,000 individuals were reached with community-level GBV-prevention activities, and more than 1,400 potential GBV survivors were referred for services.





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## Advancing women's agency and participation in government

In Indonesia, we are helping improve effectiveness of women-focused civil society organizations, developing women's collective capacity and helping them to influence decision-making at multiple levels – from the village to national parliament.



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## Advancing anti-sex trafficking solutions

We synthesized more than 900 tactics aimed at ending sex trafficking and deterring demand in U.S. communities. Our DemandForum website identifies what has proven to work: a range of demand-curbing models, programs implemented and solutions to challenges faced.





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### **Bold Ideas. Real Results.**

Abt Associates is an engine for social impact, dedicated to moving people from vulnerability to security. Harnessing the power of data and our experts' grounded insights, we provide research, consulting and technical services globally in the areas of health, environmental and social policy, technology and international development.



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