



# Best Practices

## - Sustainable Development - (Sustainable Development Goals)

### – PORTUGAL –

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## ***Good Practices in Portugal in the field of Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.***

### **Good Practice 1: TARGET GENDER EQUALITY.**

**Organization Description:** United Nations Global Compact Portugal is part of United Nations Global Compact and it is an initiative in the area of corporate citizenship, which had its origin in a proposal by the former UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, in 2000. It is based on ten fundamental Principles, on the areas of human rights, labor practices, environmental protection and anti-corruption and aims to promote the public and voluntary commitment of companies to comply with them.

**Good Practice Summary:** The project Target Gender Equality performs analysis, training workshops, peer learning and dialogue with stakeholders - Target Gender Equality supports Members of the United Nations Global Compact in setting ambitious goals for the representation and leadership of women, at all levels and at all the areas.

**Target Group:** It is an accelerator program for Gender Equality in companies designed exclusively for Members of the United Nations Global Compact.

**Aim:** Companies committed to Gender Equality find in Target Gender Equality the opportunity to consolidate the 7 Principles of the Women's Empowerment Principles and substantiate their contribution to the SDG 5 | Goal 5, which requires equal representation, participation and leadership in organizations, worldwide: *Guarantee the full and effective participation of women and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life.*

Participating companies are provided with the latest research in the field of gender equality and its benefits, along with new ideas from partners and UN experts on acceleration methodologies.

### **Results:**

- Establish ambitious and realistic goals for the promotion of gender equality, demonstrating commitment and concrete action with employees, investors and other interested parties.
- Understand the company's current performance on gender equality, through the easy use of the Women's Empowerment Principles Gender Gap Analysis Tool.
- Engage in specialized learning opportunities.
- Create a network of partners, experts and UN elements to support your company's gender equality strategy, working together to overcome the established barriers.
- Valuing women who are driving the success of your company, contributing directly to the Sustainable Development Goals.

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**Good Practice 2: 17 Dias | 17 ODS (17 Days | 17 SDGs)**

**Organization Description:** Corpo Nacional de Escutas (CNE) (National Scouts Body) is the largest Youth Organization in Portugal. The CNE is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental youth association, aimed at the comprehensive training of young people, based on the method created by Baden Powell and the volunteering of its members. The CNE is implemented in approximately 1,100 local groupings in all the municipalities of the continental territory and autonomous regions of the Azores and Madeira, with a network of animation and territorial coordination supported by half a hundred core and regional structures, having as national executive the Central Board, which ensures the management and implementation of CNE's general and sectoral policies.

**Good Practice Summary:** It is important not to lose hope and continue to carry out the good deeds that characterize scouts so much. Thus, the National SDG Team of the National Secretariat for the Environment and Sustainability today launches the first challenge of the 17-day initiative, 17 SDGs. For 17 days, each of the SDGs are celebrated, inviting all scouts to take action on behalf of the same, offering three suggestions. In fact, and because "Listening is the son of Portugal and a good citizen", all the challenges launched must be fulfilled at home, given the emergency situation we are experiencing and the recommendations made by the portuguese authorities.

**Target Group:** Young people and adults from the scouts community.

**Aim:** Awareness and Mobilization. This initiative not only aims to raise the awareness of scouts to the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but also to encourage everyone to act to fulfill the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

**Results:** 17 Days Project, 17 SDGs: Even during these challenging days at home, this challenge was launched. For 17 days, each of the SDGs has been celebrated, inviting all scouts to carry out an action on behalf of the same, offering three suggestions per day. This has a result raising awareness of young people for their active role as citizens for sustainable development even from their homes.

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### **Good Practice 3: “ODS em Ação” (SDGs In Action).**

**Organization Description:** “ODS em Ação” is an initiative by AMI – *Assistência Médica Internacional* (Medical International Assistance) that resulted in a partnership between the institution and Help Images - Association for the Promotion and Support of Social Solidarity and is funded by Camões - Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P. AMI is a Portuguese NGO created to intervene in situations of humanitarian crisis worldwide. Besides international medical missions, in 1995 the organization started a social support project for homeless and needy families in Portuguese territory: the “Porta Amiga”..

**Project Summary:** This initiative, which started on the eve of the Global Day of Action for the SDGs, comes as a result of information sessions that AMI has been developing for many years, in national primary and secondary schools, with the aim of alerting students to the social reality environment and development disparities in the world. Since 2015, the sessions are specifically targeted at 9th grade students, within the scope of the Geography discipline, and address the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) defined until 2015 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. In a second phase, seminars were held with students between October 2018 and May 2019, depending on the requests of the schools. These dynamic sessions lasted 90 minutes for groups with a maximum size of 60 students. To this end, a package of Education for Development materials was used, including a PowerPoint presentation and an information film about the ODS, produced in Portuguese and in a language suitable for younger age groups.

**Target Group:** Young Students of Schools in Portugal (special focus on basic and secondary schools – 10-18 years old).

**Aim:** Through this project, the intention is to contribute for a more informed and active society in promoting sustainable development and respect for Human Rights.

**Results:** Dissemination of the SDGs among Portuguese young people, to make them aware of the challenges of cooperation for development and humanitarian action and to promote active citizenship, through the encouragement of volunteering, with the dissemination of volunteering opportunities in the respective regions. Teaching materials are now available in schools for new uses by the teaching staff, thus allowing a multiplier effect of the content presented.

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