The advantages of SDGToolkit for the user community

SDGToolkit provides a project, framework and policy portfolio management system with an extension support

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1. This document provides a list of the principal advantages that arise from the use of SDGToolkit by user communities involved in the development of sustainable economic development projects in support of Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Further details on the structure and content of SDGToolkit can be obtained from the service website SDGToolkit.com

3. The documents

Provide further details on why this Software-as-a-Service was developed as well as some details of the overall provision of design and project cycle support

Definitions

The user community for SDGToolkit includes:

- Donors
- Beneficiaries
- Stakeholders

In this document this user community is referred to collectively as DBS.

Donors

Donors include any organizations that fund sustainable development projects in support of Sustainable Development Goals. They can include:

- International development organizations
- National development agencies
- Private NGOs & cooperatives
- Consultancies
- Individuals

Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries are the clients of the donor organizations and can include:

- Agricultural ministries and development agencies
- Environmental agencies
- Policy planners
- Policy monitoring and evaluation agents
- Agricultural research organizations
- Project teams
- Extension services

Stakeholders

Stakeholder include the beneficiaries of projects designed and administered using SDGToolkit including:
• Local communities for whom a project is setup
• Sector actors
• Those with an interest in evaluating best practice

The general advantages of SDGToolkit

Covid-19
All SDGToolkit services are delivered remotely with users only requiring a browser to access the system using PCs, LapTops, Tablets or mobiles.

The system is therefore compliant with strict Covide-19 practice to protect the lives of all within the DBS community.

User environments need to permit team members to access the system individually and in a socially-distanced manner.

This mode of operation protects those delivering the service and beneficiary team members and donor personnel involved in oversight.

Economy
The cost of entry and operations for beneficiaries and stakeholders is zero under the Sustainable Development Facility (SDF) provisions. The SDF is summarised below.

The system has eliminated a range of operational complications and reduced access requirements to a browser as the only additional software required to operate the system.

Cost-Benefit for DBS

Donor benefits
Although donors provide the funds for the provision of SDGToolkit there are a range of benefits which will rise in value over time:

• Donor clients and their stakeholders become more proficient in managing project cycles using SDGToolkit.
• Over the life of a project the benefits include higher performance of projects by securing objectives that remain feasible
• Increasing competence of project teams in all aspects of project design and management
• On-the-job training of team members under the SDF provisions.
• The combination of analytical tools and a due diligence design procedure delivered remotely has two significant impacts over the project cycle:
  • Far lower costs in the provision of technical support and oversight.
  • Far higher standards of information and knowledge management and documentation
• Lessons learned are a real time process of immediate application and not an ex-post commentary
Beneficiary benefits

Beneficiary organization and individual team members transition into an advanced professional standard of practice by received free access to the SDGToolkit and an expert on-the-job-training supporting the design and management of real projects.

Under the Sustainable Development Facility provisions this training is received free of charge so the Cost-Benefit is extremely high.

Project documentation and oversight is radically improved.

Training includes instruction on the four phase cycle process including due diligence design and management procedures as well as training in the analytical tools that support procedural steps.

Training is provided through the Sustainable Development Facility (SDF)

The Sustainable Development Facility (SDF)

The SDF is a donor supported initiative to provide professional training for users of the SDGToolkit.

Donors can support the SDF either by providing donations without identifying beneficiaries. In this case funds are used to support organizations who apply for support to the Facility.

The more usual mode of support is for donors to identify their beneficiary organizations or teams and form them to remain, at least, in an oversight role.

The SDF provides a 5 year training programme. This duration has been proposed to ensure on-the-job training and support including the design and implementation management of up to two projects and covering all aspects of the project cycle.

Therefore this initiative merges normal project administration with a drive to improve the professional competence of project teams in apply a leading-edge standard in management quality based on the process approach recommended by ISO, BSI and the OQSI.

Stakeholder benefits

The ability to gain access and oversight of the documentation and analytical tool outputs that support design and implementation decisions provides stakeholders with the ability to trace in practice the development and outcomes of mutual decisions.

This capability encourages teams to engage more directly with stakeholders as a basis for improving their understanding of gaps and needs and which solutions represents those that are more acceptable to the stakeholder community.
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