VCS Project Sustainable Development Goals Contributions Report Template

This template is for reporting a project’s contribution(s) to specific Target(s) of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Instructions for completing the Project SDG Contributions Report Template:

*TITLE PAGE: All items in the box at the bottom of the title page must be completed using Arial 10pt, black, regular (non-italic) font. This box must appear on the title page of the final document. Reports may also feature the project title and preparers’ name, logo and contact information more prominently on the title page, using the format below (Arial 24pt and Arial 11pt, black, regular font).*

*PROJECT SDG CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT: Instructions for completing the SDG contributions report template are given under the section headings in this template. All instructions must be followed.*

*All sections must be completed using Arial 10pt, black, regular (non-italic) font. Where a section is not applicable, same must be stated under the section (the section must not be deleted from the final document).*

All instructions, including this introductory text, should be deleted from the final document.

Project TITLE

Logo (optional)

Document Prepared By (individual or entity)

Contact Information (optional)

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| **Project Title** | Name of project |
| **Project ID** | VCS project ID number |
| **Project Start Date** | DD-MON-20XX on which the project started (should be the same as the VCS project start sate) |
| **SDG Contributions Monitoring Period** | DD-Month-20YY to DD-Month-20YY (entire period should be included in one or more VCS monitoring periods; start of monitoring period could be any point including or since the project start date) |
| **Date of Issue** | DD-MON-20XX this version of the report issued |
| **Prepared By** | Individual or entity that prepared this document |
| **Contact** | Physical address, telephone, email, website |

# Description of sustainable development Activities

Provide a brief description that includes the following (no more than 100 words):

* A summary description of project activities (i.e., technologies/measures implemented, project location).
* An explanation of how project activities will result in the SDG contributions described in Sections 2 and 3 of this report.

This description will appear in the Project SDG Contributions Statement along with the project’s net impact on the SDG Target(s). Examples of this summary are provided in Appendix 1 below.

# contribution to TARGETS of Sustainable Development Goals

## Relevant Target(s) of Sustainable Development Goals

Using the official list of SDG Targets and Indicators (available at: [https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/SDG Indicators/SDG Indicators-list/](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/indicators-list/)), provide the exact language of the SDG Targets to which the project has contributed. Add or remove rows from the table as necessary. Do not include any Targets related to project emission reductions or removals; those will be accounted for in Section 3 of this report.

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## Project Contributions

For each of the SDG Targets set out in Section 2.1 above, provide evidence of the project’s contribution based on a change in one or more official SDG Indicators for that Target. Refer to the SDG metadata repository (available at <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/>) for guidance on the definitions and concepts included in the SDG Indicators.

Evidence may be provided of demonstrable impact (i.e., increase or decrease of the level of an SDG Indicator) or for implementation of activities that will have a future impact (i.e., implementation of activities to increase or decrease the level of an SDG Indicator).

For projects which have completed VCS validation (only), provide an estimate of project contributions from the project start date through to the end of the project crediting period. For projects which have completed VCS verification, document total project contributions to the end of the last monitoring period.

Remove the first, second and third rows of the table, which serve as instruction and examples. Add or remove other rows from the table as necessary.

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| SDG Indicator # | SDG Indicator | Net Impact on SDG Indicator | Quantitative Project Contribution | Supporting Evidence |
| SDG Indicator # | SDG Indicator text | Indicate the project’s contribution to the SDG Indicator (increased, decreased, or implemented activities to increase or decrease) | Project results to date monitoring ended | Provide evidence of the contribution asserted in this row. This evidence may include the project’s validated VCS or Climate, Community & Biodiversity (CCB) project description, one or more verified VCS or CCB monitoring reports or another reputable and recognized source. |
| 1.1.1 | Proportion of population below the international poverty line | Decreased | The international poverty line is 1.90 USD/day (2011 prices; source 1). Average income among project participants without the project was 1.20 USD/day (source 2). The average economic benefit per participant per year realized from the project is a 1.37 USD/day increase (source 3). The project has increased participants’ total daily income from 1.20 USD/day to 2.57 USD/day, bringing them above the international poverty line. | Source 1: [UN Stats Metadata -0-01-01a](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-01-01-01a.pdf)  Source 2: Government’s national economic survey  Source 3: Verified CCB monitoring report for the period MM DD YYYY-MM DD YYYY indicating average additional participant income |
| 3.2.1 | Under 5 mortality rate | Implemented activities to decrease | Four community health clinic workshops held to provide ante-natal/post-natal care for 60 women from four villages (source 4, source 5) | Source 4: Photographic evidence  Source 5: Clinic registration records |
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# Contribution to Sustainable Development Goal 13 (climate action)

*For projects which have completed VCS validation (only),* provide the validated estimate of project emission reductions and/*or removals* *for the project crediting period*.

For projects which have completed VCS verification, provide the total volume of emission reductions and/or removals verified to the end of the latest verified monitoring period.

# SDG Statement Images

The project proponent should provide a [Verra Image Submission Form](http://www.v-c-s.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/VCS-Image-Submission-Form-v1.0.doc) to contribute a high-resolution photo from the project to be used on the Project SDG Contributions Statement.

The project proponent should provide a logo for the project proponent and/or implementing organization to be used on the Project SDG Contributions Statement.

# Appendix 1: example Descriptions of Sustainable Development ACTIVITIES

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## Example 1

In XYZ Region of XYZ Country, NGO A is facilitating shade tree planting by small groups of community members to increase the long-term productivity of their cacao forest and sequester carbon. The shade trees also provide edible fruits and nuts, medicines, firewood, timber, windbreaks and soil stabilization. Project participants earn increased income from cacao sales and new income from the sale of VCUs.

Participants in this project exchange lessons about biodiversity and climate change. They are provided with access to mobile banking. The project also offers local leadership opportunities and training in tree measurement, GPS technology and data entry skills.

## Example 2

Company B’s 40 wind turbines are located in XYZ City, northwestern XYZ Country. Electricity generated by the project is fed into the regional electricity grid, displacing energy that would otherwise be generated by fossil fuels.

As part of regional development efforts associated with the wind project, Company B constructed a health clinic and paid for one administrative staff and one medical staff member focused on women and children’s health to be in attendance two days a week. The project also provides free electricity to four schools in the region.

## Example 3

This run-of-river hydropower plant located in XYZ Area, XYZ Jurisdiction, XYZ Country, adds an average of 80 GWh of power to the grid every year, replacing fossil fuel powered electricity. Company C, which built the hydropower plant, also built out the grid to extend power to rural villages and electrify schools.

## Example 4

The construction and operation of an electric mass transit system in XYZ City, XYZ Country provides its ### daily users with enhanced quality of life due to reduced travel time, less congestion and fewer accidents as compared with their previous commutes. Compared with the fossil fuel powered transport systems it replaced (cars, minibuses and buses), the new system generates less particulate matter and GHG emissions. Semi-skilled, skilled and professional job opportunities were created by the construction and operation of the electric transit system.

## Example 5

Company E produces ceramic bricks and tiles for sale at a regional market in XYZ Region of XYZ Country. The project reduces GHG emissions by replacing the non-renewable biomass formerly used to fuel the kilns with sustainably managed, renewable biomass. Company F, Company E’s supplier of renewable biomass, has made their management practices more sustainable in response to Company E’s requirements. Company E’s investment has made it possible for Company F to be able to annex several new sustainable forest management concessions, hire new staff, create conservation set asides and add diversity to the tree species it uses for regeneration.