The Sustainable Development Goals

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1. What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

- **2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development**
  - Adopted 25 September 2015 by the UNGA
  - Offers a vision for a universal, integrated, transformative and rights-based vision for sustainable development
  - Overarching aims ‘leave no one behind’ and ‘reach the furthest behind first’
  - A Declaration, 17 Sustainable Development Goals, 169 Targets, 230 Global Indicators

- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
  - Replace the Millennium Development Goals
  - Intended to guide State and UN Action till 2030
2. Which of the SDGs are most relevant to promoting belonging?

• Belonging
  - Inclusion and integration
  - Improved living conditions
  - Relevant SDGs: SDGs focused on basic rights
  - E.g. SDG 4, Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all/ Target 4.1, By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes

  - Family unity
  - Relevant SDGs:
  - SDG 5, Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls/ Target 5.1, End all forms of discrimination against women and girls everywhere
3. Which of the SDGs are most relevant to promoting identity?

- **Identity**
  - Proof of identity
  - Civil registration (e.g. birth and marriage registration)
  - Acquisition of a nationality/ proof of nationality
  - **Relevant SDGs:**
    - SDG 10, Reduce inequality within and among countries/ Target 10.3, Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard
    - SDG 16, Promote peaceful and sustainable societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive communities for all/ Target 16.9, By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration
4. How to implement the relevant SDGs to promote belonging and identity?

• General

- **Identify** the most relevant SDGs in the country context
- **Understand** national development planning process
- **Advocate** for inclusion of relevant SDGs/Targets in national development plan
- **Select and develop** appropriate indicators to measure progress (e.g. Global Indicator 16.9.1, % of children under 5 whose births have been registered with a civil authority, disaggregated by age)
5. How to implement the relevant SDGs to promote belonging and identity?

- **Specific SDGs/ Targets**
  - **SDG 5/ Target 5.1 (Gender Equality)**
    - Reform nationality laws, policies and procedures to ensure equality between men and women in nationality matters.
  - **SDG 10/ Target 10.3 (Non-discrimination)**
    - Reform laws and policies that permit loss/deprivation of nationality on discriminatory grounds.
  - **SDG 16/ Target 16.9 (Legal identity)**
    - Identify and tackle barriers to universal civil registration/birth registration.
    - Ensure that those with an entitlement to nationality can acquire proof of nationality.