

The work of German Sparkassenstiftung for International Cooperation is in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations. The Agenda's 17 goals provide a basis for achieving global economic progress while maintaining social justice and respecting the earth's ecological limitations. With our projects we contribute to fulfilling the following ten Sustainable Development Goals:

**1 NO
POVERTY**



By improving access to financial services that meet the specific needs of customers, German Sparkassenstiftung's projects help to reduce poverty among marginalised sections of the population. These include women, children and young people in particular.

Training to improve financial and entrepreneurial education in rural areas increases the knowledge of agricultural producers. In this way, German Sparkassenstiftung is committed to boosting agricultural productivity and securing the sustainable supply of food to growing populations.

**2 ZERO
HUNGER**



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



The responsible use of financial resources and precautions against financial risks contribute to an increased well-being of the population. Financial services provide a formal channel for reducing the risks of health emergencies by enabling people to manage medical expenses without depleting their savings. Through its projects, German Sparkassenstiftung participates in the protection against financial risks, thus helping to improve the general health care system.

Both basic financial education and vocational education and training in the financial sector can help to ensure that disadvantaged groups also benefit from high-quality education provision. Together with local partners, German Sparkassenstiftung is committed to improving living conditions in project regions by promoting financial and entrepreneurial education and thus the sustainable development of private individuals and small-scale entrepreneurs.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



Access to financial services, especially for disadvantaged women in rural areas, creates the possibility of making one's own financial provisions and providing security for families. By promoting women in its projects, German Sparkassenstiftung contributes to strengthening (micro)entrepreneurship and gender equality.

Development is not possible without energy. In order to reduce poverty, sustainable energy supplies are being established and expanded in developing countries. With mobile and stationary payment systems, savings opportunities and loans, the project partners can enable local energy supply at household or farm level and thus contribute to the electrification of rural areas, which is important for development, and to the promotion of environmentally friendly local systems.

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Only microfinance institutions and banks with well-trained staff are able to offer their clients financial services tailored to their needs. German Sparkassenstiftung's projects focus on training courses for the staff of partner institutions and on the development of dual training and further education. The qualified staff then make a sustainable contribution to the labour market in the project country and strengthen the microfinance institutions from within.

The establishment of a sustainable financial infrastructure, especially with access to loans at market conditions, strengthens economic development and promotes the performance of the local economy. German Sparkassenstiftung and its partners improve access to financial services for small enterprises, including affordable loans, and support their integration into value chains and markets.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



German Sparkassenstiftung's project work pursues the objective of showing the local population and refugees in the host countries economic prospects through improved access to financial services, supporting refugee integration and strengthening the local economy. An important component is to improve professional qualifications in the financial sector and to strengthen the basic financial education of the local population and refugees. Both packages of measures strengthen the local economy, create jobs and, last but not least, help to secure the livelihoods of the people.

The 17 goals can only be achieved through a strong global partnership. Governments, civil society and business must work together to achieve them. German Sparkassenstiftung's broad-based networking with partner institutions in Germany and around the globe channels know-how and has a positive impact on project work. German Sparkassenstiftung's mission - to think globally, act locally, cooperate internationally - and the 200-year history of German Sparkassen with their sustainable social mission also contribute to achieving the objective of strengthening global partnerships.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

