

Barriers to implementing the SDGs framework at a municipal level in Canada

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About the Problem

For the Sustainable Development Goals to be successful, they need to be localized in cities and communities. Adapting the ambition and vision of the international agenda into local action is challenging, and many municipalities around the world have struggled to integrate the SDGs meaningfully into their day-to-day operations and planning.

About the Community Partner

We aim to drive a new wave of SDGs localization throughout Canada, aligning the international focus of the SDGs with local priorities in Canadian communities. We do this by creating municipal reporting on the SDGs, facilitating a collective impact model for community stakeholders to advance the SDGs collaboratively with their local government, developing new sets of localized SDG indicators and data points for municipalities to track their progress, and by inspiring a deeper integration of the SDGs across the country through the development of learning resources, annual gatherings, and resource sharing.

Impact on the Organization

This Map the System work would help us better understand the systems at play for communities in implementing the SDGs and help inspire many others to know the best ways to integrate this work in their own planning.

Potential Connections

Local Futures is working with five municipalities and associated university teams in BC, SK, ON, and NS. We have good connections with many SDG oriented NGOs and government departments and have been working on the SDGs since 2018.

