



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

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FARM AFRICA AND THE GLOBAL GOALS

In September 2015, world leaders met at the United Nations General Assembly to commit to 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs), aiming to end extreme poverty, hunger, inequality and injustice, and fix climate change by 2030.

Farm Africa is committed to making these goals a reality.

We believe Africa has the power to feed itself and that smallholder farmers can and will play a key role in achieving rural prosperity in Africa. Sustainable development is at the heart of our ethos: we develop innovative ways of bringing together communities, governments and businesses to boost rural economies while managing their natural resources sustainably.

All but one of the goals directly align with Farm Africa's work. In particular the goals that are most central to our work are:

- Ending poverty (Goal 1)
- Ending hunger (Goal 2)
- Achieving gender equality (Goal 5)
- Promoting economic growth and decent work for all (Goal 8)
- Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns (Goal 12)
- Taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (Goal 13)
- Protecting, restoring and promoting sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems (Goal 15)



HOW FARM AFRICA'S WORK ALIGNS TO THE SDGs:

Goal 1 includes a target to reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty by 2030.

"I feel weak when I am hungry and sometimes I sleep when I do not get enough to eat. I feel that I can't write, my stomach hurts and sometimes it roars like a lion does. It is quite hard to listen to the teacher but I am used to it and I try to concentrate."

- Denis, 11 years old, Nairobi, Kenya



Goal 1: No poverty

We aim to reduce poverty permanently by unleashing African farmers' abilities to grow their incomes. We work with different types of farmers (pastoralists, agro-pastoralists, smallholders and forest dwellers). Their specific situations vary but most are facing economic hardship.



Goal 2: Zero hunger

We help farmers to grow more food, sell more food and achieve higher prices for their produce. Higher incomes mean families can afford to buy more food, improving food security and nutrition for people like Denis, pictured below.



Goal 3: Good health and well-being

By helping farmers grow nutritious crops such as orange-fleshed sweet potatoes that are rich in vitamin A, and increasing rural families' spending power, Farm Africa tackles one of the biggest killers of young children in Africa: malnutrition.



Goal 4: Quality education

Many children in Africa miss out on school because their parents can't afford school fees and essential school supplies such as uniforms or books. By boosting rural incomes, we help ensure more children from farming families are able to regularly attend school.



Goal 5: Gender equality

We recognise that women play a critical role in farming and rural economic development. Our programmes build female farmers' skills and opportunities so they can improve their incomes and lead enterprises.



Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation

We actively promote sustainable approaches to water resource management, such as rainwater harvesting, drip irrigation and the use of drought-tolerant seeds.

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy

Farm Africa helps reduce carbon emissions by helping communities living in forests, such as the Bale Eco-Region in Ethiopia, to develop forest-friendly businesses such as wild coffee harvesting as an alternative to cutting down trees to sell firewood.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth

Farm Africa drives sustainable economic growth in rural areas by supporting the development of small and medium agribusinesses who supply to and buy from smallholder farmers, so the market for agricultural produce functions better.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Goal 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure

Lack of access to credit can hold back farmers from building their businesses. Farm Africa helps to improve access to financial services and credit, which helps investment and increases market access.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Goal 10: Reduced inequalities

By focusing on rural areas, often in remote locations, Farm Africa helps vulnerable, often overlooked communities to build long-term food security, significantly increase household income and move out of poverty.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities

Through projects such as Market Approaches to Resilience in Ethiopia, Farm Africa is working with local governments to plan and manage green towns and cities.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production

Farm Africa's Participatory Forest Management (PFM) approach, which promotes forest-friendly businesses such as wild coffee harvesting and honey production, is just one example of how we use economic incentives for farmers to conserve the environment.



“There is a good market where I have managed to sell a lot of raffia products. With the extra money I can contribute to my children’s school costs, buying food and clothes for my family and helping the community become better.”

- Agnes, 56 years old, Tanzania

Goal 8 promotes sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

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“Before, it was managed by the government, so we didn’t care about the condition of the forest, but now we are managing it with the government, so we feel ownership and responsibility.”

- Ali, Ethiopia

Goal 15 includes a target to promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forest by 2020.



Goal 13: Climate action

Farm Africa’s PFM approach has been adopted into national and regional government forestry policies. Farm Africa’s REDD+ forestry project is expected to deliver a net 38 million tonne reduction in greenhouse gases between 2012 and 2031.



Goal 14: Life below water

Farm Africa doesn’t currently have any projects that align with this goal, which is to conserve and sustainably use the oceans. We promote fish production from freshwater ponds in Western Kenya in support of efforts to protect Lake Victoria’s resources.



Goal 15: Life on land

We promote ‘climate-resilient’ and conservation approaches to enable farmers to manage their land and natural resources sustainably, become more resilient to climate change and build long-term food security.



Goal 16: Peace and justice, strong institutions

By acting as a bridge between smallholder farmers and governments, research institutions, funders, the private sector and civil society, Farm Africa ensures that rural communities have a voice and actively participate in decision-making arenas that determine their future.



Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals

Farm Africa develops partnerships and business models that are pro-smallholder, working with the private sector, government, specialist NGOs with complementary strengths, and research institutions, particularly those based in Africa.



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