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3 As, 3 Es, 5 Ps - ALPHABET SOUP?- Kay Richmond, Federation Programme Director

When I joined SI we undertook Programme Action through reference to the 3As (Awareness, Advocacy, Action). This seemed a good framework at the time. Then we moved to the 3Es (Educate, Enable, Empower) which seemed to encapsulate how we should be trying to help our beneficiaries. But we did not have agreed definitions so all six 'words' held different meaning for different people.



There have been many comments that projects span more than one of these definitions but the database has not allowed this. None of these terms are mutually exclusive but can overlap and be used together to enable greater clarity.

With the development of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) by the UN, perhaps the 5 Ps should be substituted and a 'tick box' approach could allow more than one.

The diagram, left, outlines the SDGs and the goals they encompass. All are relevant to us since there are projects on the database which could come under any of these headings.

Although [SDG 5](#) - Gender Equality - seems made just for us, we cannot achieve it without paying attention to all the other SDGs, at least sometimes. So, which do you use for your project? [UN Women's assessments](#) are helpful.

As a consequence of our charity registration, we have had to substitute 'Prevention' for 'Peace' but this makes sense, since peace cannot be achieved without prevention.

An extract for some SDGs from their [infographic](#) is below. An overview of the possibility of achieving them by 2030 is on [YouTube](#)

5 Ps	Peace	People	Planet	Prosperity	Partnership
SDGs	16	1,2,3,4,5	6,12,13,14,15	7,8,9,10,11	17

SDG	Facts	Why it matters
1. No Poverty	More women than men live on less than \$1.90 per day.	More cash in women's hands contributes to better education, nutrition and health outcomes for other household members.
4. Quality Education	15 million girls <u>of</u> 10 million boys are out of primary education worldwide.	(High) Education for girls has important multiplier effects, expanding their employment outcomes, decreasing the chance of early marriage and improving their health and well-being.
5. Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of laws protecting women from domestic violence. 650 million women and girls aged 20 - 24 married before the age of 18. Women hold just 23% of parliamentary seats. 	Gender equality is central to all the SDGs. If it is not achieved, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda will be jeopardized.
16. Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions	In 2012, 1:2 female homicide victims died at the hands of a partner or family member.	By protecting fully women's rights, peaceful and inclusive societies will be within reach.

An assessment of individual countries by the [Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#) is available if you wish to see how your country is doing and how you compare with others. This might help you to decide where to focus your attention when deciding what projects to undertake and where to do them.

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**ACTION POINT FROM SIGBI'S LIVERPOOL CONFERENCE
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At the Federation's Conference (25th - 27th October 2018) the Programme Resolutions 1 and 2, proposed by the Caribbean, were agreed and action is now essential.



PROGRAMME RESOLUTION 1

All Clubs and Countries within the Federation lobby their Governments to support initiatives to address climate change and its impact in their respective countries.

PROGRAMME RESOLUTION 2

All Clubs and Countries within the Federation lobby their Governments and the relevant institutions to review and amend the eligibility criteria for access to concessional financing by Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and to take all appropriate action to encourage economic and social justice for Caribbean SIDS.

The Situation in the Caribbean:

In September 2017 the Caribbean was seriously affected by two Category 5 Hurricanes (Irma and Maria) within a 12-day period that unrelentingly pounded many countries. Hurricane Irma was the largest storm ever recorded in the Atlantic in human history and both caused severe damage. Irma's winds reached 185 miles per hour for 37 hours, the longest time on record that any cyclone around the globe has maintained such intensity.

In the aftermath of disasters, women and girls suffer greatly, usually being the last to be fed or rescued, have increased domestic and care-giving duties while essential resources become scarce. Access to clean water and sufficient food can be limited, which can result in malnutrition and increased susceptibility to disease. Recovering from these disasters is also more difficult for women.



Infrastructure, jobs and housing are usually severely impacted. This makes it harder for women, who are already at a socio-economic disadvantage to men, to earn enough to provide adequately for themselves and their families.

Impact

Caribbean Islands contribute less than 0.1% of global emissions being the least of polluters but the largest of casualties.

The potential total costs of damage and losses due to the increased frequency and intensity of hurricanes and tropical storms is projected at USD 22 billion annually by 2050 in a scenario of global inaction to climate change.

Climate change poses a serious threat and is inextricably linked to achieving [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), particularly:

[SDG 1](#): Eradicate poverty [SDG 2](#): Eliminate hunger (food security) [SDG 3](#): Enable healthy lives [SDG 5](#): Achieving gender equality [SDG 9](#): Encourage sustainable industry, infrastructure & innovation [SDG 14](#): Preserve coastal & marine resources and ecosystems

Soroptimist Action

In conclusion, it is imperative that all Clubs and Countries within the Federation lobby their governments and related institutions to:

- * Amend the [Official Development Assistance](#) (ODA) eligibility criteria beyond per capita income to include additional criteria such as social and economic vulnerability;
- * Mobilise other ODA resources and seek to establish special development funds to mitigate the effects of climate change on socially and economically vulnerable countries; and
- * Offer medium to long term debt relief to [Caribbean Small Island Developing States](#) (SIDS) and other socially and economically vulnerable countries which have been severely impacted by climate change.

PLEASE ACT NOW! THANK YOU

Days of interest in November

1st World Vegan Day **19th** World Toilet Day **25th** International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
25th White Ribbon Day **25th - 10th** December 16 Days of Activism Against Domestic Violence