



## **SDSN Youth Launches Fourth Edition of its Solutions Report**

*The report features the next generation of innovators in sustainable development*

On December 17, the [UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth \(SDSN Youth\)](#) launched the **Youth Solutions Report 2020**, which offers young innovators the recognition, training, and resources needed to scale their projects that are advancing the UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

For the fourth year in a row, the [Youth Solutions Report](#) empowers, showcases, and celebrates progressive, youth-led projects that are contributing to achieving the SDGs. Since the first Report was launched in 2017, there have been **over 4,300 submissions from 174 countries**. The Report reflects a growing interest in supporting and scaling innovative solutions to address problems such as poverty, hunger, clean and affordable energy, education and climate change, to name just a few.

This year, 50 youth-led projects — 25 for-profits and 25 non-profits — were selected among thousands of applicants to have their work featured. Furthermore, the leadership team of these 50 projects will be invited to undergo training and capacity-building opportunities, among which SDSN Youth's flagship [Investment Readiness Program](#), in an effort to support them in the scaling of their solutions. During this 16-week acceleration program, the innovators will be provided with valuable insights from leading experts in the field, given personalized 1-on-1 mentoring, and connected with impact investors.

**Mayra Bravo, Project Leader of the Youth Solutions Program**, is grateful for the trust these innovators gave the Solutions Team with their innovative idea. "I do believe that in order for our society to advance towards the SDGs, there must be more collaboration and products that can help scale and advance these types of solutions. From mentors, angel investors, and partners, every single entity should be helping young people step up their ideas. The innovations featured in this year's edition of the Report have the power to drastically transform communities and change the business as usual scenario. I invite everyone to read this Report, share it among your peers, and ask yourselves: What am I doing to help advance youth solutions?"

**Dipika Badal, Youth Solution Featured in the Report: We for Change:** “Getting featured in the Solutions Report is a huge achievement for our organization 'We' for Change, as this opportunity has provided a platform for us to highlight the work within our project 'Free HIV Testing Bus' and the impact that our work has created. We are very excited for the journey forward as we believe that this feature will open doorways for our initiation in forming networks, getting support and recognition to increase its impact in contributing towards SDG-3: Good Health and Well-being.”

**For more information about the Youth Solutions Report, please visit:**

[youthsolutions.report](http://youthsolutions.report)

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[Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) are a set of 17 goals included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which was launched at UN Headquarters in September 2015 and adopted by 193 member countries of the UN. The SDGs, which are relevant to all countries, aim to achieve social inclusion, economic prosperity and environmental sustainability.

[UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#) (SDSN) was launched by United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, in 2012 to mobilise global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical problem solving for sustainable development, including the design and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at local, national and global scales. In 2015, the SDSN launched its official youth initiative, [SDSN Youth](#), to empower youth globally to create sustainable development solutions.

[UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth](#) (SDSN Youth) is one of the world's biggest networks of young leaders dedicated to action for sustainable development. Founded in 2015, the network currently has approximately 1000 member organizations in 85 countries, being coordinated by 26 regional centres, to support localization and implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Working with partners from the UN, academia, civil society, business, and government, SDSN Youth trains and supports young leaders and organizations to tackle the most urgent problems in their communities and help shape a sustainable future. The core projects include programs on innovation & entrepreneurship, education, sustainable cities, and sustainable campuses, all designed to

respond to community challenges through practical, structured, and science-based approaches.

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