

Domain 14: Cultural Heritage and Community Narratives

Mapped SDG Goals:

- **SDG 11** – Sustainable Cities and Communities
- **SDG 4** – Quality Education
- **SDG 8** – Decent Work and Economic Growth
- **SDG 17** – Partnerships for the Goals

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Key Objectives:

- Recognize and document the rich cultural heritage and traditions of rural communities.
- Understand the role of oral narratives, folk art, crafts, and architecture in local identity.
- Promote intergenerational knowledge sharing and cultural preservation.
- Create awareness about the importance of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

Activities:

- Conduct interviews with village elders to document oral histories and folklore.
- Identify and record traditional arts, crafts, dances, and rituals.
- Help schools organize cultural exhibitions or storytelling sessions.
- Create photo or video documentaries on local heritage.
- Map culturally significant landmarks or historical places in the village.
- Promote the use of local language and idioms in digital storytelling.
- Assist artisans in branding or digitizing their craft for wider reach.
- Organize a “Culture Day” or heritage walk with youth and elders.
- Support creation of murals or public art installations reflecting local identity.
- Encourage community archiving of songs, recipes, rituals, and tools.

Sample 10-Day Schedule:

Day	Activity
Day 1	Introduction to cultural preservation and SDG links.
Day 2	Visit to traditional artisans, craftspeople, and elders.
Day 3	Survey of cultural practices, dress, cuisine, and dialects.
Day 4	Heritage mapping – significant places, temples, homes, or monuments.
Day 5	Organize a storytelling or folk-art session in local school.
Day 6	Digital documentation: Audio-visual recording of practices or interviews.
Day 7	Assist community in creating a local heritage archive or exhibition.
Day 8	Preparation and Submission of Final Report and Presentation
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Day 10	Preparation and Submission of Final Report and Presentation

Household-Level Survey Questionnaire (Yes/No):

- Do you or your family practice any traditional art or craft? (Yes/No)
- Is there a family tradition or story passed down generations? (Yes/No)
- Do you speak or understand a local dialect/language? (Yes/No)
- Are traditional festivals celebrated regularly in your home? (Yes/No)
- Do you preserve or display any ancestral tools, clothes, or items? (Yes/No)
- Are your children aware of family cultural practices? (Yes/No)
- Would you support efforts to preserve your local culture? (Yes/No)

Community/Village-Level Survey Questionnaire (Yes/No):

- Is there a known story, legend, or tale about the village's origin? (Yes/No)
- Are there any living folk artists, storytellers, or performers in the village? (Yes/No)
- Is there a local effort to preserve cultural heritage (festivals, crafts)? (Yes/No)
- Does the village celebrate a unique cultural event annually? (Yes/No)
- Are historical or religious sites in the village maintained properly? (Yes/No)
- Is traditional attire worn during festivals or important functions? (Yes/No)
- Would the community be open to creating a cultural archive or museum? (Yes/No)