

Week 6: Problem Identification

Assignment: Stakeholder Interviews and Problem Identification Report:

Conduct stakeholder interviews with individuals or organizations involved in water or energy-related initiatives aligned with SDG 6 or 7. Based on the insights gathered from these interviews, prepare a comprehensive problem identification report. Identify the key concerns and perspectives of stakeholders, and use this information to define the challenges they face in achieving the SDG targets. Present the findings in a well-structured report, highlighting the significance of understanding diverse perspectives in problem identification.

Instructions:

Part 1: Stakeholder Interviews

- **Select Stakeholders:** Identify and reach out to two individuals or organizations actively involved in water or energy-related initiatives in your community or country, with a specific focus on initiatives aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) or 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy). Ensure that these stakeholders have diverse roles or perspectives related to the initiatives.
- **Conduct Interviews:** Conduct in-depth interviews with the selected stakeholders. Prepare a set of thoughtful questions in advance that explore their experiences, challenges, and insights related to SDG 6 or 7 initiatives. During the interviews, consider discussing:
 - a. Their specific roles and involvement in water or energy-related projects.
 - b. The challenges and obstacles they have encountered.
 - c. Their perspectives on the progress and impact of these initiatives.
 - d. Any recommendations or solutions they propose.
- **Document Insights:** Carefully document the insights, key points, and quotes from the interviews. Ensure that you respect their confidentiality and privacy during the process.

Part 2: Problem Identification Report

- **Introduction:** Begin your report with an introduction that explains the purpose of the assignment. Highlight the significance of understanding diverse stakeholder perspectives in problem identification for sustainable development.

- Stakeholder Profiles: Provide brief profiles of the two stakeholders you interviewed. Include their roles, organizations (if applicable), and the context of their involvement in SDG 6 or 7 initiatives.
- Key Concerns and Perspectives: Based on the interviews, identify and present the key concerns, challenges, and perspectives expressed by the stakeholders regarding the SDG 6 or 7 initiatives.
- Problem Definition: Synthesize the information gathered from the interviews to define the core challenges faced by stakeholders in achieving the SDG targets. Be specific and concise in articulating these problems.
- Significance of Stakeholder Input: Discuss why understanding stakeholder perspectives is crucial for addressing these challenges effectively. Explain how this input can contribute to more informed problem identification and solution development.
- Conclusion: Summarize the main findings from the stakeholder interviews and emphasize the importance of considering these insights in the context of SDG 6 or 7 initiatives.

Submission:

Submit your Problem Identification Report electronically. Include any interview transcripts or notes as appendices if applicable.

Rubric:

Please find the rubric for your assignment below. Rubrics are an excellent tool to show you precisely the quality expected of your assignment and what your facilitator will be looking for as they grade your work.

If anything is unclear or you need further clarification, feel free to contact your facilitator.

Criteria	Excellent (3 pts)	Good (2 pts)	Fair (1 pt)	Needs Improvement (0.5 pt)	Poor (0 pts)
Selection of Stakeholders	Selects highly relevant stakeholders with diverse roles or perspectives in water or energy-related initiatives aligned with SDG 6 or 7.	Selects relevant stakeholders with some diversity in roles or perspectives.	Selects stakeholders with limited relevance or diversity in roles or perspectives.	Selects stakeholders with little relevance or diversity.	Fails to select relevant stakeholders.
Stakeholder Profiles	Provides comprehensive and well-structured profiles of the interviewed stakeholders, including roles and contexts.	Provides profiles of stakeholders with adequate detail, including roles and contexts.	Provides basic profiles of stakeholders but lacks some detail or structure.	Provides minimal or unclear stakeholder profiles.	Fails to provide stakeholder profiles.

Key Concerns and Perspectives	Identifies and presents a wide range of key concerns, challenges, and perspectives from stakeholders with clarity and depth.	Identifies and presents key concerns and perspectives from stakeholders with clarity.	Identifies some key concerns and perspectives but lacks depth or clarity.	Identifies a few key concerns and perspectives with limited clarity.	Fails to identify key concerns and perspectives.
Problem Definition	Defines the core challenges faced by stakeholders in achieving SDG targets with precision and clarity.	Defines the core challenges faced by stakeholders with clarity and reasonable precision.	Defines core challenges but lacks precision or clarity.	Defines core challenges with limited precision and clarity.	Fails to define core challenges effectively.
Significance of Stakeholder Input	Clearly and persuasively explains why understanding stakeholder perspectives is crucial for addressing challenges effectively.	Explains the significance of stakeholder input effectively.	Provides a basic explanation of the significance of stakeholder input.	Offers a limited or unclear explanation of the significance of stakeholder input.	Fails to explain the significance of stakeholder input.

Conclusion	Summarizes the main findings from the stakeholder interviews effectively and underscores their importance.	Summarizes the main findings and emphasizes their importance.	Summarizes the findings but lacks emphasis on their importance.	Provides a minimal or unclear summary of findings.	Fails to provide a meaningful conclusion.
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