

Goal 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Labelling Instructions

Key Concepts of Goal 8

To be labelled with , a project should explicitly or implicitly refer to at least one of:

- Sustain economic growth
- Higher economic productivity and diversification
- Decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation*
- Growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises through policy
- Economic resource efficiency and environmental decoupling* * Full, equal and productive employment for all
- Reduce unemployment through employment, education or training
- Eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, trafficking and child labour (incl. child soldiers)
- Labour rights and safe and secure working environments
- Migrant labour rights and protection
- Sustainable tourism
- Capacity of domestic financial institutions for financial inclusion
- Aid for Trade

*Projects should relate to these concepts at a high level (e.g. institutional, policy, regional). For example, studies relating to innovative industry clusters or policies aimed at driving creativity and innovation, rather than highly specific inventions or technologies that will be used in industry for productivity or sustainability.

Labelling Tips

- Many projects will cover more than one Goal, but to be tagged as this Goal they must include at least one of the Key Concepts above. Further information on other goals can be found [here](#).
- The documents are research projects so it may not be clear whether they actually contribute to achieving a Goal. That is fine - we are interested work that either contributes to achieving a goal or generates knowledge directly related to the Goal.
- In some cases the distinction between and will not be 100% clear. That's fine. Just use

your best judgement. You can always use the **Skip** button (although it is best to try to make a decision).

Example key terms (non-exhaustive)

employee rights, forced labour, trafficking, modern slavery, economic development, economic growth, productivity, creative industries, innovation policy, workers rights, migrant workers, training, employment, youth unemployment, funding access, SMEs, skills, labour markets, unpaid work, job security, precariousness, job seekers, technology transfer, innovation capacity, sustainable tourism, workforce

Not to be confused with

- 1. No Poverty
 - Addresses general economic welfare and social protection
- 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
 - Concerns making industry more sustainable
- 10. Reduced Inequalities
 - Addresses general economic welfare and social protection

Examples

Project description	Is Goal 8?
Study of policies to enhance innovative practices in SMEs	Yes
A tech innovation to increase productivity within a specific industry	No
Creating a network of organisations to leverage new technology	Yes
Tracking forced labour and migrant trafficking	Yes
Measuring social cohesion of migrant populations	No
Studying the impact of tourism on local ecosystems	Yes
Boosting the tourism industry	No

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Optional: You do not need to read this section before labelling the data. It contains the official UN SDG targets for this Goal and are provided for reference. You may want to use them if you are particularly confused by a project.

Goal 8. Targets and Indicators

- Target 8.1: Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 per cent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries
 - Indicator 8.1.1: Annual growth rate of real GDP per capita
- Target 8.2: Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors
 - Indicator 8.2.1: Annual growth rate of real GDP per employed person
- Target 8.3: Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services
 - Indicator 8.3.1: Proportion of informal employment in non-agriculture employment, by sex
- Target 8.4: Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production, with developed countries taking the lead
 - Indicator 8.4.1: Material footprint, material footprint per capita, and material footprint per GDP
 - Indicator 8.4.2: Domestic material consumption, domestic material consumption per capita, and domestic material consumption per GDP
- Target 8.5: By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value
 - Indicator 8.5.1: Average hourly earnings of female and male employees, by occupation, age and persons with disabilities
 - Indicator 8.5.2: Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities
- Target 8.6: By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training
 - Indicator 8.6.1: Proportion of youth (aged 15-24 years) not in education, employment or training
- Target 8.7: Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms
 - Indicator 8.7.1: Proportion and number of children aged 5-17 years engaged in child labour, by sex and age
- Target 8.8: Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment
 - Indicator 8.8.1: Frequency rates of fatal and non-fatal occupational injuries, by sex and migrant status
 - Indicator 8.8.2: Level of national compliance of labour rights (freedom of association and collective bargaining) based on International Labour Organization (ILO) textual sources and

national legislation, by sex and migrant status

- Target 8.9: By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products
 - Indicator 8.9.1: Tourism direct GDP as a proportion of total GDP and in growth rate
 - Indicator 8.9.2: Proportion of jobs in sustainable tourism industries out of total tourism jobs
- Target 8.10: Strengthen the capacity of domestic financial institutions to encourage and expand access to banking, insurance and financial services for all
 - Indicator 8.10.1: (a) Number of commercial bank branches per 100,000 adults and (b) number of automated teller machines (ATMs) per 100,000 adults
 - Indicator 8.10.2: Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider
- Target 8.a: Increase Aid for Trade support for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, including through the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries
 - Indicator 8.a.1: Aid for Trade commitments and disbursements
- Target 8.b: By 2020, develop and operationalize a global strategy for youth employment and implement the Global Jobs Pact of the International Labour Organization
 - Indicator 8.b.1: Existence of a developed and operationalized national strategy for youth employment, as a distinct strategy or as part of a national employment strategy

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