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2022 SDG REPORT

HOW SAICA'S MEMBERS,
ASSOCIATES AND TRAINEES
ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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Please note that SAICA prepares this annual report based on inputs submitted by members in business through its annual SDG survey as well as through the entries it receives for the annual SAICA Chairman's Difference Makers Awards, Top 35 Under 35 and the Trainee Trailblazer. However, due to space constraints, not all information received is able to be included in the final report, instead what is presented is a sample of the inputs received.

FOREWORD

“The world is facing a confluence of crises that threaten the very survival of humanity. All of these crises – and ways to prevent and navigate them – are addressed holistically in the SDGs. We ignore them at our own peril.”

~ Liu Zhenmin, United Nations (UN) Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

This is a critical moment in history.

As António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, puts it, “we must rise higher to rescue the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – and stay true to our promise of a world of peace, dignity and prosperity on a healthy planet.”

Indeed, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed back decades of progress in the work that had been done towards achieving the UN’s 17 Goals.

Although gains have been in some areas, the 2030 aims for the SDGs continue to remain a far-off dream. If ever there was a compelling need for responsible leadership, it is now.

Despite these warnings, this year’s *SAICA SDG Report* reveals that there are reasons for hope. Indeed, the initiatives described are clear examples of how SAICA’s members, associates and trainees are demonstrating their purpose and serving society.

SAICA thanks all its members, associates and trainees for remaining committed to the SDGs, whether in their personal or business capacity and for voluntarily reporting on their SDG-related initiatives during this year’s call for information. The report’s aim was to briefly, but clearly, articulate the positive trends we continue to see as our members rally behind a better future for people, planet, peace and prosperity and it is our hope that this year’s report has done that successfully.

We encourage you to continue to be difference makers and to ask you to urge others to be the change that we want to see in the world.

2022 SDG INDEX

The UN's *Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022* charts the progress of more than 50 countries towards the realisation of the 17 Goals. This year's report, says Zhenmin, "paints a particularly sobering picture."

"Using the latest available data and estimates, the report reveals that **the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is in grave jeopardy** due to multiple, cascading and intersecting crises. COVID-19, climate change and conflict predominate. Each of them, and their complex interactions, impact all of the Goals, creating spin-off crises in food and nutrition, health, education, the environment, and peace and security. To put the world on track to sustainability will require concerted action on a global scale."

The UN's annual SDG Index assesses every country's overall performance relating to the 17 SDGs, giving equal weight to each Goal. The score signifies a country's position between the worst possible outcome (0) and the best or target outcome (100). For example, an overall index score (85.9) suggests that the country in question is, on average, 86% on the way to the best possible outcome across the 17 Goals.

Here is how South Africa fares this year:

South Africa's 2022 performance

Country ranking:

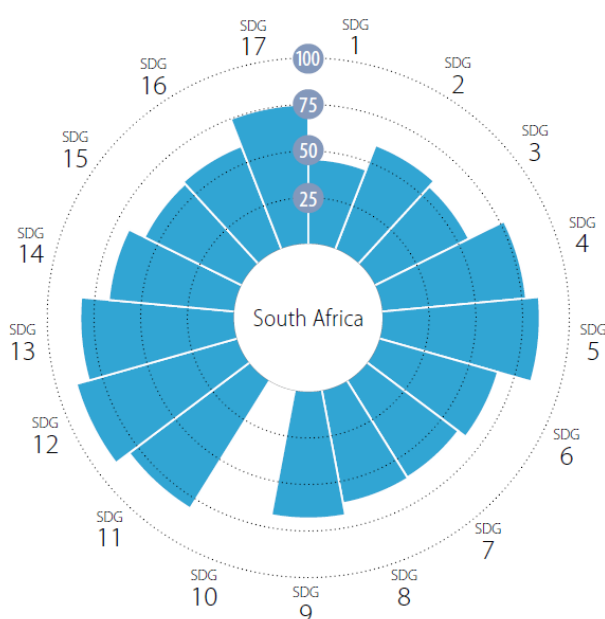
108/**165**

(down from 107/165 last year)

Country score: 63.72

Regional average for Sub-Saharan Africa: 53.6

Average performance by SDG



SDG dashboards and trends for South Africa



SDG 1: NO POVERTY

Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has put steady progress in poverty reduction over the past 25 years into reverse. The situation is so dire that the number of people in extreme poverty increased for the first time in a generation.

Coupled with rising inflation and the impacts of the war in Ukraine, it is estimated that these combined crises could lead to an additional 75 million to 95 million people living in extreme poverty in 2022, compared with pre-pandemic projections.

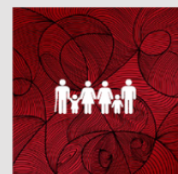
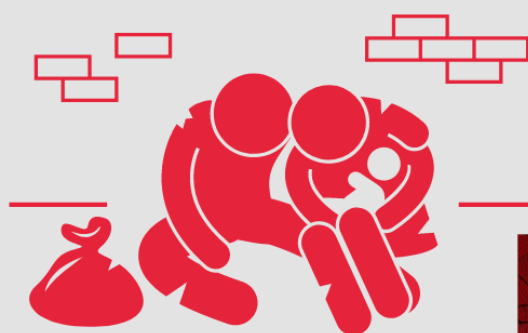
As things stand, **the world is not on track to end poverty by 2030**, with poorer countries now needing unprecedented levels of pro-poor growth to achieve this Goal.

~ [*The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022*](#)

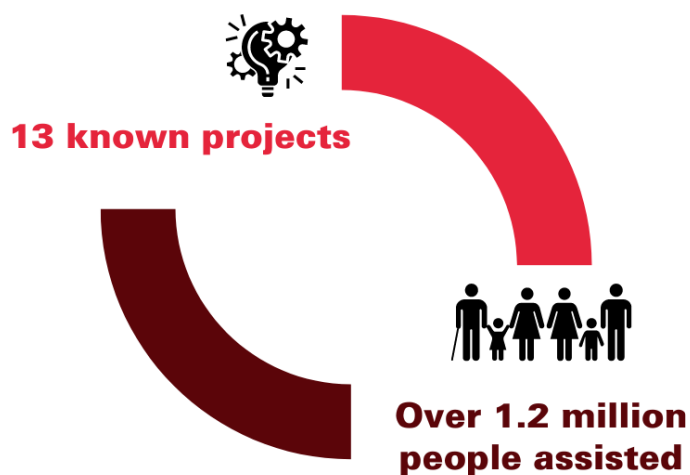
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NO POVERTY

**AN ADDITIONAL
8 MILLION WORKERS
WORLDWIDE
PUSHED INTO POVERTY
AS THE WORKING POVERTY RATE ROSE
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
TWO DECADES**



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects within the profession

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 1. These projects include, among others:

JobJack

Project focus: An online marketplace for entry-level jobs helping job seekers, particularly those from low-income backgrounds, enter the job market easily.
 Impact: 1.2 million registered job seekers
 SDG difference maker: Christiaan van den Berg, CA(SA)

Supporting various programmes aimed at assisting the poor and vulnerable

Project focus: Providing assistance to poor and vulnerable South Africans living in orphanages, homeless shelters, old age homes and on the street.
 Impact: Over half a million people
 SDG difference maker: Various SAICA members, associates and trainee

* A sample of the projects reported to SAICA by members in business, associates and trainees

SDG 2: ZERO HUNGER

Overview

The world is on the verge of a global food crisis. Even before the pandemic, a rising number of people were experiencing hunger and food insecurity but, since then, global food supply systems have been partially undermined by a cascading combination of growing conflicts, climate-related shocks and widening inequalities.

As a result, **as many as 828 million people suffered from hunger in 2021.**

The outbreak of the war in Ukraine poses an additional threat to food insecurity, with the potential to provoke a surge in levels of hunger and malnutrition, especially among the poorest and most vulnerable in the region.

It is more urgent than ever to address the root causes of this crisis. We must act now to avert a crippling global food emergency and the social, economic and political upheaval that will follow.

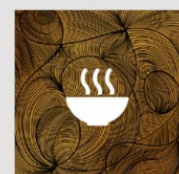
~ [*The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022*](#)

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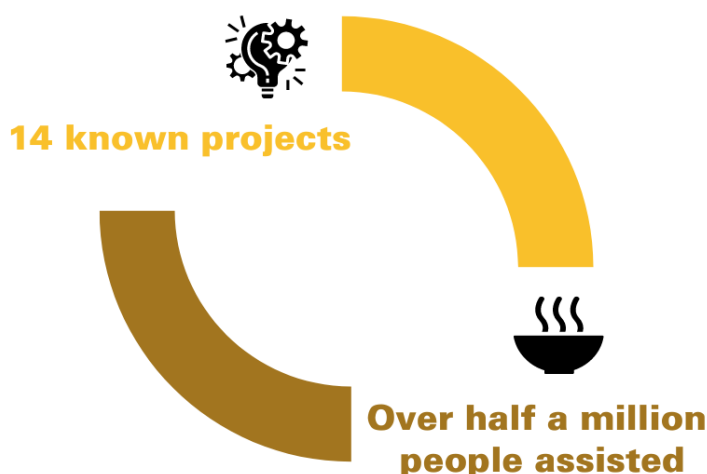
ZERO HUNGER

ROCKETING GLOBAL FOOD PRICES

YEAR-ON-YEAR STUDIES REVEAL THAT FOOD PRICES INCREASED BY 11.3% LEAVING 1 IN 11 SOUTH AFRICANS HUNGRY OR FOOD INSECURE



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects within the profession

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their **significant involvement** in projects that directly impact SDG 2. These projects include, among others:

Run Forest Run

Project focus: Creating events that generate funds for ForAfrika's school feeding scheme.
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Rehan Greeff, CA(SA)

Project 25

Project focus: Providing seedlings, equipment and water storage facilities to rural farming projects as a long-term solution to food security issues in communities in rural Limpopo.
 Impact: 30 villages impacted
 SDG difference maker: Moeletji Concelia Mapheto, CA(SA)

Supporting various programmes aimed at feeding the poor and vulnerable

Project focus: Providing food security assistance to poor and vulnerable South Africans living in orphanages, homeless shelters, old age homes and on the street.
 Impact: Over half a million people
 SDG difference maker: Various SAICA members, associates and trainee

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SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Overview

Before the pandemic, many areas of health, including reproductive, maternal and child health, immunisation coverage and treatment of communicable diseases, were making significant gains despite being marred by huge regional disparities. COVID-19 changed all that.

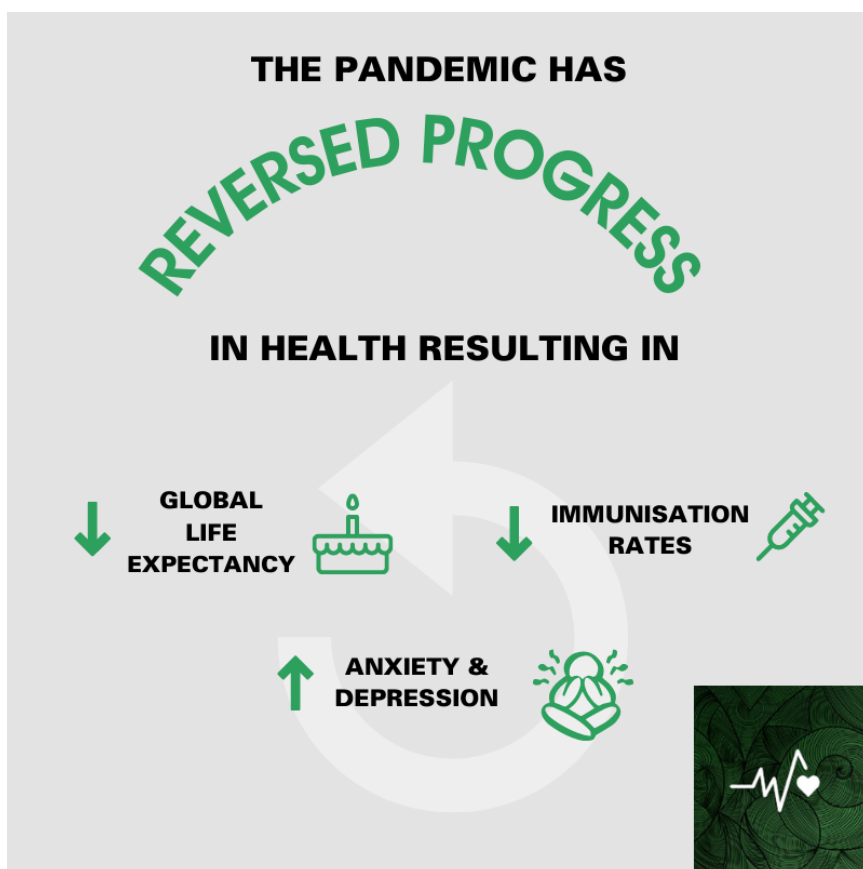
As of mid-2022, COVID-19 had infected more than 500 million people worldwide, with global “excess deaths” directly and indirectly attributable to COVID-19 as high as 15 million people.

The pandemic has severely disrupted essential health services, triggered an increase in the prevalence of anxiety and depression, lowered global life expectancy, derailed progress towards ending HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, and halted more than two decades of work towards making health coverage universal. Urgent and concerted action is needed to set the world back on a trajectory towards achieving Goal 3.

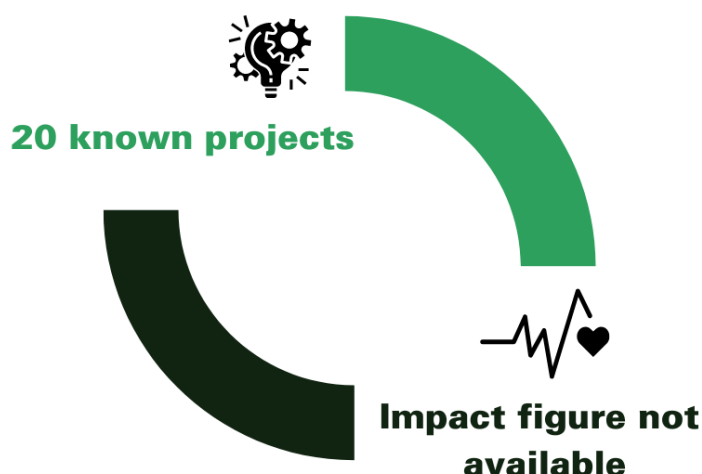
~ [The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022](#)

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GOOD HEALTH &
WELLBEING



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their **significant involvement** in projects that directly impact SDG 3. These projects include, among others:

Ama-gents Foundation

Project focus: Hosting drug and substance abuse awareness talks for the youth in rural communities.
 Impact: Over 100 young people
 SDG difference maker: Sanele Mwali, SAICA trainee

Art of Living

Project focus: Teaching breathing, destress techniques, yoga and meditation to help people cope with stress.
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Nirupa Padia, CA(SA)

Disktjie

Project focus: Providing soccer boots to needy communities to keep children healthy, off the streets and drug-free.
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Musa Maluleka, SAICA trainee

Project Last Mile

Project focus: Improving the availability of life-saving medicines and demand for health services in Africa by sharing the expertise and network of the Coca-Cola system.
 Impact: 14 African countries assisted
 SDG difference maker: CA(SA)'s name not disclosed in annual survey

St Vincent School for the Deaf Care Centre

Project focus: Providing various services at minimal cost including psychologists, audiologists and social workers for deaf children, their parents and other deaf patients who may require such services.

Impact: Not disclosed

SDG difference maker: Eric Berman, CA(SA)

Vukani Cycling Club

Project focus: Making cycling more inclusive to the black community.

Impact: Not disclosed

SDG difference maker: Mojalefa Moeketsi, CA(SA)

* A sample of the projects reported to SAICA by members in business, associates and trainees

SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has deepened the crisis in education, with severe disruptions hampering in education systems worldwide.

School closures have had worrisome consequences for children's learning and well-being, particularly for girls and the disadvantaged, including children with disabilities, rural dwellers and ethnic minorities. An estimated 147 million children missed more than half of their in-person instruction over the past two years.

It's estimated that this could result in this generation losing a combined total of \$17 trillion in lifetime earnings (in current value).

Globally, governments need to implement ambitious programmes to ensure that all children return to school, recover their learning losses and have their psychosocial needs met.

~ [*The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022*](#)

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QUALITY
EDUCATION

COVID-19

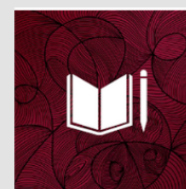
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THE GLOBAL LEARNING CRISIS

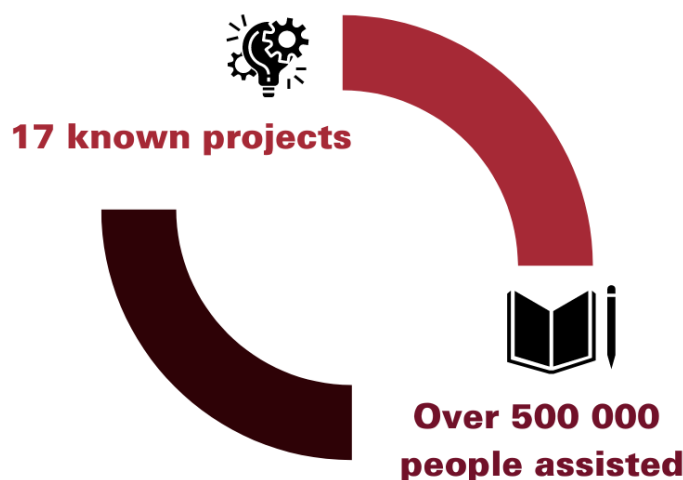
IN SA, LEARNERS ARE

ONE SCHOOL YEAR

BEHIND WHERE THEY SHOULD BE



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their **significant involvement** in projects that directly impact SDG 4. These projects include, among others:

Bono Foundation

Project focus: Bridging the knowledge gap surrounding university opportunities for learners based in rural areas.
 Impact: Over 10 000 learners a year
 SDG difference maker: Tshifhiwa Munzhelele, CA(SA)

Fun Learning for Youth

Project focus: Providing supplementary tutoring services in underserved areas of Cape Town and Johannesburg.
 Impact: 200 learners annually
 SDG difference maker: Khanya Okumu, CA(SA)

Isikhuthazi

Project focus: Mentoring aspiring CAs(SA) in achieving their dreams of becoming a CA(SA).
 Impact: Over 100 aspiring CAs(SA)
 SDG difference maker: Mbali Precious, CA(SA)

Quakaza Kukhanye Foundation

Project focus: Providing academic and life skills support to learners in rural areas of the Eastern Cape with the intent on closing the gap between typical Model C schools.
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Bonga Mriga, CA(SA)

Supporting various tutoring, teaching, mentoring and bursary programmes

Projects entail: Providing assistance to learners and students through tutoring, teaching, mentoring and supporting bursary programmes.

Impact: Over half a million learners and students

SDG difference maker: Various members, associates and trainees

SWM Foundation

Project focus: Supporting high school pupils with financial assistance and mentorship.

Impact: Not disclosed

SDG difference maker: Bulelani Makunga, CA(SA)

* A sample of the projects reported to SAICA by members in business, associates and trainees

SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

Overview

The world is not on track to achieve gender equality by 2030, and the social and economic fallout from the pandemic has made the situation worse.

Progress in many areas, including time spent on unpaid care and domestic work, decision-making regarding sexual and reproductive health, and gender-responsive budgeting, has fallen significantly behind. Women's health services, which are already poorly funded, have faced major disruptions. Violence against women remains endemic. And despite women's leadership in responding to COVID-19, they still trail men in securing the decision-making positions they deserve.

Commitment and bold action are needed to accelerate progress, including through the promotion of laws, policies, budgets and institutions that advance gender equality.

~ [*The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022*](#)

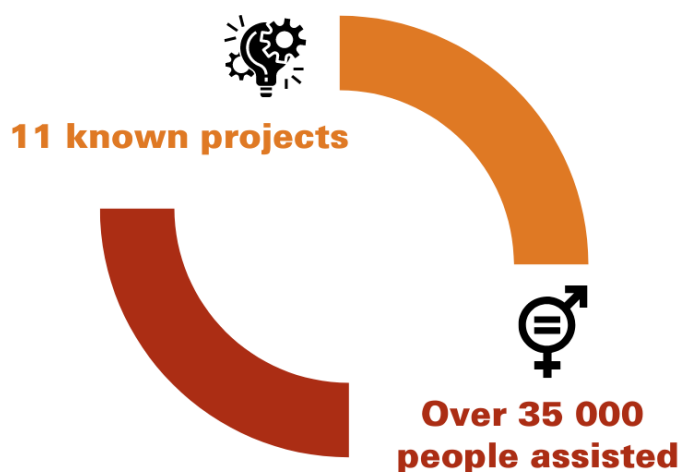


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GENDER
EQUALITY

**WOMEN ACCOUNT FOR
TWO-THIRDS OF JOBS
LOST
DURING COVID-19 IN SA**



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their **significant involvement** in projects that directly impact SDG 5. These projects include, among others:

Langa Siphe Foundation

Project focus: Fighting for the rights, livelihoods, dignity and education of the lost and forgotten women and children in Africa.
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Ayanda Vabaza-Mvandaba, CA(SA)

Little Miss Sunshine Foundation

Project focus: Promoting Early Childhood Development, women empowerment and addressing the social ills in society.
 Impact: Over 500 women
 SDG difference maker: Nolwazi Mdunge, CA(SA)

Supporting various gender equality and women in business programmes

Projects entail: Providing assistance to women through tutoring, teaching, mentoring and other support.
 Impact: Over 35 000 women
 SDG difference maker: Various members, associates and trainees

* A sample of the projects reported to SAICA by members in business, associates and trainees

SDG 6: CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

Overview

As the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, it becomes increasingly clear that safely managed drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services are vital to human health. But unless progress picks up speed – dramatically – **billions of people will still lack these essential services in 2030.**

Water is fundamental to many other aspects of sustainable development and is under threat. Demand for water is rising due to rapid population growth, urbanisation and increasing pressure from agriculture, industry and the energy sector. Decades of misuse, poor management and the over-extraction and contamination of freshwater and groundwater supplies have exacerbated water stress and deteriorated water-related ecosystems. This, in turn, affects human health, economic activities, and food and energy supplies.

Urgent action is needed to shift the current trend. **To ensure a sustainable and equitable distribution of water to meet all needs, the average global implementation rate of improved water resources management needs to double.**

~ [The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022](#)

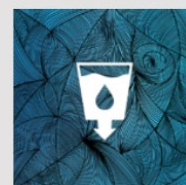
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CLEAN WATER &
SANITATION

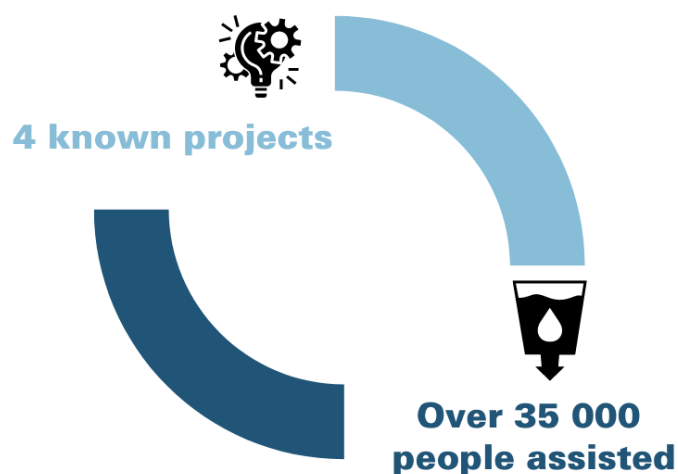
CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE CREATES

**LOOMING NATIONAL
WATER CRISIS**

IN SOUTH AFRICA



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 6. These projects include, among others:

Ashraful Aid International Humanitarian Organisation.

Project focus: Assisting with the provision of clean drinking water across the most vulnerable parts of the world.
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Ismail Lambat, CA(SA)

Mr Drink

Project focus: Providing clean water and minimising plastic waste by filling up student water bottles at the University of the Free State
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Luwezile Deyi, SAICA trainee

* A sample of the projects reported to SAICA by members in business, associates and trainees

SDG 7: CLEAN & AFFORDABLE ENERGY

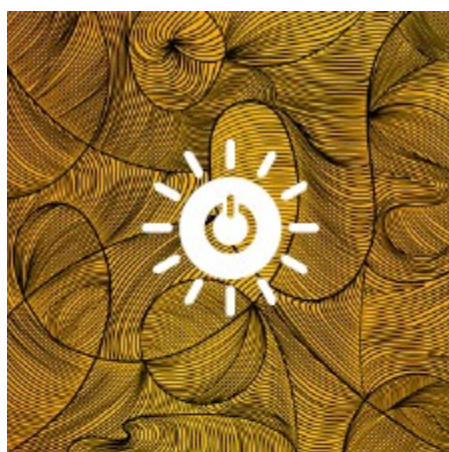
Overview

The world continues to advance towards sustainable energy targets.

Nevertheless, the current pace of progress is insufficient to achieve Goal 7 by 2030. Improvements in energy efficiency, for example, will need to accelerate to reach the climate goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Hundreds of millions of people still lack access to electricity, and slow progress towards clean cooking solutions means that the health of 2.4 billion people is at risk. Huge disparities in access to modern sustainable energy persist, leaving the most vulnerable even further behind. In some countries, the COVID-19 pandemic has weakened or reversed advances already made.

Rising commodity, energy and shipping prices have increased the cost of producing and transporting solar, wind and biofuel energy worldwide, adding uncertainty to a development trajectory that is already far below this goal's ambitious targets. Achieving energy and climate goals will require continued policy support and a massive mobilisation of public and private capital – particularly in developing countries.

~ [*The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022*](#)



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CLEAN &
AFFORDABLE
ENERGY

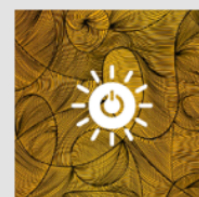
SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE ENDURED

100 FULL DAYS
(over 2,400 hours)

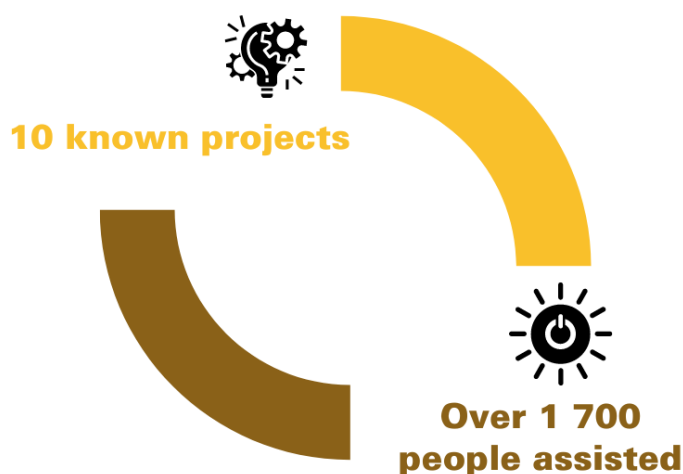
**OF LOAD-SHEDDING
SINCE THE START OF 2022**



**URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED TO
IMPLEMENT RENEWABLE ENERGY
SOLUTIONS**



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 7. These projects include, among others:

Orania solar power project

Project focus: Financing of a solar power project in Orania.
 Impact: Over 1 700 people to potentially benefit
 SDG difference maker: Appie Pienaar, CA(SA)

South African National Energy Department Institute (SANEDI)

Project focus: Supporting the development of sustainable energy sources including two biogas projects at the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) bases where kitchen food waste, normally sent to landfill, is used to generate biogas.
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Lethabo Manamela, CA(SA)

* A sample of the projects reported to SAICA by members in business, associates and trainees

SDG 8: DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic precipitated the **worst economic crisis in decades and reversed progress towards decent work for all.**

Although the global economy began to rebound in 2021, bringing some improvement in unemployment, recovery remains elusive and fragile, recovery patterns vary significantly across regions, countries, sectors and labour market groups. Developed economies are experiencing a more robust recovery, while least developed countries (LDCs) continue to struggle with weak economic growth and labour market fallout due to workplace closures. Many small firms, particularly those in low- and lower-middle-income countries, are especially disadvantaged and struggling to stay viable..

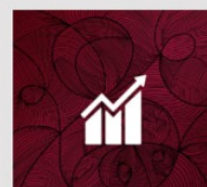
Labour market groups most affected by the crisis – women, youth and persons with disabilities – will be the last to recover.

~ [*The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022*](#)

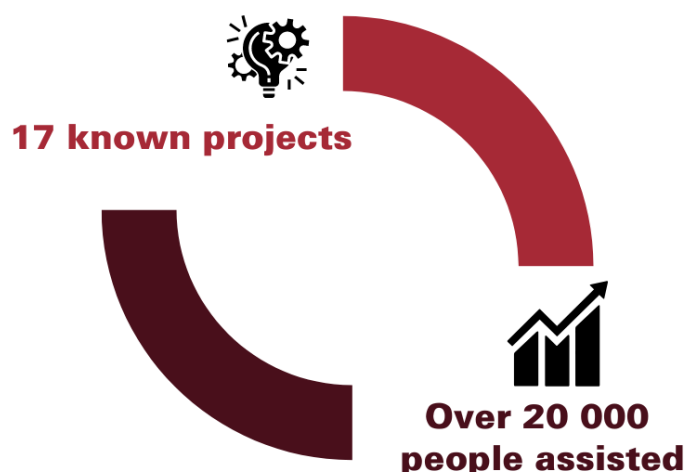
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DECENT WORK
& ECONOMIC
GROWTH

**SOUTH AFRICA'S
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
IS THE
HIGHEST IN THE WORLD**



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their **significant involvement** in projects that directly impact SDG 8. These projects include, among others:

Black Umbrellas

Project focus: Developing entrepreneurs and their businesses to a level where they can gain meaningful access to procurement, finance and networks, and facilitating access to these opportunities.

Impact: Not disclosed

SDG difference maker: Mark Frenkel, CA(SA)

Kumbaya Africa

Project focus: A start-up incubator for NGOs and social entrepreneurs across sub-Saharan Africa.

Impact: Not disclosed

SDG difference maker: Thabo Mongatane, CA(SA)

myCAhub,

Project focus: Making financial literacy more accessible to everyday South Africans.

Impact: All South Africans

SDG difference maker: Muhammed Ismail Bulbulia, CA(SA)

MyDough

Project focus: An incubator and digital entrepreneurship academy providing access to market, funding, mentorship and other opportunities to small businesses.

Impact: Over 2 000 businesses supported

SDG difference maker: Thabelo Raphala, CA(SA)

Ntsika entrepreneur development programme

Project entails: Supporting South Africa-based employees impacted by the Sasol restructuring.

Impact: 25 business start-ups created

SDG difference maker: Jas Govender, CA(SA)

The Mentorship Boardroom

Project focus: Connecting mentees (70% of which are women or young people) to mentors around the globe to help them navigate the complexities of the professional and entrepreneurial world.

Impact: Over 4 000 people

SDG difference maker: Yolanda Cuba, CA(SA)

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SDG 9: INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of industrialisation, technological innovation and resilient infrastructure in achieving the SDGs.

Economies with a diversified industrial sector and strong infrastructure (e.g., transport, Internet connectivity and utility services) sustained less damage and are experiencing faster recovery post the pandemic. In 2021, global manufacturing rebounded, although the recovery remains incomplete and uneven. In LDCs, recovery has been sluggish and remains uncertain – with almost one in three manufacturing jobs negatively impacted by the crisis.

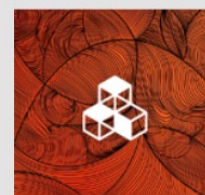
Overall, higher technology industries have performed better and recovered faster. **Providing a strong example of how important technological innovation is to achieving Goal 9.**

~ [*The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022*](#)

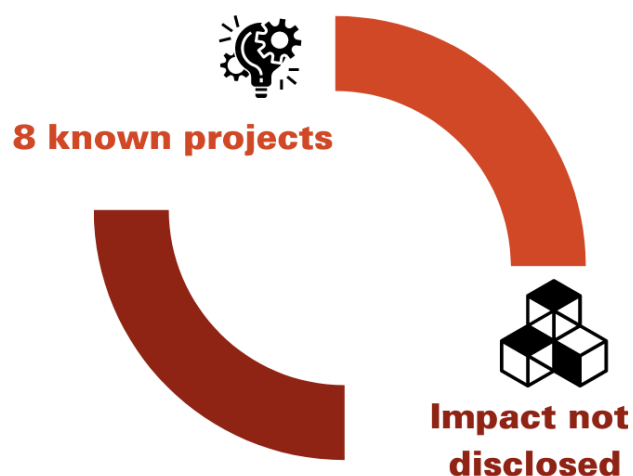
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INDUSTRY,
INNOVATION &
INFRASTRUCTURE

**GLOBAL MANUFACTURING
REBOUNDS FROM THE
PANDEMIC
BUT THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IS BEING
LEFT BEHIND**



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 9. These projects include, among others:

Trellidor's Greener Plant project

Project focus:	Using a Reverse Osmosis system to decrease toxic chemicals, lessen water waste and double the volume of de-ionised water available for use in the factory.
Impact:	Not disclosed
SDG difference maker:	Damien Judge, CA(SA)

* A sample of the projects reported to SAICA by members in business, associates and trainees

SDG 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Overview

Before the COVID-19 crisis, there were encouraging signs across a number of indicators suggesting that income inequality was narrowing.

Now, the effects of the pandemic appear to be reversing those positive trends.

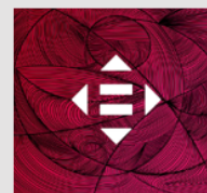
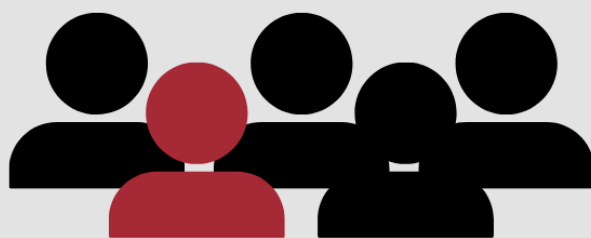
The pandemic has intensified structural and systemic discrimination. Emerging markets and developing economies are experiencing slow recoveries, widening disparities in income between countries and those with relatively low incomes are at serious risk of falling behind.

The number of refugees worldwide reached the highest absolute number on record in 2021. Sadly, that year also saw a record number of migrant deaths. With the war in Ukraine raging on even more people are being forced from their homes – creating one of the largest refugee crises in recent memory.

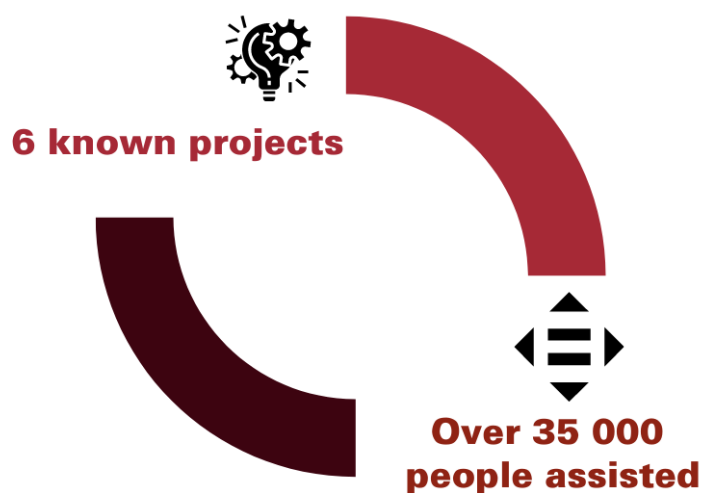
~ [*The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022*](#)

10
REDUCED
INEQUALITY

1 IN 5
PEOPLE HAVE EXPERIENCED
DISCRIMINATION
ON AT LEAST ONE OF THE GROUNDS
PROHIBITED UNDER
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 10. These projects include, among others:

ADvTECH respect, diversity and inclusion programme

Project entails:	Conversations on topics relating to South Africa's historic injustices as well as religious and gender matters for all learners and teaching staff at ADvTech's schools.
Impact:	Over 35 000 learners
SDG difference maker:	Name not disclosed in annual survey

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SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

Overview

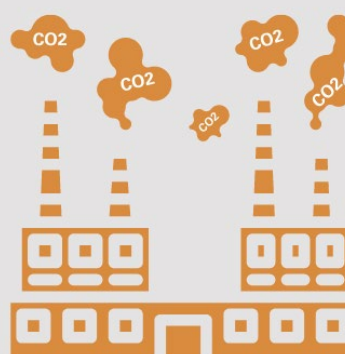
Today, **more than half the world's population live in cities**. By 2050, an estimated seven out of 10 people will likely live in urban areas. Cities are drivers of economic growth and contribute more than 80% of global GDP. However, they also account for more than 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions. If well-planned and managed, urban development can be sustainable and can generate inclusive prosperity.

However, rapid and poorly planned urbanisation leads to many challenges, including a shortage of affordable housing, insufficient infrastructure (such as public transportation and basic services), limited open spaces, unsafe levels of air pollution and increased climate and disaster risk. The deep inequalities exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and other cascading crises further highlight the importance of sustainable urban development.

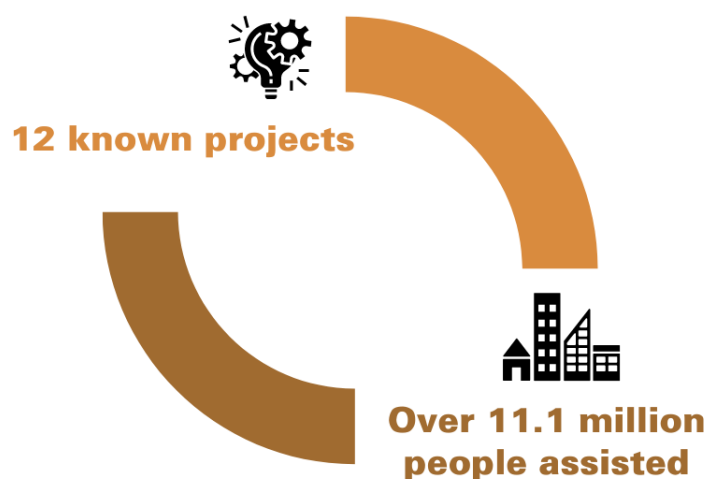
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SUSTAINABLE
CITIES &
COMMUNITIES

99% OF THE WORLD'S URBAN
POPULATION BREATHES
POLLUTED AIR



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 11. These projects include, among others:

City of Cape Town Infrastructure Framework

Project focus: Providing city departments with advisory services, financial impact assessments, project management, contract management support and negotiation input to provide strategic aid to the city's Water and Sanitation Department, the Urban Catalytic Investment Unit and more.

Impact: Over 11.1 million people

SDG difference maker: Zack Fineberg, CA(SA)

Humanitarian Disaster Relief Programme (organisation name not disclosed)

Project focus: Responding to natural disasters and assisting impoverished communities.

Impact: Impact not disclosed

Profession's involvement: Ebrahim Lambat, CA(SA)

Veersgroup

Project focus: Helping independent power producers bring clean energy to the national grid.

Impact: 17 projects in progress

SDG difference maker: Hashveer Singh, CA(SA)

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SDG 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION

Overview

Unsustainable patterns of consumption and production are root causes of the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. These and related environmental degradation issues threaten human well-being and the achievement of the SDGs.

If we continue on the prevailing development pathway, the Earth's finite capacity will be unable to sustain the livelihoods of current and future generations.

Our relationship with nature is the key to a sustainable future. As the world develops strategies for sustainable recovery from the pandemic, citizens should seize the opportunity to work together to improve resource efficiency, reduce waste and pollution and shape a new circular economy.

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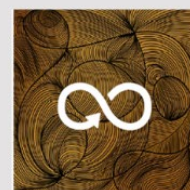
RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
& PRODUCTION

**1.3 BILLION KG
OF FOOD IS WASTED ANNUALLY**

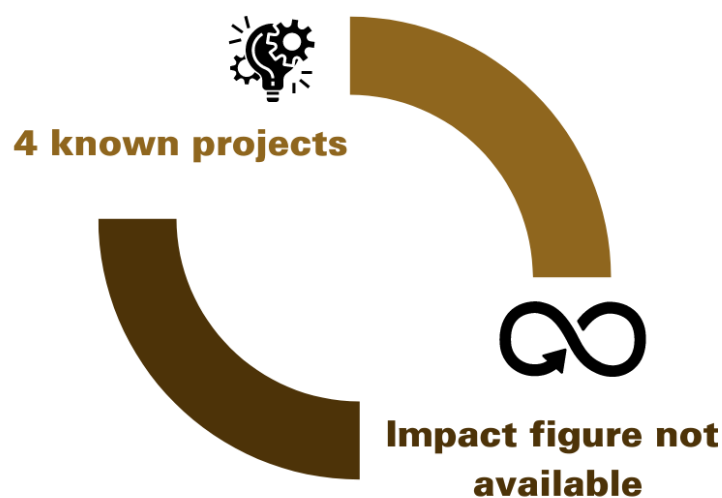


13.3%
IS LOST BETWEEN
HARVESTING & REACHING
RETAIL MARKETS

17%
IS WASTED AT CONSUMER
LEVELS



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 12. These projects include, among others:

#CleanSA Initiative (an Afriforum project)

Project focus: Making a positive change in the management of waste across South Africa.
 Impact: All South Africans
 SDG difference maker: Appie Pienaar, CA(SA)

Various recycling initiatives

Project focus: Corporate and personal recycling initiatives.
 Impact: All South Africans
 SDG difference maker: Various SAICA members, associates and trainee

Various renewable energy initiatives

Project focus: Promoting the use and development of renewable energy.
 Impact: All South Africans
 SDG difference maker: Various SAICA members, associates and trainee

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SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION

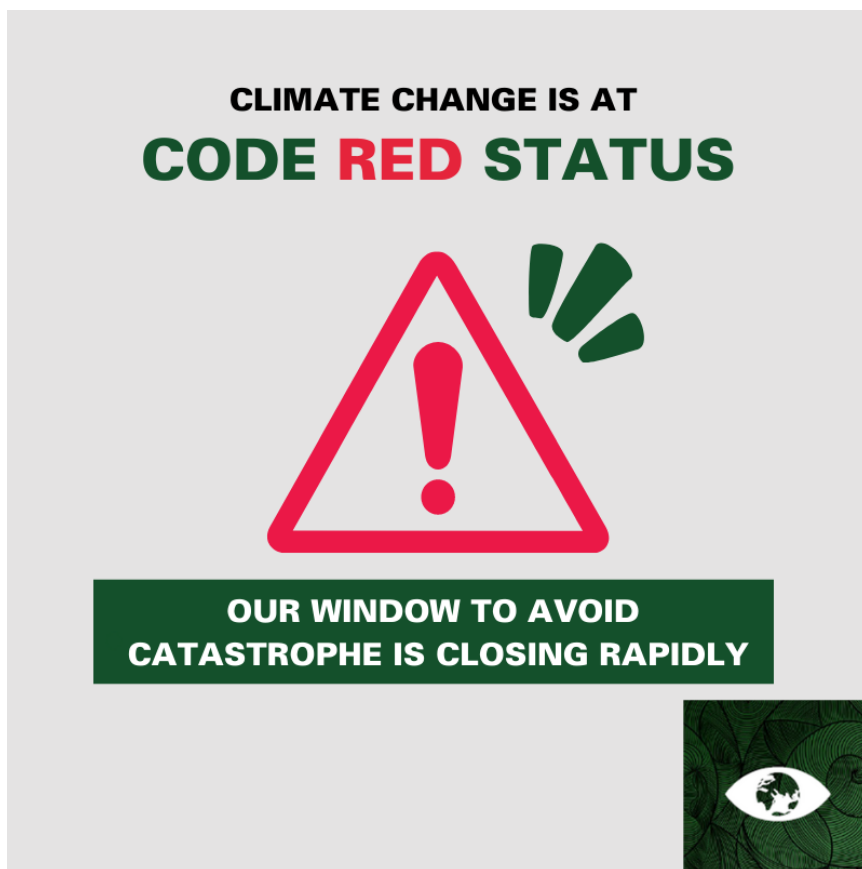
Overview

The world is on the brink of a climate catastrophe, and the window to avert it is closing rapidly. Increased heatwaves, droughts and floods caused by climate change are already affecting billions of people around the world and causing potentially irreversible changes in global ecosystems.

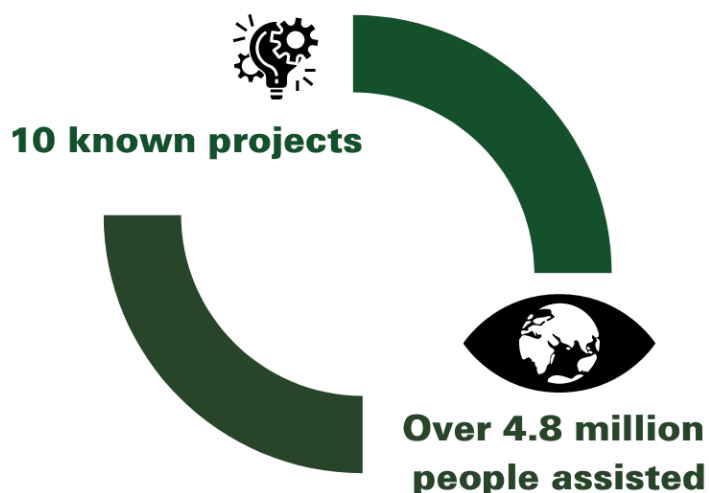
According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to limit warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, as set out in the Paris Agreement, global greenhouse gas emissions will need to peak before 2025. Then they must decline by 43% by 2030, falling to net zero by 2050.

Current national commitments are not sufficient to meet the 1.5°C target. Indeed current estimates project greenhouse gas emissions to increase by almost 14% over the next decade. **Immediate and deep reductions in emissions are needed across all sectors to move us away from this climate calamity tipping point headed and to a turning point for a sustainable future.**

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SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 13. These projects include, among others:

Nature for Water Facility

Project focus: Providing the gold standard in nature-based technical assistance solutions and helping local champions in the Blyde River Canyon area build out watershed investment programmes.

Impact: Not disclosed

SDG difference maker: Zack Fineberg, CA(SA)

SustainableDNA

Project focus: Assisting clients with environmental policy, requirements and measurement to help them achieve their sustainability objectives and targets using AI-based Sustainability Management Systems.

Impact: Not disclosed

SDG difference maker: Belinda Carreira, CA(SA)

Wits Amazon Expedition

Project focus: 1 100km canoe expedition down the Amazon to raise awareness and funding to tackle climate change's effect on the Amazon Rainforest.

Impact: Not trackable yet

SDG difference maker: Professor Wayne van Zijl

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SDG 14: LIFE BELOW WATER

Overview

Human activity is endangering the planet's largest ecosystem – the oceans and seas – and affecting the livelihoods of billions of people. Continuing ocean acidification and rising ocean temperatures are threatening marine species and negatively affecting marine ecosystem services.

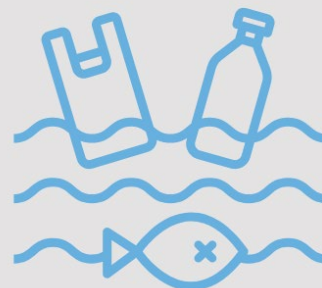
Between 2009 and 2018, for example, the world lost about 14% of coral reefs because of the extraordinary biodiversity they support. The oceans are also under increasing stress from multiple sources of pollution, which is harmful to marine life and eventually makes its way into the food chain. The rapidly growing consumption of fish (an increase of 122% between 1990 and 2018), along with inadequate public policies for managing the sector, have led to depleting fish stocks. **Combating the decline in ocean health requires intensified efforts.** We must adopt solutions for a sustainable blue economy. This includes a “source-to-sea” approach that directly addresses the links between land, water, delta, estuary, coast, nearshore and ocean ecosystems in support of holistic natural resources management and economic development.

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LIFE BELOW
WATER

THE OCEAN

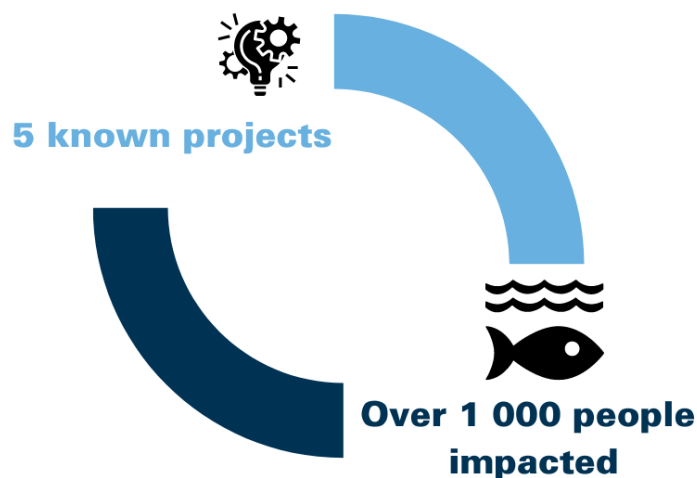
**OUR PLANET'S LARGEST ECOSYSTEM
IS CHOKING**



**17+ MILLION METRIC TONS
OF PLASTIC ENTERED
THE OCEAN LAST YEAR**



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 14. These projects include, among others:

ShoreTrade

Project focus:

Transforming the seafood supply chain through the seafood industry's first global digital trading platform.

Impact:

Over 1 000 fishers, growers and producers

SDG difference maker:

Mark Esterhuizen, CA(SA)

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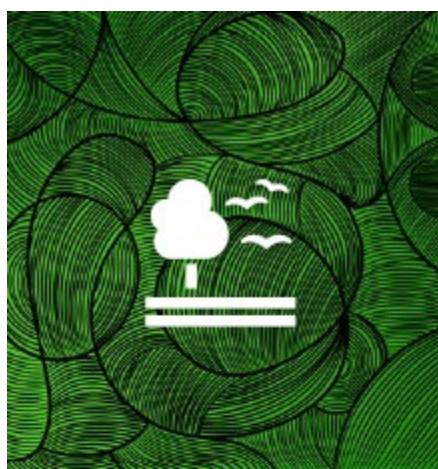
SDG 15: LIFE ON LAND

Overview

Healthy ecosystems and the biological diversity they support are a source of food, water, medicine, shelter and other material goods. They also provide ecosystem services – the cleaning of air and water, for example – which sustain life and increase resiliency in the face of mounting pressures. Nevertheless, human activities have profoundly altered most terrestrial ecosystems: **around 40,000 species are documented to be at risk of extinction over the coming decades**, 10 million hectares of forest (an area the size of Iceland) are being destroyed each year, and more than half of the world's key biodiversity areas remain unprotected.

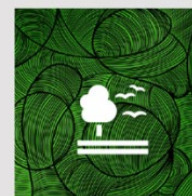
In an effort to prevent and halt the degradation of these ecosystems, many countries are sustainably managing their forests, protecting sites critical to biodiversity and enacting national conservation legislation and policies. However, other opportunities are being lost as biodiversity has been largely neglected by pandemic recovery spending.

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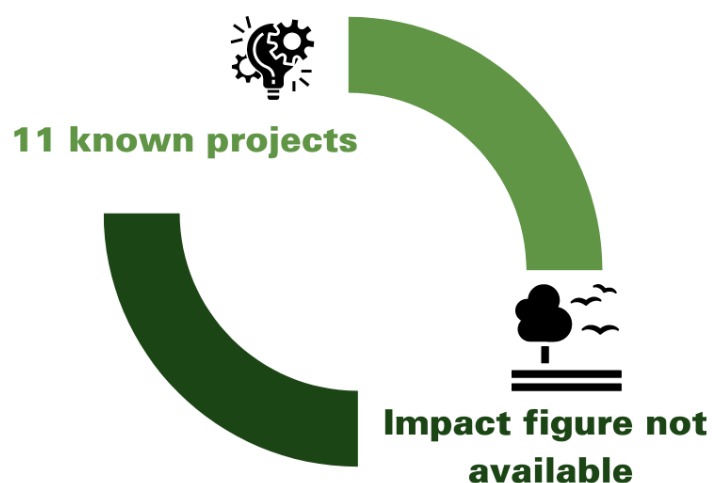


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LAND

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OVER THE COMING DECADES**



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 15. These projects include, among others:

Kruger 2 Canyon

Project focus:	Linking sustainable development and biodiversity conservation, including the expansion of protected areas, capacity building of environmental monitors in rural communities, environmental awareness, water security, alien invasive plant clearing, agro-ecology and sustainable land management.
Impact:	958 jobs created in the green economy 74 010ha of land declared as protected areas and 97 621ha in the process 14 199ha of land have been rehabilitated 22 167ha of alien invasive plants cleared
SDG difference maker:	Zack Fineberg, CA(SA)

Penguin Watch

Project focus:	Assessing the threats to penguin colonies across Antarctica and the Southern Ocean and contributing invaluable data for their protection.
Impact:	Not disclosed
SDG difference maker:	Anri Brits, CA(SA)

Wilderness Leadership School

Project entails:	Supporting anti-rhino poaching work in the Pilanesberg.
Impact:	Not disclosed
SDG difference maker:	CA(SA)'s name not disclosed in annual survey

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SDG 16: PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Overview

Pleas for global peace are growing louder as the world witnesses the largest number of violent conflicts since 1946, with one quarter of the global population living in conflict-affected countries at the end of 2020. Amid these crises, forced displacement has continued and grown.

As of May 2022, a **record 100 million people had been forcibly displaced worldwide**. This staggering number will increase along with the widening repercussions of the war in Ukraine. The cost of war and conflict is high, affecting the poor and vulnerable the most and leading to global impacts and escalating human rights violations and humanitarian needs.

Exercising fundamental freedoms in the defence of others remains deadly, with **320 fatal attacks against human rights defenders, journalists and trade unionists recorded** in 35 countries in 2021. Ending armed conflicts, strengthening institutions and enacting inclusive and equitable legislation that protects the human rights of all persons are necessary preconditions for sustainable development.

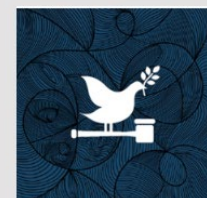
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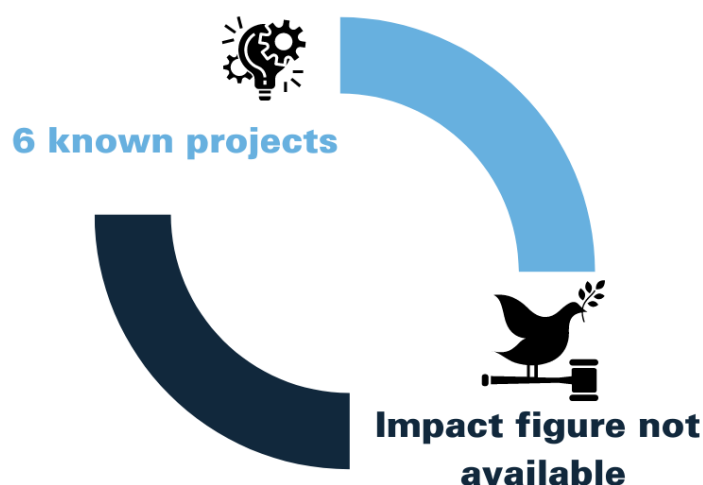
PEACE, JUSTICE
& STRONG
INSTITUTIONS

**CORRUPTION IS FOUND IN EVERY CORNER
OF THE WORLD**

**ALMOST
1 IN 6 BUSINESSES
HAVE RECEIVED BRIBE REQUESTS
FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS**



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 16. These projects include, among others:

Anti-Intimidation and Ethical Practices Forum

Project focus:	Assisting professionals who are being intimidated for exposing corruption in the workplace as well as providing advice to potential whistle-blowers in the governance, accounting, auditing, business, risk management and related fields on how to blow the whistle safely, responsibly and effectively.
Impact:	Not disclosed
SDG difference maker:	Parmi Natesan, CA(SA)

SA Public Sector GRAP Implementation project

Project focus:	Leading the implementation of GRAP at grassroots level in the South African Government so that it could properly report its assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses, financial performance and financial position to the citizens of the country in terms of accrual accounting and using a reporting framework underpinned by the best international practices of IPSAS and IFRS.
Impact:	170 public entities and trading entities and 150 municipalities.
SDG difference maker:	Annalien Carstens, CA(SA)

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SDG 17: PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

Overview

Many developing countries are struggling to recover from the pandemic despite a record-high level of official development assistance and a strong rebound in global foreign direct investment and remittance flows. Among other challenges, developing countries are battling record inflation, rising interest rates and looming debt burdens.

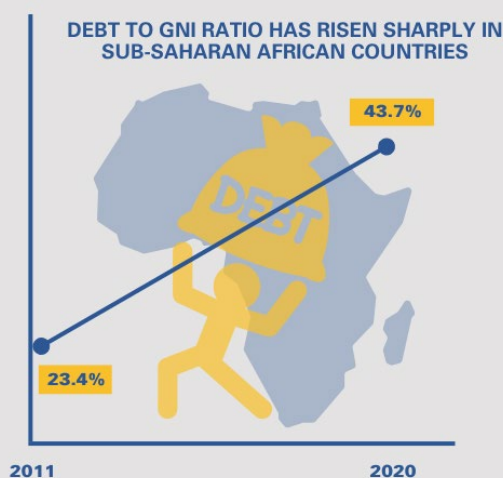
With competing priorities and limited fiscal space, **many are finding it harder than ever to recover economically.** With the pandemic far from over and stark disparities in vaccine distribution among countries, there is also the threat of a “two-tiered” COVID-19 recovery. To build back better from the pandemic and rescue the SDGs, **a full-scale transformation of the international financial and debt architecture is required.** The world is facing a multitude of crises across the social, health, environmental, and peace and security spectrums. To find lasting solutions, international cooperation must be scaled up – urgently. To stay ahead of crises, significantly more investment in data and statistics will be necessary.

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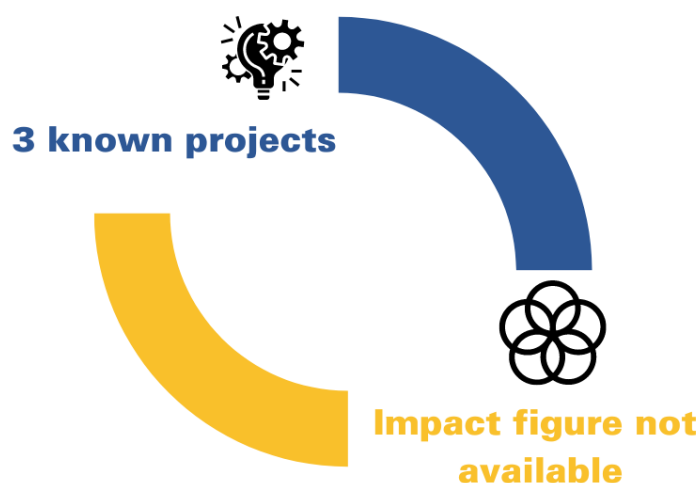
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PARTNERSHIP
FOR THE GOALS

RISING DEBT THREATENS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' PANDEMIC RECOVERY



SAICA member, associate and trainee involvement*



Notable projects

SAICA members, associates and trainees have noted their involvement in projects that directly impact SDG 17. These projects include, among others:

African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)

Project focus: Institutionalisation of a sound framework for the implementation of the AfCFTA (dti initiative).
 Impact: African continent
 SDG difference maker: Shabeer Khan, CA(SA)

Finbiz2030 South African Task Force

Project focus: Establishing an active and engaged global finance and business community dedicated to achieving the SDGs (joint initiative between One Young World and Chartered Accountants Worldwide).
 Impact: All South Africans
 SDG difference maker: Numerous SAICA members

One Young World

Project focus: Identifying, promoting and connecting the world's most impactful young leaders to create a better world with more responsible, more effective leadership.
 Impact: Global
 SDG difference maker: Numerous SAICA members

Unite 4 Mzansi™: Stand for Truth

Project entails: Illustrating where the guardians of governance have allowed corruption to take place, and creating advocacy projects to prevent such episodes in the future.
 Impact: Not disclosed
 SDG difference maker: Unite 4 Mzansi™ Advocates

Working Party No. 11

Project focus:

Developing recommendations for Hybrid Mismatch Arrangements (Action 2), Controlled Foreign Companies (Action 3), Interest Deductibility (Action 4) and Mandatory Disclosure (Action 12) through the Joint International Taskforce on Shared Intelligence and Collaboration which brings together 36 of the world's national tax administrations that have committed to more effective and efficient ways to deal with tax avoidance.

Impact:

Not disclosed

SDG difference maker:

Anthony Brislin, CA(SA)

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