

Project objective

This project aims to explore how the achievement of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be implemented at a local level, with a target to develop a practical education programme contributing to the implementation of the SDGs. Case studies will be conducted in a number of countries (Japan, Thailand, India and the Philippines) to understand the current implementation of the SDGs at a local level, with a framework to be developed as well as the development of a curriculum on SDG implementation.

Background

With most of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) directly or indirectly related to the roles of local governments, the local implementation of SDGs is paramount to the realisation of the goals. Across the Asia-Pacific region, differences abound in how local governments are implementing the SDGs through their strategies and policies. In Japan, the “SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles”, released by the Government, have not provided practical guidance on how to incorporate them into policies to date; in Thailand, roadmaps have been formulated for all 17 SDGs, however more can be done to promote their implementation by local administrative bodies; in the Philippines, a sample learning module on the SDGs has been developed targeting senior high school students, however the question remains on how schools and communities interface with one another on the implementation of the SDGs. Therefore, further efforts are required to explore how global goals could be implemented at the local level, requiring not only academic investigation into the SDGs, but also how the SDGs can be localised, and how practical local knowledge can be utilised for policy implementation.

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