AGFE August SPOTLIGHT

AGFE's Contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

"Education is the cornerstone of prosperous, progressive and inclusive societies, and essential for the sustainable development of our nation and the empowerment of our future leaders."
-Abdulla Al Ghurair, Founder, AGFE

Overview

Since its founding, AGFE has been committed to empowering Emirati and Arab youth to contribute to the development of the region through strategic partnerships. AGFE is leading efforts in the Arab region to realize the **United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4,8, and 17** calling for inclusive and equitable quality education, qualifications, decent work for all, through partnerships.

The UN SDGs are a collection of 17 goals that were adopted by all UN Member states in 2015 and designed to achieve sustainable economic, social, and environmental development by 2030.

The UN Nexus approach reflects the interlinkages between the goals and targets. Goal 17 is highlighted as the link to all the goals in addressing means of implementation. This approach being promoted for the UN Decade of Action has been part of our strategic operations.

AGFE's Strategic Alignment with the SDGs

Our strategic goals are aligned with SDGs and include:

- Support **50,000 Emirati learners** in becoming ready for higher education and work
- Provide **150,000 Arab youth** with a path to sustainable and elevated livelihoods
- Leverage **knowledge and technology partnerships**

AGFE Scholarships & the SDGs

- Three flagship scholarship programs: Al Ghurair STEM Scholars Program, Al Ghurair Open Learning Scholars Program and the Al Ghurair MIT Micromasters Program
- **SDG 4**: Provide high achieving, undeserved youth with access to higher education opportunities
- **SDG 8**: Equip scholars with knowledge, skills, and experiences to ensure elevated livelihoods
- **SDG 17**: Cultivate global partnerships with entities from around the world

Delivering on the commitments to the SDGs

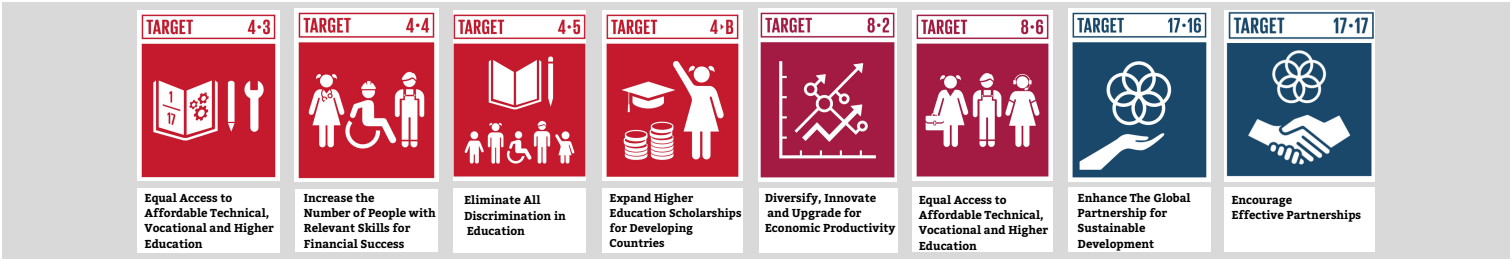
The two pillars of the 2020-2025 Strategy are:

Pillar 1:
Strengthening Access to Quality Higher Education

- Scholarships
- Leveraging Open Learning

Pillar 2:
Career Readiness and Upskilling Programs

- Young Thinkers programs
- University Preparation



Three case studies of AGFE's implementation of the SDGs have been showcased on the United Nation's SDG Best Practices portal that features success stories and inspiring breakthroughs from around the world. The case studies are:

Case Study 1
Al Ghurair STEM Scholars Program

Case Study 2
Al Ghurair Young Thinkers Program

Case Study 3
Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair Refugee Education Fund

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