DAIRY AS A DRIVER OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – launched by the United Nations in 2015 – are a transformative declaration to improve all lives around the world, while also fostering environmental stewardship. The SDGs recognize the interconnected dimensions of sustainable development: Economic, Social and Environmental.¹

How the Dairy Community is Championing the Sustainable Development Goals

The dairy community works to support efforts to make the SDGs vision for the future a reality by:

- Tracking global sustainability commitments through the Dairy Sustainability Framework and Rotterdam Declaration
- Investing in global dairy communities
- Advancing research that supports dairy’s role in addressing the SDGs

Dairy Embraces the 5 Ps of Sustainable Development

PEOPLE

Dairy foods and ingredients help nourish people across the lifespan around the world.

The dairy community makes dairy foods and ingredients available to nourish people 365 days a year

Contributes to energy and nutrition

On average, milk provides about 6-19% of protein, 3-8% of calories and 6-14% of fat in global diets²

PEACE

Conflict can exacerbate food insecurity and dairy acknowledges that sustainable food systems go hand-in-hand with peaceful societies.³

Dairy can be a key contributor to employment⁴ and global food security.⁴ In doing so, it can help play an important role in supporting resilient, nourished communities

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

PLANET

Dairy’s ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship links sustainable food systems to the SDGs.

7% of the total land on earth is used for feeding dairy animals⁵

25% reduction by 2030 - dairy’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for fluid milk⁶

U.S. dairy cows generate fewest greenhouse gas emissions per gallon of milk⁷

PROSPERITY

Strengthening global dairy communities can empower prosperous and fulfilling lives.

37 MILLION people globally have livelihoods connected to dairy⁸

365 DAYS dairy farms are led by women globally⁹

Dairy provides 365 days of income to dairy communities

PARTNERSHIPS

Cooperation and collaboration are at the heart of the dairy community.

Multi-stakeholder collaboration is required at local/regional levels as part of the Dairy Sustainability Framework

Key Issues Snapshot

- ~815 MILLION people around the world are undernourished¹⁰
- ~1 in 3 people globally are suffering from some form of malnutrition (overweight, underweight, micronutrient deficiencies)¹⁰
- Malnutrition is 2x as likely among children living in low-income countries with conflict, compared to children in stable, low-income countries¹¹
- Global estimated increase of people at risk of undernourishment by 2050 due to climate change¹²

The SDGs are a universal call to action. The dairy community is dedicated to being part of the solution to realizing a world free of poverty and hunger. Learn more at nationaldairy.org

¹ For more facts here, please visit https://www.dairy.org/3857 making the sustainable development goals
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