There are many definitions of sustainable development. Even when narrowing its focus to economic development, it can still be interpreted differently depending on who is affected and the basis of their needs. Yet if we are to have a lasting impact in the world, we need to consider all the variables. Fortunately, organizations operating around the world seem to have identified sustainable goals that share several common attributes. These same organizations have also identified other indicators quite different from the next, but in doing so provide comprehensive resolutions to fit local needs.

The encouraging news is that universal core sustainable development indicators such as poverty, pollution, overpopulation, and combatting transnational corruption, we can begin to address thoughtful and rational approaches in terms of these competing needs as we attempt to solve them context of environmental, social, economic, and governance. We will examine the UN’s program designed to implement their action plan known as the International Association for Community Development (IACD) and other stakeholders.

When development is defined by need or a specific goal, it becomes either too narrowly focused or becomes diffused. Sustainable development includes many areas that ought to be considered as an interconnected array of fundamental needs that impact the entire globe.

Assessing how well sustainable goals are likely to success is daunting as it is subject to complexity, rapid change, and cultural diversity. But we must start somewhere – more importantly, we must accomplish these goals before it is too late.

International organizations are playing key roles in resolving potential global crisis. We will examine the UN’s program known as the International Association for Community Development (IACD) as well as learn what other stakeholders are doing. The United Nation’s action plan, “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” offers a rationally balanced approach for “people, planet and prosperity.” Their long-term goal promotes peace by eradicating poverty in their view as “the greatest global challenge.”

By taking a broad global perspective, yet with country specific recommendations, the UN and international organizations may provide needed relief through meaningful sustainable development initiatives to help impoverished, polluted, and overpopulated regions just when it is needed most.

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1 Source: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org