

BASIC INFORMATION

Title/name of voluntary SDG Acceleration Action (*min 4, max 255 characters*)

Building a movement for legal empowerment

Lead entity name (*max 255 characters*)

Namati

Lead entity type

Non-governmental Organization (NGO)

CONTACT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

(Note: I put my personal contact information here and would rather not circulate it.)

PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES

Partners - *list all organizations and entities, including lead entity, that are involved in this voluntary SDG acceleration action. For each partner, include, in parenthesis, its entity type (using above entity types) up to 500 words*

Namati convenes the Global Legal Empowerment Network, a growing community of over 2000 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), all dedicated to grassroots justice. New members are joining every day. For an updated list of members, visit <https://namati.org/network/organizations/>.

Beneficiary countries

Global Legal Empowerment Network members work with communities in over 160 countries around the world. (Note: The website may force us to check off all 160 countries; I'm not sure if it will accept submission without this because there is an asterisk on this question and the field requires you to select countries from a list)

Other beneficiaries.

Our activities will not only strengthen member NGOs making use of legal empowerment methods, but also the diverse communities that these organizations serve.

DETAILS

Description of voluntary SDG acceleration action (*objectives, implementation methodologies, follow-up mechanisms, governance, etc*) up to 500 words

More than five billion people around the world are denied meaningful access to justice. They are driven from their land, denied basic services, and intimidated by violence. Fortunately, in every

region of the world, champions of legal empowerment—who mostly hail from civil society—are turning the tide by helping people to know, use, and shape the law.

The Global Legal Empowerment Network strengthens, connects, supports and mobilizes these grassroots justice defenders. We build spaces for them to meet and collaborate online and in-person. We host events and activities that help them learn from each other. We maintain a library of useful resources. We collectively advocate to secure support and sustainable funding for the field.

By unlocking the potential of grassroots justice defenders who provide essential legal support to communities, we are helping to make justice a reality for the billions who are being left behind.

Expected impact *up to 500 words*

Our network will help civil society organizations around the world to advance justice in their communities. We will engage thousands of grassroots justice defenders in activities that advance the field of legal empowerment, including collaborative learning, programming, research, community-building, and advocacy. We will support hundreds of grassroots organizations with meaningfully deepening the impact, sustainability, or quality of their legal empowerment work. We will transform the policy environment for legal empowerment. In particular, we will increase financing and protection for justice defenders at national, regional and global levels.

Geographical coverage

Global

Deliverables *Please add at least one, and up to four, tangible and time based deliverable(s).*

Description of deliverable #1 *(max 255 characters)*

We will support 250 grassroots organizations with meaningfully deepening the impact, sustainability, or quality of their legal empowerment work.

Date (Month/year) *(mm/yyyy)*

12/2025

Description of deliverable #2 *(max 255 characters)*

A quarter of network members will participate in activities that help them to learn from, advocate with, and celebrate one other.

Date (Month/year) *(mm/yyyy)*

12/2025

Description of deliverable #3 *(max 255 characters)*

Financing and protection for justice defenders has increased at national, regional and global levels.

Date (Month/year) (mm/yyyy)

12/2025

Resources mobilized towards acceleration action

Type of resource

Financing (in USD)

Details (max 255 characters) We will dedicate budget every year toward learning, community-building, and advocacy activities; prizes, grants, scholarships, and travel stipends to network members; and sustaining the team that serves a secretariat function for the network.

Type of resource

Staff/Technical Expertise

Details (max 255 characters) Our network team will systematically offer guidance and advice to network members, drawing from their expertise across a range of thematic and geographic areas.

Type of resource

In-kind contribution

Details (max 255 characters) We will maintain a free online platform and resource library to help members connect and collaborate virtually. Many other opportunities will be offered to network members free of charge, including learning exchanges, leadership courses, e-learning courses, webinars, and more.

Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Enter the start date of this acceleration action

01/01/2015

End Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Enter the end date of this acceleration action

12/31/2025

Website for more information

<https://namati.org/network/>

SDGS COVERED BY COMMITMENT

(Note: these are all the SDG16+ targets as identified by the Pathfinders Taskforce, plus health. I'm not sure if I should just check off the top level goals, or drill into all the targets for each, for which there are a lot.)

Institutions and policies for poverty eradication (1.b)

Healthy lives and wellbeing (3)

Equal access to education (4.5)
Education on human rights and gender equality, global citizenship (4.7)
Culture of peace and non-violence (4.7)
Education facilities (4.a)

Discrimination against women and girls (5.1)
Violence against women and girls (5.2)
Child and forced marriage, female genital mutilation (5.3)
Women's participation and leadership (5.5)
Policies and legislation for gender equality (5.c)

Equal pay for work of equal value (8.5)
Forced labor, modern slavery, child labor and human trafficking (8.7)
Labor rights, workplaces (8.8)

Social, economic and political inclusion (10.2)
Equal opportunity laws, policies and practices (10.3)
Policies for greater equality (10.4)
Global financial and economic institutions (10.5, 10.6)
Safe migration policies (10.7)

Housing (11.1)
Transport (11.2)
Institutions and policies for inclusive urbanization (11.3)
Safe public spaces (11.7)

All forms of violence (16.1)
Violence against children (16.2)
Rule of law and access to justice (16.3)
Legal identity (16.9)
Illicit financial flows, stolen assets, organized crime (16.4)
Corruption and bribery (16.5)
Effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels (16.6)
Inclusive and participatory decision-making (16.7)
Participation in global governance (16.8)
Public access to information (16.10)
Institutions and policies for violence prevention (16.a)
Non-discriminatory laws and policies (16.b)

Institutions and policies for tax collection (17.1)
Equitable trade system (17.10)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide additional documentation using links to other websites or documents (up to 500 words)

COMMENTS

Any comments for the UN Secretariat? (up to 500 words)

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/register/?source=90>