



SOUTH AFRICA'S
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY
PROFESSION & THE UN SDGs

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2020 REPORT

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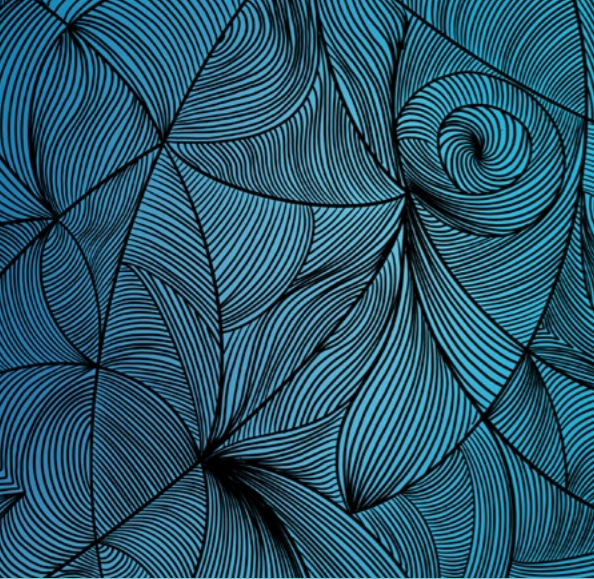


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WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR A PROFESSION TO BE RELEVANT?

Every professional, regardless of whether they are an engineer, lawyer, doctor or accountant, exists to serve society.

From the onset, we believe that professionals have a duty to serve society. This stems from the fact that, first of all, they are a part of the elite class and are in the very top echelons of leadership and, by the nature of their positions and knowledge, it is for the benefit of society to invest in their value. It may sound altruistic, but it is something we believe – that all professionals have a noble cause to bring to bear, a noble obligation to serve society. One that does not warrant non-payment of servitude.

For accounting professionals this mandate goes even deeper.

In its Constitution, the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) stipulates that its mission is to serve the public's interest. This is a nobility that sometimes gets forgotten. If we think about the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), it is an institution that serves its members and associates, regulates their behaviour, delivers talent into the economy and society, upholds standards, but ultimately it serves and supports members in fulfilling their duty of serving society.

If SAICA and its members and associates do not serve society, the profession would lose its relevance. Some query, for example, if it's reasonable for an accountant to serve as a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and have the same

obligation, and public duty, as a public auditor? Whilst the public auditor might certify accounts, this brings a different responsibility. In the same way as a CFO who provides information for decision making supports the entity that he/she serves so that it meets its own responsibilities, the entity has a responsibility to society. It has a responsibility to deliver financial or commercial returns to its investors, but it also has a duty to behave as responsible corporate citizens.

Serving society informs our sense of what SAICA should always be (inside that sweet spot of relevance where the organisation needs to find itself) as an important facet to help its members become more accustomed to what it means to serve the public interest while it offers support to this quest.

SAICA, therefore, must continue to create platforms for members to collaborate in delivering that value so needed by society. It has to be about dealing with the really pertinent questions of our time. In a nutshell, we are not going to be relevant as long as we don't help our members understand their public interest responsibilities while also failing to set up platforms for their efficiency. It isn't helpful for SAICA and the profession to have a narrow view of what society expects of its membership.

Ultimately, we should be aware that the profession doesn't exist for itself. It exists to serve society.

In 2015, world leaders gathered at the United Nations to adopt an ambitious framework of

17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 associated targets to address the full range of social and economic-development issues facing people around the world. These goals included finding solutions for poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and social justice. When bunched up, these goals provide governments, businesses and civil society with a universal roadmap to tackle urgent challenges, to meaningfully engage with emerging risks and discover new opportunities for creating value.

Whenever we think about the themes “a profession of national value”, the UN SDGs or nation building, we are reminded that it is imperative that we find a very good way to anchor all of this very good work in the idea that the profession needs to be in a position to be able to solve some of society's most pressing problems. We are not going to do that by ourselves as SAICA. We can only achieve this by ensuring that our members understand their public duty. Of course, making sure that they have the technical competencies they need to have is also important and we shouldn't take it for granted.

As the leading accountancy body in South Africa, SAICA has been calling on its members not only to “adopt” one of the SDGs, but also show the work that members do – in their personal and business capacity – in assisting to help the world reach the

SDGs by 2030. SAICA has undertaken to track the manner in which its members are contributing to a better world and showcase this in special annual reports like this one.

As Goal 17 outlines, it is the partnerships-based approach underpinned by collective actions that will truly see us reach the targets set in the 2030 Agenda. We are encouraged by our profession's commitment to the SDGs. However, the commitment and actions of individuals alone is not enough to see us deliver on the Global Goals.

As SAICA we have united around the SDGs to deepen the country's understanding of the challenges, opportunities and dynamics that can be leveraged to accelerate and prioritise the delivery of the SDGs.

It should be incumbent on all professionals – not just those in the accountancy profession – to rally behind these Goals for the greater good of our country and our planet.

Regards

Freeman Nomvalo
SAICA CEO

Chantyl Mulder
SAICA Executive
Director: Nation Building

ABOUT THIS YEAR'S REPORT

SA'S CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY PROFESSION WORKING TOWARDS THE SDGs

The 2020 *SA's Chartered Accountancy Profession and the UN SDGs Report* illustrates not just the unique challenges posed by the SDGs on both a global and local front, but also celebrates the unique contributions of individuals and companies as they pertain to the Global Goals.

Through the voluntary contributions of our members and associates, SAICA has, for the third year running, extracted key learnings that can help build the momentum required across the sector. It is notable, for example, that quality education, no poverty and inequality were cited among the top three concerns among both our individual member and company responses. This is no surprise when you consider that these areas remain the key priorities South Africa needs to focus on if we are to move our country forward.

Indeed, the initiatives that follow are great examples of how the chartered accountancy profession is living its purpose every day through projects run by SAICA, corporate firms and individual members. They are a testament of how, little by little, the profession is helping bring the SDGs to fruition through the collective response of our members (whether in their individual or business capacity) to the national and global challenges of poverty, inequality and societal degradation. By reporting the Goals in a non-linear fashion, this report also illustrates which of the SDGs the profession is most involved in so as to illustrate how our profession is accelerating the achievement of the SDGs by collaboratively honing its efforts into concrete development actions.

SAICA thanks all its members, associates and the firms who voluntarily reported on their SDG-related initiatives during this year's call for information and hopes that the pages that follow have successfully articulated the emerging trends we are seeing across the profession to drive wider sector action that we can all align around.

HOW DOES SOUTH AFRICA FARE?

SDG DASHBOARD*

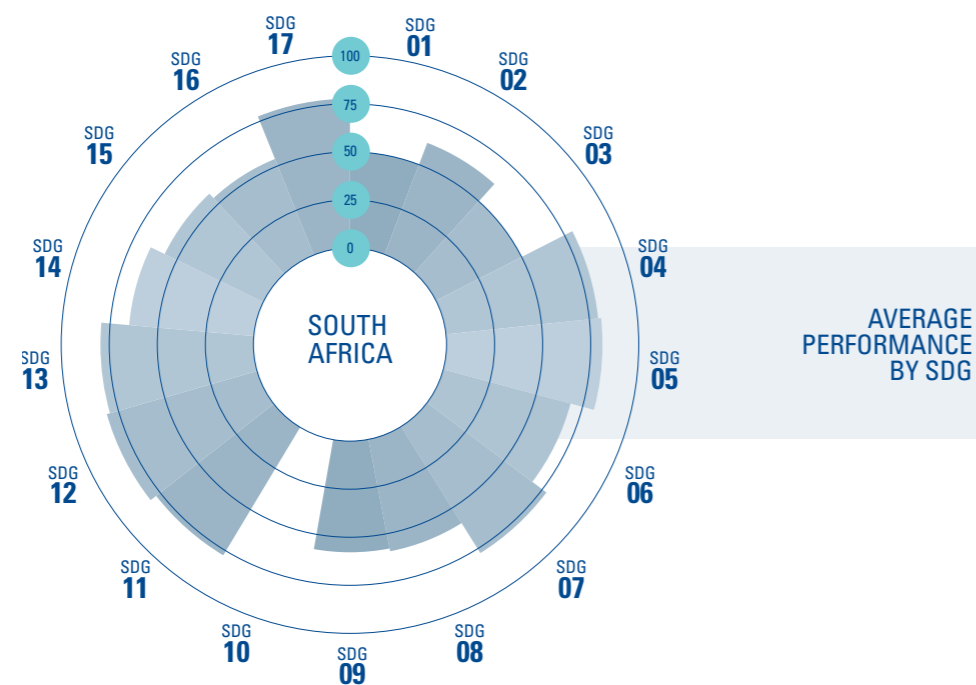
The SDG Dashboard, published by Cambridge University Press, highlights the strengths and weaknesses of each of the 193 participating country in relation to each of the 17 SDGs.

To understand South Africa's performance, it's important to understand how our region (Sub-Saharan Africa) has performed over the past five years.

According to the Dashboards, the average SDG Index score for Sub-Saharan Africa countries has improved significantly since 2015. Yet, sub-Saharan African continues to face major challenges with the Covid-19 pandemic threatening to undo much of the progress that has been made.

As a result of the widespread poverty in the region, performance on socioeconomic goals and access to basic services and infrastructure (SDGs 1 to 9) are poor compared to other world regions. The disruption of international supply chains, particularly the food supply chain, is also likely to have very negative impacts on the SDG performance of many sub-Saharan Africa.

Here's how South Africa's performance shaped up this year:



SOUTH AFRICA'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE*

SDG Global Rank

110
of 166 countries

Index Score

63.4
vs a regional average score of 53.1

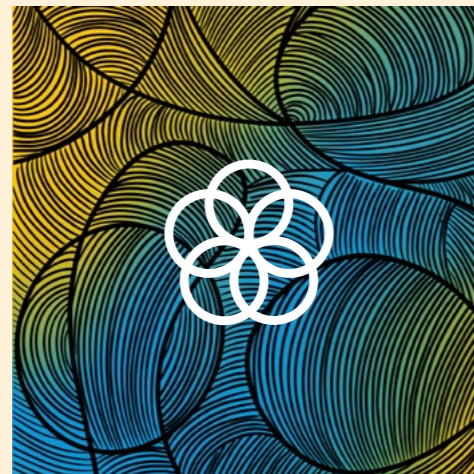
* According to the UN's 2020 Africa SDG Index and Dashboards Report

CURRENT ASSESSMENT - SDG DASHBOARD



Major challenges	Challenges remain
Significant challenges	SDG achieved

Source: UN.org



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PARTNERSHIP
FOR THE GOALS

ABOUT
SDG 17



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE
FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● SDG achieved ↑ On track

GOAL OBJECTIVE

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

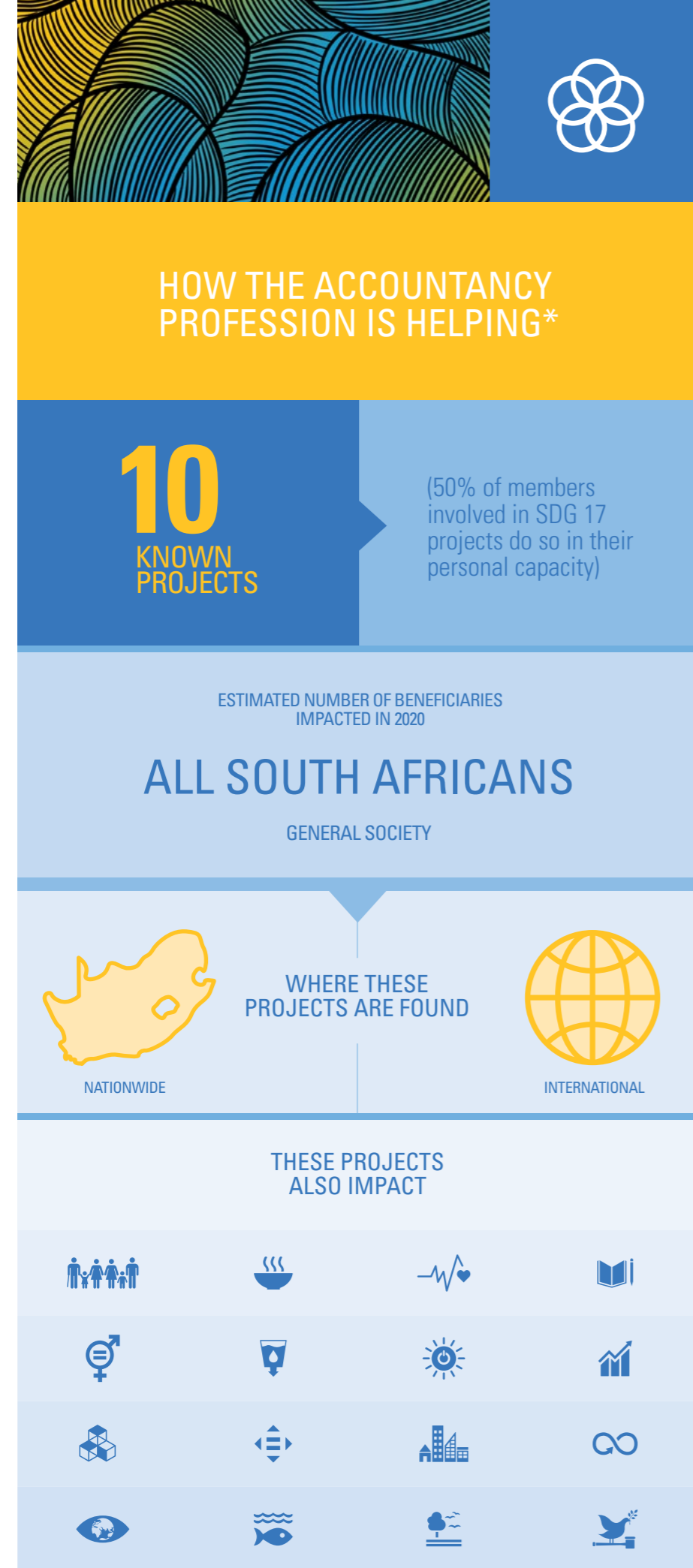
“The Global Goals can only be met if we work together. International investments and support is needed to ensure innovative technological development, fair trade and market access, especially for developing countries. To build a better world, we need to be supportive, empathetic, inventive, passionate, and above all, cooperative.”

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- There has been a **positive side effect of the crisis on this global partnership goal**. The concerted international action by the scientific community, policymakers, business, and civil society has been unprecedented in the face of the current global crisis.
- This mobilisation is expected to accelerate the identification of solutions and contribute to **building stronger international and multisector partnerships**.





* As reported by firms and members in business during the 2020 SAICA SDG survey





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PEACE, JUSTICE
& STRONG
INSTITUTIONS

ABOUT SDG 16



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Major challenges remain → Progress stagnating

GOAL OBJECTIVE

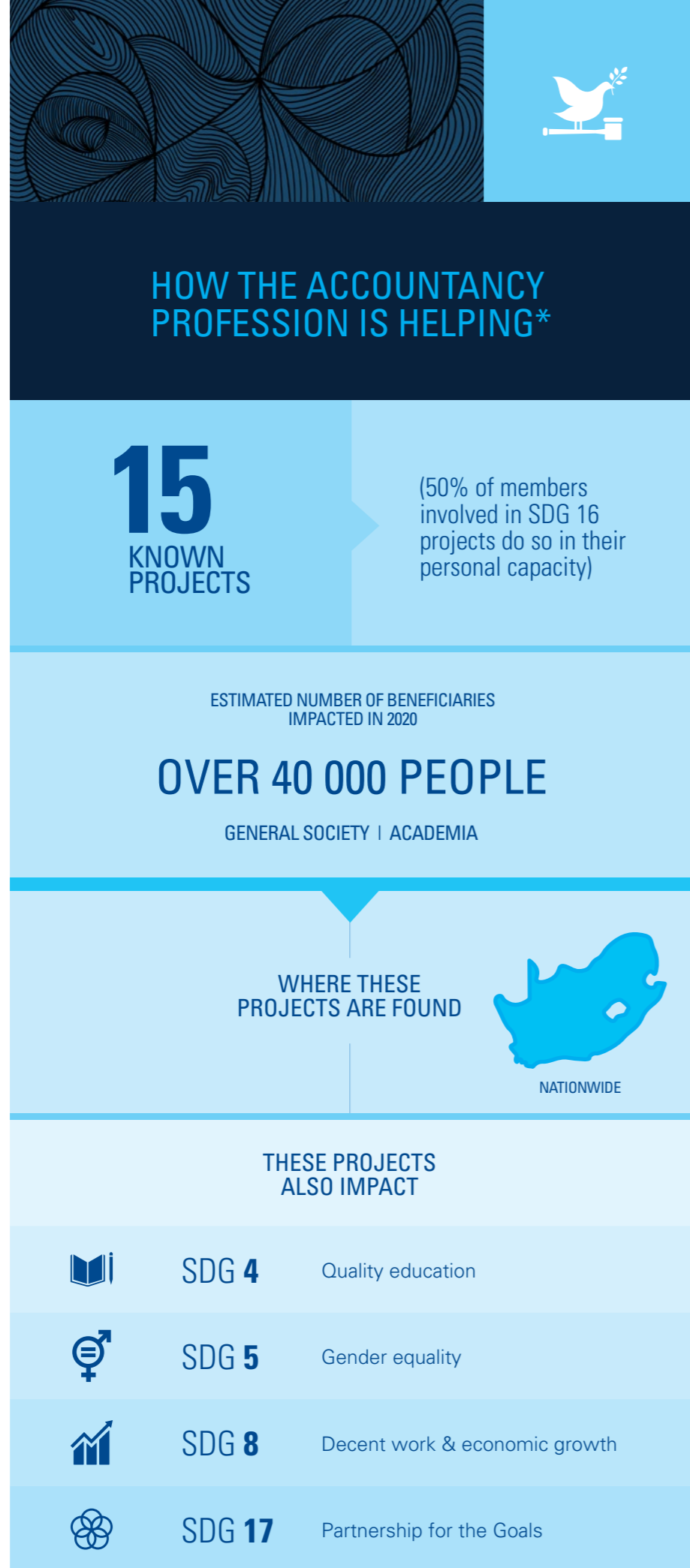
Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

“Compassion and a strong moral compass is essential to every democratic society. Yet, persecution, injustice and abuse still runs rampant and is tearing at the very fabric of civilisation. We must ensure that we have strong institutions, global standards of justice and a commitment to peace everywhere.”

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- South Africa has made **some progress** in areas pertaining to SDG 16 having taken actions to stabilise and restore the credibility of institutions including:
 - the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), the South African Revenue Service (SARS), the State Security Agency (SSA) and the South African Police Service (SAPS).
- However, one of the **major challenges** facing South Africa with regard to SDG 16 relates to **discrimination**. The Prevention and Combating of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Bill 2018 is one of the key legislative strides that the Department of Justice is making in terms of counteracting discrimination.



* As reported by firms and members in business during the 2020 SAICA SDG survey





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QUALITY
EDUCATION

ABOUT SDG 4



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Significant challenges
remain

➤ Progress moderately
improving

GOAL OBJECTIVE

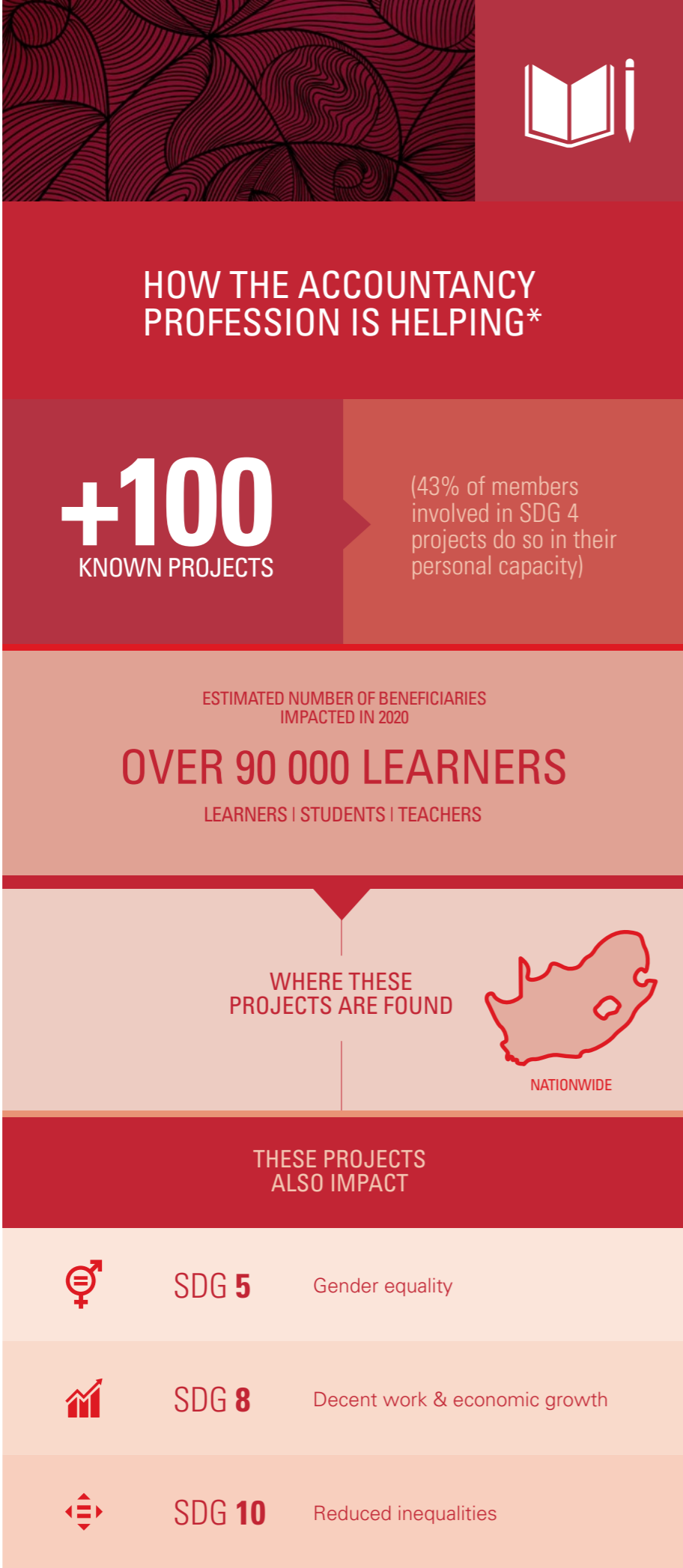
Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

“Education liberates the intellect, unlocks the imagination and is fundamental for self-respect. It is the key to prosperity and opens a world of opportunities, making it possible for each of us to contribute to a progressive, healthy society. Learning benefits every human being and should be available to all.”

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- Education is facing a serious and direct impact from the pandemic, with the **closure of learning institutions across South Africa**.
- **Inequalities in education have been exacerbated** by COVID-19.
- In low-income areas, children's school completion rates are:
 - 79% in the richest 20% of households
 - 34% in the poorest 20% of households
- **Schools closures kept 90% of all students out of school** - reversing years of education progress.
 - In many areas, learning for all but the most privileged was stopped altogether as learners had no access to remote learning tools.
- The immediate impact of this crisis on education include:
 - poor learning outcomes,
 - delayed progression and graduations,
 - potential lifelong harm by delaying the development of crucial social and emotional skills, and
 - **widened inequality**. Indeed, it is expected that many children were forced to go to work and did not return when schools reopened.



* As reported by firms and members in business during the 2020 SAICA SDG survey

GOAL 4 IN ACTION		SCHOOL- AND LEARNER-RELATED PROJECTS	
BUSY BEES		DILOKONG VISIONARY LEADERSHIP	
How it links to this SDG	A nursery school programme subsidising domestic workers' children's fees as well as providing opportunities for autistic children to attend classes and receive blended learning.	How it links to this SDG	Initiating support programmes that develop learners interested in pursuing Science, Technology, Energy, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) and Management Science careers.
Number of beneficiaries	12 children	Number of beneficiaries	50 learners
Region impacted	GP	Region impacted	LP
Profession's involvement	Angella Makowe Mutonhora, CA(SA)	Profession's involvement	Cliford Maile, CA(SA)
IMAGE.NATION NPO		KPMG FAMILY FOR LITERACY	
How it links to this SDG	Building pre-primary schools and providing curriculum support to ensure safe and clean learning environments.	How it links to this SDG	Eradicating childhood illiteracy by putting books into the hands of children in need.
Number of beneficiaries	150 children	Number of beneficiaries	5 000 books
Region impacted	GP	Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	Mandy Muchnick, CA(SA)	Profession's involvement	KPMG
RUTA SECHABA FOUNDATION		THUTHUKA EDUCATION UPLIFTMENT FUND WWW.SAICA.CO.ZA/THUTHUKA	
How it links to this SDG	Providing academic- and sport-related scholarships, bursaries and awards to qualifying black learners at Curro schools.	How it links to this SDG	Providing career guidance, subject choice assistance and academic support (particularly in mathematics) to learners around South Africa.
Number of beneficiaries	1 300 learners	Number of beneficiaries	88 209 learners from 1 926 schools (over 1 million learners since inception)
Region impacted	Nationwide	Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	Adam Kajee, CA(SA)	Profession's involvement	SAICA

UNIVERSITY- AND STUDENT-RELATED PROJECTS

IKUSASA STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMME (ISFAP) WWW.ISFAP.CO.ZA	
How it links to this SDG	Solving the 'missing middle' funding challenge by providing students with the full cost of study and wrap-around support for 11 occupations of high demand.
Number of beneficiaries	280 students (2 119 students since inception)
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA founded

PWC'S 2020 AUDITING PROJECT	
How it links to this SDG	Redesigning auditing in SA Universities for online study.
Number of beneficiaries	+ 1 500 students
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	PwC

THUTHUKA BURSARY FUND WWW.SAICA.CO.ZA/THUTHUKA	
How it links to this SDG	Supporting financially-needy African and Coloured aspiring CA(SA) with the full cost of study and wrap-around support.
Number of beneficiaries	1 105 students (Over 4 000 since inception)
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA and the profession

TOPC GRADUATE ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME	
How it links to this SDG	Recruiting unemployed youth to participate in the FASSET – AT(SA) Membership Designation through AT(SA)'s Test of Professional Competence (ToPC).
Number of beneficiaries	50 students
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA/AT(SA)

TEACHER/EDUCATOR/ ACADEMIC SUPPORT

FREE STATE GR12 EDUCATORS ACCOUNTING TRAINING	
How it links to this SDG	Virtual training for novice and underperforming Grade 12 accounting teachers.
Number of beneficiaries	55 teachers
Region impacted	FS
Profession's involvement	SAICA

IEB ACCOUNTING USER GROUP CONFERENCE	
How it links to this SDG	Providing supporting material and learner resources to IEB teachers.
Number of beneficiaries	205 teachers
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA

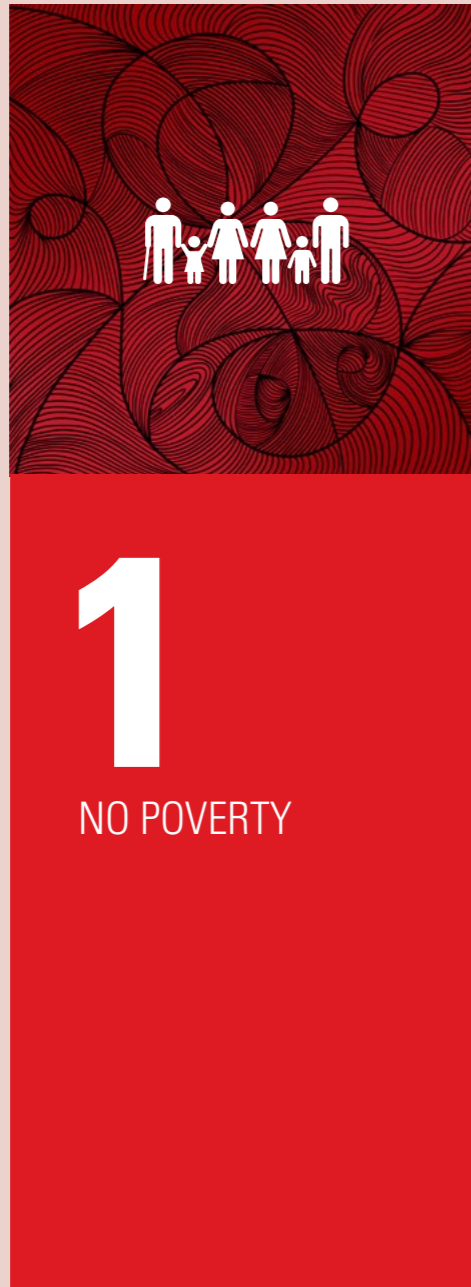
INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING SUPPORT

CET CAPACITY BUILDING IN FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCE	
How it links to this SDG	Establishing systems, processes and controls to create sustainable financial management and human resource management structures as well as coaching and mentoring finance and human resource staff in CET Colleges.
Number of beneficiaries	9 colleges
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PORTAL	
How it links to this SDG	Supporting the accurate financial reporting of schools and providing the appropriate assurance that registered auditors have audited their financial statements.
Number of beneficiaries	23 000 schools
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION AND AUDIT WORKSHOPS	
How it links to this SDG	Improving governance at public schools by helping them prepare their financial statements for audits.
Number of beneficiaries	Not disclosed
Region impacted	GP & LP
Profession's involvement	SAICA

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY (SGB) PROJECT	
How it links to this SDG	Helping schools improve their financial management and governance through their SGB structures.
Number of beneficiaries	108 schools and 108 unemployed graduates
Region impacted	EC, GP & KZN
Profession's involvement	SAICA



ABOUT SDG 1



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Major challenges remain → Progress stagnating

GOAL OBJECTIVE

End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

“Eradicating poverty is not a task of charity, it’s an act of justice and the key to unlocking enormous human potential. Still, nearly half of the world’s population lives in poverty and lacks food and clean water. This is killing thousands of people around the globe every day. SDG 1 seeks to find ways to feed the hungry, wipe out disease and give everyone in the world a chance to prosper and live a productive and meaningful life.”

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

Before COVID-19, the 2030 poverty forecast was 26%, far from achieving the 2030 objective. The consequences of COVID-19, however, pose real challenges to the achievement of SDG 1 by 2030 because **COVID-19 caused the first increase in global poverty in decades** and **pushed +71 million people into extreme poverty in 2020**. Here are some eye-opening statistics about Africa and our country:

- Nine out of ten extremely poor people in the world live in Africa.
- The pandemic is forecasted to have pushed more than **one million people into extreme poverty in South Africa**.
- Currently, 55% of the population in South Africa live below the global poverty line of R1 227 per month.
- More than **20 million people live on social grants**, according to Statistics South Africa.
- With increases in relative and absolute poverty, the gap between the rich and poor is envisaged to widen going forward.



HOW THE ACCOUNTANCY PROFESSION IS HELPING*

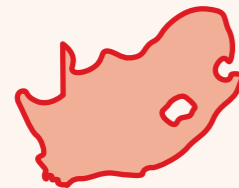
+50
KNOWN PROJECTS

(59% of members involved in SDG 1 projects do so in their personal capacity)

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES IMPACTED IN 2020

OVER 4 MILLION

CHILDREN (SCHOOL LEARNERS AND STUDENTS)
ORPHANAGES | WOMEN | IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES



NATIONWIDE

WHERE THESE PROJECTS ARE FOUND



INTERNATIONAL

THESE PROJECTS ALSO IMPACT



SDG 4

Quality education



SDG 8

Decent work & economic growth



SDG 10

Reduced inequalities

* As reported by firms and members in business during the 2020 SAICA SDG survey

GOAL 1 IN ACTION

GA-MPHAHLELE HOME-COMING

WWW.MPHAHLELEHC.ORG

How it links to this SDG

Eradicating poverty through impactful and sustainable projects (including building flushing toilets, handing out food parcels, supplying masks and sanitisers, renovating classrooms, etc.) in rural and underprivileged communities.

Number of beneficiaries

+1 500 households

Region impacted

LP

Profession's involvement

Moeletji Mapheto, SAICA trainee

THE HOPE FACTORY'S COVID-19 RELIEF SUPPORT PROGRAMME

WWW.ACCOUNTANCYSA.ORG.ZA/COVID-19/COVID-19-SMME-SUPPORT

How it links to this SDG

Assisting ailing start-ups during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Number of beneficiaries

Beneficiaries on the Flagship SED Qalisa Programme

Region impacted

EC

Profession's involvement

SAICA /The Hope Factory & KPMG employees

THE HOPE FACTORY'S FLAGSHIP SED QALISA PROGRAMME

WWW.THEHOPEFACTORY.CO.ZA

How it links to this SDG

Training and mentoring individuals (with a particular focus on women and the youth) to effectively establish self-sustainable, small businesses.

Number of beneficiaries

1 900 since inception

Region impacted

EC

Profession's involvement

SAICA /The Hope Factory

SAICA UIF ADVOCACY INITIATIVE

How it links to this SDG

Advocating with the Department of Employment and Labour for clarity and corrections to the UIF benefit directives.

Number of beneficiaries

All South Africans claiming UIF due to COVID-19 (estimated: 4.2 million citizen)

Region impacted

Nationwide

Profession's involvement

SAICA



ABOUT SDG 8



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Major challenges remain → Progress stagnating

GOAL OBJECTIVE

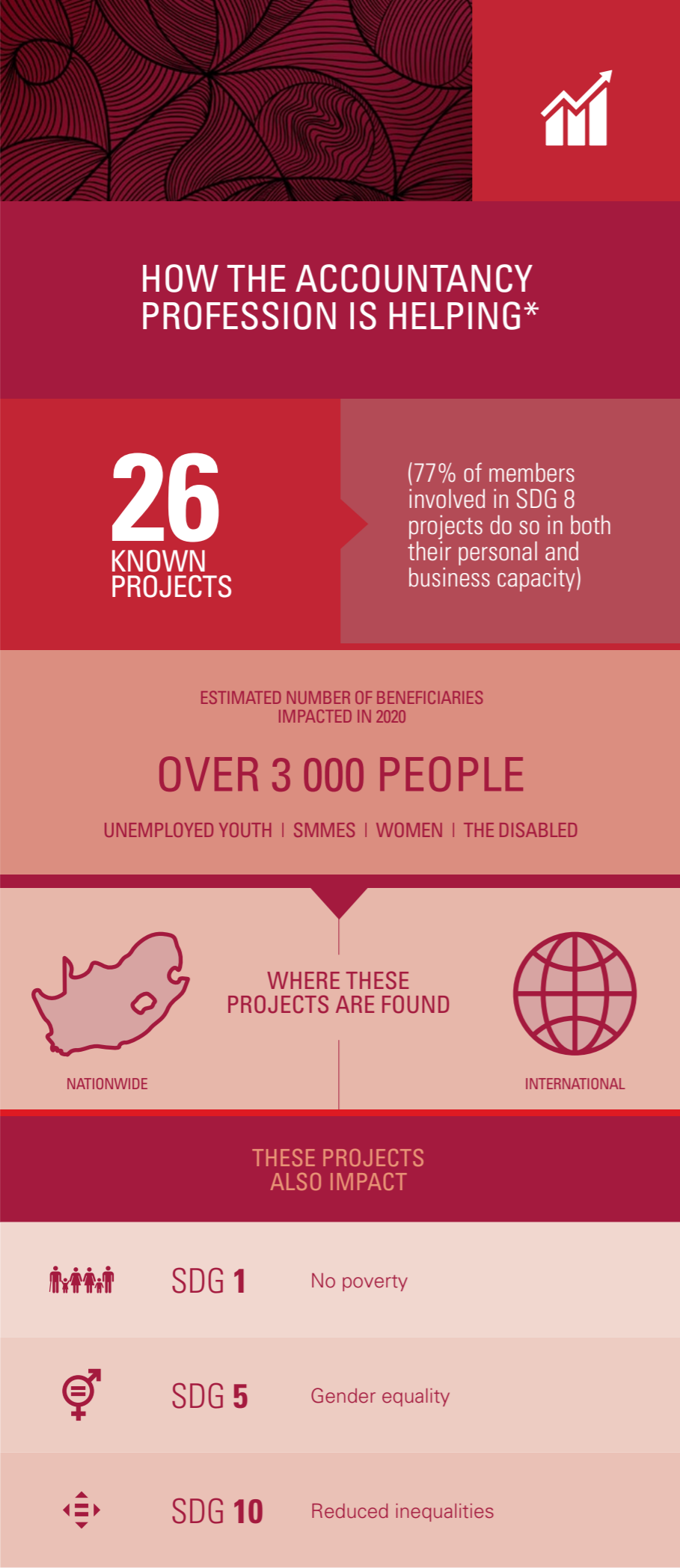
Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

"Economic growth should be a positive force for the whole planet. This is why we must make sure that financial progress creates decent and fulfilling jobs while not harming the environment. We must protect labour rights and once and for all put a stop to modern slavery and child labour. If we promote job creation with expanded access to banking and financial services, we can make sure that everybody gets the benefits of entrepreneurship and innovation."

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- Before the COVID-19 crisis, economic growth remained below the SDG target and now recession means moving further away from the target. It is also expected that the economic impact will be felt more harshly in urban areas.
- **South Africa's GDP is expected to plunge nearly 8% this year.**
- Job security has been impacted since many businesses were ordered to shut down for extended periods, these include but are not limited to tourism, travel, services, and manufacturing.
- **3 million South Africans lost their jobs** during the first month of the pandemic.
- Those who work in informal urban employment are most in jeopardy.
- Firms and businesses are at high risk to COVID-19 related effects especially SMMEs. Analysts predict that around **60% of SMEs may close before the crisis is over.**
- Statistics South Africa has reported the unemployment rate at 30.1% with 40% of young people unemployed.



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GOAL 8

IN ACTION

AT(SA) WORK PLACEMENT FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH PROGRAMME

How it links to this SDG	Placing unemployed youth with diplomas in accounting into 18-month long work placement opportunities.
Number of beneficiaries	50 students
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	SAICA/AT(SA)

BUSINESS RESCUE PRACTITIONER (BRP) PROJECT

How it links to this SDG	Providing training and advocacy for BRPs through seminars and liaison with the CIPC.
Number of beneficiaries	Not disclosed
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA

EY BUSINESS CLINICS

How it links to this SDG	Providing practical training and coaching to women-owned businesses.
Number of beneficiaries	35 female entrepreneurs
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	EY

FETOLA MENTOR HOTLINE PILOT PROGRAMME

How it links to this SDG	Helping small business customers with pro-bono professional services through a mentor hotline (in collaboration with the ABASA, FNB and Fetola)
Number of beneficiaries	400 SMMEs and 300 SAICA members and associates
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA Enterprise Development

FLAME PROJECT

How it links to this SDG	Implementing a Financial Literacy and Micro Enterprise (Flame) Programme for SMMEs on behalf of the ASISA Foundation.
Number of beneficiaries	44 SMMEs
Region impacted	EC, GP KZN, NW & WC
Profession's involvement	SAICA/The Hope Factory

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT SOUTH AFRICA

How it links to this SDG	Inspiring young people through hands-on, experiential programmes that teach key concepts of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.
Number of beneficiaries	490 learners
Region impacted	GP, KZN and WC
Profession's involvement	EY

KHULISA IBIZNIS	
How it links to this SDG	Supporting young black township SMMEs through a J.P. Morgan funded accelerator programme.
Number of beneficiaries	141 SMMEs / 50 unemployed accounting graduates
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA Enterprise Development

MAZARS EGOLI ART FAIR	
How it links to this SDG	Providing networking opportunities for local artists.
Number of beneficiaries	250 local artists
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	Mazars

MAZARS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE	
How it links to this SDG	Addressing the socio-economic issues of unemployment and removing barriers to entry.
Number of beneficiaries	155 students
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	Mazars

MENTORSHIP ROOM	
How it links to this SDG	Providing a platform that engages mentees and mentors in a constructive, safe online learning environment.
Number of beneficiaries	2 650 mentors and mentees
Region impacted	International
Profession's involvement	Hiten Keshave, CA(SA)

THE HOPE FACTORY'S NEW VENTURE CREATION PROGRAMME	
How it links to this SDG	Equipping and educating SMMEs through the transfer of knowledge and skills in business, personal and financial skills development.
Number of beneficiaries	63 SMMEs
Region impacted	EC, GP, KZN & WC
Profession's involvement	SAICA/The Hope Factory

NUTRALIFE AFRICA	
How it links to this SDG	A farming project in Zimbabwe that grows moringa for export while upskilling women as farmworkers.
Number of beneficiaries	6 people
Region impacted	International (Zimbabwe)
Profession's involvement	Angella Makowe Mutonhora, CA(SA)

PWC FASSET TVET COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME	
How it links to this SDG	Providing TVET College interns with 18 months' workplace experience within PwC.
Number of beneficiaries	38 interns (14 permanently employed since 2003)
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	PwC

SAICA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FLAGSHIP SMME PROGRAMME (FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE FOCUS)	
How it links to this SDG	Providing support to SMMEs so that they can play an active and sustainable role in economic transformation and job creation.
Number of beneficiaries	1 000 SMMEs (450 jobs created)
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	SAICA Enterprise Development

WESGRO	
How it links to this SDG	Providing technical training to tourism, trade and investment in the Western Cape
Number of beneficiaries	150 SMMEs
Region impacted	WC
Profession's involvement	KPMG

WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF ENTREPRENEURS	
How it links to this SDG	Uplifting women by providing mentorship and soft skills development to help them navigate the corporate world.
Number of beneficiaries	100 women
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	Waseela Abed, CA(SA)

YES	
How it links to this SDG	Creating opportunities within business as a learning and training platform for previously unemployed youth.
Number of beneficiaries	12 youth
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	Mazars



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GENDER
EQUALITY

ABOUT SDG 5



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE
FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Challenges remain → Progress moderately improving

GOAL OBJECTIVE

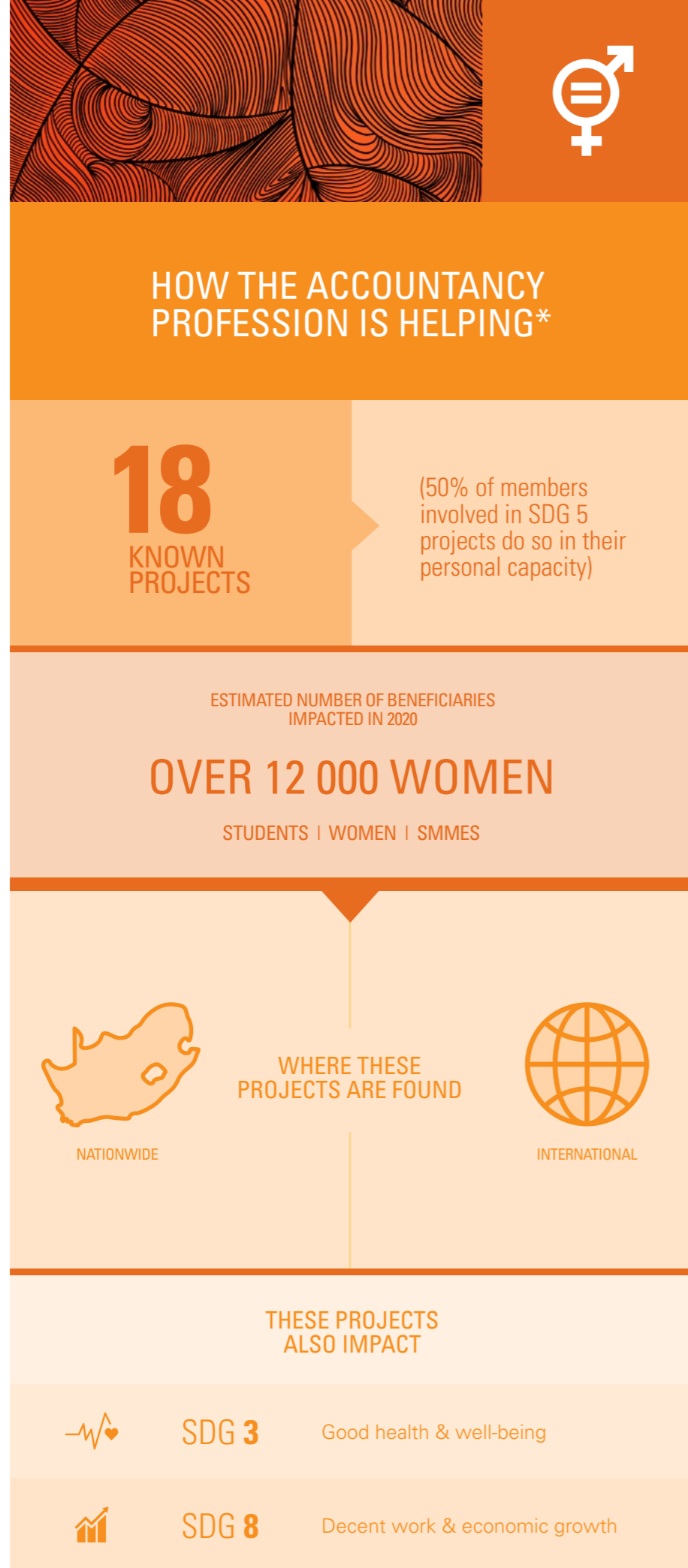
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

“Gender bias is undermining our social fabric and devalues all of us. It is not just a human rights issue; it is a tremendous waste of the world’s human potential. By denying women equal rights, we deny half the population a chance to live life at its fullest. Political, economic and social equality for women will benefit all the world’s citizens. Together, we can eradicate prejudice and work for equal rights and respect for all.”

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- The pandemic is affecting everyone but not in the same way.
- **Women and girls were more affected by the negative impact of COVID-19** (job losses, education shortfalls, etc.) than men.
- Women bore additional household burdens during the pandemic than men.
- The economic shock of COVID-19 could lead to a **prolonged decline in women’s incomes and labour market participation** in developing countries where women are mainly (more than 70%) employed in the informal economy.
- During the pandemic, **violence against women and girls around the world increased** – South Africa’s GBV and femicide command centre recorded more than 120 000 victims in the first three weeks of lockdown.
- Women make up 65% of the healthcare workforce (nurses) and are more likely to be frontline health workers and caretakers. As such, they are more highly exposed to the virus than men.



LEADERSHIP EVOLUTION MASTERCLASS SERIES

How it links to this SDG	Addressing the gender equality issue at leadership levels within business and the practice.
Number of beneficiaries	20 women
Region impacted	KZN
Profession's involvement	SAICA

THE PRIDE@KPMG

How it links to this SDG	Celebrating and supporting the advancement of the firm's LGBT+ community.
Number of beneficiaries	Not disclosed
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	KPMG

UN WOMEN'S HEFORSHE INITIATIVE

How it links to this SDG	Global initiative working to achieve gender equality in the workplace and beyond.
Number of beneficiaries	5 600 staff members
Region impacted	International
Profession's involvement	PwC

MAZARS' WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

How it links to this SDG	Identifying, appreciating, growing and retaining women within Mazars and supporting the Shape Her Essence project by collecting sanitary pads for school-going girls.
Number of beneficiaries	179 women
Region impacted	EC, FS, GP, KZN, NC & WC
Profession's involvement	Mazars (founded by Rochelle Murugan, CA(SA))

TSHWARANANG LEGAL ADVOCACY CENTRE

How it links to this SDG	Providing legal support to Gender Based Violence (GBV) victims and developing an app to enable access to justice for victims of GBV and violence against children.
Number of beneficiaries	800 victims
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	KPMG

WE ARE RUNNERS

How it links to this SDG	Hosting community upliftment drives to keep girls in school by collecting and distributing sanitary towels.
Number of beneficiaries	20 girls
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	Mbalenhle Zulu, CA(SA)





2

GENDER
EQUALITY

ABOUT SDG 2



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Major challenges remain ✎ Progress moderately improving

GOAL OBJECTIVE

End hunger, achieve food security, improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

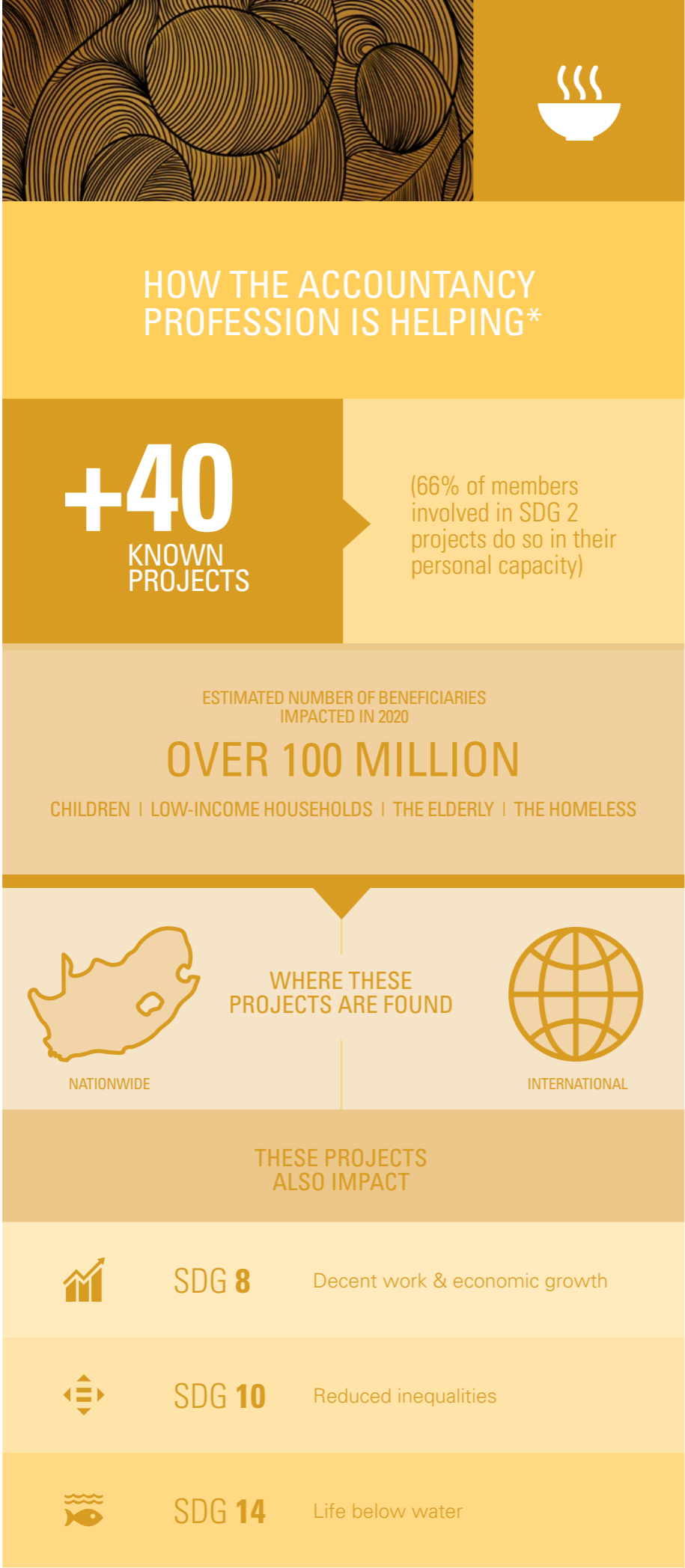
"Hunger is the leading cause of death in the world. Our planet has provided us with tremendous resources, but unequal access and inefficient handling leaves millions of people malnourished. SDG 2's targets maintain that if we promote sustainable agriculture using modern technologies and fair distribution systems, we can sustain the whole world's population and make sure that nobody will ever suffer from hunger again."

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

Before COVID-19 food security was already on the rise (26.4% of global population was affected by food insecurity). Since the COVID-19 crisis, the entire agri-food supply chain has been disrupted. Lockdown measures that restrict movement and trade across borders have contributed to food insecurity across the continent. Added to this, governments' restrictions on travel and movement have led to a shortage of labour and raw materials as well as price fluctuations resulting in food crises and hunger.

- Evidence indicates that **135 million people globally are forecast to be food insecure in 2020**.
- The majority, about 73 million people, live in Africa.
- **One in five people in Africa are undernourished.**
- 30% of children under five – approximately 59 million children – have stunted growth, greater than the global average of 21.9%.
- Additionally, children are suffering from being out of school and not having access to school meals, which many depend on.
- The pandemic has also created an **additional threat to food systems** - impacting both consumers as well as small-scale food producers.



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GOAL 2

IN ACTION

AEROBOTICS

How it links to this SDG	Providing tree crop artificial intelligence that surveys fields for growers to produce per-tree analytics including health, canopy area, height, volume, pests and diseases detection and yield estimates.
Number of beneficiaries	100 million people (estimated)
Region impacted	International
Profession's involvement	Stuart van der Veen, CA(SA)

COVID-19 DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMME

How it links to this SDG	Providing emergency relief to vulnerable communities.
Number of beneficiaries	160 senior citizens, 9 ECDs and 1 school feeding scheme
Region impacted	GP and MP
Profession's involvement	KPMG

ESCOLHA DO POVO

WWW.ROSSAFRICA.COM/INDEX.PHP/MOZAMBIQUE

How it links to this SDG	A commercial hatchery, maize and feed milling operation enhancing the livelihood of small-scale farmers in Mozambique.
Number of beneficiaries	Over 7 000 farmers
Region impacted	International
Profession's involvement	Manuel Rodrigues, CA(SA)

THE GAP COLLEGE BUCKETS OF HOPE

How it links to this SDG	Handing over buckets of hope filled with groceries and toiletries.
Number of beneficiaries	40 people
Region impacted	GP
Profession's involvement	EY

HARVEN GROUND (PTY) LTD

How it links to this SDG	Tackling poverty and hunger through farming activities in rural areas in the former Transkei.
Number of beneficiaries	7 people
Region impacted	EC
Profession's involvement	Bonginkosi Kalipa (BCom Student and SAICA SLS 2019 winner)

NALITHEMBA FARMING

How it links to this SDG	Empowering the community to farm vegetables, pigs and chicken to alleviate extreme financial strain and help them participate in commercial farming.
Number of beneficiaries	20 beneficiaries
Region impacted	EC
Profession's involvement	Babalwa Gova, CA(SA)

RISE AGAINST HUNGER[HTTP://RAHAFRICA.ORG/](http://RAHAFRICA.ORG/)

How it links to this SDG	Volunteer based meal packaging and distribution nutrition programme.
Number of beneficiaries	Not disclosed
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	Sean Beutement, CA(SA)

MEALS ON WHEELS SAWWW.MOW.ORG.ZA

How it links to this SDG	Providing cooked meals to the poorest of the poor, vulnerable persons and the elderly as well as providing community support, infrastructures and services to those in need.
Number of beneficiaries	31 million meals served annually
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	Joy Maletse, CA(SA)

POWELTRY

How it links to this SDG	Implementing healthy and safe poultry farming practices in a small village in Tsolo.
Number of beneficiaries	1 community
Region impacted	EC
Profession's involvement	E Sanele Sibeko, Kamva Ndinisa & Nkateko Ngobeni (BCom Students and SAICA SLS 2019 finalists)



ABOUT SDG 3



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

- Major challenges remain
- Progress moderately improving

GOAL OBJECTIVE

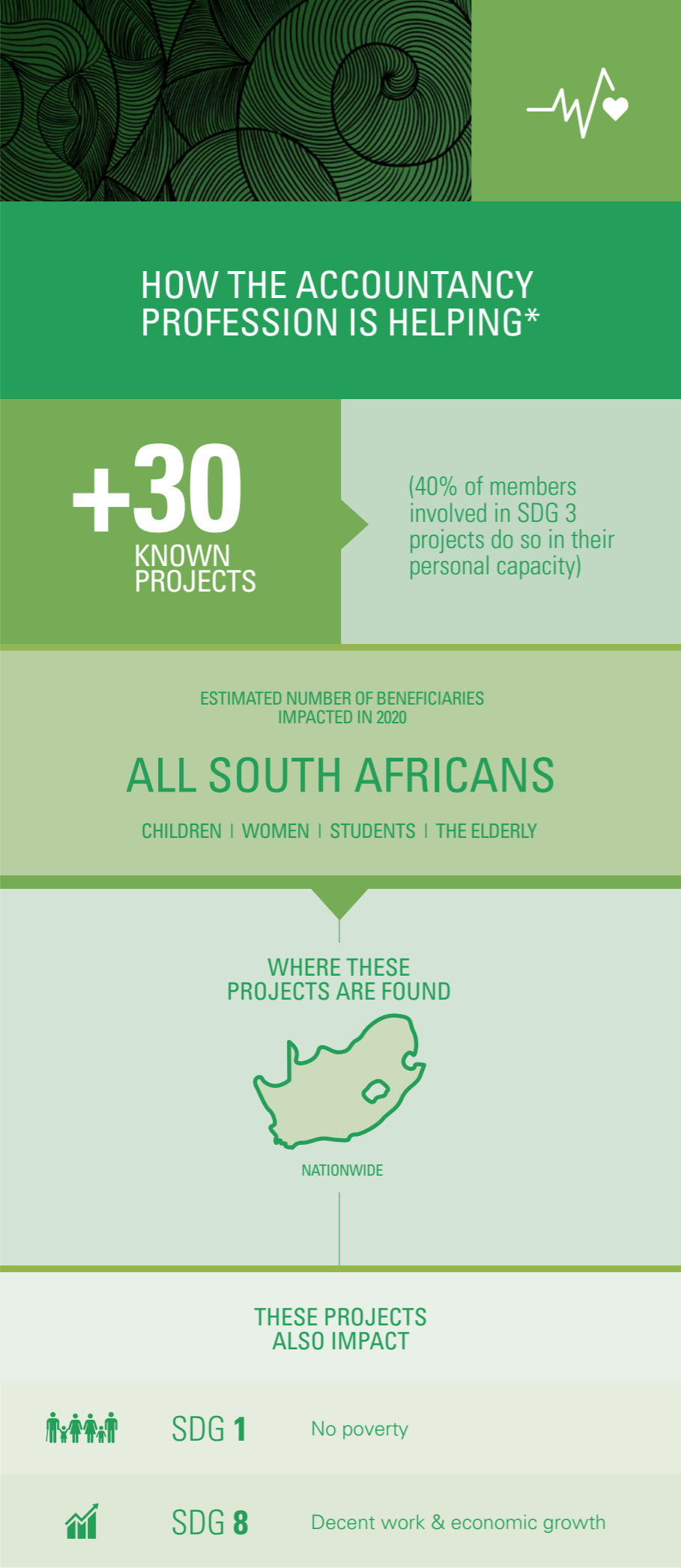
Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

“Over the last 15 years, the number of global childhood deaths has been cut in half. This proves that it is possible to win the fight against almost every disease. Still, governments spend an astonishing amount of money and resources on treating illnesses that are easy to prevent. SDG 3’s goal for worldwide Good Health promotes healthy lifestyles, preventive measures and modern, efficient healthcare for everyone.”

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- Healthcare systems, around the world, have been put under immense pressure as an immediate result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- South Africa has experience one of the world’s highest COVID-19 infection rates** despite some of the toughest measures to contain the pandemic
- The pandemic has also:
 - interrupted childhood immunisation programmes
 - caused a spike in illness and deaths from communicable disease
- With this health crisis, health workers were shifted to COVID-19 care, this has exacerbated shortages and South Africa’s already weak health systems could face collapse. In the long term, this could be **the weak spot that disrupts the vision of universal access to health care by 2030.**



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KZN DOCTORS HEALTHCARE COALITION HOTLINE

How it links to this SDG	Providing free consultations relating to Covid-19 to the uninsured and SA's most vulnerable communities.
Number of beneficiaries	450 doctors supported / 10 000 calls made during lockdown
Region impacted	KZN
Profession's involvement	KPMG

THUTHUKA RESILIENCE TRAINING

How it links to this SDG	Providing tips to build resilience in the face of major setbacks and mental health challenges.
Number of beneficiaries	1 105 students
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA

BE WELL, WORK WELL PROGRAMME

How it links to this SDG	Focusing on staff's mental, physical, financial and spiritual well-being.
Number of beneficiaries	+ 5 600 staff
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	PwC

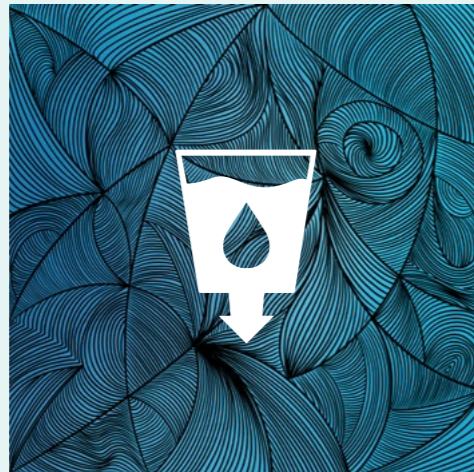
MASHAMBA SOCCER ACADEMY

WWW.MASHAMBAACADEMY.COM

How it links to this SDG	Developing rural soccer players and providing them with a way out of rural poverty.
Number of beneficiaries	5 000 community members
Region impacted	LP
Profession's involvement	Mutondi Mashamba, CA(SA)

PROVINCIAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROJECT BUILDING CAPACITY IN FINANCE

How it links to this SDG	Providing financial management support and advice to hospital CEOs and provincial structures.
Number of beneficiaries	5 Provincial Health Departments
Region impacted	FS, KZN, MP, LP & the National Health Laboratory Services in GP
Profession's involvement	SAICA



6

CLEAN WATER &
SANITATION

ABOUT SDG 6



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Significant challenges remain ↗ Progress moderately improving

GOAL OBJECTIVE

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

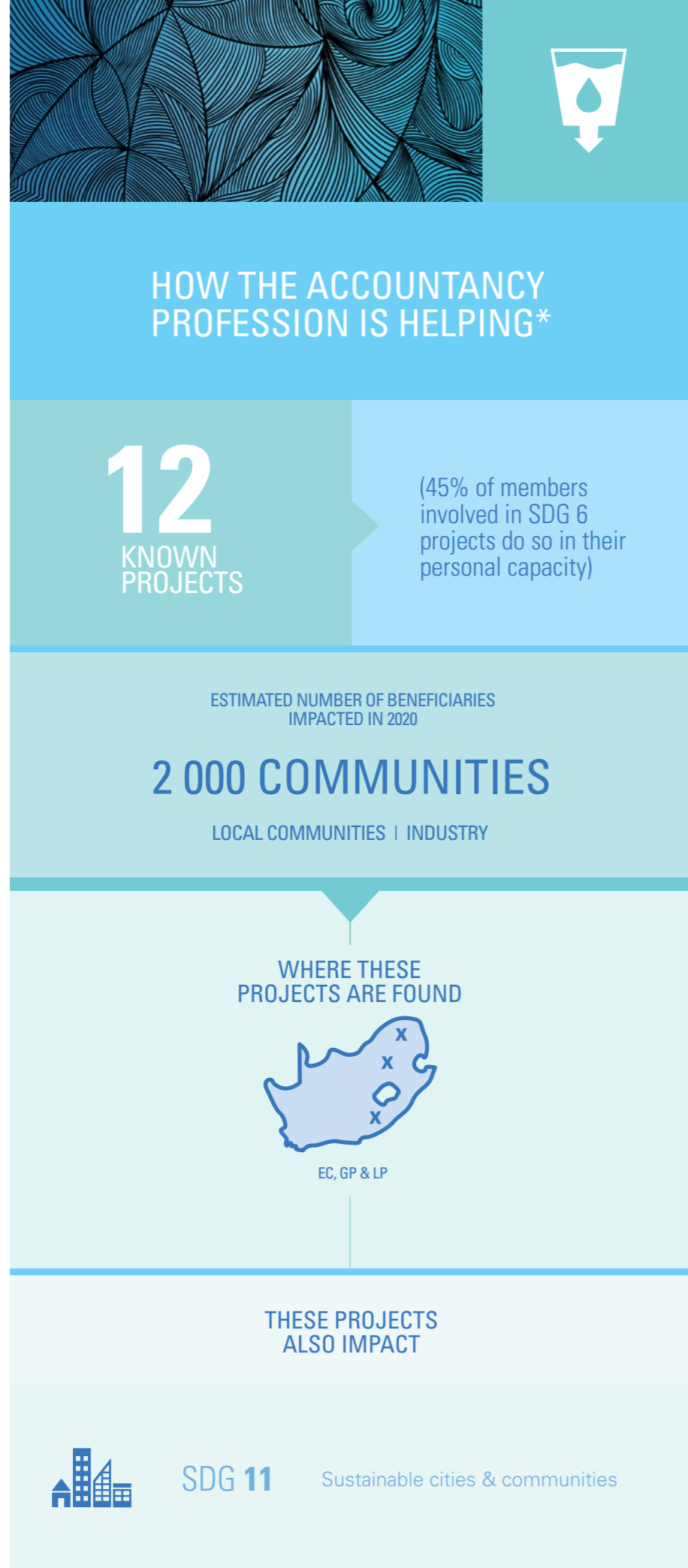
“One in three people live without sanitation. This is causing unnecessary disease and death. Although huge global strides have been made with regards to access to clean drinking water, lack of sanitation (particularly in the developing world) is undermining these advances. If we provide affordable equipment and education in hygiene practices, we can stop this senseless suffering and loss of life.”

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

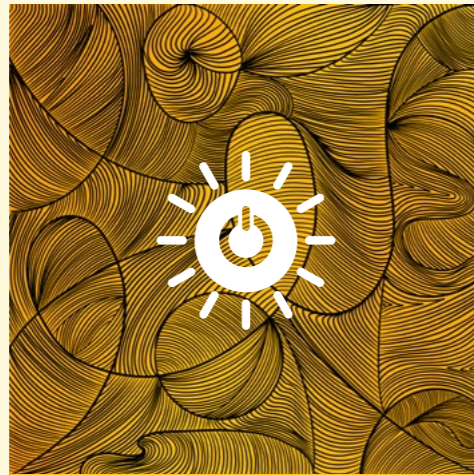
Washing hands with soap frequently under running water is the main advice against the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, ensuring the availability of clean water for all is crucial to cope and persist in the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

- In South Africa more than **50% of communities do not have access to running water** in their households.



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CLEAN &
AFFORDABLE
ENERGY

ABOUT SDG 7



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

- Significant challenges remain
- Progress moderately improving

GOAL OBJECTIVE

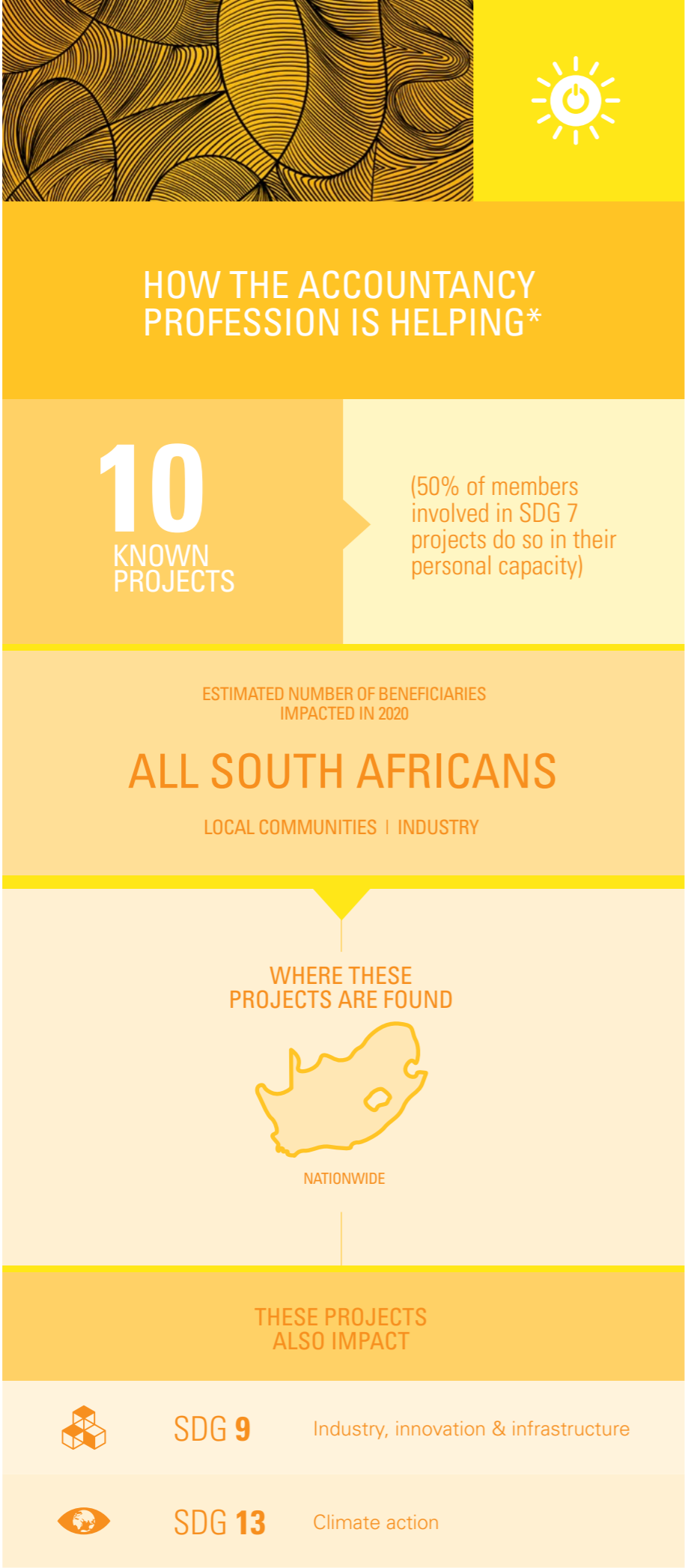
Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

“Renewable energy solutions are becoming cheaper, more reliable and more efficient every day. Our current reliance on fossil fuels is unsustainable and harmful to the planet, which is why we have to change the way we produce and consume energy. Implementing these new energy solutions as fast as possible is essential to counter climate change, one of the biggest threats to our own survival.”

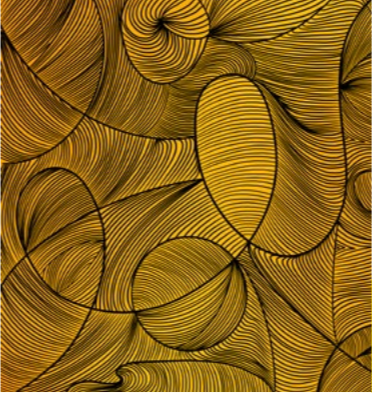
- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- Efforts are needed to scale up on sustainable and renewable energy solutions.
- In South Africa, load shedding was suspended during lockdown as a result of a decreased demand in electricity.
- However, as soon as the lockdown measures were eased, **load shedding** was again introduced which **has implications for economic recovery**.



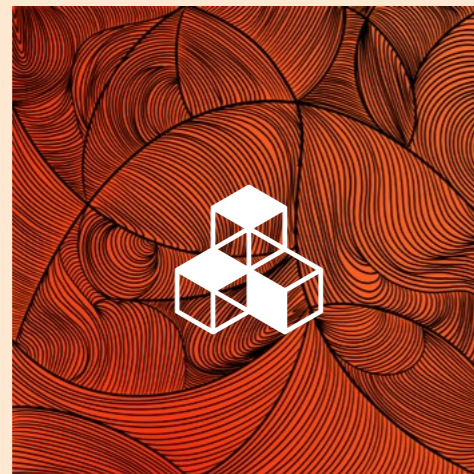
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GOAL 7
IN ACTION

ENEGRO		HYDROGEN PROJECT	
How it links to this SDG	An Avon and Dedisa Peaking Power Enterprise and Supplier Development programme developing entrepreneurs within the energy sector.	How it links to this SDG	Designing a high-level roadmap to assist SA with the adoption of decarbonised energy and building capacity around the deployment of the hydrogen economy across various sectors (in conjunction with the Department of Science and Innovation).
Number of beneficiaries	14 SMMEs	Number of beneficiaries	All South Africans
Region impacted	EC, GP, NW and WC	Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA Enterprise Development	Profession's involvement	KPMG

RIVERBANK WIND FARM SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	
How it links to this SDG	Facilitating New Venture Creation Unit Standards within the Riverbank Wind Farm project.
Number of beneficiaries	43 SMMEs
Region impacted	EC
Profession's involvement	SAICA Enterprise Development



9

INDUSTRY,
INNOVATION &
INFRASTRUCTURE

ABOUT SDG 9



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

- Significant challenges remain
- Progress moderately improving

GOAL OBJECTIVE

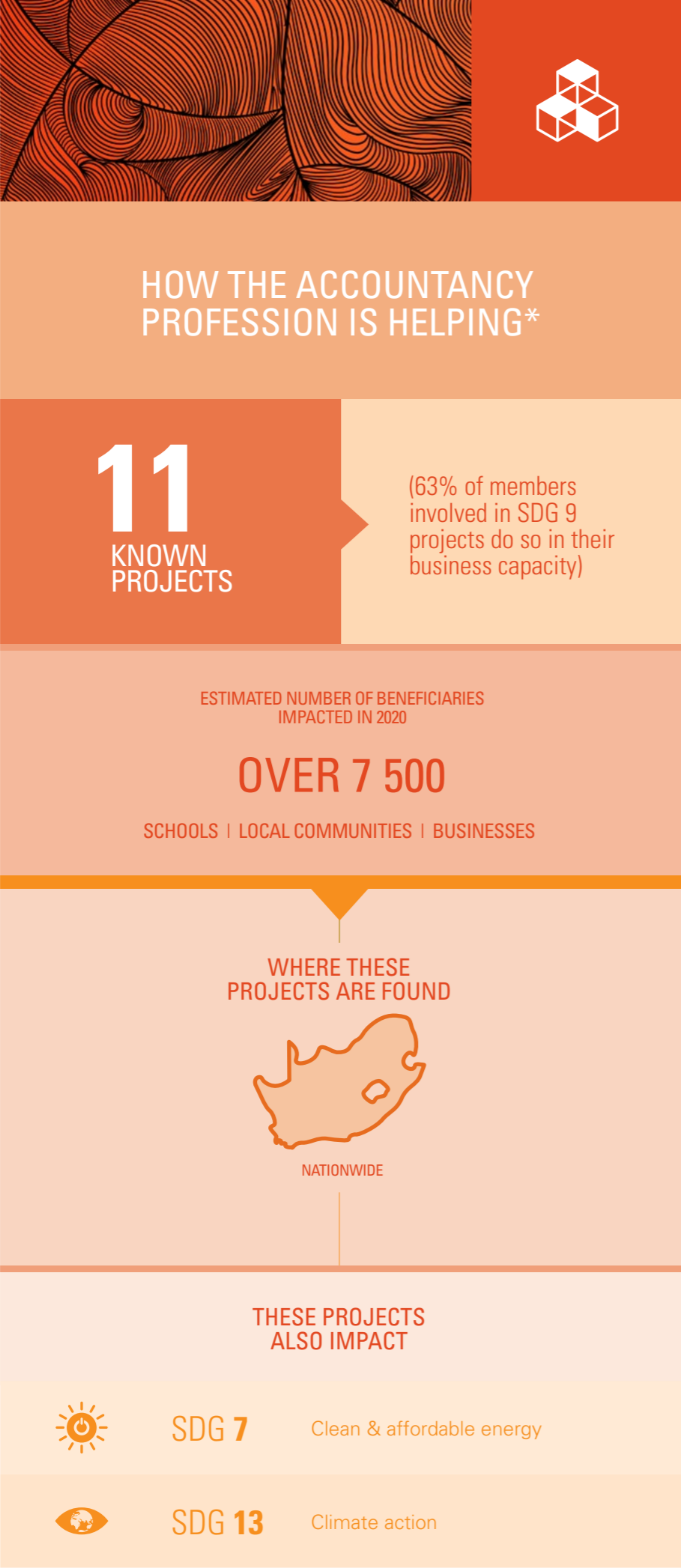
Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.

"A functioning and resilient infrastructure is the foundation of every successful community. To meet future challenges, our industries and infrastructure must be upgraded. For this, we need to promote innovative sustainable technologies and ensure equal and universal access to information and financial markets. This will bring prosperity, create jobs and make sure that we build stable and prosperous societies across the globe."

- www.globalgoals.org

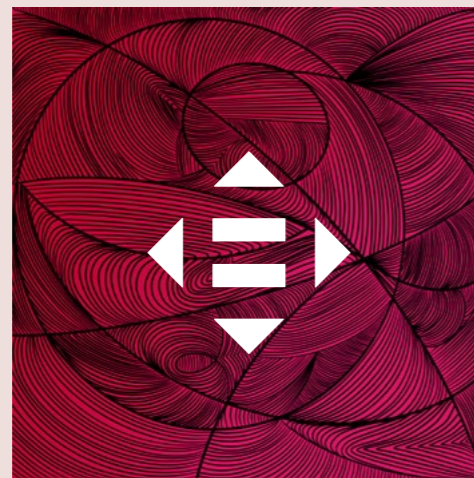
HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- Globally, COVID-19 pandemic has led to extreme pressures in infrastructure and industry and has halted innovation.
- Stats SA findings of its latest General Household Survey show that while 59.3% of all South Africans have access to the internet in some way, access at home remains low, with **only 9.5% of the population has internet in their household.**



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10

REDUCED
INEQUALITY

ABOUT SDG 10



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

- Major challenges remain
- No data on progress available

GOAL OBJECTIVE

Reduce inequality within and among countries.

“Too much of the world’s wealth is held by a very small group of people. This often leads to financial and social discrimination. In order for nations to flourish, equality and prosperity must be available to everyone - regardless of gender, race, religious beliefs or economic status. When every individual is self-sufficient, the entire world prospers.”

- www.globalgoals.org

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- **South Africa remains one of the most unequal societies in the world.**
- The Covid-19 effects will further weaken macro-economic structure and increase inequalities the most vulnerable groups of society, particularly:
 - the elderly
 - people with disabilities
 - children
 - women
 - migrants and refugees

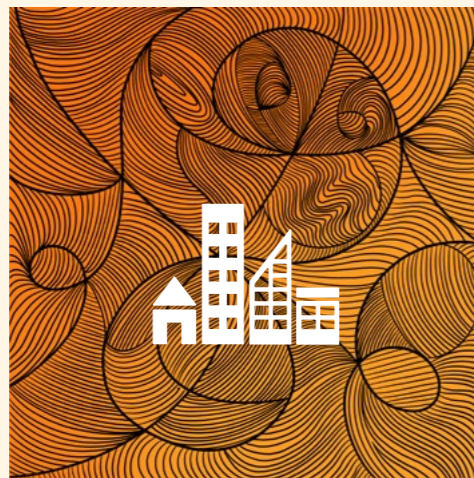


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GOAL 10
IN ACTION

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS OF SOUTH AFRICA (ABASA) WWW.ABASA.ORG.ZA		EVERGREEN LIFESTYLE	
How it links to this SDG	Uniting accountants and aspiring accountants to promote, facilitate and create opportunities that provide advancement for black accounting professionals.	How it links to this SDG	Changing the way people retire in South Africa by providing a dignified retirement lifestyle.
Number of beneficiaries	Not disclosed	Number of beneficiaries	+/- 1 000 beneficiaries
Region impacted	Nationwide	Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	ABASA	Profession's involvement	Adam Kajee, CA(SA)
STARFISH GREATHEARTS FOUNDATION WWW.STARFISH-GREATHEARTS.ORG.ZA		TRANSNET ENTREPRENEURS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAMME	
How it links to this SDG	Changing the lives of orphaned or vulnerable children in communities affected by HIV, AIDS and poverty.	How it links to this SDG	Providing a SMME development programme aimed at empowering and enabling entrepreneurs with disability.
Number of beneficiaries	200 000 children	Number of beneficiaries	10 SMMEs
Region impacted	Nationwide	Region impacted	EC, GP, KZN, NW & WC
Profession's involvement	Pablo Talbot, SAICA trainee	Profession's involvement	SAICA/The Hope Factory



11

SUSTAINABLE
CITIES &
COMMUNITIES

ABOUT SDG 11



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

• Significant challenges remain → Progress stagnating

GOAL OBJECTIVE

Reduce inequality within and among countries.

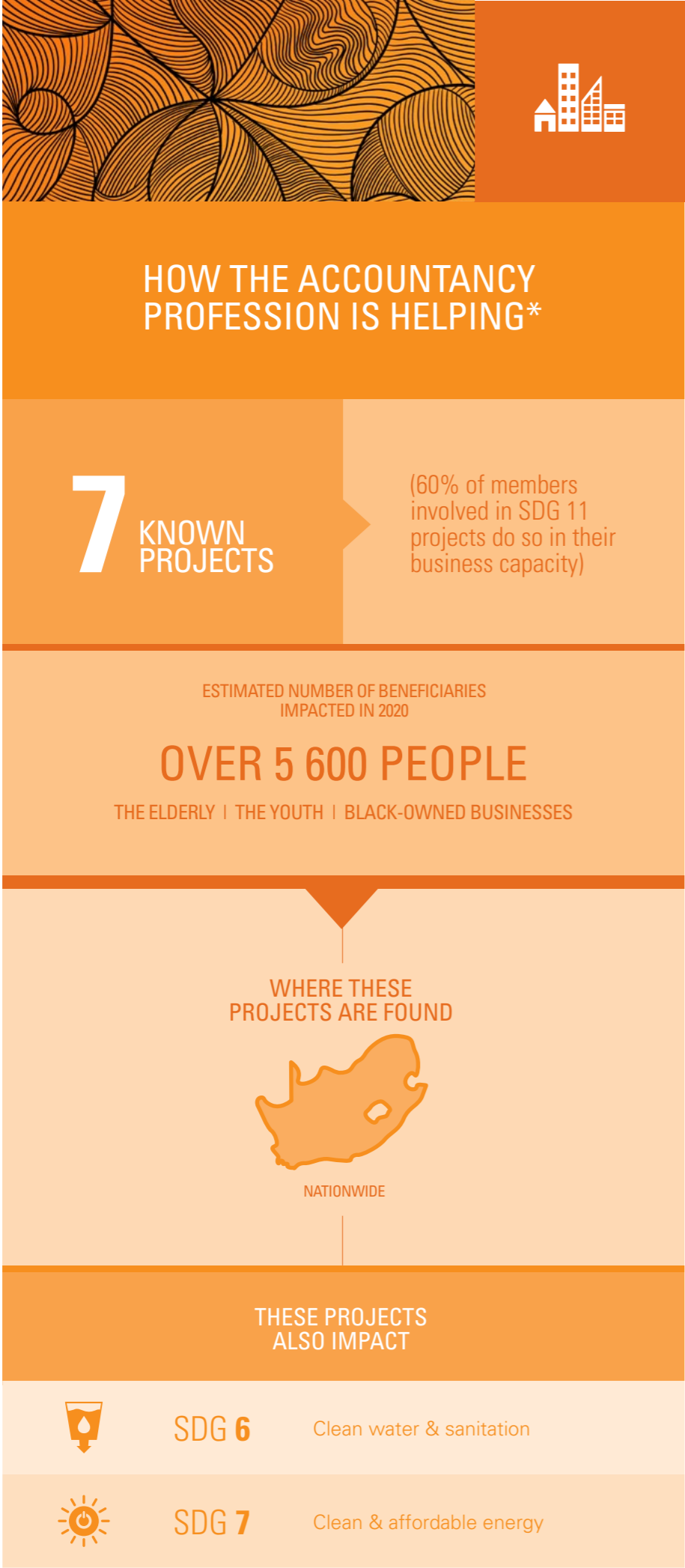
“The world’s population is constantly increasing. To accommodate everyone, we need to build modern, sustainable cities. For all of us to survive and prosper, we need new, intelligent urban planning that creates safe, affordable and resilient cities with green and culturally inspiring living conditions.”

- www.globalgoals.org

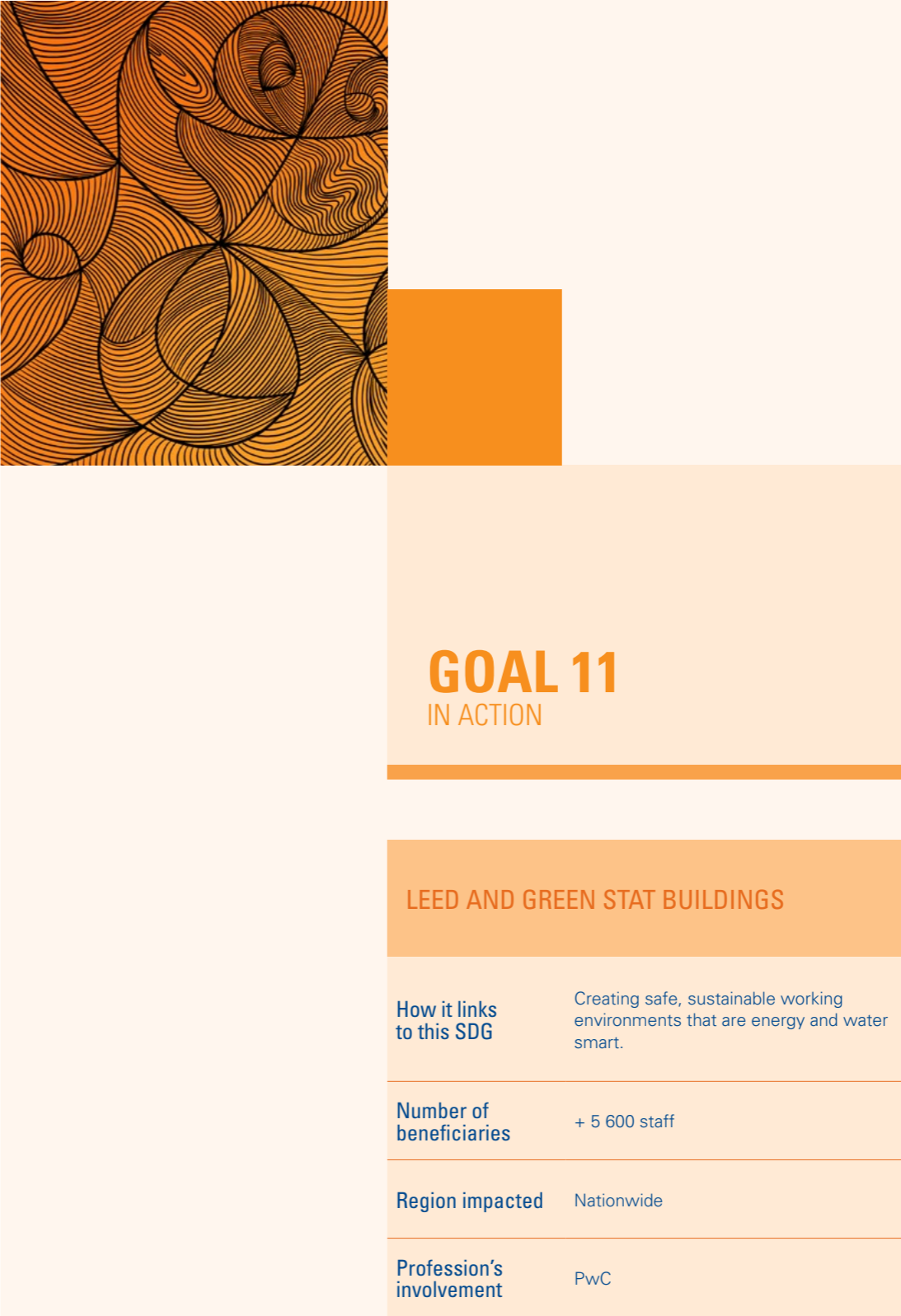
HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

People face higher risks related to inadequate access to safe drinking water and sanitation, poor housing and overcrowding particularly in informal settlements.





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ABOUT SDG 12



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Challenges remain ● No data on progress available

GOAL OBJECTIVE

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

“Our planet has provided us with an abundance of natural resources. But we have not utilised them responsibly and currently consume far beyond what our planet can provide. We must learn how to use and produce in sustainable ways that will reverse the harm that we have inflicted on the planet.”

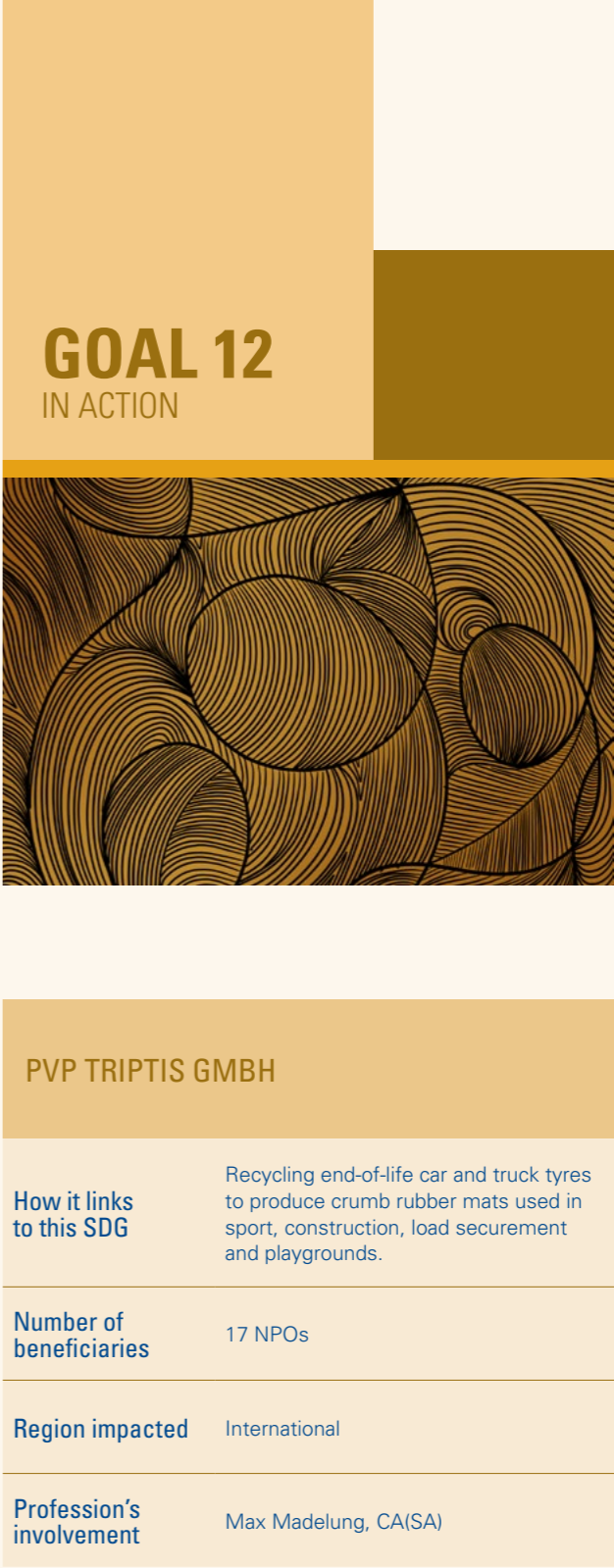
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HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- **The world continues to use natural resources unsustainably.**
- **Our global material footprint has increased** from 73.2 billion tons in 2010 to 85.9 billion tons in 2017.
- South Africa sends around 95 million tonnes of waste to its 826 landfill sites.
- Less than 40% of our materials are recycled.



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ABOUT SDG 13



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Significant challenges remain ➤ Progress stagnating

GOAL OBJECTIVE

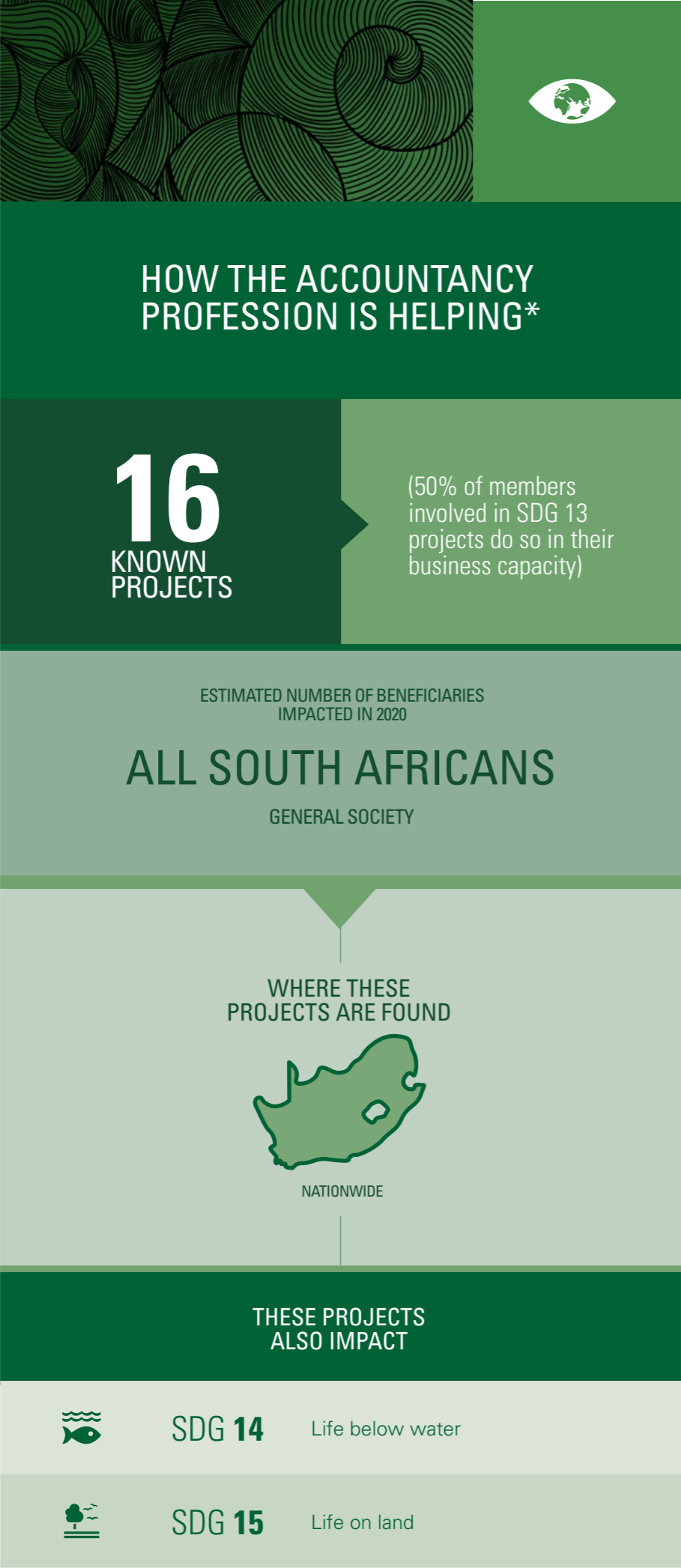
Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

“Climate change is a real and undeniable threat to our entire civilisation. The effects are already visible and will be catastrophic unless we act now. Through education, innovation and adherence to our climate commitments, we can make the necessary changes to protect the planet. These changes also provide huge opportunities to modernise our infrastructure which will create new jobs and promote greater prosperity across the globe.”

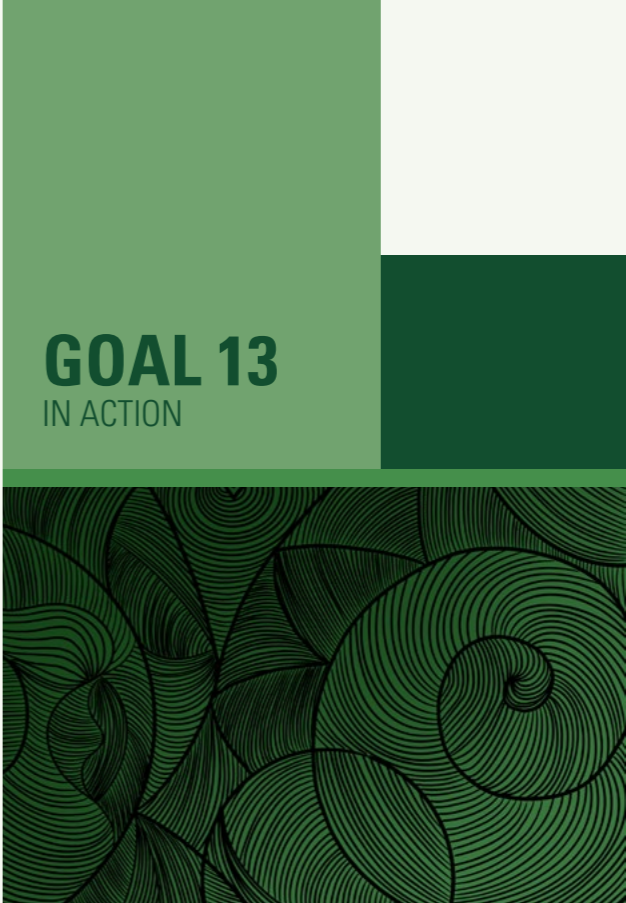
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HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- Globally, there has been a reduction in environmental impacts as a result of halted economic and transport activities
- However, climate change continues to exacerbate the frequency and severity of natural disasters: At least **207 natural disasters were recorded globally in the first six months of 2020** — this is above the 21st century average of 185 disasters.
- For the year-to-date, 2020 has been the second-warmest year on record after 2016.



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GOAL 13
IN ACTION

CLIMATE RISK FORUM	
How it links to this SDG	Actioning National Treasury's Sustainable Financing Paper to capacitate and upskill the financial services sector on climate risk.
Number of beneficiaries	All South Africans
Region impacted	Nationwide
Profession's involvement	SAICA



14

LIFE BELOW
WATER

ABOUT SDG 14



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Significant challenges remain → Progress stagnating

GOAL OBJECTIVE

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

"Healthy oceans and seas are essential to our existence. They cover 70% of our planet and we rely on them for food, energy and water. Yet, we have managed to do tremendous damage to these precious resources. We must protect them by eliminating pollution and overfishing and immediately start to responsibly manage and protect all marine life around the world."

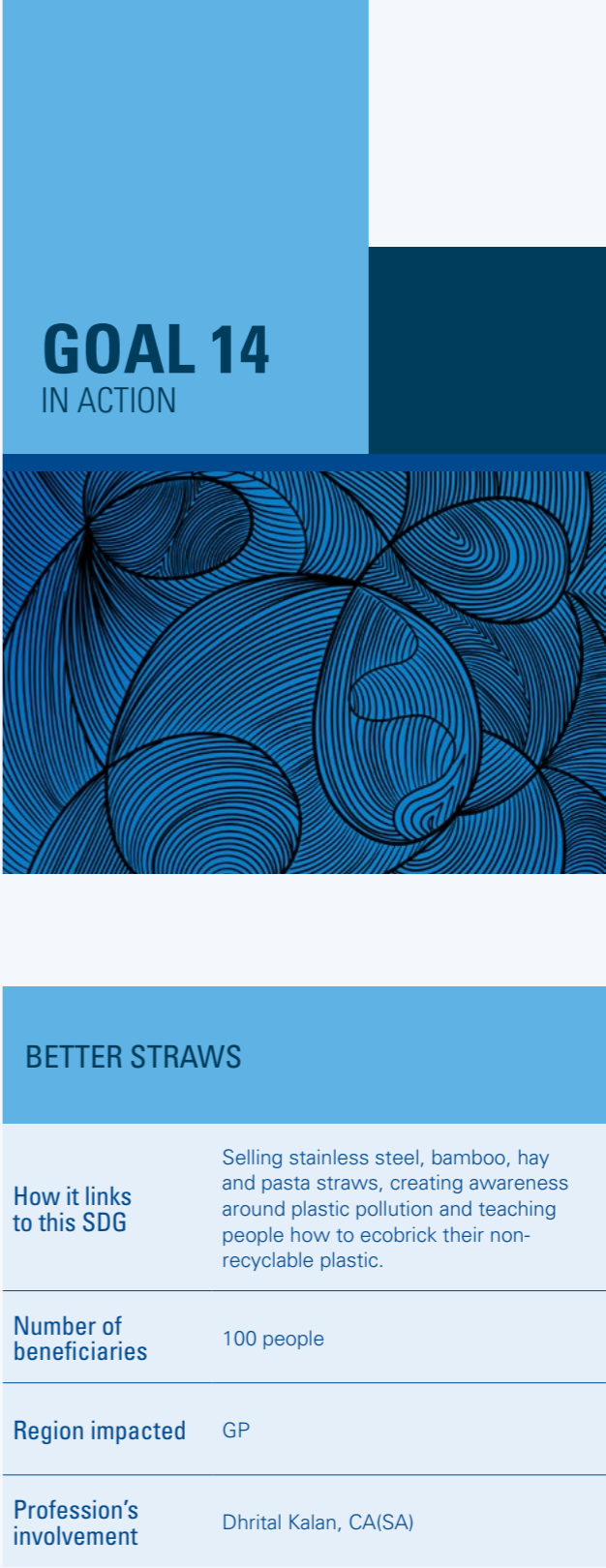
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HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- The drastic reduction in human activity brought about by COVID-19 may be a chance for oceans to recuperate (since more than 80% of marine pollution comes from land-based activities).
- However, many experts expect increased poverty (as a result of COVID-19) to lead to overfishing
- According to a recent UN report:
 - more than **two thirds of the world's fisheries have been overfished** or are fully harvested, and
 - more than one third is in a state of decline, due to the loss of fish habitats, soaring pollution levels in oceans and rivers and climate change.



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15

LIFE ON
LAND

ABOUT SDG 15



SOUTH AFRICA'S TREND PERFORMANCE FOR THIS SDG IN 2020

● Significant challenges remain → Progress stagnating

GOAL OBJECTIVE

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, and prevent biodiversity loss.

“A flourishing life on land is the foundation for our life on this planet. We are all part of the planet’s ecosystem and we have caused severe damage to it through deforestation, loss of natural habitats and land degradation. Promoting a sustainable use of our ecosystems and preserving biodiversity is not a cause. It is the key to our own survival.”

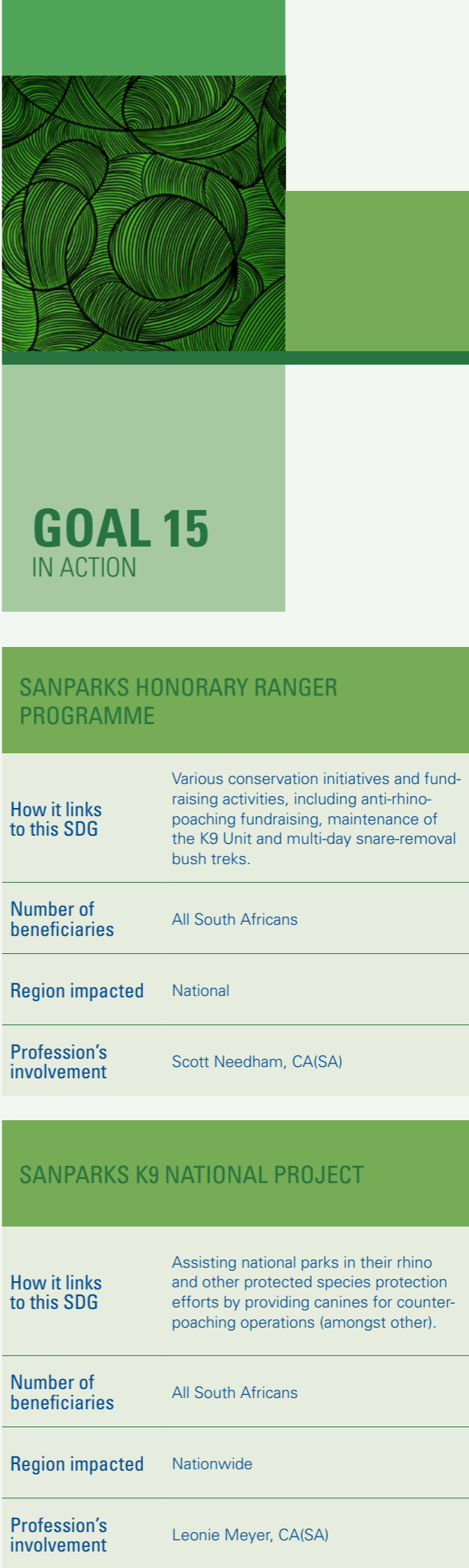
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HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED ON THIS SDG AND WHY IT MATTERS

- The world is falling short on 2030 targets to halt biodiversity loss.
 - Over **31 000 species are threatened with extinction**
 - This equates to 27% of the 116 000 species assessed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as on the “red list”
- **Two billion hectares of the planet’s land are degraded** - this affects some 3.2 billion people (just over 40% of the global population).
- Here in South Africa, economic growth continues to make increasing demands on the country’s natural resources with mining, agriculture and coastal developments, in particular, negatively impacting species and ecosystems.



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SUSTAINABILITY IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM

While many believe that the SDGs are merely part of a broader government agenda, this simply is not true.

It is up to all of us to get involved in creating a more inclusive, more sustainable planet.

As we hit 2020, we have reached a critical juncture. Over the next decade, the success and failure of our organisations and country will be determined by how we respond to these social and environmental challenges.

Indeed, in the 2019 'Sustainable Development Goals: Country report', President Cyril Ramaphosa confirmed this:

"The SDGs give us the opportunity to collaborate more sharply, more effectively and more deliberately in 'leaving no one behind'... If we wish to remain relevant within the global community, we need to work together and invest in education, training, reskilling and new skills, to be able to cope with the challenges of the future ... Those who suffer most from poverty or exclusion, those who have been left behind and who have no access to development, peace or respect and dignity look unto us, as leaders, with hope for a better tomorrow. We cannot and dare not fail them. Finally, I want to encourage all to mobilise behind the vision of the SDGs and indeed our own NDP so that we can face

our challenges and march together towards the new dawn of a better tomorrow. We all have it within our reach to define our destiny."

To help you join this journey and take action, SAICA has created a project called #SustainableSA where we will be working in collaboration with strategic partners and experts to provide focused monthly information on each SDG. Recognising the fact that action only achieves results when it is informed, measured, reported on and rewarded, #SustainableSA provides:

- Regular updates on South Africa's status on achieving each SDG
- Education
- Highlights of key actions needed to be taken
- Relevant tips and tools for reporting, and
- Awards for outstanding contributions made by both companies and individuals towards achieving the SDGs

In South Africa, we have 'pockets of expertise' on the SDGs and through #SustainableSA we want to bring these together, to share their wisdom on a consolidated platform, to enable the transformation of decision-making, and to enable more resilient and sustainable businesses models.

There has never been a greater need for us to collaborate and to form valuable partnerships

The SDGs are built on five Ps: **People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership** and it is only by working on each of these that we will be able to overcome the many challenges we as a country face.

If you are not already on this journey, we invite you to join us and we look forward to sharing more information and interacting with you through our monthly #SustainableSA updates, articles, tips, podcasts and webinars at <http://saicasdg.co.za/sustainable-sa/>

PEOPLE

End poverty and hunger in all forms and ensure dignity

PROSPERITY

Ensure prosperous and fulfilling lives in harmony with nature

PLANET

Protect our planet's natural resources and climate for future

PEACE

Foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies

PARTNERSHIP

Implement the agenda through a solid global partnership





2020 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY PROFESSION

SUMMARY

SAICA
wishes to
thank the

390 INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERS &
ASSOCIATES

&

8 ORGANISATIONS

that reported into this year's report.

THROUGH YOUR SUBMISSIONS, THE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY IS
MAKING AN IMPACT IN ALL 17 OF THE SDGS - WITH A PARTICULAR
FOCUS ON

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where
over

220

of the **more than 390 projects**
reported in 2020 are found.

We are proud to note that just
about **every SDG** has a project
with a national impact footprint.

NEW RESEARCH LINKS THE ACCOUNTANCY PROFESSION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

According to November 2020 research issued
by The International Federation of Accountants
in partnership with the Centre for Economics
and Business Research (Cebr):

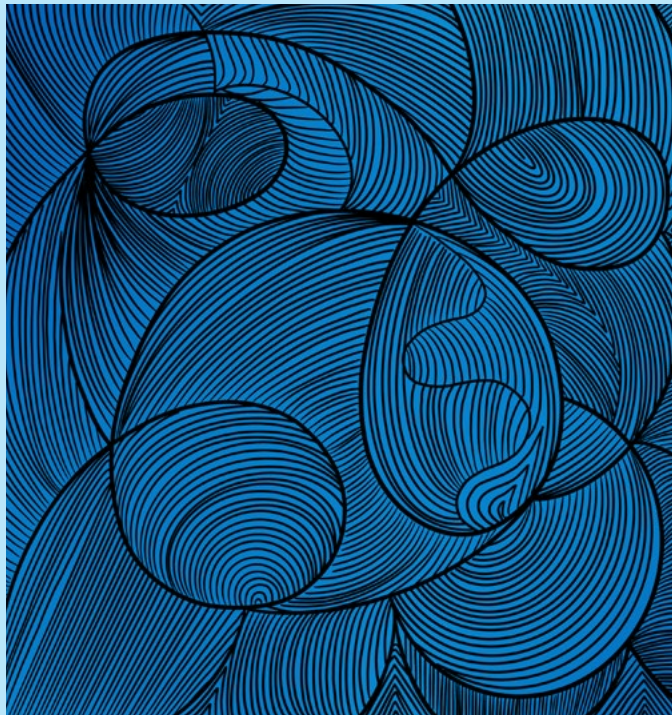
Professional accountants make a significant contribution to
the economy at the local, national and global levels.

In each measure reviewed, a greater number of
accountants correlates to better economic performance.
Moreover, professional accountants who are members
of IFAC member professional accountancy organisations
(PAOs) such as SAICA correlate to even stronger
performance on economic indicators.

"At IFAC, we have always understood the strong
connection between a well-developed accountancy
profession and economic development," said Kevin
Dancey, IFAC CEO. "This research will help policymakers
around the world have better informed conversations
with professional accountants and PAOs about their
contributions to society and potential partnerships for
development and growth."

A snapshot of the accountancy profession's economic
contribution to the global economy and to society can be
found at

www.ifac.org/knowledge-gateway/contributing-global-economy



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