



## Clean Development Mechanism

# Sustainable Development Co-Benefits Reports

### The SD Tool

The sustainable development (SD) tool enables Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project developers to showcase the sustainable development benefits of their projects and programmes of activities.

The tool contains a short survey about the project's co-benefits, which is used to create a detailed sustainable development co-benefits report that is then published on the UNFCCC's website for public access.

### Benefits for CDM project developers

For most voluntary users of certified emission reductions (CERs), which opt for offsets based on their personal or corporate preferences, information about the sustainable development benefits of the projects they support is essential.

By describing the co-benefits of their project activity or programme of activities – whether improving indoor air quality, providing electricity to light a room or creating employment – project developers can highlight the additional value behind the units they offer.

The SD Tool gives project developers with an opportunity to provide vital information to potential buyers and other stakeholders.

## Real life benefits

*"The most critical factor for us was being able to afford the medicine to treat the most common problems such as burning eyes, breathing problems etc.*

*Now we can afford a doctor because we save more and earn more. We don't need him because there are no major health issues anymore."*

Parvathi Amma, biogas user in Kolar District, India

CDM Biogas Programme 121



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### Where can I find the SD Tool and its Reports?

Please visit the following site:

<http://cdmcobenefits.unfccc.int/>

The reports are available at:

<http://cdmcobenefits.unfccc.int/Pages/SD-Reports.aspx>

### How can I use the SD Tool?

Just visit the page indicated above and click on “Create a report”. You will get simple step-by-step instructions on how to access and use the SD Tool to create your report.

If you have any questions, just contact us.

#### Overview of sustainable development co-Benefits

##### A. The extent of environmental co-Benefits:

		N/A	Partly	Slightly	Highly
Air	Reducing Sox				*
	Reducing Nox				*
	Reducing Fly ash				*
	Reducing suspended particulate matter (SPM)				*
	Reducing Non Methane Volatile Organic Compounds (NMVOCs)	*			
	Reducing Noise Pollution	*			
	Reducing odors	*			
	Reducing Dust	*			*
	Other air quality improvements	*			
	Preventing end of life products/equipment (solid waste)	*			
Land	Producing/using compost	*			
	Producing/using manure, mineral fertilizer or other soil nutrients	*			
	Irrigation	*			
	Preventing soil erosion	*			
	Minimum tillage	*			
Water	Other means to improve land quality	*			
	Improving management/control of wastewater	*			
	Saving/conserving of water	*			
	Improving reliability/accessibility of water supply	*			
	Purification/cleaner water supply	*			
Natural Resources	Improving ecological state of water bodies	*			
	Other means to improve water	*			
	Protecting mineral resources	*		*	
	Protecting/enhancing plant life	*			
	Protecting/enhancing species diversity	*			
	Protecting/enhancing forests	*			
	Protecting/enhancing other depletable natural resources	*			

##### B. The extent of social co-Benefits:

		N/A	Partly	Slightly	Highly
Jobs	New long-term jobs	*			
	New short-term jobs	*			
	New sources of income generation	*			
	Other employment opportunities	*			
	Disease prevention	*		*	
Health & Safety	Reducing accidents	*			
	Reducing crime	*			
	Preserving food	*			
	Reducing health damaging indoor air pollution	*			*
	Enhancing health services	*		*	
	Improving sanitation and waste management	*			
	Other health and safety improvement	*			

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## Questions or comments?

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Sample of sustainable development co-benefits report