

# THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

We support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), a series of 17 goals that seek to promote prosperity for all. They provide the business community with a framework for assessing the impact and increasing the value of their activities. We consider our activities within the context of these goals and assess our contributions to them.

While we believe we can play a meaningful role in helping to address the SDGs, not all 17 are relevant to our business in all circumstances, nor to each of our assets. In addition, the potential for some goals to conflict with one another exists. For example, as an oil and gas company, we acknowledge that producing hydrocarbons contributes to global climate change but also provides affordable energy and promotes economic, social and human development.

Nonetheless, across the value chain, many of our activities add value to society by contributing positively towards the SDGs. These include providing energy to meet demand, committing to driving down emissions across our operations as the world transitions to a lower-carbon economy and supporting communities through targeted social investments. We also look to minimise or mitigate any potentially negative impacts on both society and the environment.



SDG	Target	Cairn contribution
	1.1 End poverty in all its forms	- Continued to make payments to host governments throughout our operations (page 60)
	1.4 Ensure right to economic resources	- Donated to UK charity Freshstart to support homeless people
	2.1 End hunger and ensure access by all people	- Implemented measures to minimise disruption to fishing activities offshore Mexico (page 55)
	3.4 Reduce premature death, and promote mental health and well-being	- Continued to offer employee health benefits across the organisation (page 25)
	3.8 Achieve universal health coverage access to quality essential health-care services	- Developed and delivered health and well-being initiatives (page 24)
	3.9 Reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination	- Gave financial support for national COVID-19 responses in Suriname, Senegal and Mexico (page 10)
		- Donated to UK charities Projekt42, Maggie's and Edinburgh Young Carers to support health and well-being
	4.1 Ensure all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education	- Enhanced employee travel health and security risk management (page 24)
	4.4 Increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment	- Minimised the impact of COVID-19 with employees working from home, restricted business travel and greater support for mental health and well-being (page 9)
		- Continued to apply our CRMS to protect the health and safety of workers (page 25)
	5.5 Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making	- Donated to Winning Scotland Foundation, a UK charity empowering Scotland's young people through education
		- Delivered weekly security and health updates to employees in Mexico to minimise the risks including social impact reports and local workforce development. (pages 26, 50)
	7.1 Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services	- Progressed an initiative to support a vocational training institute (NATIN) in Suriname (page 51)
	7.3 Achieve improvement in energy efficiency	- Maintained a robust equality and diversity policy (page 23)
	7.1 Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services	- Produced oil and gas to meet energy demand (page 6)
	7.3 Achieve improvement in energy efficiency	- Contributed to energy security for host nations (page 53)
		- Promoted development in Senegal that aims to contribute to the domestic gas supply, replacing higher-carbon electricity generation sources (page 7)
	8.4 Decouple economic growth from environmental degradation	- Provided funding to Heriot-Watt University to support clean energy research (page 70)
	8.6 Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers	- Established an initiative to benchmark the energy efficiency of our projects and develop mechanisms for improvement (page 37)
		- Introduced methodology to promote efficient use of energy (page 67)
	9.3 Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets	- Developed carbon intensity methodologies to support our commitment to reducing emissions (page 69)
		- Influenced partners to reduce the carbon intensity of projects (page 69)

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	10.2 Empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status	- Donated to UK charities Polar Academy and Street League to support disadvantaged young people
	10.5 Regulation and monitoring of global financial markets and institutions and strengthen the implementation of such regulations	- Continued to support the EITI in promoting transparent payments to governments and fair distribution of benefits in host nations (page 60)
	12.4 Environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil	- Continued to apply robust waste and chemical management plans throughout our operations (page 40)
	12.7 Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities	- Promoted human rights, environmental and safety standards through contracts and audits (page 34)
	13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning	- Launched an initiative to benchmark the energy efficiency of projects and developed mechanisms for improving and promoting energy efficiency in operated projects (page 37)
		- Developed carbon intensity methodologies to support our commitment to reducing emissions (page 69)
	14.1 Prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution	- Endorsed the World Bank's Zero Routine Flaring by 2030 initiative and committed to avoiding associated emissions in our operated and non-operated projects (page 38)
	14.4 Effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans	- Continued to challenge partners to reduce emissions and avoid flaring, including the assessment of potential opportunities to reduce fuel usage (page 69)
		- Contributed to climate change adaptation projects through social investment (page 69)
	16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children	- Subjected 2020 operations to environmental impact assessments (EIAs) and environmental management measures in line with our CRMS and Environmental Policy (page 40)
	16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms	- Implemented robust programmes for accident prevention, preparedness and response (page 28)
	16.8 Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance	- Completed drilling programmes without significant impact (page 44)
	17.16 Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources	- Conducted habitat studies in Mexico and supported endangered sea turtles (page 45)
	17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships	- Continued to adhere to our robust human rights policies to ensure human rights violations do not occur in our supply chain (page 35)