



## **SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals**

### **Equator University of Science and Technology**

### **Times Higher Education Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026**

#### **17.2.5 Collaboration with NGOs for SDGs**

EQUaT actively collaborates with national and international NGOs to advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through education, health, and community empowerment initiatives. These partnerships strengthen student engagement, promote volunteering, and expand access to learning and healthcare services.

Following are examples from 2024:

#### **Youth Empowerment Program with HHRD**

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) collaborated with Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD), an international NGO, to host the Youth Empowerment Program, a conference designed to equip young people with life and career skills while advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also helps equipping young people with practical life, financial, and mental-health skills. The initiative promoted student volunteering, lifelong learning, and community well-being advancing SDG 3 (Good Health), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) through partnership for sustainable youth development.

#### **Evidence:**

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equat-hosts-youth-empowerment-conference-in-partnership-with-hhrd>

#### **Collaboration with Build Your Smile Dental Foundation Uganda (BYSDFU)**

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) in collaboration with Build Your Smile Dental Foundation Uganda (BYSDFU) hosted a Dental Seminar Through partnership with BYSDF Uganda and international dental experts, EQUaT organized joint oral-health initiatives, including training sessions and free community dental camps. These collaborations provided preventive care, practical learning for students, and health education for the community contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



The **Build Your Smile Dental Foundation** (BYSDF) is a global NGO that works to make quality dental care accessible through partnerships with local communities and organizations.

**Evidence:**

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equat-signs-mou-with-build-your-smile-dental-foundation-uganda-to-promote-dental-health-in-greater-masaka>

**Dental Camp**

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) collaborated with Pakistani and Ugandan dental professionals and NGOs, including Punjab Dental Professionals (Pakistan), to organize a free community Dental Camp in the Greater Masaka Region. The initiative provided oral health services and hands-on volunteering experience for students, advancing SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) through community health outreach and NGO collaboration.

**Evidence:**

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equat-hosts-free-dental-camp-with-experts-from-pakistan-and-uganda>