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Strategic Priorities

2022-2027

During the course of 2022-2027 the GRÓ International Centre for Capacity Development, Sustainability and Societal Change will be guided by the following Strategic priorities.

Outputs:

1. Increased capability of individuals and expertise of GRÓ partner organisations to design and implement programme activities in their respective professional fields.

→ GRÓ undertakes to:

- Train at least 100 fellows in Iceland per year (25 per GRÓ Programme).¹
- Grant 20 new postgraduate scholarships to GRÓ fellows per year in Icelandic or partner universities.
- Host at least 25 short courses annually in partner countries/online.
- Produce 4 online teaching tools per year.

2. Production and dissemination of new knowledge by GRÓ training participants, fellows and scholarship recipients.

→ GRÓ undertakes to:

- Publish research produced by GRÓ on its website.
- Host yearly seminars where GRÓ fellows and scholarship recipients introduce their findings.
- Support fellows to participate in international conferences.
- Engage former fellows in short courses and training in partner countries.

3. Professional empowerment of GRÓ training participants, fellows and scholarship recipients is increased through GRÓ community building and networking.

→ GRÓ will actively support the formation of alumni networks:

- Host a minimum of one short seminar for alumni in specific home countries/regions per year.
- Create an alumni platform for networking.
- Study the feasibility of setting up an alumni fund to support alumni in implementing projects at home.
- Support annual social media campaigns with alumni participation.
- Peer learning events/seminars organised.

¹ Priority shall be given to fellows from Least developed and Low Middle Income Countries. The ratio for Upper Middle Income fellows should not exceed 30% per programme and 20% of the overall number of GRÓ fellows per year. The programmes should aim for gender parity.

Outcome:

GRÓ training participants, fellows and scholarship recipients and their respective organisations promote and implement changes needed to achieve the SDGs relevant to their field of work.

For the GRÓ Centre:

Internal:

GRÓ will continue to work on improving synergies and maximizing efficiency of the work of GRÓ.

→ GRÓ will continue to explore options for enhanced efficiency of administrative and central functions of GRÓ's work.

External:

GRÓ will continue to work on outreach and increase cooperation with other partners.

→ GRÓ will study the feasibility of setting up a regional training centre in a partner country.

→ GRÓ will continue to work on strengthening a joint identity for GRÓ and the four programmes and recognition of GRÓ's brand. GRÓ will ensure effective networking, communication and dissemination of information of GRÓ's work to several audiences, including the Icelandic public for awareness purposes, and to partner institutions and development actors for awareness and cooperation purposes.

→ GRÓ will continue to explore ways to strengthen cooperation with other partners such as UNESCO and other UN entities, other international organisations and development partners, as well as with universities and research institutions in partner countries.