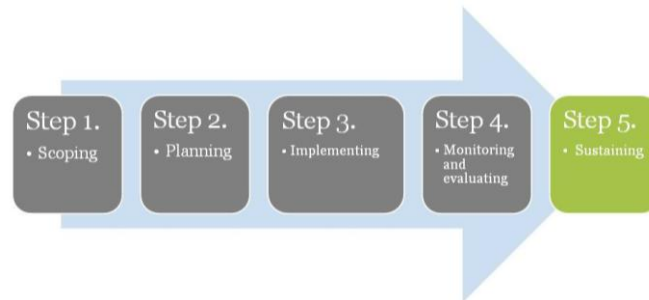


## Step 5. Sustaining your project

Project sustainability, principles of sustainable development, reviewing and revising your sustainability plan



### 1. Introduction

In the previous step, you developed a more sophisticated monitoring and evaluation plan, implemented this plan and reported back to your stakeholders in appropriate ways. In Step 3, Implementing, you considered briefly how you would sustain your project in the long-term, according to the six practices of project sustainability and the eight principles of sustainable development.

In this step you will revisit your plan, review how it is going, make modifications where necessary to put in place strategies and actions that will ensure the sustainability of your project in terms of its long-term viability and environmental, social and economic sustainability.

### 2. Rationale

The long-term success and viability of your project lies in reviewing, revising and strengthening your plans for sustaining it. By sustaining your project, you will:

- work with your local community, engaging, enabling and empowering them to meet real needs in their community
- foster and, ultimately, handover ownership and leadership of the project to local people
- be able to step away and know that the project will continue into the future, without your involvement
- have demonstrated that the project works and is delivering on its measurable outcomes

By sustaining your project through the practices of sustainable development, you are ensuring that your project will have no adverse effects on the natural environment, or the social and economic structures of the local community.

### 3. Reviewing and revising your sustainability actions

In Step 2 you produced tables showing how you planned to meet each of the six project sustainability practices and the eight principles of sustainable development. In this step, we suggest that you now review your original sustainability plans and revise the actions, so that they will better

meet each of the practices in the long-term. You could use the tables below for this review and revision.

### Review of how your project supports project sustainability practices

Practices of project sustainability	Planned actions to meet this practice	Review of the actions (how effective have they been?)	Revised actions to better meet this practice
Start with the community			
Encourage local ownership			
Provide training			
Buy local			
Find local funding			
Measure your success			

### Review of how your project supports towards sustainable development

Principles of sustainable development	Planned actions to meet this principle	Review of the actions (how effective have they been?)	Revised actions to better meet his principle
Global perspective			
Triple bottom line approach to sustainability			
Intergenerational equity			
Conservation of biodiversity and ecological integrity			
No loss of natural or human capital			
Precautionary			
Valuing natural resources			
Community participation and equal opportunity			

### Extra help

- A Guide to Global Grants [website](#)
- Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group [website](#)
- Sustainable Communities Committee (District 9810) [Facebook page](#) and [website](#)

## Summary

In this step you revisited your plan for sustaining the project, reviewed how it was going, made necessary modifications to put in place strategies and actions that will ensure the sustainability of your project in terms of its long-term viability and environmental, social and economic sustainability.

In this step, you should have produced a:

A more detailed plan to sustain your project according to:

- The six practices of sustainable projects
- The eight principles of environmental sustainable development



Planting grasses increases the quality of natural habitat and ... attracts local wildlife