



The SDG Accord

The University and College Sector's Collective Response to the Global Goals

We recognise that as an SDG Accord signatory your institution has a greater story to tell regarding how SDGs are being integrated within your community, and as part of your institutional SDG Accord reporting, we are now asking signatories to submit one or more case studies to share good practice, celebrate and/or outline barriers of how your institution is integrating the SDGs. **Please tick the relevant Case Study Themes you would be interested in providing case studies for.**

Integration of SDGs in

- Institutional governance/strategic level
- SDGs in research
- SDGs in campus operations
- SDGs in curriculum development
- SDGs in student engagement activities
- SDGs into community activities
- SDGs at a whole-institution level

Focus on

- Goal 1 - No poverty
- Goal 2 - Zero hunger
- Goal 3 - Good health and wellbeing
- Goal 4 - Quality education
- Goal 5 - Gender equality
- Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 7 - Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 8 - Decent work and economic growth
- Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Goal 10 - Reduced inequalities
- Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13 - Climate action
- Goal 14 - Life below water
- Goal 15 - Life on land
- Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions
- Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals

Women Veterans Reintegration in Ukraine

Canada has made a commitment to strengthening public services and better responding to the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups in Ukraine.

In alignment with the Federal Government of Canada's position, Saskatchewan Polytechnic is partnering with Ukraine's Ministry of Veteran Affairs (MVA), Ukraine's State Employment Service (SES), and a leading gender equality NGO in Ukraine called the Women's Information and Consultation Center, to advance Women Veterans Reintegration in Ukraine.

Saskatchewan Polytech seeks to improve the socio-economic well-being of women military veterans in the regions where most veterans are located: Kyiv, Dnipro, Lviv and Odessa. The project goal is to support and improve the Ukrainian government's ability to assist women military veterans through adapted skills development programs, career guidance, and gender mainstreaming, by facilitating entrepreneurship development, and by promoting dialogue and advocacy for women military veterans.

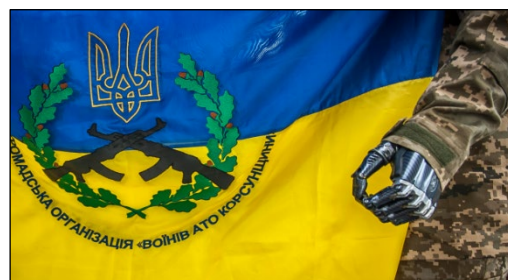
Benefits

The project will:

1. Assist the MVA and civil society networks around women veterans in increasing the dialogue and advocacy (for better gender equality).
2. Improve analytical and administrative capacity of partners in Ukraine to implement, monitor and evaluate mainstreaming gender in their services.
3. Improve sustainability of networks of non-government organizations working with women-veterans.
4. Strengthen capacity of organizations involved in reintegration of women veterans, namely the Ministry for Veterans Affairs and the State Employment Service.
5. MVA and SES will improve cross-departmental planning and coordination; they will review and improve their policies and practices related to women-veterans training and employment.

Barriers

1. Targeting project results on socially vulnerable groups (disabled veterans, for example) in project activities may be difficult to secure.
2. Project's gender focus may be seen as something artificial and foreign to Ukrainian realities.
3. Mental health continues to impede learners, especially those facing traumatic events.
4. Many soldiers have suffered from injuries causing long-term/lifelong physical impairments.



Conclusion

The Women Veterans Reintegration in Ukraine project will not only help to strengthen public services and better respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups in Ukraine, but it will be crucial to creating a more dynamic labour market. During the life of the project, 200 local partners' personnel will be trained, they will cascade the knowledge down to over 2,000 staff of the Ministry of Veteran Affairs and Regional Employment Centers, and 15,000 women veterans and members of their families will benefit from the project.