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KIT Royal Tropical Institute is an independent centre of expertise and education for sustainable development. We assist governments, NGOs and private corporations around the world to build equitable and sustainable societies. Our work focuses on health care, gender, economic development and intercultural cooperation.

Facts and figures

- KIT is a non-profit association with members from the public, private and non-profit sectors
- Her Royal Highness Queen Máxima has been KIT’s patron since 2004
- KIT was founded in 1910 as the national centre for the study of the tropics and the promotion of trade and industry in the Dutch colonies
- After decolonisation KIT gained an international reputation as a centre for expertise on health care, agricultural development, and intercultural cooperation
- In 2013 KIT became fully independent from public funding and successfully transitioned into a self-financed private institute

Dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, our experts inform best practices in a measureable, independent way. KIT has more than 80 experts specialising in public health systems, epidemiology, sexual and reproductive health and rights, agricultural innovation, food value-chains, gender relations, and inclusive finance. The knowledge we generate is disseminated through assessment and advisory services, research, teaching, training, dialogue and agenda-setting events.

KIT houses a training centre for professionals and a campus for students undertaking KIT’s Masters Public Health / International Course in Health Development. KIT’s education courses are offered in cooperation with the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Hospitality
Located on our landmark premises, KIT also hosts the Tropenmuseum, manages Amsterdam Tropen Hotel and café-restaurant De Tropen, and offers office and conference facilities in its monumental building. The revenues of KIT’s real estate and hospitality activities contribute to projects devised to help achieve a more sustainable world.

SDG House
SDG House is the name of an emerging community of KIT-based sustainability experts, entrepreneurs, media and NGOs who share a common purpose in their efforts to achieve one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals.

SDG House acts as a catalyst for sustainability initiatives – a place to meet, exchange ideas, and build partnerships for sustainability.

Currently SDG House has 50 organisations covering a diverse range of activities in areas such as urban development, impact investments, inclusive finance, fair trade and organic product development. SDG House also hosts an office of the National SDG Coordinator.

Who We Are

Independent client-centric and not-for profit
Active in 40+ countries
Strong, reliable local partnership network
>215 assignments annually
>250+ clients and partners
80+ international experts

Monitoring and evaluation of national health services in Afghanistan
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