

International Development

Activities and Opportunities

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Scottish Higher Education and
Research Institutes

Dialogue Partners

- University of Aberdeen
- University of Dundee
- University of Edinburgh
- Forth Valley College
- University of Glasgow
- Heriot Watt University
- Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
- University of St Andrews
- University of Stirling
- Scotland's Colleges International
- Scottish Crop Research Institute
- Scottish Enterprise
- Universities Scotland
- UNESCO Scotland



Our Purpose:

“To improve the quality of life of people in developing countries through partnership based on excellence in research, education and training”

Millennium Development Goals

“ We will spare no effort to free our fellow men, women, and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty, to which more than a billion of them are currently subjected.”

United Nations Millennium Declaration - September 2000

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- 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
 - 2 Achieve universal primary education
 - 3 Promote gender equality and empower women
 - 4 Reduce child mortality
 - 5 Improve maternal health
 - 6 Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
 - 7 Ensure environmental sustainability
 - 8 Develop a global partnership for development

MDG-1
Eradicate extreme
poverty and hunger.

MDG-2
Achieve universal primary
education.

MDG-6
Combat HIV/Aids, Malaria
and other diseases.

MDG-7
Ensure environmental
sustainability.

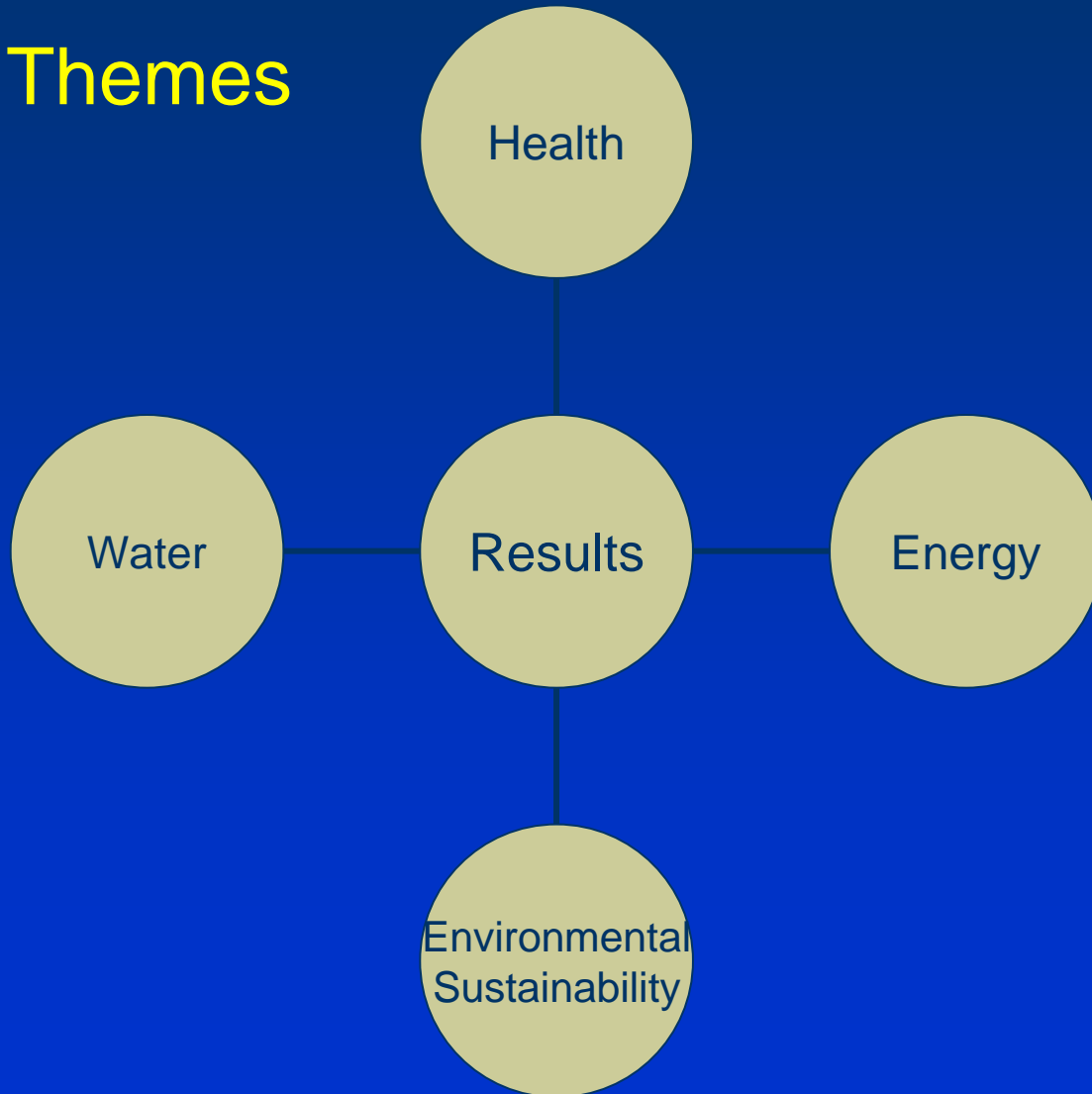
MDG-8
Develop a global
partnership for
development.

“New science, technologies and ideas are *crucial* in the efforts to eradicate poverty, tackle disease and fight the impacts of climate change in developing countries”
Hilary Benn (7 December 2006)



Scotland's Strengths

Themes



Cross-cutting issues:

- Partnership & People
- Governance
- Climate change

Scotland's identity:

- Culture
- Business community
- Devolution process



Health & Health Systems

Healthier nations and effective health systems

Human & animal health:

- University of Aberdeen
- University of Dundee
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh

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Environmental Sustainability

Food & ecosystem services.

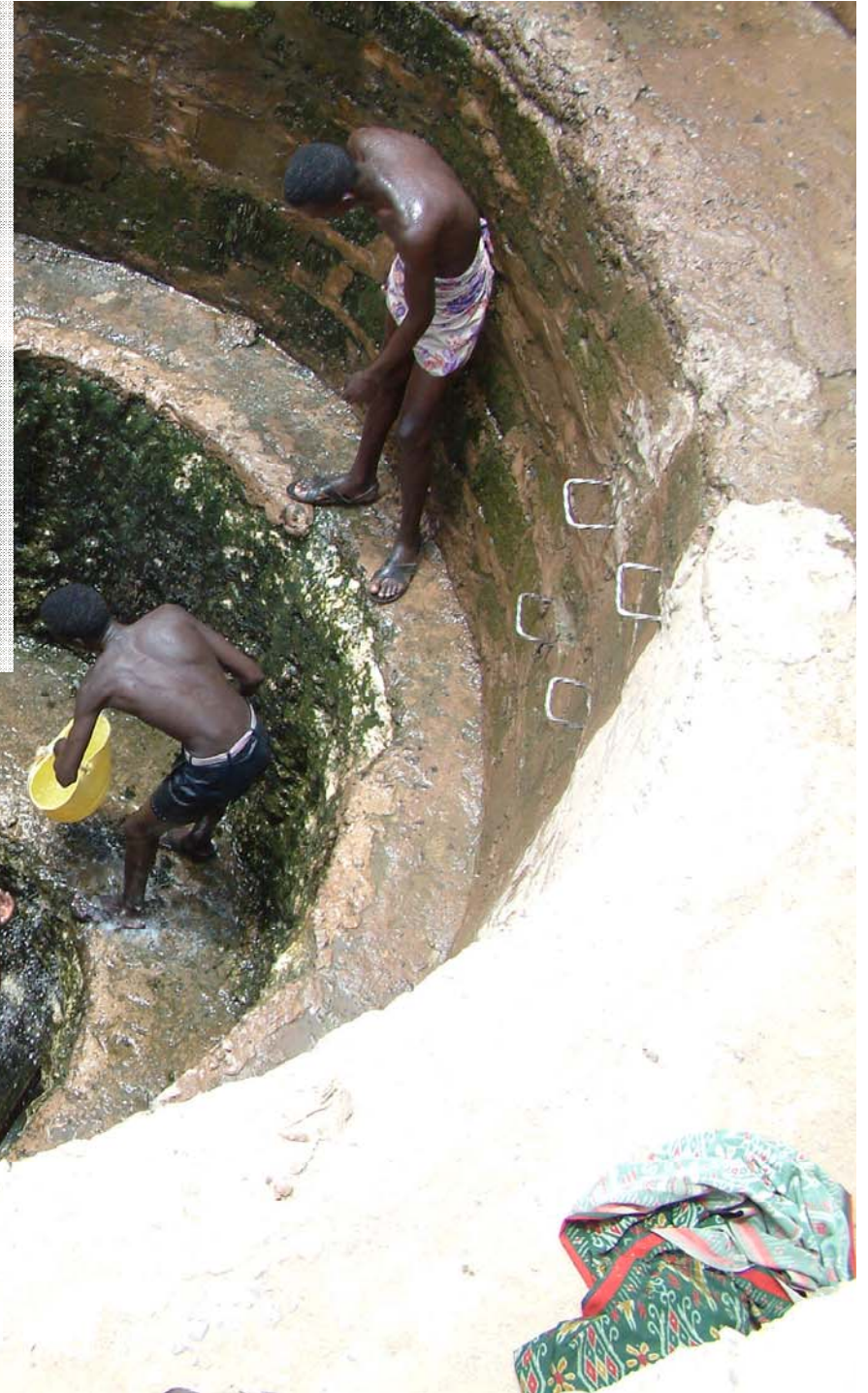
- Agriculture (SCRI, Aberdeen, SAC)
- Fisheries (Stirling, St Andrews)
- Forests (Aberdeen, Edinburgh)



Water

Water for Life

- UNESCO Centre University of Dundee
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Edinburgh
- Heriot Watt University
- University of Stirling
- UNESCO Scotland





Energy

Renewable and sustainable energy systems

- University of Edinburgh
- Heriot Watt University
- University of Glasgow

Much of the work on Scotland's renewable energy options will be applicable to developing countries
(e.g. components of the UK Energy Research Centre)

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Cross Cutting Issues

Providing knowledge, skills and tools to help society adapt to environmental, social and economic change.

- Partnership and People

- * Working together

- * Education, capacity building and vocational training

- * Empowering people to drive social and economic development

- Governance and economics

- Climate change.

Scotland's Value-Added

- Strength and depth of scientific and educational activities.
- Track record of delivering results.
- Experience of devolved governance.
- Scottish Government International Development Fund.
- Dedication and generosity of Scottish professionals.

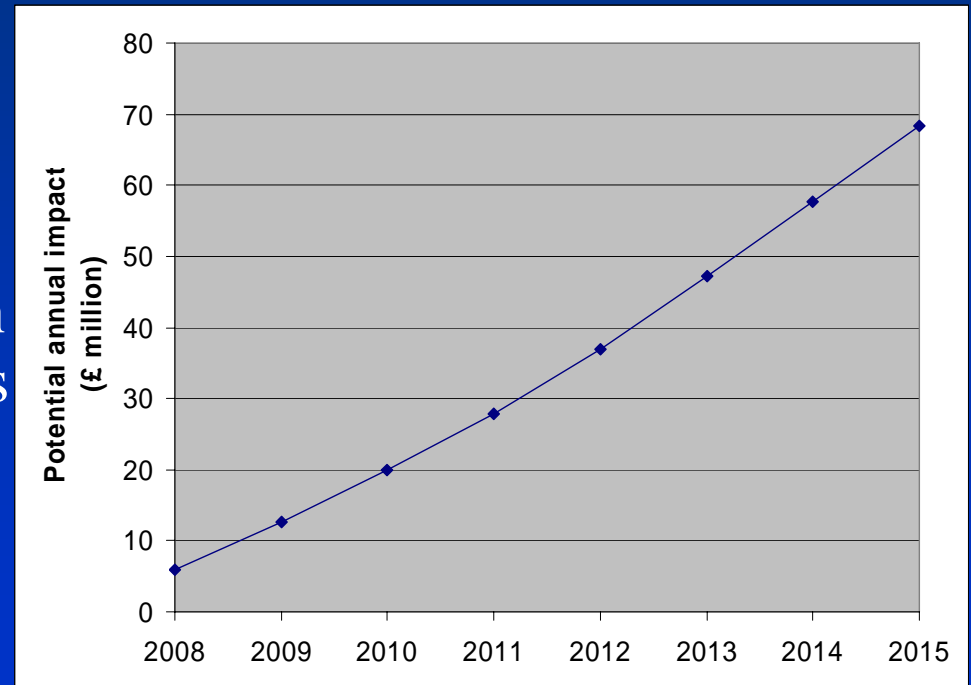
New Activities

- Should build on recognised strengths in Scotland.
 - Research
 - Education, capacity building and vocational training
 - Scotland's own governance and socio-economic characteristics
- Should be built upon the concept of partnership.
- Should be results-focused with long-term sustainable impact

Influencing Development Actors

Potential Economic Return

- Using DFID as an example
 - Using CSR projections of expenditure
 - Assume the application of knowledge improves the efficiency by only 0.1% *per annum*
 - *Results are very significant*



Possible Outcomes

- Formal group or activities to support international development activities of Scottish HE and research institutes.
- Bidding for SFC Strategic Research and Development Grant.
- Engaging with and influencing major development actors.
- Influencing SG's review of their International Development Strategy