Report on SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

17.2.3 – International Collaboration on SDG Data Gathering and Measurement

Institutional Commitment to International SDG Data Collaboration

Thaksin University recognizes the importance of reliable data, research-based evidence, and international partnerships in measuring progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

As a university committed to social innovation and glocalization, Thaksin University promotes international research cooperation addressing poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods, environmental sustainability, and community development.

During 2025, the University strengthened cooperation with international partners, including the United Nations in Thailand and the University of Kitakyushu, Japan. These partnerships connected the University's area-based research, particularly the Phatthalung Model, with international approaches to sustainable development.

The University's poverty-reduction research and environmental initiatives provide relevant foundations for SDG data gathering and measurement. However, publicly available information does not yet fully establish whether data collection, indicator measurement, or monitoring activities were conducted jointly with international partners during the reporting period.

International Research Collaboration with the University of Kitakyushu, Japan

Activity 1: International Research Cooperation on the Phatthalung Model for Poverty Reduction and Social Innovation

Date: 7 February 2025 (official announcement)

Partners: Thaksin University, Thailand, and the University of Kitakyushu, Japan



Thaksin University, Thailand, and the University of Kitakyushu, Japan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Academic Cooperation to support the "Phatthalung Model" project, a research and social innovation initiative aimed at addressing poverty through comprehensive and targeted approaches.

The MOU was formally exchanged between Associate Professor Dr. Samak Kaewsuksaeng, Vice President for Research and Innovation at Thaksin University, and Professor Dr. Shigetoshi Nakatake, Vice President of the University of Kitakyushu, representing their respective institutions.

The agreement was endorsed by Associate Professor Dr. Natthapong Chitnirat, President of Thaksin University, and Professor Dr. Masato Yanai, President of the University of Kitakyushu.



This collaboration aims to strengthen international academic partnerships, promote joint research and social innovation, and support sustainable, community-based solutions to poverty and local development challenges.

Public evidence: https://sdg.tsu.ac.th/detail.php?aNum=20250506153305&id_list=925

Thaksin University and the University of Kitakyushu, Japan, established academic cooperation to support the Phatthalung Model, a research and social innovation initiative addressing poverty and sustainable community development in Phatthalung Province.

The partnership was formally announced on 7 February 2025, with senior representatives of both universities participating in the exchange of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The cooperation encompasses research and knowledge development relating to poverty reduction, local economic development, low-carbon production, and social innovation. It also

includes researcher and student exchanges and the application of interdisciplinary expertise to local development challenges.

The Phatthalung Model provides an area-based research context in which household livelihoods, community enterprises, and development interventions can be examined through measurable indicators.

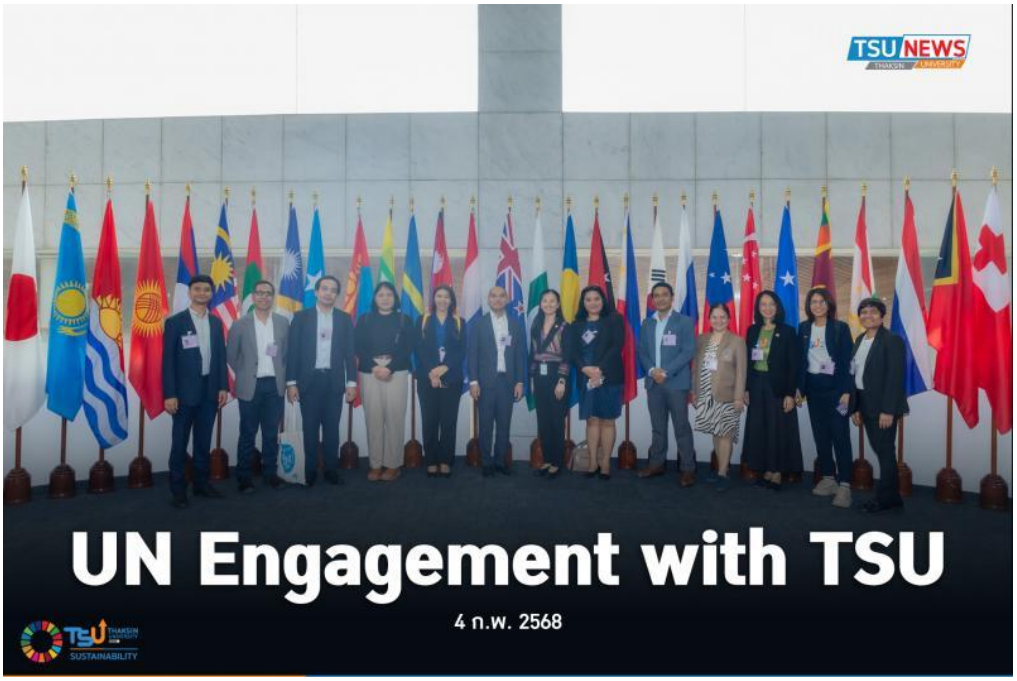
This partnership is relevant to Indicator 17.2.3 because it establishes an international research framework capable of supporting collaborative SDG data collection and analysis. Nevertheless, the official announcement does not specify whether researchers from both universities jointly collected household data, measured SDG indicators, or produced a shared monitoring dataset during 2025.

Collaboration with the United Nations in Thailand on SDG Research and Evidence Sharing

Thaksin University–United Nations Cooperation on SDG Research and the Phatthalung Model

Dates: 4 February and 13 March 2025

Partners: Thaksin University and the United Nations in Thailand



On 4 February 2025, Thaksin University representatives met officials of the United Nations in Thailand to discuss cooperation in research, teaching, academic services, and SDG implementation.

The University presented its research directions and discussed opportunities to connect local development research with the Sustainable Development Goals.

On 13 March 2025, the University hosted a United Nations delegation and presented SDG-related research activities, including the Phatthalung Model. The program also involved field engagement in the Thale Noi area, highlighting local biodiversity and poverty-reduction initiatives.

These engagements created opportunities for international stakeholders to examine the University's research approaches and discuss evidence relevant to sustainable development.

The activities demonstrate international research dialogue and knowledge sharing. However, the published reports do not confirm that the United Nations and Thaksin University jointly conducted data collection, validated indicators, or implemented a shared SDG monitoring framework in 2025.

Public evidence: https://www.sk.tsu.ac.th/home/details.php?id=4652

International Social Innovation Camp 2025: Field-Based Learning on Poverty Reduction

International Social Innovation Camp 2025 – Phatthalung Model Field Engagement

Date: 13 July 2025

Participants: More than 50 students from six countries: Thailand, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Laos



More than 50 Thai and international students from six countries participating in the "International Social Innovation Camp 2025" took part in field visits to Phatthalung Province to explore local ways of life and approaches to grassroots economic development through model community enterprises. The activities were conducted under the research project **"Phatthalung Model: Comprehensive and Targeted Poverty Alleviation"**, aiming to broaden participants' perspectives on how local resources and traditional community knowledge can be utilized to drive sustainable poverty reduction and community development.

On 13 July 2025, more than 50 participants from six countries engaged in field-based learning activities under the International Social Innovation Camp 2025, with Thaksin University serving as a coordinating institution.

Participants visited community enterprises involved in the Phatthalung Model, an area-based poverty-reduction research initiative supported by Thailand's science, research, and innovation funding system.

The program exposed international participants to community-based development practices and research approaches addressing local poverty, livelihoods, and social innovation.

Although the activity involved international participants and field engagement with research-based initiatives, the published evidence describes learning and knowledge exchange rather than confirmed joint data gathering or SDG measurement.

Public evidence: https://sdg.tsu.ac.th/detail.php?aNum=20250722151544&id_list=1236