- Achieving non-academic impact at all scales, enhancing the reputation of the University: The SSRP has a coordinated strategy of delivering impact on the local, national and global levels. SSRP projects have already provided input to seven proposed REF-case studies, four of which were carried forward. Over the last reporting period we have reached a large internal and external audience through our webinars, work-shops, our visibility on the internet (6,485 visits to our website), social media (194,275 impressions on Twitter), and at least 25 news stories were picked up by conventional media outlets, including The Telegraph and BBC.
- Local impact: Implementation of global sustainability goals will happen mostly on the ground, so it makes sense that most SSRP projects are local and place-based and that we work dosely with local stakeholders and researchers. Our projects are achieving local impact on three continents in the Global South (e.g. identifying a link between climate change, poverty, and HIV in South Africa; improving communication of climate warnings in South India and Kenya; documenting environmental justice violations in Ecuador and Peru). Although these studies have been local in nature, they have generated many lessons that can be scaled up, and we are busy extracting these lessons and conveying them to policymakers and stakeholders at the national and international scale.
- National impact: We continuously engage with the Parliament and convey results from local and global SSRP research. We have briefed many MPs, presented at two Party conferences, and were quoted verbatim in a key report of Parliament on the Pandemic and SDGs. We have deepened connections with key national NGOs working on the SDGs.
- International impact: The SRPhas an increasingly important international presence: It has represented the worldwide Science and Technology community at the Heads-of-State SDG Summit at the UN General Assembly in NY in September, 2019; co-sponsored a key Side Event with the government of Ghana at the July, 2018 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the UN; organised a Wilton Park International Roundtable on the SDGs in March, 2018.
- Phase II Financial sustainability. Two options for Phase II of the SSRP have been prepared. Option One Continuing Operation in the UK and Europe. Option Two Worldwide leader would establish the SSRP as a major go-to institution worldwide for science for the SDGs and sustainability research.

1. SDF spend position					
Total SDF allocation	£2,995,445	SDF allocation to 31 July 2020	£2,514,726	SDF spend at 31 July 2020	£2,000,106
Reasons and comments for variances	Due to Covid-19 many planned activities and spending had to be reduced and deferred in accordance with University guidelines in order to preserve cash, this contributed to the underspend for 19/20.				
	dditionally, due to a retrospective journal of the contribution sharing arrangement the spend appears lower. The underspend of £542k on the project to date was as a result of spending				

2.1 Progress against <i>quantitative</i> Key Performance Indicator in this			
reporting pe	riod		
Key Perf	formance Indicators	Current position ¹	
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Baseline research

Baseline:

income

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£3,384,046 (unsuccessful)
6. -SYNERGIES New Methodology to exploit synergies among the Sustainable Development Goals of £1,697,750 (unsuccessful)

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own. It provides an opportunity for researchers to learn about methods potentially

submit funding proposals with colleagues around the University through hosting numerous events and workshops facilitating collaboration. SSRP has funded and promoted my research on sustainability and trade, making possible the policy impact I have claimed in my Impact Case Study. Emily Lydgate - School of Law, Politics and Sociology

Before SSRP I had little idea what research was going on outside Life Sciences, and had no idea that Sussex was so well placed to conduct truly inter-disciplinary research that can, and is, making a major contribution to the huge sustainability challenges that lie ahead for humanity. Dave Goulson School of Life Sciences

SSRP has provided an invaluable opportunity to conduct interdisciplinary sustainability research while being based in the University of Sussex Business School. As an Early Career Researcher, it has supported my research with colleagues in the Business School and across Sussex, and has led to successful follow-up funding, the establishment of internal and external networks, and the co-development of several research outputs. Izabela Delabre - Business School

- ii) Other events on campus to promote research and exchange knowledge
- SSRP Research Cluster Meetings

Global Partnerships Virtual Conference (25-26 June 2020) - Joseph Alcamo presented the keynote speech for the Sussex Global Engagement virtual Global Partnerships Conference

Partnerships for Sustainability in Higher s for universities to build resilience and capacity:

teaching, policy/advocacy, and research.

Virtual Global Engagement workshop with the University of Ghana and Renmin University of China (17 June 2020) This was an inter-university workshop co-organised by the University of Sussex, IDS, and institutions in Ghana and China to explore the opportunities for collaboration focussing on COVID-19 impacts on global poverty alleviation. Joseph Alcamo presented on the interlinkage between poverty, health, and environment. This event followed on from the SSRP-University of Ghana shaping thinking on science for the Sustainable Development Goals

Ghana in July 2019.

University of Sussex Landscape Innovation Conference (23 January 2020) Chris Sandom organised and presented at this conference, co-organised with Sussex Wildlife Trust. The conference aimed to stimulate new approaches to the multi-purpose land use, rewilding, and other cutting-edge issues of land use in the UK

2.2 d.2.5 Media Coverage of SSRP

SSRP research results are also making a difference outside the campus by being reported regularly in national and international media. During the last reporting period, the SSRP findings have been reported on at least 25 occasions in media as diverse as The Telegraph,

engagement are given in Section 2.2 g1.

2.2 Are programme-flagged applications submitted to a diverse portfolio of funders?

Figure 2: SSRP bids submitted by funder (cumulative across programme)

Comments:

SSRP flagged applications have been submitted to a diverse range of funders from research councils, to charities and government. Figure 2 presents the spread of applications submitted over the lifetime of the programme. Bids, as expected, are most frequently directed to the largest source of funds for sustainabity research in the UK the ESRC and NERC. Nevertheless, SSRP bids have been targeted at 20 other potential donors. SSRP

2.2	Research capacity:
f	How has the SDF investment grown capacity at Sussex in this area? Include details on research activity and income generated by staff directly funded from the SDF investment plus current levels of PhD studentships.
	Has external income been generated to cover costs of researcher salaries and studentships?

Comments:

The SDF investment in SSRP has led to a substantial increase in the capacity of young researchers at Sussex.

Seed funding provided by SSRP to various projects has led to the creation of 20 post-doctoral researcher posts. These posts have been working on high quality, highly interdisciplinary or multi-disciplinary research projects which is leading to further external funding, with the intention of supporting the researchers beyond the life of SSP funding. Follow-up and associated projects have extended or created an additional > 20 post-doctoral posts. Through this process we are building and growing a cohort of researchers experienced in interdisciplinary working.

In July 2020 SSRP was part of a consortium bid for BBSRC Doctoral Training Programme on the topic of

ODI. This high engagement with our online events show that SSRP is becoming well known with general audiences and the public.

In addition, other key SSRP associated events actively encouraged public participation such as the Wild Law conference (November 2019) and Sussex Landscape Innovation conference (January 2020) which was co-hosted with the Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Website Viewings

Another way

that conveys the research of the programme in an attractive and informative way. From September 2019 to September 2020, the total number of SSRP website visits was 6,485 an increase of 71% on the same period last year (3,801 visits).

The total number of pages viewed in this period is 22,176, and apart from the homepage, the first blog in the SSRP forum on the pandemic and sustainability received the most hits (1,268 views).

An external audience accounts for 91% of all of these web visits.

Print and Digital Media

As mentioned in section d.2.5, SSRP findings have been reported on at least 25 occasions in national and international media as diverse as The Telegraph, Scientific American, BBC

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Social Media

Twitter provides a valuable platform for conve

194,275 impressions (the number of times people saw SSRP Tweets) and 3,247 total Twitter profile visits. Over the same period the number of SSRP Twitter followers grew by one-third.

suggesting we attracted the interest of a wide audience with activities such as the SSRP web forum

2.2 g.2 Academic reputation

-down and one bottom-up:

First, top-down, synergies and trade- , and to provide a unifying theme.

Second, the SSRP encourages the formation of bottom-

d) Impacts of economic globalization on the SDGs

SSRP researchers have found economic globalisation to have an important impact on achieving the SDGs. For example, international trade and global supply chains can lead to transboundary environmental impacts that hinder several SDGs, and international debt severely reduces the competence of many countries to fund programmes needed to achieve the education, environmental, and other achieves the control of the

Table 1: Listing of collaborators and stakeholders in SSRP funded and flagged projects.

UK local stakeholders Brighton & Hove Allotment Federation Brighton & Hove Food **Partnership** Brighton & Hove Man and Biosphere Bualife **Bumblebee Conservation** Trust Buzz Gub International - Country level American University in Cairo, Egypt Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI), South Africa African Population Health Research Centre, Kenya Armauer Hansen Research Institute, Ethiopia Banaras Hindu University, India Bangladesh High Commission Beijing Normal University, China Coral Conservation and Community Development, Creative Action Tank (CAT), Indonesia Centre for Pollination Studies Calcutta, India Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), India Central University of Finance and Economics, China Centre for Climate Change Studies/Institute of Resource Assessment-University of Dar es Salaam Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) Centro de Conservación Investigación y Manejo de Areas Naturales (QMA), Peru

Falcon Coffees Freegle Girls Who Grind Coffee Grown in Britain Pro Baristas Small Batch Coffee Roasters South Downs National Park Sussex Wildlife Trust Tangent Energy Corbana, Costa Rica Dublin Institute of Technology Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of **E**thiopia Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia Eritrean Institute of Technology (EIT), Eritrea Future Agriculture Consortium and Technical University of Mombasa, Ghana High Commission Icafe, Costa Rica ICPAC IGASClimate Prediction and Applications Centre, Kenya IGAD Reginal Food Security and Nutrition Steering Group, Kenya Indonesia Program Lead (PM), Coral Conservation and Community Development India Meteorological Department (IMD) Indian Institute of Human Settlements (India) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) Institute of Endemic Diseases. University of

Khartoum, Sudan

(ICV), Brazil

Instituto Centro de Vida

UK Government
All-Party Parliamentary
Group on the SDGs
Department for
Environment, Food and
Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office
(FCDO)

Office for National Statistics (ONS) UK Environment Agency (EA) UK Met Office

JP Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh Kenya Meteorological Department Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) Maastricht University Marine Science and Research Centrefor Pacific Marine Resources, University of Papua (UNIPA), Manokwari, Indonesia National Cancer Institute, Cairo University, Egypt National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), Kenya New Guinea Binatang Research Centre NOPOKI-UCSS, Peru Ocean State Forecast Services, India

importance of an integrative approach to the SDGs. More examples are given in Section 2.2 d.2.

International impact

The SSRP has a growing impact and presence in international arenas as a champion of

- The SSRP Director represented the worldwide Science and Technology Community at the Heads-of-State SDG Summit at the UN General Assembly in NY, September, 2019.
- The University of Ghana and SSRP organised an Expert Workshop in Accra, Ghana on

workshop included a dialogue between experts and some top government policymakers involved in SDG implementation in Ghana.

- June, 2019 calling on the WHO and UN agencies to bring rights more squarely into food and nutrition discourse.
- Dr Izabela Delabre presented a briefing at the Conference of the UN Convention on Biodiversity in July 2019.
- SSRP co-sponsored a key Side Event on SDG Interactions with the government of Ghana at the July, 2018 High L98.275 419>h511t at the U

Due to academics having to prepare a new and more complicated teaching offering for the autumn term, they have not been able to invest as much time in SSRP as usual over the past few months. Despite these factors we have received positive feedback from our community that our consistent outputs and events have provided a guiding focus to help them engage with research during this turbulent time.

5 Detail the most significant future opportunities and risks to the success

the funding landscape is very competitive and it must

stretches staff capacity (see Section 4).
Brexit will make the funding landscape

Request advice from Review Board: How can we better support the University in becoming a leading university for sustainability?

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