## **Sustainable Impact**

## Who We Are

Michael Thyge Poulsen is the CEO and Founder of Sustainable Impact. He holds a Master's Degree in Political Science and Bachelor's degree in East Asia Area Studies from Aarhus University. He is an international development professional with over 25 years of experience in all phases of project life cycle management from identification and design to implementation and ex-post evaluations. This experience has been gained through work in Eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia including Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Afghanistan. DANIDA, DFID, SIDA, EU, UN agencies and the World Bank are some of the international development organisations he has worked with.

We work in the following sectors

- Governance and Decentralization.
- Private Sector Development.
- Water.
- Renewable Energy and Environment.
- Human Rights.

## What We Do

Sustainable Impact design and implement tailor-made solutions for and together with our clients. Our criteria for success are the quality of results and the sustainable benefits achieved for our customers. Sustainable Impact's work focuses in particular on **governance** and **human rights** that are mutually reinforcing, as the human rights inform the content of governance efforts. Without governance, human rights cannot be protected and respected in a sustainable manner. Governance, on one hand, comprises appropriate legal frameworks and institutions as well as political, administrative mechanisms and processes through which society is governed. Thereby constituting a conducive and enabling environment for human rights, as it is responsible for responding to the rights and needs of the population. Human rights, on the other hand, provide a set of values to guide the work of governments and other political, social and private sector actors. Human rights also provide a set of performance standards against which these actors can be held accountable.

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