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## **NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: THE CASE OF A DEVELOPING NATION**

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### **ABSTRACT**

“*Leave no one behind*” is the major goal of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Research shows that developing countries are lagging in their efforts to achieve SDGs. Since non-governmental organisations (NGOs) play a significant role in combating discrimination and inequalities, especially in developing nations, this study seeks to identify the focus of NGOs in South Africa in achieving SDGs. This study took a non-empirical approach by employing a literature review and desktop study to achieve the study objectives. The findings of this study review that most NGOs are focused on goals 3, 10, and 17, and there is still a need for more effort on goals 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, & 16 in achieving SDGs. It is recommended that NGOs need to widen their scope of operations to help developing nations achieve the SDGs by 2030.

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