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Kuwait's vision and sustainability

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The issue of sustainability in Kuwait's New Vision 2035 has a clear and fundamental presence. What is the relationship between this vision and sustainability? How do we take it into account and showcase it through reports? And what about Kuwait's disclosures regarding sustainable development?

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Kuwait's vision has emphasized achieving sustainability, focusing on governance, and highlighted the role of charitable institutions in raising the status of Kuwait. It also stressed the need for all institutions to commit to this vision and work within its framework, ensuring that their goals align with the state's developmental goals and strive to achieve them.

If the goals of the 'New Kuwait 2035' vision are citizen participation, respect for the law, effective governance and transparency, a prosperous and diverse economy, a strong state, and distinguished international standing, then charitable institutions – for which we are writing these articles to explain how they can adopt sustainability – are required to engage the relevant stakeholders, foremost among them being the citizens. The core work of these institutions is based on involving citizens, serving them, and earning their trust. These institutions must also fully comply with the law, uphold its banner, and adhere to governance. They need to understand the impact of their charitable and humanitarian work on the economy, both domestically and internationally, given the increasing number of beneficiaries from their services and projects. Furthermore, they must recognize that their work and efforts are key reasons for elevating Kuwait's status and name on both regional and global levels.

When charitable institutions adopt and implement these principles, they contribute to the seven pillars of the New Kuwait Vision and its development plan, particularly the first pillar: a distinguished international standing by improving Kuwait's regional and global presence in charitable work. Additionally, the sixth pillar is a sustainable and diverse economy by developing a prosperous and diversified economy to reduce the state's heavy reliance on oil export revenues. The seventh pillar, a sustainable living environment, ensures the provision of housing through environmentally sound resources and plans. It is essential that charitable institutions consider these pillars, as they must work towards elevating Kuwait's status, ensuring that their projects and operations contribute to a sustainable economy, and operate with the goal of creating a sustainable and environmentally conscious living environment.

If these institutions adhere to these principles, it will then be easier for the relevant state bodies to reflect this in their disclosures and voluntary reports on the progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and reaffirm the commitment of state institutions to working in line with these global objectives. So, has the state issued disclosures on this matter? The answer is yes: Kuwait issued two reports, the first voluntary report on sustainable development in 2019, and the second was published this year in 2023.

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