The Asia-Pacific region has fallen short of the 2020 milestone for the 2030 Agenda. The region must accelerate progress and urgently reverse its regressing trends on some goals and targets to achieve its 2030 ambition. There are pockets of progress that continue to yield positive results that can be leveraged to rally the acceleration of SDG achievement.
Snapshot of SDG progress in Asia and the Pacific, 2020

Regression | Progress | TARGET 2030
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2000 | | |
2020 | | |
GOALS | EVIDENCE STRENGTH
1 NO POVERTY | |
2 ZERO HUNGER | |
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | |
4 QUALITY EDUCATION | |
5 GENDER EQUALITY | |
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION | |
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY | |
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | |
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | |
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES | |
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES | |
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION | |
13 CLIMATE ACTION | |
14 LIFE BELOW WATER | |
15 LIFE ON LAND | |
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | |
17 PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS | |
To reach more than 90 per cent of targets, the Asia-Pacific region must accelerate its current pace or reverse negative trends. Even on goals where progress in the region has been most remarkable (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 17), anticipated progress is mixed and there are areas where an acceleration of progress must be prioritized.
The region is likely to meet the 2030 targets for 15 per cent of the SDG indicators with sufficient data. Notably, one third of these indicators are under good health and well-being (Goal 3). Nevertheless, some regression is anticipated on 20 per cent of measured indicators in the Asia-Pacific region (half of which are environmental indicators) and so a course correction is urgently needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda.
Nearly half of all the SDG indicators have enough data for tracking the region's progress. However, 80 indicators still have insufficient data and 39 indicators remain with no data at all. Therefore data production for the indicators should be accelerated in the Asia-Pacific region.

Availability is not the same under each Goal. For the first time, there is sufficient data availability for all indicators of Goal 7, while Goals 3 and 6 have at least some data on each indicator. Other Goals, however, particularly environment-related, still have many indicators with no or insufficient data.

Challenges remain in producing disaggregated data so that vulnerable populations are identified and no one is left behind. In Asia-Pacific region, disaggregated data is available only for 27 SDG indicators.

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