ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
SDG PROGRESS REPORT
2022
Widening disparities amid COVID-19

HIGHLIGHTS
Progress towards the SDGs in the Asia-Pacific region has slowed as the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change have exacerbated development challenges. The region is not on track to achieve any of the 17 SDGs.

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Estimated year to achieve the SDGs at the current pace in Asia and the Pacific, 2017–2021
Snapshot of SDG progress in Asia and the Pacific, 2021

- **NO POVERTY**
- **ZERO HUNGER**
- **GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**
- **QUALITY EDUCATION**
- **GENDER EQUALITY**
- **CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**
- **AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**
- **DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**
- **INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **REDUCED INEQUALITIES**
- **SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**
- **RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**
- **CLIMATE ACTION**
- **LIFE BELOW WATER**
- **LIFE ON LAND**
- **PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**
- **PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS**

- **Progress since 2015**
- **Regression**
- **Insufficient indicators**
- **Evidence Strength**
Less than 10 per cent of the measurable targets are on track to be achieved by 2030, and the remaining targets require urgent and rapid acceleration of progress or reversal of negative trends.
The availability of data in Asia and the Pacific has sharply increased since the first benchmark in 2017, the number of indicators with sufficient data has almost doubled since then. This trend testifies to the increase in the strength of the national statistical systems in the region in response to the monitoring demands of the 2030 Agenda.

For the first time, more than half of the 231 SDG indicators have sufficient data in Asia-Pacific.

More than half of the indicators without data are under two goals (SDGs 11 and 16), calling for greater attention in filling data gaps in these goals. These 25 indicators, together with the 83 indicators with insufficient data, represent 47 per cent of all SDG indicators. Without high-quality, timely, and disaggregated data for these indicators, navigating the implementation of the 2030 targets will be myopic at best.