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Agenda Item 2: Harnessing the power of data to leave no one behind

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Singapore

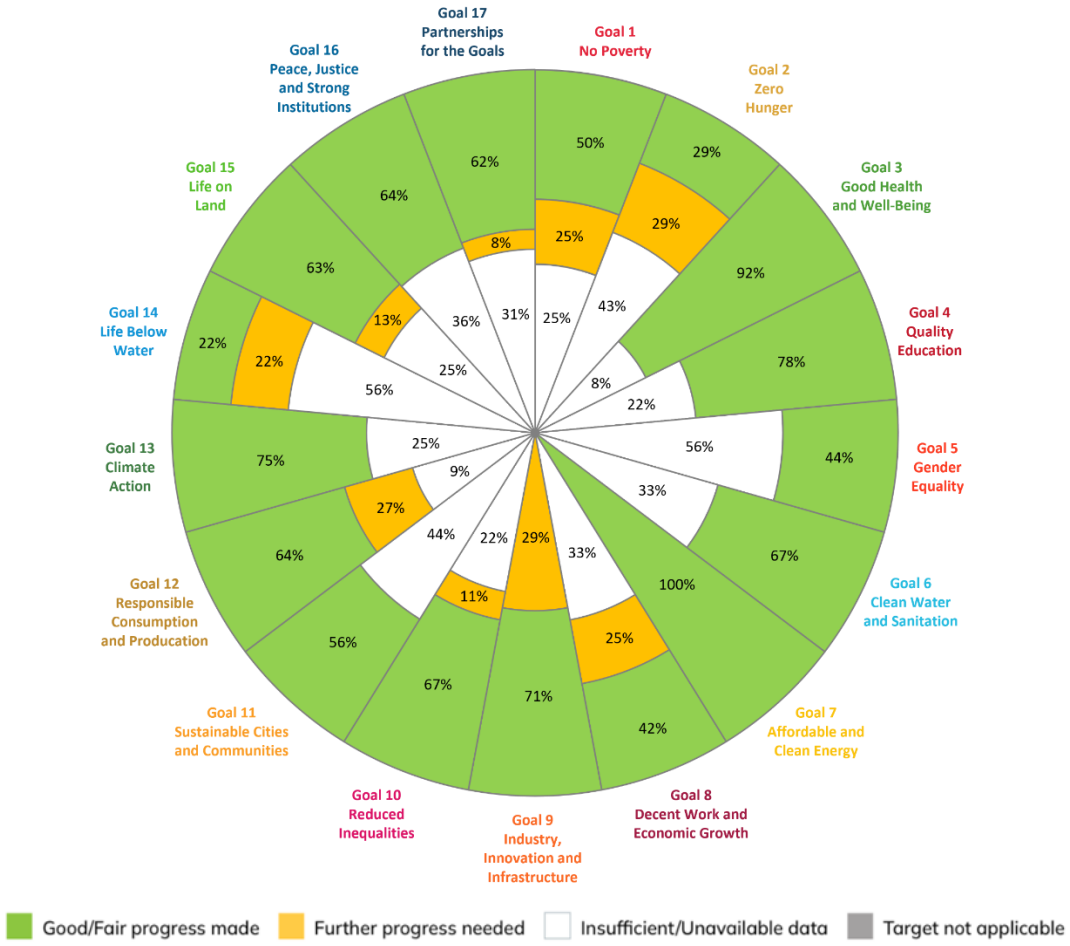
Singapore would like to express our appreciation to UN ESCAP for preparing the report.

Broadly, Singapore supports the recommendations and suggested decisions.

Besides implementing a whole-of-government approach, Singapore also recognises and acknowledges the importance of involving the non-governmental actors. In the area of monitoring and reporting the progress in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Singapore's data for the SDG indicators under the UN Global Indicators Framework (GIF) as published on DOS's SingStat Website are sourced/produced/used by both government agencies, international organisations and other non-government bodies. As a result of our collective efforts, we have more than doubled our SDG data availability from 24% in 2019 to 54% in 2023. Backed by the data, many of the SDG Targets were assessed to be making good/fair progress (see chart). DOS as the Singapore National Statistical Office (NSO), will continue to engage the policy agencies and data source providers to compile new data series, further disaggregation and proxies to bridge the data gaps to facilitate evidence-based policy and decision making.

Singapore has been and will continue to contribute where we can at the international and regional platforms. DOS takes on international leadership roles and roles as members of international task forces and expert groups to share DOS's expertise in methodology/ statistical best practices, e.g., at the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics, UN Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions as well as expertise sharing under the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework and co-leading ASEAN Community Statistical System initiatives. Pertaining to the UN GIF, Singapore has proposed a number of revisions to the SDG global metadata and provided comments to make the SDG indicators more relevant during the 2025 Comprehensive Review conducted by the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDGs (IAEG-SDGs). Singapore is also an active member of the ASEAN Working Group on SDG Indicators (WGSDGI) and forges partnership with other ASEAN member states to progress together towards our common goals, such as producing insights and improving data availability for ASEAN SDG Online Database.

Chart: SDG Progress Distribution of Targets by Goals
(as of August 2024)



Note: Data are based on 147 of 169 SDG targets that are applicable to Singapore. That is, targets not applicable to Singapore are excluded when rebasing to 100% within each goal to allow for clearer goal-on-goal comparisons.

Source: Singapore Department of Statistics