

Monitoring the Post-Pandemic Recovery in ASEAN

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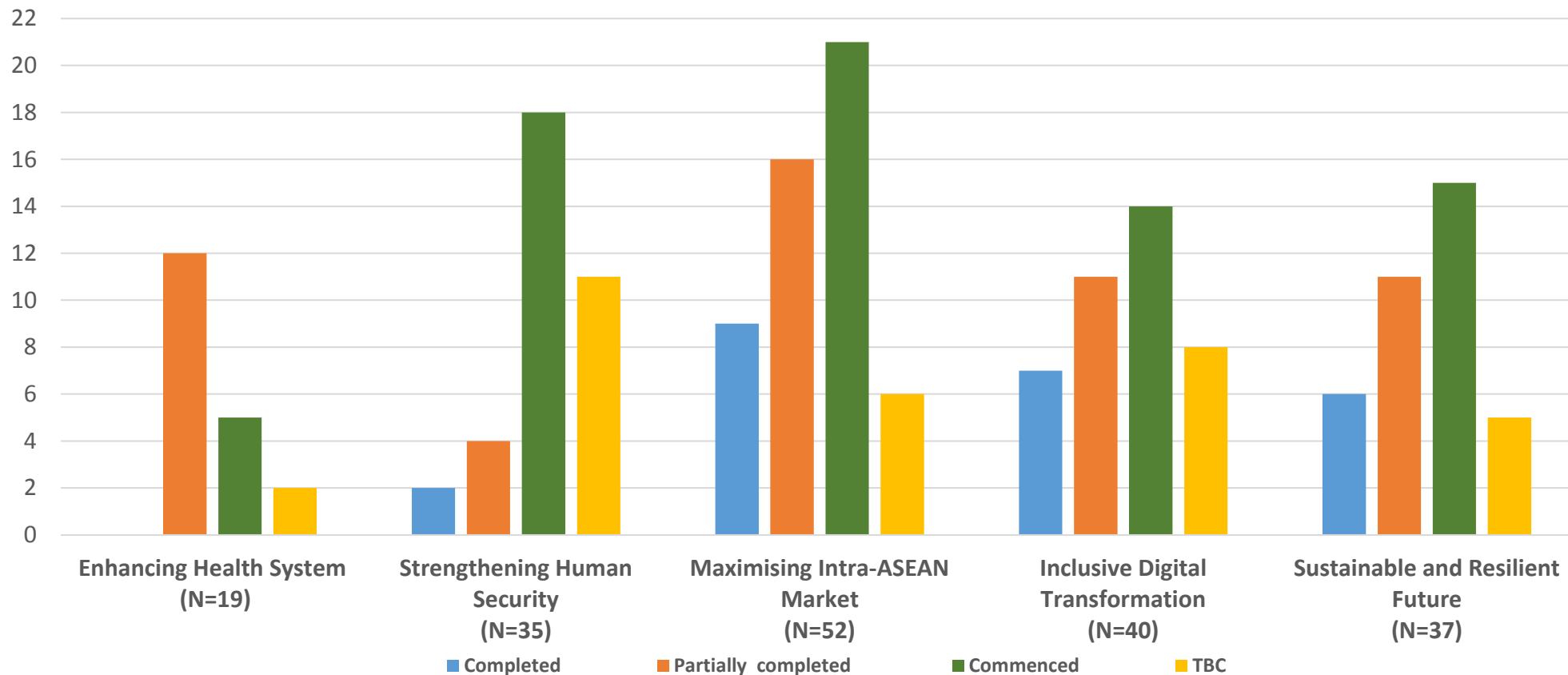
While still not out of the woods yet, ASEAN has started to recover

- More than one year into the crisis, COVID-19 remains a significant risk to ASEAN
- Despite uncertainty, signs of recovery started to emerge, as roll-out of vaccination programs improves consumer and business confidence
- Country-specific factors will continue to underpin the strength of recovery: medical interventions and policy support
- Regional initiatives matter too! (ASEAN COVID-19 Response Fund, ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework)



But the post-pandemic recovery still presents a lot of challenges ...

Implementation Progress of ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework



... as well as opportunities to deal with emerging regional issues

- Scaling-up digitalization
- Addressing sustainability in all dimensions
- Re-imagining market integration

Conclusion: making recovery work

- In ASEAN, as elsewhere, post-pandemic recovery remains a key priority; but **recovering better and ensuring a resilient and sustainable recovery** requires tremendous actions and strategic measures.
- Beyond medical interventions and policy support, having a **robust monitoring mechanism** to ensure that regional measures are implemented is crucial ...
- ... as well **strong regional cooperation** that builds on systematic information sharing and development of new initiatives to sustain recovery on the ground.

Thank You!