ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
SDG Progress Report launch 2021

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The fifth regional SDG progress report
Key findings

- The region **fell short of its 2020 milestone for the SDGs**, even before entering the global pandemic
- On its current trajectory, **less than 10% of the SDG targets are on track** to be achieved by 2030
- The **biggest progress** was on good **health and well-being** (Goal 3), and **industry, innovation** and **infrastructure** (Goal 9), but challenges remain
- The most alarming are **regressing trends** on **climate** action (Goal 13) and **life below water** (Goal 14)
- **COVID-19** had a significant impact on **people, planet** and **economies** and the report presents potential impacts on the **SDGs**
- More must be done to fill **data gaps** on nearly **half of the SDG indicators**
Regional SDG Progress
SDG Progress in Asia-Pacific in 2020

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Improved SDG Data Availability

Number of Indicators

- 2017:
  - Sufficient: 63
  - Insufficient: 53
  - No data: 106

- 2018:
  - Sufficient: 83
  - Insufficient: 53
  - No data: 96

- 2019:
  - Sufficient: 97
  - Insufficient: 64
  - No data: 71

- 2020:
  - Sufficient: 112
  - Insufficient: 81
  - No data: 38

Legend:
- Sufficient
- Insufficient
- No data
Subregional Progress
Uneven Subregional Progress

**On-track**

**Stagnant**

**Regressed**

**East and North-East Asia**

**North and Central Asia**

**Pacific**

**South East Asia**

**South and South West Asia**
Potential Impact of COVID-19 on SDG Implementation
Health

Maternal Mortality increase between 16 to 42%

Under-5 mortality could increase by at least 0.5 million

Jobs and the informal sector

Unemployment increased by 15 million

7.1% of labour income lost (compared to 2019)
Multi-dimensional poverty could **double**

At least **850 million students** lost almost half of the academic year

**71 million** more children impacted by poverty

**6.7 million learners** are at risk of dropping out of school
At least 70% of mental health services for older persons disrupted

At least 63% of countries closing their borders without exception for people seeking asylum

85% of countries with a recovery plan had little/no environmental considerations

CO2 emissions rose as soon as lockdown measures were lifted
Fiscal & financial stimulus

Projected growth worse than global average, **half of the countries**

6.7% of GDP on COVID-19 health response (**half of the global average**)

Statistical operations

COVID-19 impacted planned population censuses in 24 countries

By July 2020, **most NSOs had not yet resumed f2f data collection**
A tool for you to track progress on the SDGs

- Add your data
- Use your national targets
- Visualize your progress

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