Sustainable Development Goal 8: Trends and Challenges in South-East Asia

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Overview

- Decent work and Sustainable Development Goals
- Trends and challenges
- Priorities for action
**SDG8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**

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**Gender equality and non-discrimination**
Wide productivity gaps reflect poor job quality

[8.2.1] Output per worker, 2019 (constant 2010 US$)

Source: ILO: ILOSTAT Database.
3 in 4 workers are informally employed overall in SE Asia

[8.3.1] Proportion of informal employment in non-agricultural employment, 2019 or most recent year (%)

Source: ILO: ILOSTAT Database.
Persistent challenges in fostering equal pay

Average monthly wages by sex, 2019 or most recent year (male wages = 100)

Note: SDG Indicator 8.5.1: Average hourly earnings of female and male employees by occupation.
Source: ILO: ILOSTAT Database.
Potential of 1 in 5 youth in SE Asia not being realized

[8.6.1] Proportion of youth (aged 15-24) not in education, employment or training by sex, 2019 or most recent year (%)

Source: ILO: ILOSTAT Database.
COVID-19 crisis is exacerbating SDG challenges in SE Asia

**Economic contraction**

-4.3% GDP per capita growth 2020 (forecast)

(SDG 8.1)

Source: IMF.

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**Job and working hour losses**

78 million equivalent full-time jobs lost in Q2-Q3 2020

(SDG 8.5)

Source: ILO.

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**Decreased earnings**

US$105 billion in labour income lost since Q1 2020

(SDG 1.1, 8.5)

Source: ILO.
Priorities for action

- Stimulate economy and employment
- Support vulnerable enterprises and workers
- Build strong labour market institutions
- Ensure policy process is inclusive
- Enhance SDG data and monitoring