Global progress report on Sustainable Development Goal 16 indicators: A wake-up call for action on peace, justice and inclusion

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Main achievements in measuring governance 2015-2023

0 indicators with no data

40.2% of countries with data on SDG 16

Source: UNSD
Progress Assessment of SDG, 2023, UNSD

Progress assessment by goal

Progress assessment by target

Source: UNSD
# Assessment of progress on SDG 16

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The report uses data from OHCHR, UNODC, UNDP and the data from the other custodians coming from the SDG Indicators Database and UNICEF’s Research Unit.
Global number of victims of intentional homicide, 2000–2021 (UNODC)

On average we have **440 000 deaths** by intentional homicide in 2019-2021

Documented number of civilian conflict-related deaths and percentage change from previous year, 2015–2022 (OHCHR)
Proportion of victims of violence in the previous 12 months who reported their victimization to competent authorities or other officially recognized conflict resolution mechanisms, by type of crime, latest available year (UNODC)

- Avg % of report on robbery (33 countries): 42%
- Avg % of report on physical assault (33 countries): 34%
- Avg % of report on sexual assault (19 countries): 19%
Ratio of women in public service to the proportion of women in the working-age population, by region (2022)

Proportion of individuals who experienced bribery, by region, 2021 or latest year since 2015

[Bar chart showing ratio of women in public service by region]

[Box plot chart showing proportion of individuals who experienced bribery by region]
Proportion of national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles, by region, 2023

Proportion of the overall population experiencing discrimination, by selected grounds and sex, 2015–2022
OUR RESPONSE TO
IMPROVE DATA
ACCURACY AND
AVAILABILITY
HOW TO ADDRESS THE SDG16 DATA GAP?

Administrative Data Sources
- 7+ Indicators
- Better Data Coverage
- For some indicators, as high as 75% of countries

Population Surveys
- 9 Indicators (+4 Indicators)
- Very Low Data Coverage
- For some indicators, as high as 20% of countries
WORKSTREAMS

The joint initiative aims to support national data producers and policymakers, in particular the National Statistics Offices and institutions in the National Statistics System, to collect, and report integrated data related to peaceful, just and inclusive societies. Specific areas of collaboration include:

- METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
- CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING ON MEASURING SDG 16
- SDG 16 SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION
- GLOBAL ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS
- JOINT ANALYSIS AND REPORTS ON SDG 16
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THANK YOU

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