The Sustainable Development Goals Report
Progress Chart 2021


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The Sustainable Development Goals Progress Chart 2021 presents a snapshot of global and regional progress toward selected targets under the SDGs through a traffic light dashboard.

The progress chart shows that the world was already off track in realizing the ambitions and fulfilling the commitments of the 2030 Agenda, even before COVID-19.
Two types of information are presented

i. A level assessment based on the latest available data using a **gauge meter**

   - Target met or almost met
   - Close to target
   - Moderate distance to target
   - Far from target
   - Very far from target
   - Insufficient data

ii. A trend assessment using **stoplight colours**

   - Substantial progress/On track
   - Fair progress but acceleration needed
   - Limited or no progress
   - Deterioration
Baseline year and latest available data used in the Progress Chart

• **Baseline year:** 2015 is used for the trend assessment for most indicators. If there are no sufficient empirical data around that time, a baseline year of around 2010 is used.

• **The latest available data** for most indicators are from 2019 to 2020; for a few indicators, the data go back to 2017.

• The assessment is based on the most up-to-date data available. However, the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is not yet known. Some of the devastating impacts of the pandemics can be found in *The SDG Report 2021* (https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2021/)
General overview of the process

**Trend and level assessment**

Assessments based on the **standard methodology** developed and agreed by the Task Team on Progress Chart last year.

Due to the nature of the indicators, some agencies applied different methodology.

**Agency review**

The methodology and assessment results were reviewed and agreed by agencies.

35 indicators selected under 17 **Goals** to present the progress made in SDGs.

**Technical Note update**

The technical note details methodologies applied in the progress chart.

The technical note needs to be updated to reflect the year range and calculation method.
The world was already off track on SDGs before the pandemic.
Thank You!