

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2020



Key messages from the report

Before the pandemic

One-third of the way into the SDG journey, our global efforts were coming up short to deliver the 2030 Agenda.

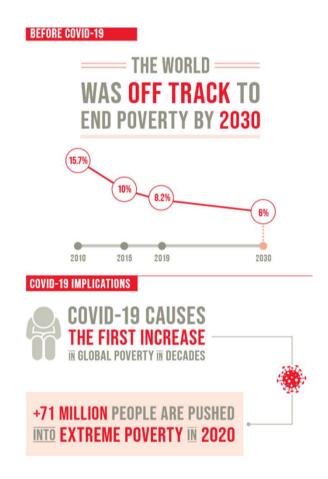


COVID-19 impacts

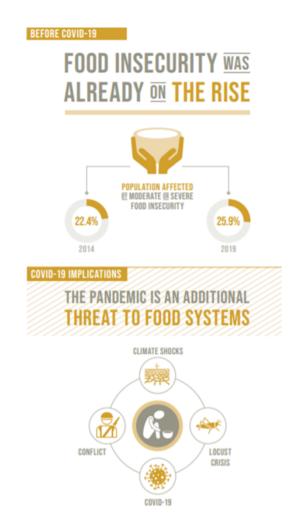
COVID-19 abruptly
disrupted
implementation efforts
towards many of the
SDGs and, in some
cases, turned back years
of progress.

COVID-19 could push millions into hunger and extreme poverty









Health and education outcomes are adversely affected



BEFORE COVID-19

PROGRESS IN MANY HEALTH AREAS CONTINUED, BUT NEEDS ACCELERATION









COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

HEALTHCARE DISRUPTIONS COULD

REVERSE DECADES OF IMPROVEMENTS



HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL UNDER-5 DEATHS MAYBE EXPECTED IN 2020





INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION WAS TOO SLOW



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



SCHOOL CLOSURES KEPT

90% OF ALL STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL

REVERSING YEARS OF PROGRESS ON EDUCATION

The pandemic is taking a toll on women and girls worldwide Improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene services is urgently needed









COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

LOCKDOWNS ARE INCREASING THE RISK OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HAVE INCREASED BY 30%
IN SOME COUNTRIES











2.2 BILLION PEOPLE
LACK SAFELY MANAGED
DRINKING WATER
[2017]

4.2 BILLION PEOPLE
LACK SAFELY MANAGED
SANITATION
(2017)

COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



3 BILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE

LACK BASIC HANDWASHING FACILITIES AT HOME

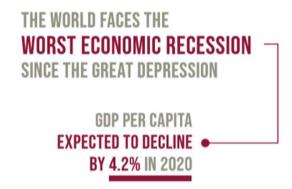


COVID-19 has caused the worst economic fallout in generations



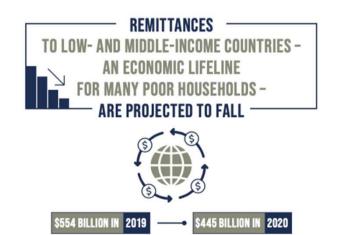




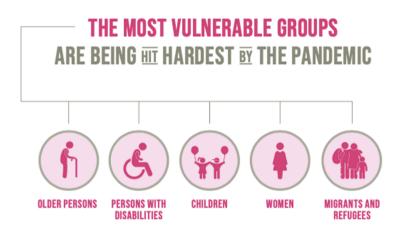


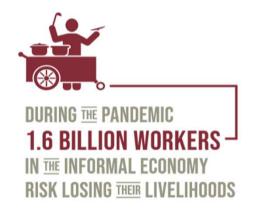






COVID-19 is affecting vulnerable people the most







COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

THE WELL-BEING OF MILLIONS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS

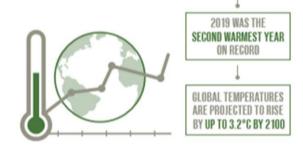


Climate change and environmental deterioration continue unabated





GLOBAL COMMUNITY SHIES AWAY FROM COMMITMENTS REQUIRED TO REVERSE THE CLIMATE CRISIS



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



COVID-19 MAY RESULT IN A 6% DROP IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FOR 2020

STILL SHORT OF 7.6% ANNUAL REDUCTION REQUIRED TO LIMIT GLOBAL WARMING TO 1.5°C



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



THE WORLD CONTINUES TO **USE NATURAL RESOURCES**



73.2 BILLION TONS — 85.9 BILLION TONS

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION CONTINUES TO THREATEN MARINE ENVIRONMENTS AND **ECOSYSTEM SERVICES**



A 100-150% RISE

IN OCEAN ACIDITY IS PROJECTED BY 2100. AFFECTING HALF OF ALL MARINE LIFE

The world is falling short on most of the 2020 targets



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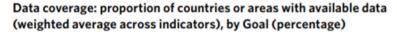
Progress summary for SDG targets with a 2020 deadline

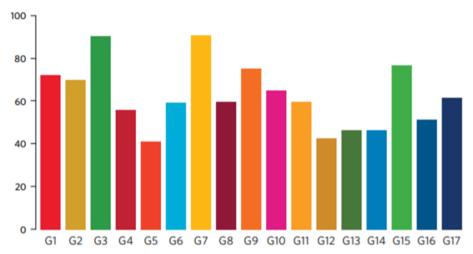
By the end of 2020, 21 of the 169 Sustainable Development Goal targets will have matured. This summary reviews progress made towards those targets at the global level based on available data as of June 2020. It takes stock of how far the world has come in meeting these commitments by mid-2020 and provides an assessment in stoplight colours. Of these 21 targets, 12 are linked to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The biodiversity-linked SDG targets are presented separately from the other 2020 SDG targets.

Blodiversity-linked SDG targets with a 2020 deadline' Progress Progress analysis			
2.5	Maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, plants and animals for food and agriculture	•	Progress has been negligible in maintaining plant and animal genetic diversity for food and agriculture. The number of local livestock breeds (occurring in only one country) with sufficient material stored to allow them to be reconstituted in case of estinction increased to 101 in 2019 – a tiny proportion of the approximately 7,600 breeds reported globally. According to country reports, 73 per cent of assessed breeds are at risk of extinction. At the end of 2019, global holdings of plant genetic material conserved in gene banks totalled 5.4 million samples, a 1.3 per cent increase from 2018.
6.6	Protect and restore water-related ecosystems	•	In 2018, slightly more than 2.1 per cent of global land was covered by freshwater bodies. Water-related ecosystems captured by these data (lakes and large rivers) have maintained a consistent spatial area since the baseline reference year 2000 (progress indicated in yellow). For other water-related ecosystems, including wetlands, groundwater and open water bodies, global level data is not yet currently available (progress indicated in grey).
12.4	Responsibly manage chemicals and waste	•	Parties continue to meet their commitments as required by multilateral environmental agreements in the chemicals and waste duster, in particular for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (progress indicated in yellow). However, between 2010 and 2019, global generation of e-waste - discarded electrical equipment - grew from 5.3 to 7.3 kilograms per capita, while the environmentally sound recycling of such waste increased at a much slower pace - from 0.8 to 1.3 kilograms per capita (progress indicated in red).
14.2	Protect and restore marine and coastal ecosystems		The global Ocean Health Index appears to have been static over the last eight years. Some regions have low scores on ocean health that are likely worsening.
14.4	Restore fish stocks to sustainable levels		The sustainability of global fishery resources continues to decline, although at a reduced rate, with the share of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels at 65.8 per cent in 2017, down from 90 per cent in 1974, and 0.8 percentage points lower than 2015 levels.
14.5	Conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas		As of December 2019, over 17 per cent (or 24 million square kilometres) of waters under national jurisdiction (0 to 200 nautical miles from shore) were covered by protected areas, more than double the area covered in 2010. The global mean percentage of each marine KBA covered by protected areas increased from 30.5 per cent in 2000 to 46.0 per cent in 2019, but the majority of these sites still have incomplete or no coverage by protected areas.
14.6	End subsidies that contribute to overfishing and to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing	•	As of February 2020, the number of parties to the Agreement on Port State Measures – the first binding international agreement that specifically targets illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing – increased to 66 (including the European Union) from 58 the previous year. Close to 70 per cent of countries reported high scores in implementing the Agreement.
15.1	Conserve and restore terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems	•	In 2020, on average, 44 per cent of each terrestrial and 41 per cent of each freshwater and each mountain KBA were in protected areas, an increase of 12 to 13 percentage points since 2000. However, the majority of KBAs still have incomplete or no protected area coverage. Moreover, since 2010, the increase in coverage has slowed considerably compared to the previous decade.
15.2	Promote sustainable management of forests, halt deforestation and restore degraded forests	•	The world's forest area continues to shrink, although at a slightly slower pace than in previous decades. From 2015 to 2020, the annual rate of deforestation was estimated at 10 million hectares (progress indicated in yellow). While forest loss remains high, 2020 data show the proportion of forests in protected areas and under long-term management plans, as well as certified forest area, increased or remained stable at the global level and in most regions of the world (progress indicated in green).
15.5	Protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species		Globally, species extinction risk has worsened by about 10 per cent over the last three decades, with the Red List Index declining from 0.82 in 1990 to 0.75 in 2015, and to 0.73 in 2020 (a value of 1 indicates no threat to extinction and a value of 0 indicates all species are extinct).

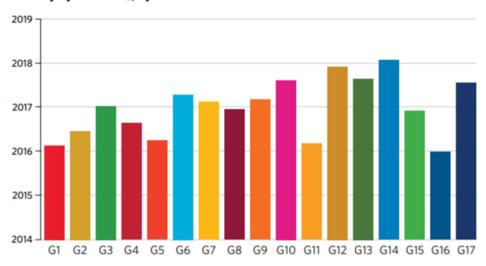
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Serious data gaps remain in assessing country-level progress towards the SDGs





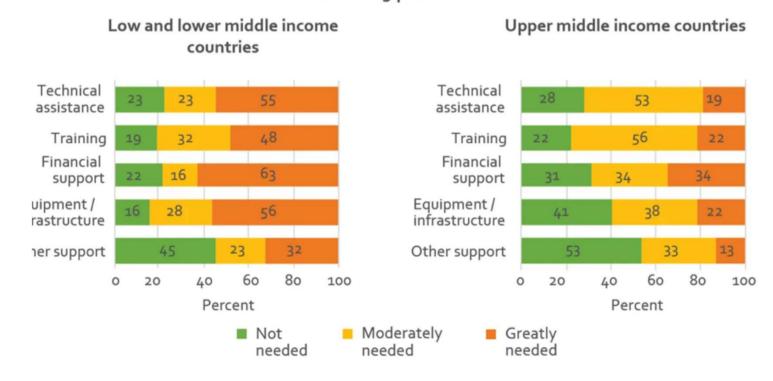
Data timeliness: the most recent year available (weighted average of the median country by indicator), by Goal



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Short-term statistical production, which heavily relies on traditional face-to-face methods, continues to be affected, with low and middle-income countries impacted the most.

Need for additional support to face the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic:





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