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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
The pandemic is taking a toll on women and girls worldwide. Improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene services is urgently needed.
COVID-19 has caused the worst economic fallout in generations
COVID-19 is affecting vulnerable people the most
Climate change and environmental deterioration continue unabated.
By the end of 2020, 21 of the 169 SDG targets will mature. 12 are linked to the UN CBD Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
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Serious data gaps remain in assessing country-level progress towards the SDGs.
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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: |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| **Low and lower middle income countries** | **Upper middle income countries** |
| Technical assistance | 23 | 28 |
| Training | 19 | 22 |
| Financial support | 22 | 31 |
| Equipment / infrastructure | 16 | 41 |
| Other support | 45 | 53 |

**Percent**

- **Not needed**
- **Moderately needed**
- **Greatly needed**
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