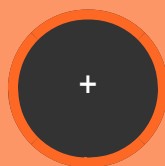


## Progress on Community Participation (SDG target 6.b)



is the global average number of sub-sectors (out of 6) with a high level of participation by communities (SDG indicator 6.b.1, 2021)

- Data provider: WHO through [UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-water \(GLAAS\)](#)
- Available time series: 2010-2021
- Number of countries (and areas) reporting in the last five years: 147
- Proportion of world population covered by reporting in the last five years: 83%
- Proportion of world economy covered by reporting in the last five years: 53%
- Proportion of world land area covered by reporting in the last five years: 59%
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- [Read the latest progress report here](#)



Participation of users and communities helps ensure sustainable solutions for all aspects of SDG 6 and contributes to wider reductions in inequality within and among countries, including gender inequalities.

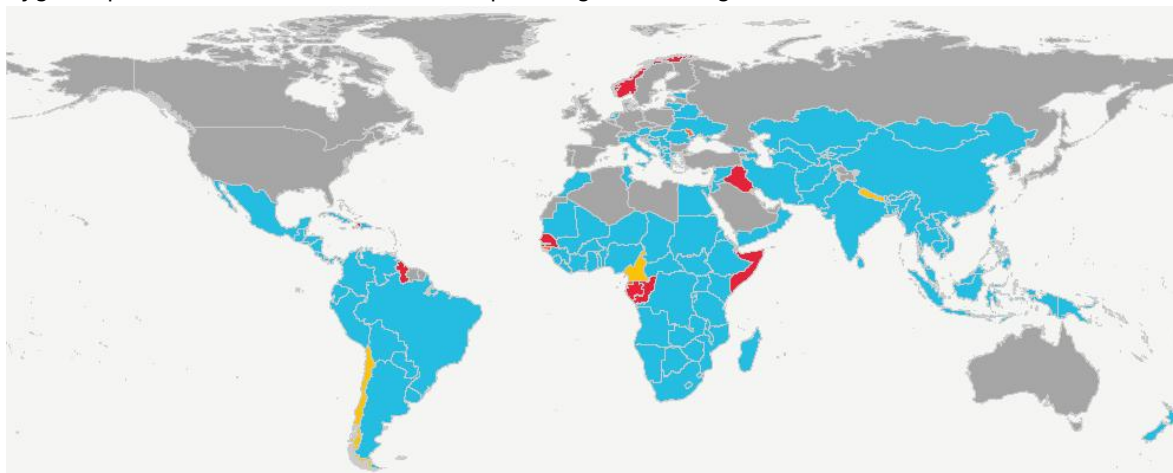
SDG target 6.b is: 'Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.'

To track progress towards the target, indicator 6.b.1 monitors the participation of local communities in water and sanitation management within a country, by looking at the existence of procedures in law or policy for participation, as well as the actual level of participation.

## Global status of indicator 6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management <sup>[1]</sup>

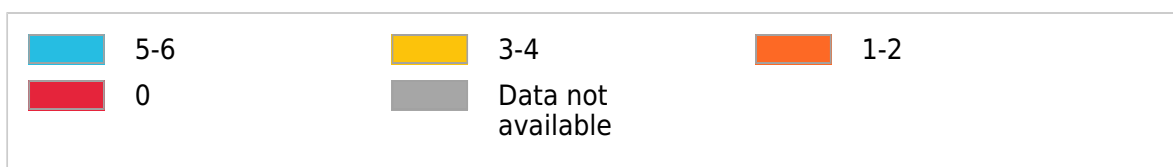
### Number of water and sanitation sub-sectors with clearly defined Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities (2012-2021) <sup>[2]</sup>

The sub-sectors are urban drinking water, rural drinking water, urban sanitation, rural sanitation, hygiene promotion, and water resources planning and management.



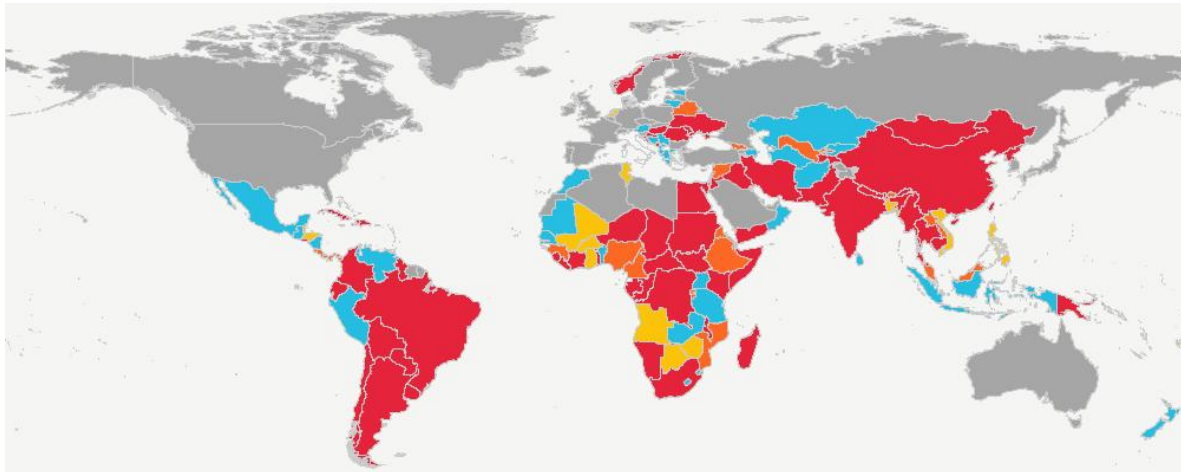
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### Number of water and sanitation sub-sectors with clearly defined Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities



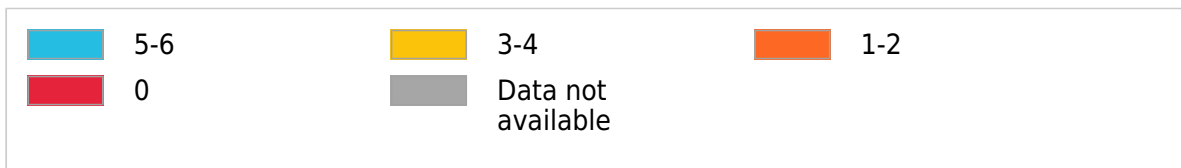
### Number of water and sanitation sub-sectors with a high Level of participation by users/communities (2014-2021) <sup>[3]</sup>

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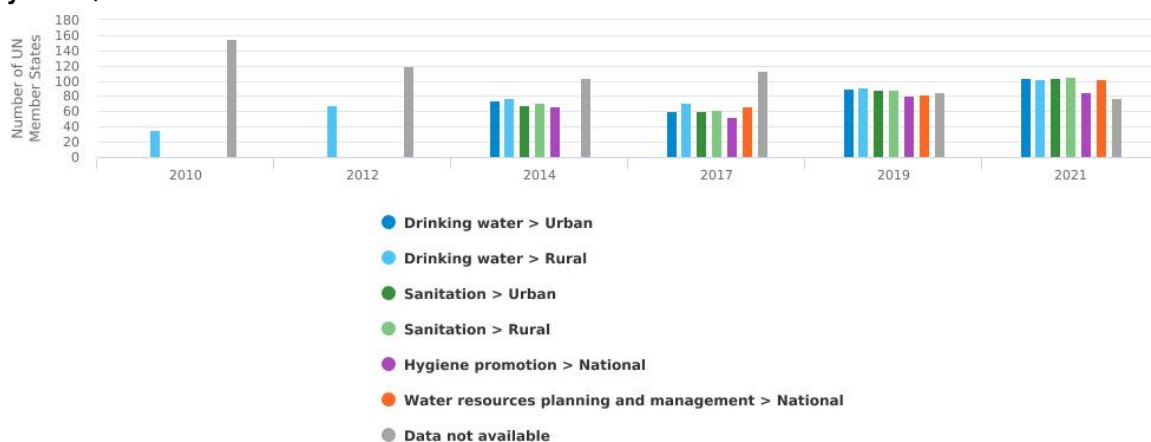
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**Number of water and sanitation sub-sectors with a high Level of participation by users/communities**

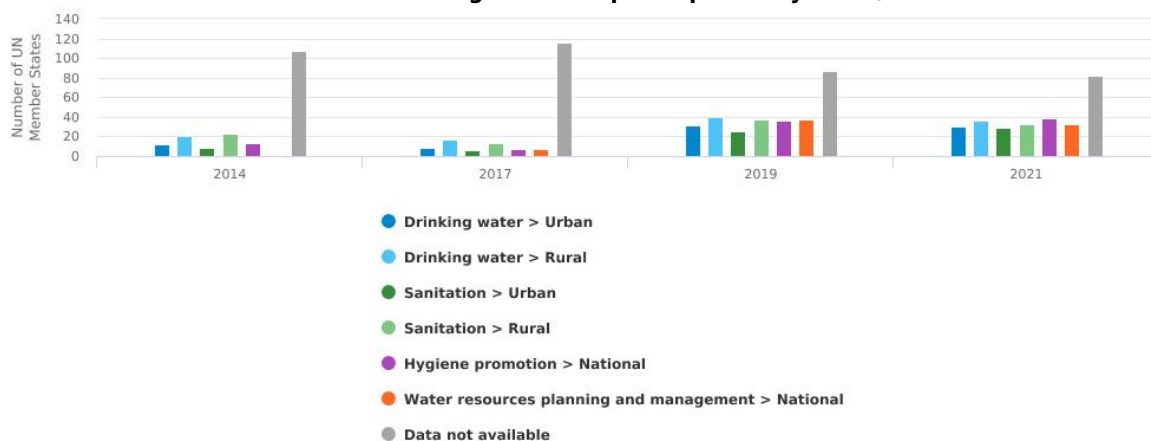


## Progress over time of indicator 6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management

Number of UN Member States with clearly defined Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities <sup>[4]</sup>

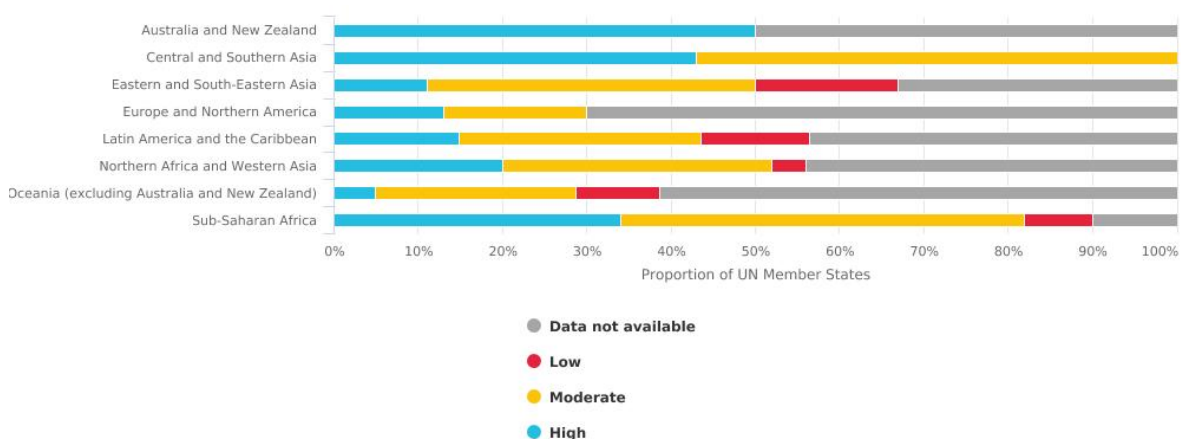


Number of UN Member States with a high Level of participation by users/communities <sup>[5]</sup>

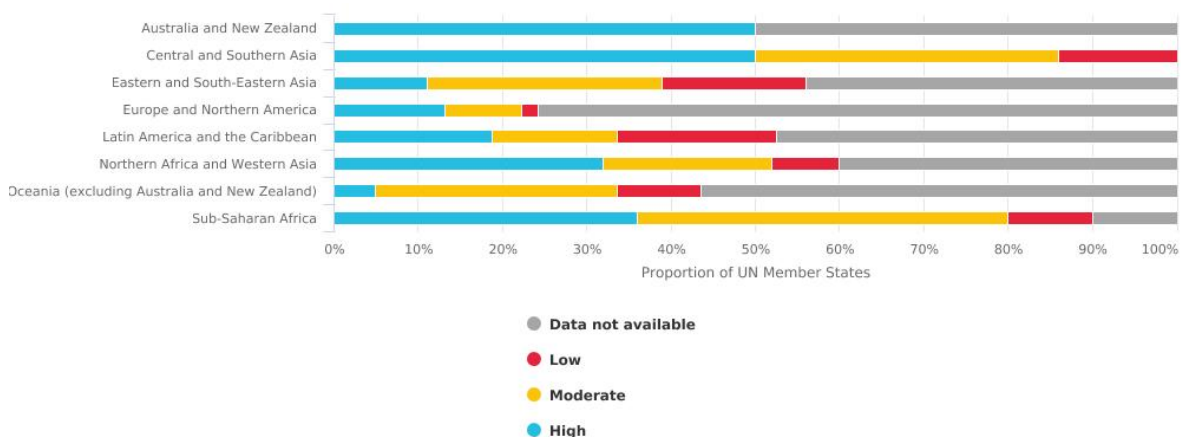


## Status in different SDG regions of indicator 6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management

Level of participation by users/communities in the management of rural drinking water (2014-2021) <sup>[6]</sup>

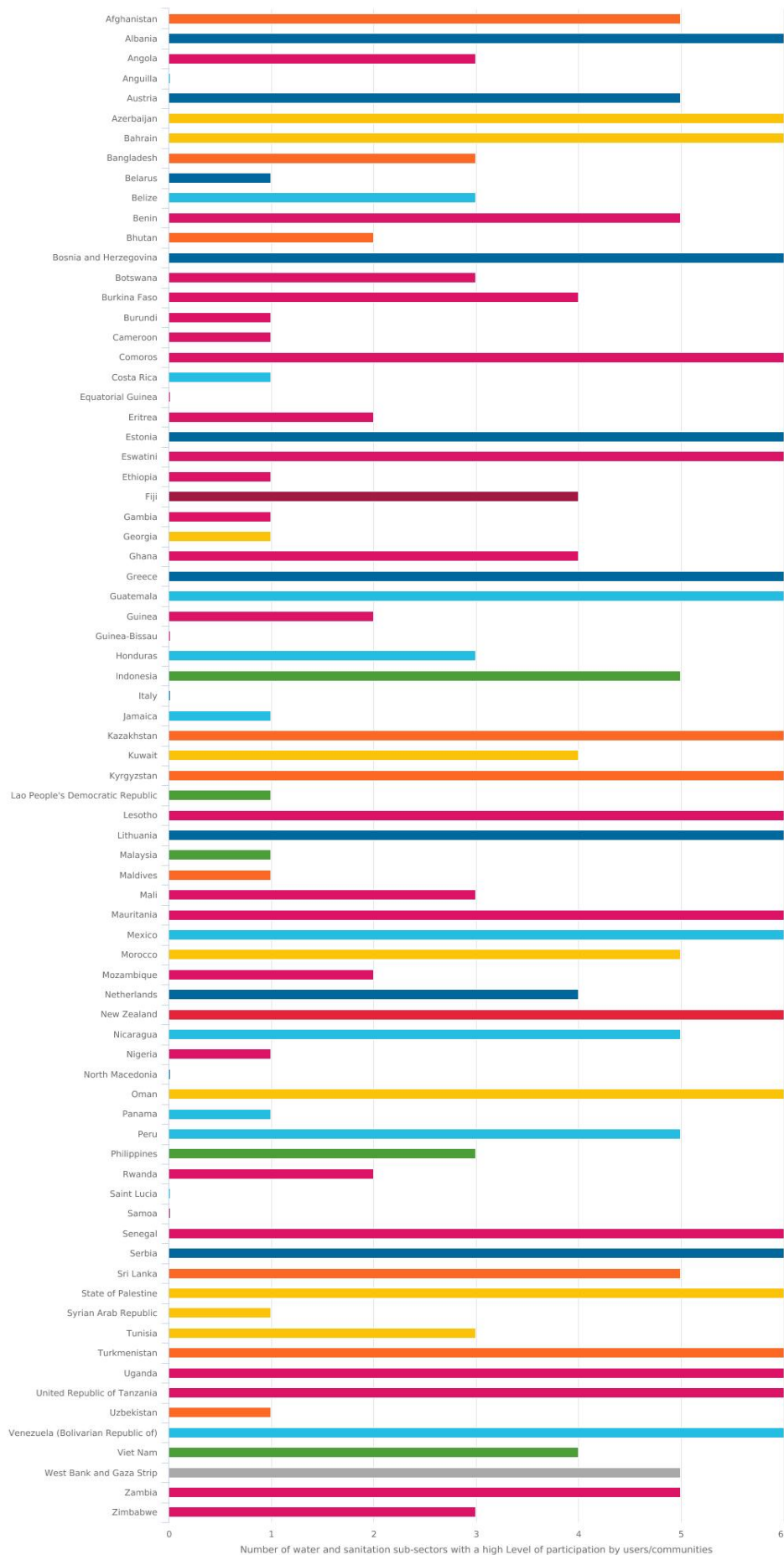


Level of participation by users/communities in hygiene promotion (2014-2021) <sup>[7]</sup>



## **Status in different countries (or areas) on 6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management**

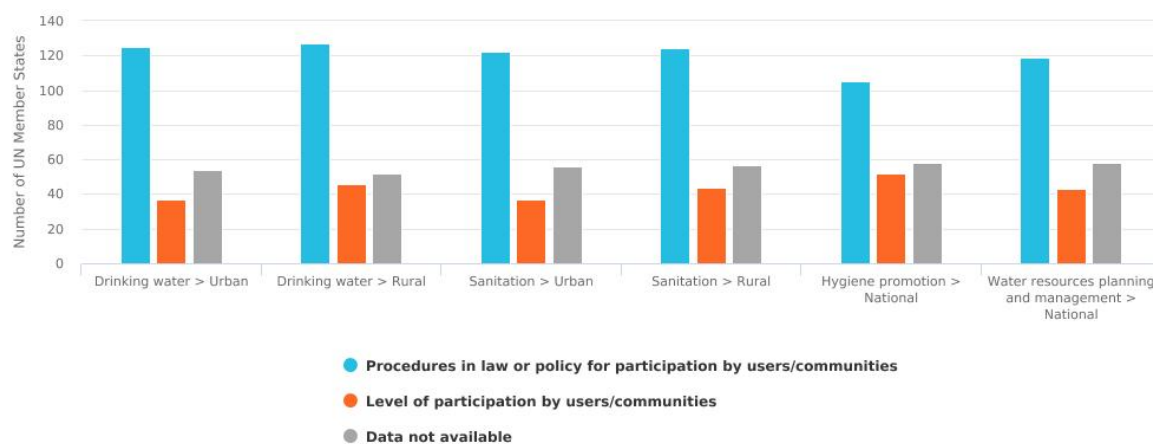
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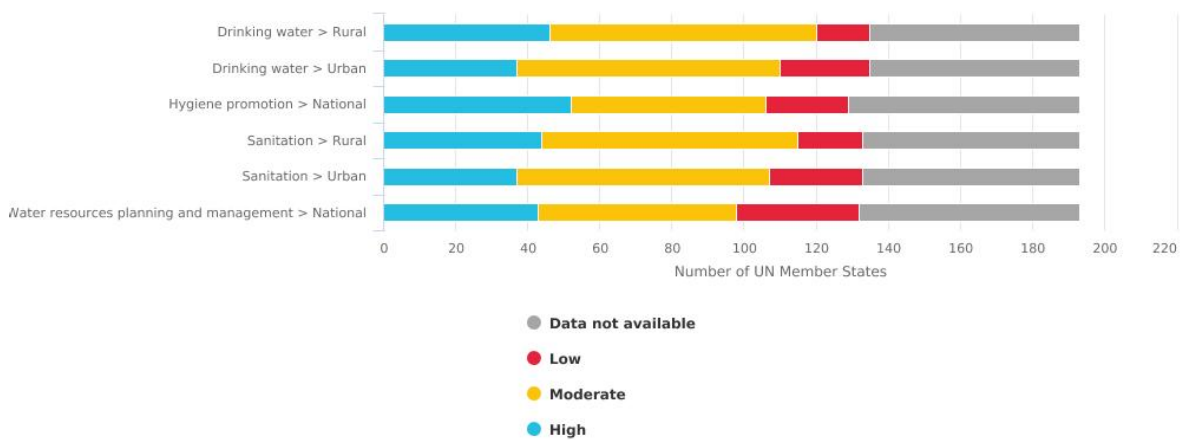
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## Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities in UN Member States (2012-2021)<sup>[10]</sup>



## Level of participation by users/communities in UN Member States (2014-2021)<sup>[11]</sup>



## Source data indicator 6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management<sup>[13]</sup>

Country (or area), regional and world data for the latest year of reporting:

Country (or area), region, world	Year	Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities (10 = Clearly defined; 5 = Not clearly defined)						Level of participation by users/communities (3 = High; 2 = Moderate; 1 = Low)					
		Drinking water		Sanitation		Hygiene promotion	Water resources planning and management	Drinking water		Sanitation		Hygiene promotion	Water resources planning and management
		Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	National	National	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	National	National
West Bank and Gaza Strip	2019	10	10	10	10	5	10	3	3	3	3	3	2
Afghanistan	2019	10	10	10	10	10	5	3	3	3	3	3	2
Albania	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Angola	2014-2019	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	3	1	3	3	1
Antigua and Barbuda	2019			10	10		5			2	2		1
Azerbaijan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Argentina	2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	2	1	2	2	1	2
Austria	2019	10	10	10	10		10	3	3	3	3		3
Bahrain	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Bangladesh	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	3	2	3	3	1
Barbados	2021	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bhutan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	3	2	2	3	2
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Botswana	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	3	3	2	3
Brazil	2019-2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	2	1	2	1	1	2
Belize	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	3	3	3
Solomon Islands	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
British Virgin Islands	2019-2021	5	5	10	10	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
Myanmar	2019	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
Burundi	2019	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	1	2	3	2
Belarus	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	3
Cambodia	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cameroon	2014-2021	5	10	5	10	10	10	2	2	1	2	3	2
Cabo Verde	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Central African Republic	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	1
Sri Lanka	2019	10	10	10	10	10	5	2	3	3	3	3	3
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Comoros	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Congo	2021	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2019-2021	10	10	10	5	10	10	1	2	2	2	2	2

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Cuba	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
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Dominican Republic	2017-2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	1	2	1	2	2	1
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El Salvador	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ethiopia	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	3	2	2	2	1
Eritrea	2019-2021	5	10	10	10	10	10	2	3	2	2	3	2
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Fiji	2017-2021	10	10	10	10	5	5	3	2	3	3	3	1
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Ghana	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	3	3	3	3
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Guatemala	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
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Hungary	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	1
India	2017	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	1
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Jamaica	2019-2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	2	2	2	2	1	3
Kazakhstan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Jordan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Kenya	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	1	2
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2019	10	10	10	10	10		2	2	2	2		
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Madagascar	2017-2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	1	2	1	2	2	1

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Morocco	2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	3	3	3	3	1	3
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Niger	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Nigeria	2019-2021	5	10	10	10	10	10	3	2	2	2	2	2
Norway	2021			5	5					2	2		
Micronesia (Federated States of)	2017	5	5	5	5	5	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Marshall Islands	2019-2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pakistan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	2	1	2	1	1
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Philippines	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	3	3	2	3
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Romania	2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	2	2	2	2		2
Rwanda	2017	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	3	2	3	2	2
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Sierra Leone	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Viet Nam	2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	3	2	3	3	2	3
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Zimbabwe	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	3	2	3	3	2

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South Sudan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sudan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Eswatini	2019	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Syrian Arab Republic	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	3	2
Tajikistan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Thailand	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	1
Togo	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tonga	2017	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Trinidad and Tobago	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	1	2
Tunisia	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	3	3	3
Turkmenistan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Tuvalu	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Uganda	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Ukraine	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	1	2
Egypt	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
United Republic of Tanzania	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Burkina Faso	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	3	2	3	3	3
Uruguay	2017-2021	10	10	10	10	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
Uzbekistan	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	3
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2019	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Yemen	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2
Zambia	2021	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3	3	2
Cook Islands	2014	10	10	5	5	10		2	2			2	
Equatorial Guinea	2012				10								
Italy	2021	10	10	10	10	5	10						
Guinea-Bissau	2012				10								
Anguilla	2019	5	5	5	5	5	5						
Saint Lucia	2021	5	5	5	5	5	5						
North Macedonia	2014	10	10	10	10	10							
Samoa	2012				10								

## Description of indicators

[1]

### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management**

Local administrative units within a country with established and operational policies and procedures for participation of local communities in water and sanitation planning and management. The indicator currently includes information about the existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users and communities, and the level of their participation, disaggregated by sector (drinking water, sanitation, hygiene promotion and water resources planning and management). Participation refers to a mechanism by which individuals and communities can meaningfully contribute to decisions and directions about water and sanitation planning and management. Local administrative units are institutional units whose fiscal, legislative and executive authority extends over the smallest geographical areas distinguished for administrative and political purposes. Local administrative units for drinking water and sanitation should be non-overlapping and cover the entire country. Local administrative units for water resources planning and management may differ from those designated for drinking water and sanitation. Custodian agency: WHO and OECD Data sources: National line ministries and institutions (e.g. for Water, Sanitation, Environment, Health, Public Services, Planning, Finance) Links:

[https://www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/monitoring/investments/glaas/en/](https://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/monitoring/investments/glaas/en/),

<http://www.oecd.org/cfe/regional-policy/water-governance-initiative.htm> Rationale: The participation of local communities in water and sanitation planning and management is essential to ensuring that the needs of local users are being met and that the impact of development decisions is fully understood by local communities. The involvement of all relevant stakeholders is necessary to ensure that technical and administrative solutions are adapted to the local context and to encourage local ownership, which in turn promotes long-term sustainability. This indicator, by assessing the degree of participation of local communities, thus informs on the sustainability of water and sanitation planning and management in a country.

[2]

### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities > Drinking water**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services for drinking water, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined).

### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities > Sanitation**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services for sanitation, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined).

### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities > Hygiene promotion**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services for hygiene promotion, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined).

Hygiene promotion can include programmes and activities designed to educate and advocate the use of safe hygiene practices that minimize the spread of diarrhoeal diseases, acute respiratory infections, and other related diseases. Such activities may include working with communities to identify risks, hand washing with soap campaigns, safe disposal of human excreta, including that of children and infants, food hygiene, etc.

**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities > Water resources planning and management**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services for water resources management, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined).

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**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Drinking water**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for drinking water, by level of participation.

**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Sanitation**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for sanitation, by level of participation.

**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Hygiene promotion**

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**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Water resources planning and management**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for water resources management, by level of participation.

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**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined). These could be general policies or laws relating to public participation or consumer rights, or relating specifically to the WASH sector. A policy is a key guiding instrument for present and future decisions. Policies are the principle guides



to action taken by the government to achieve national, sector, and/or industry-wide goals.

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**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services, by level of participation. Levels of participation include: very low/no communication (no communication between government and stakeholders on policy, planning and management); low (information on policy, planning and management is made available to stakeholders); medium-low/occasional consultation (government authorities occasionally request information, experiences and opinions of stakeholders); medium-high/regular consultation (government authorities regularly request information, experiences and opinions of stakeholders); high/collaboration (regular opportunities for stakeholders to take part in relevant policy, planning and management processes); very high/representation (formal representation of stakeholders in government processes contributing to joint decision making on important issues and activities, as appropriate).

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**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Drinking water**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for drinking water, by level of participation.

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**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Drinking water**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for drinking water, by level of participation.

**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Sanitation**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for sanitation, by level of participation.

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## **participation by users/communities > Hygiene promotion**

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### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Water resources planning and management**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for water resources management, by level of participation.

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#### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities**

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#### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities > Drinking water**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services for drinking water, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined).

#### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities > Sanitation**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services for sanitation, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined).

#### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities > Hygiene promotion**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services for hygiene promotion, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined). Hygiene promotion can include programmes and activities designed to educate and advocate the use of safe hygiene practices that minimize the spread of diarrhoeal diseases, acute respiratory infections, and other related diseases. Such activities may include working with communities to identify risks, hand washing with soap campaigns, safe disposal of human excreta, including that of children and infants, food hygiene, etc.

#### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Procedures in law or policy for participation by users/communities > Water resources planning and management**

Existence of procedures in law or policy for participation by service users/communities in planning and management of services for water resources management, by level of definition (clearly defined/not clearly defined).

#### **6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Drinking water**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for drinking water, by level of participation.

**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Sanitation**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for sanitation, by level of participation.

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**6.b.1 Participation of local communities in water and sanitation management > Level of participation by users/communities > Water resources planning and management**

Service users/communities participating in planning and management of services for water resources management, by level of participation.

## About

Through the UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, the United Nations seeks to support countries in monitoring water- and sanitation-related issues within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in compiling country data to report on global progress towards SDG 6. The Initiative brings together the United Nations agencies who are formally mandated to compile country data for the purpose of global reporting on SDG 6.

To learn more about water and sanitation in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6, visit our website:

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Monitoring SDG 6 involves a wide range of stakeholders across different sectors and levels of government. To enable a comprehensive assessment and analysis of the state of water resources and possible development paths, one of the monitoring effort's key objectives is to collate all the information, in support of an integrated management approach that helps reduce institutional fragmentation. For this reason, the Integrated Monitoring Initiative has developed the SDG 6 Data Portal, which brings together data on all the SDG 6 global indicators, as well as other key social, economic and environmental data.

To explore the data and assess progress towards SDG 6, and generate snapshots such as this one, visit our portal: [www.sdg6data.org](http://www.sdg6data.org).



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