

SOUTH AFRICA

Sub-Saharan Africa

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

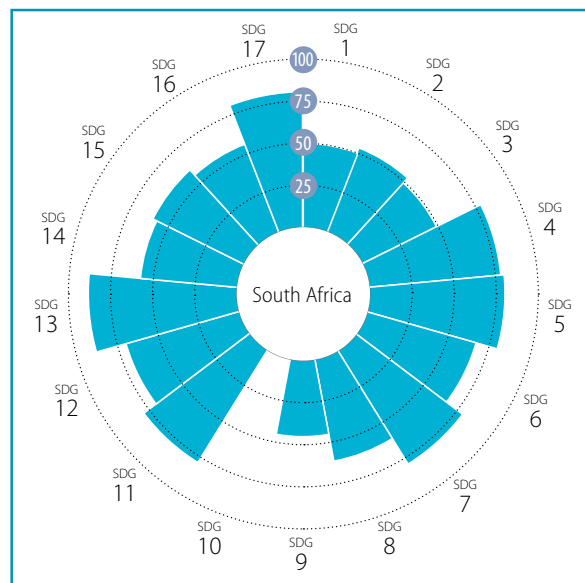
Index score



Regional average score



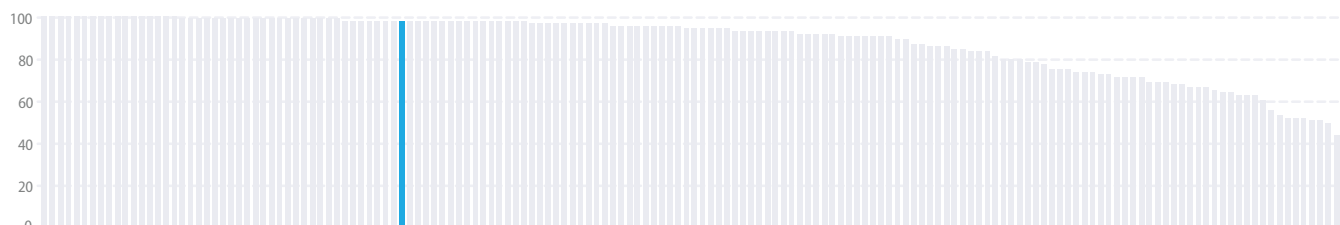
SDG Global rank 113 (OF 162)



AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG

SPILLOVER INDEX

100 (best) to 0 (worst)



CURRENT ASSESSMENT – SDG DASHBOARD



Major challenges Significant challenges Challenges remain SDG achieved Information unavailable

SDG TRENDS



Decreasing Stagnating Moderately improving On track or maintaining SDG achievement Information unavailable

Notes: The full title of Goal 2 "Zero Hunger" is "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture".

The full title of each SDG is available here: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals>

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Performance by Indicator

SDG1 – End Poverty

	Value	Rating	Trend
Poverty headcount ratio at \$1.90/day (% population)	24.5	●	→
Poverty headcount ratio at \$3.20/day (% population)	34.3	●	→

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Prevalence of undernourishment (% population)	6.1	●	↑
Prevalence of stunting (low height-for-age) in children under 5 years of age (%)	27.4	●	↑
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	2.5	●	↑
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% adult population)	28.3	●	↓
Cereal yield (t/ha)	3.8	●	↑
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index	0.7	●	●
Human Trophic Level (best 2-3 worst)	2.3	●	→

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	138	●	↑
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	10.7	●	↑
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	37.1	●	↑
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	567.0	●	↑
New HIV infections (per 1,000)	5.5	●	↑
Age-standardised death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory disease in populations age 30-70 years (per 100,000 population)	26.2	●	→
Age-standardised death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	87	●	●
Traffic deaths rate (per 100,000 population)	21.3	●	↑
Life Expectancy at birth (years)	63.6	●	↑
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)	44.4	●	↑
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	96.7	●	●
Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	60	●	↓
Universal Health Coverage Tracer Index (0-100)	65.2	●	↑
Subjective Wellbeing (average ladder score, 0-10)	4.9	●	↓

SDG4 – Quality Education

Net primary enrolment rate (%)	84.3	●	●
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	75.4	●	●
Literacy rate of 15-24 year olds, both sexes (%)	99.0	●	●

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% women married or in unions aged 15-49)	77.9	●	→
Female to male mean years of schooling, population age 25 + (%)	95.2	●	→
Female to male labour force participation rate (%)	77.3	●	↑
Seats held by women in national parliaments (%)	42.3	●	↑

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	84.7	●	↑
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	73.1	●	↑
Freshwater withdrawal as % total renewable water resources	42.9	●	●
Imported groundwater depletion (m³/year/capita)	3.3	●	●
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	32.5	●	●

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Access to electricity (% population)	84.2	●	↑
Access to clean fuels & technology for cooking (% population)	84.8	●	↑
CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion / electricity output (MtCO₂/TWh)	1.8	●	→

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Adjusted Growth (%)	-3.4	●	●
Prevalence of Modern Slavery (victims per 1,000 population)	2.8	●	●
Adults (15 years+) with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (%)	69.2	●	↑
Unemployment rate (% total labor force)	27.4	●	↓
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (deaths per 100,000)	0.3	●	●

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Population using the internet (%)	56.2	●	↑
Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 inhabitants)	70.0	●	↑
Logistics performance index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (1=low to 5=high)	3.2	●	↑
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking, Average score of top 3 universities (0-100)	51.0	●	●
Number of scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	0.2	●	→
Research and development expenditure (% GDP)	0.8	●	→

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Gini Coefficient adjusted for top income (1-100)	67.1	●	●
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SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns of diameter (PM2.5) in urban areas (µg/m³)	25.1	●	→
Improved water source, piped (% urban population with access)	98.6	●	↑
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	57.1	●	↓

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Municipal Solid Waste (kg/day/capita)	2.0	●	●
E-waste generated (kg/capita)	5.7	●	●
Production-based SO₂ emissions (kg/capita)	57.2	●	●
Imported SO₂ emissions (kg/capita)	-22.2	●	●
Nitrogen production footprint (kg/capita)	25.1	●	●
Net imported emissions of reactive nitrogen (kg/capita)	-26.9	●	●

SDG13 – Climate Action

Energy-related CO₂ emissions per capita (tCO₂/capita)	9.4	●	→
Imported CO₂ emissions, technology-adjusted (tCO₂/capita)	-0.1	●	●
People affected by climate-related disasters (per 100,000 population)	704.7	●	●
CO₂ emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	3,665.8	●	●

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	56.0	●	↑
Ocean Health Index Goal-Clean Waters (0-100)	54.3	●	→
Percentage of Fish Stocks overexploited or collapsed by EEZ (%)	33.8	●	↓
Fish caught by trawling (%)	26.6	●	↓

SDG15 – Life on Land

Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	37.7	●	↑
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	39.9	●	↑
Red List Index of species survival (0-1)	0.8	●	↓
Permanent Deforestation (5 year average annual %)	0.2	●	●
Imported biodiversity threats (per million population)	1.9	●	●

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Homicides (per 100,000 population)	34.0	●	↓
Unserved detainees (%)	0.3	●	↑
Population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	31.5	●	↓
Property Rights (1-7)	4.6	●	●
Birth registrations with civil authority, children under 5 years of age (%)	85.0	●	●
Corruption Perception Index (0-100)	43	●	↓
Children 5-14 years old involved in child labour (%)	NA	●	●
Transfers of major conventional weapons (exports) (constant 1990 US\$ million per 100,000 population)	0.1	●	●
Freedom of Press Index (best 0-100 worst)	20.4	●	↑

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Government Health and Education spending (% GDP)	10.3	●	↑
High-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% GNI)	NA	●	●
Other countries: Government Revenue excluding Grants (% GDP)	30.9	●	↑
Tax Haven Score (best 0-5 worst)	*	0	●

*Imputed data point