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Sustainable Development Goals

**1.3**

The first Sustainable Development Goals is “No Poverty”. One of the targets is target 1.3 which is to “implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable”. This means that they want to implement policies and programs made to reduce poverty and vulnerability. This can be done in many ways, for example by decreasing people's exposure to risks, promoting labour markets, improving their economic and social risks management like employment, etc. this is important to Aruba because if social protection and substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable are implemented in Aruba, it will lead to a decrease in unemployment and other factors that will cause poverty to decrease which also contributes to less crimes and less health risk.

This is being monitored by the proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable.

I searched on CBS (<http://cbs.aw/wp/>) but I unfortunately did not find this specific type of information. Fortunately I did find the population in household by sex, which is 96,004 for male and 106,184 for female.

**1.4**

Another target of the Sustainable Development Goal “No Poverty” is target 1.4 which is “By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.” By implementing these rights, the amount of poverty in a country would be reduced. This is important to Aruba because these implementations will increase mobility, improve Aruba’s society and contribute to decrease poverty in Aruba.

This target is not only being monitored by the proportion of population living in households with access to basic services, but also by the proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land, with legally recognized documentation and who perceive their rights to land as secure, by sex and by type of tenure.

According to CBS, 9,221 is the amount of all rented housing units on Aruba (including tenant and subtenant).

On CBS I found the amount of households with basic services (approved electrical installations), which are:   
Year 🡪Amount

1999 🡪 2,691

2000 🡪 3,034

2001 🡪2,948

2002 🡪2,660

2003 🡪3,018

2004 🡪2,525

2005 🡪2,717

2006 🡪2,463

This target relates to waste management in Aruba for example how Serlimar facilitates free waste containers in each “barrio” of Aruba. This will lead to reduce of illegal dumps on the island.

**Aruba’s No Poverty SDG**

In Aruba “To pro-actively battle poverty, every citizen of Aruba, regardless of whether they have worked or not, is entitled to a general-old age pension at the age of 65. The amount received by each individual is based on marital status and how long the person has been officially been registered on the island. There is the possibility to make use of the *flex-pension*, which allows the individual to extend their working period for another year, but no more than five times. When using this option, the old-age pension is increased by 7% for each year the pensioner makes use of this right. In 2012, a mandatory General Pension plan for employees in the private sector was also introduced making it possible to receive additional pension through an employer. Additionally, private plans, such as a life insurance policy or private pension funds through a bank, may be set up as well to ensure a higher pension once the person reaches retirement age.” (<http://sdgaruba.com/>)

(According to <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org> ) The Government of Aruba, Carbon War Room and the New America Foundation have launched the Smart Island Strategy for Aruba that will work with Aruban citizens and stakeholders through social dialogue to identify a sustainable growth roadmap that will: create world-class walkable destinations for tourists and communities for residents; incentivize household retrofit and commercial energy efficiency; distribute a diverse mix of renewable generation technologies; and create a regenerative agriculture sector in Aruba. The strategy will harness commercial opportunities to drive a transition to sustainability that will benefit all Arubans while demonstrating a new model of growth for middle-income nations.