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Sub-Saharan Africa

▼ OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Index score

59.5

Regional average score

53.1

SDG Global rank **125** (OF 166)

▲ AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG
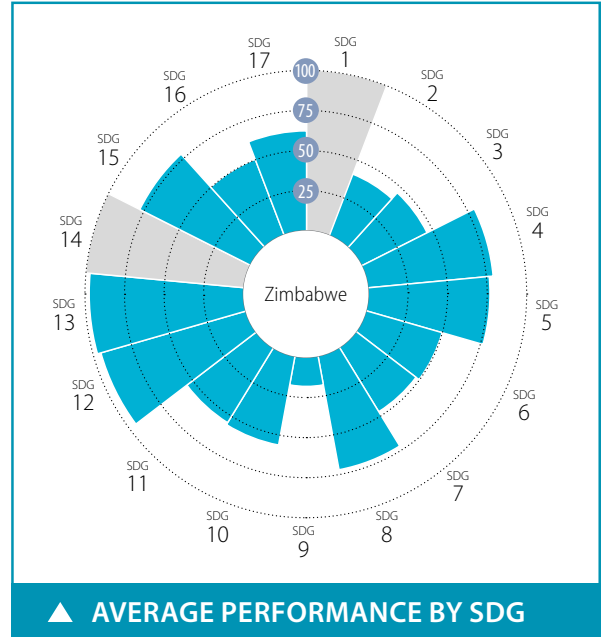
▼ SPILLOVER INDEX

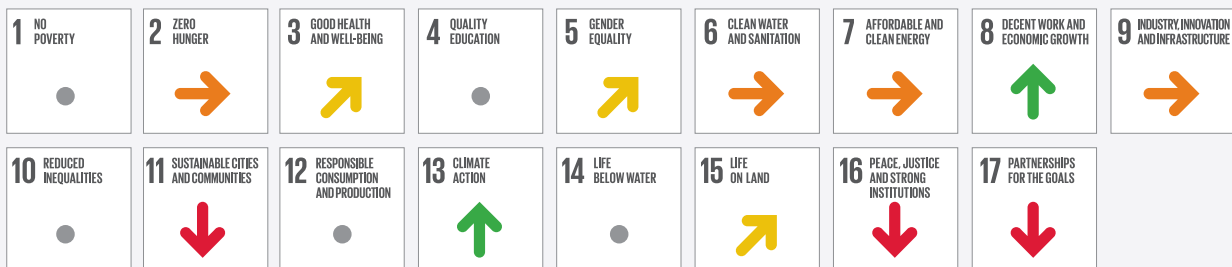100 (best) to 0 (worst)

▼ 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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SDG1 – No Poverty

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Poverty headcount ratio at $1.90/day (%)	* NA	NA	●	●
Poverty headcount ratio at $3.20/day (%)	* NA	NA	●	●

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	51.3	2017	red	↓
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	26.8	2015	red	↗
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	3.2	2015	green	↑
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	15.5	2016	yellow	↓
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.2	2017	green	↑
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	0.6	2017	red	↓
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (worst 0–1.41 best)	1.0	2015	red	→

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	458	2017	red	→
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	20.9	2018	red	↗
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	46.2	2018	orange	↑
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	210.0	2018	red	↗
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	2.8	2018	red	↑
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	19.3	2016	yellow	↗
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	133	2016	orange	●
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	34.7	2016	red	↓
Life expectancy at birth (years)	61.4	2016	red	↗
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 adolescent females aged 15 to 19)	86.1	2017	red	↗
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	78.1	2015	red	↑
Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	88	2018	yellow	↑
Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)	54.0	2017	red	↗
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	2.7	2019	red	↓

SDG4 – Quality Education

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	94.1	2013	yellow	●
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	71.1	2013	red	●
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	90.4	2014	yellow	●

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49 who are married or in unions)	84.8	2015	green	↑
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	84.4	2018	orange	→
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	88.4	2019	green	↑
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	31.9	2020	yellow	→

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	64.1	2017	red	↓
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	36.2	2017	red	↓
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	33.5	2005	yellow	●
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	0.0	2018	red	●
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m³/capita)	0.9	2013	green	↑

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population with access to electricity (%)	40.4	2017	red	↗
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	29.1	2016	red	↓
CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion for electricity and heating per total electricity output (MtCO₂/TWh)	1.3	2017	orange	→

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	-3.8	2018	red	●
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	6.7	2018	yellow	●
Adults with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (% of population aged 15 or over)	55.3	2017	orange	↑
Unemployment rate (% of total labor force)	5.0	2019	green	↑
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	0.0	2010	green	↑

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using the internet (%)	27.1	2017	red	↗
Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	51.7	2018	orange	↑
Logistics Performance Index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	1.8	2018	red	↓
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	* 0.0	2020	orange	●
Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	0.0	2018	red	→
Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)	NA	NA	●	●

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	43.1	2011	red	●

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) (µg/m³)	22.3	2017	orange	→
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	74.4	2017	red	↓
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	27.6	2019	red	↓

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	0.7	2002	green	●
Electronic waste (kg/capita)	0.9	2016	green	●
Production-based SO₂ emissions (kg/capita)	3.9	2012	green	●
SO₂ emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	1.5	2012	green	●
Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	5.7	2010	green	●
Nitrogen emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.3	2010	green	●

SDG13 – Climate Action

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Energy-related CO₂ emissions (tCO₂/capita)	0.9	2017	green	↑
CO₂ emissions embodied in imports (tCO₂/capita)	0.2	2015	green	↑
CO₂ emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	13.1	2019	green	●

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	NA	NA	●	●
Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	NA	NA	●	●
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	NA	NA	●	●
Fish caught by trawling (%)	NA	NA	●	●
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.0	2018	green	●

SDG15 – Life on Land

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	85.9	2018	green	↑
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	79.0	2018	green	↑
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.8	2019	red	↓
Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 5-year average)	0.3	2018	orange	●
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.3	2018	green	●

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Homicides (per 100,000 population)	6.7	2012	red	●
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	17.1	2015	green	●
Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	45.1	2019	red	↓
Property Rights (worst 1–7 best)	2.8	2019	red	●
Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	38.2	2018	red	●
Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	24	2019	red	→
Children involved in child labor (% of population aged 5 to 14)	NA	NA	●	●
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD per 100,000 population)	* 0.0	2019	green	●
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	42.2	2019	orange	↓

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	9.2	2014	yellow	●
For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI)	NA	NA	●	●
Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP)	16.9	2017	orange	↓
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	* 0.0	2019	green	●

5. Country Profiles

* Imputed data point.

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