

# SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Regional average score



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



## SPILOVER 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>

SDG1 – No Poverty				SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure			
Indicator	Value	Year	Rating Trend	Indicator	Value	Year	Rating Trend
Poverty headcount ratio at \$1.90/day (%)	40.2	2020	● →	Population using the internet (%)	25.1	2018	● ↗
Poverty headcount ratio at \$3.20/day (%)	65.1	2020	● →	Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	29.4	2018	● ↗
SDG2 – Zero Hunger				Logistics Performance Index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	2.4	2018	● →
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	21.4	2017	● ↓	The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	13.0	2020	● ●
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	35.9	2016	● ↗	Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	0.0	2018	● →
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	8.2	2016	● ↗	Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)	0.4	2017	● ●
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	8.9	2016	● ↑	SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities			
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.1	2017	● ↑	Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	47.2	2017	● ●
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	1.7	2017	● →	SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities			
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (worst 0–1.41 best)	0.8	2015	● →	Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) (µg/m³)	44.7	2017	● ↓
SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being				Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	59.2	2017	● ↓
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	514	2017	● →	Satisfaction with public transport (%)	50.3	2019	● ↗
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	27.1	2018	● →	SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production			
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	74.7	2018	● ↗	Municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	1.0	2016	● ●
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	230.7	2018	● ↗	Electronic waste (kg/capita)	1.3	2016	● ●
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	1.1	2018	● ↑	Production-based SO <sub>2</sub> emissions (kg/capita)	9.7	2012	● ●
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	20.8	2016	● →	SO <sub>2</sub> emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.7	2012	● ●
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	187	2016	● ●	Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	15.9	2010	● ●
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	26.9	2016	● ↓	Nitrogen emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.6	2010	● ●
Life expectancy at birth (years)	61.1	2016	● →	SDG13 – Climate Action			
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 adolescent females aged 15 to 19)	102.8	2017	● →	Energy-related CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> /capita)	0.8	2017	● ↑
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	58.1	2016	● ●	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions embodied in imports (tCO <sub>2</sub> /capita)	0.1	2015	● ↑
Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	72	2018	● ↗	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	147.7	2019	● ●
Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)	43.8	2017	● →	SDG14 – Life Below Water			
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	4.5	2019	● →	Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	50.7	2018	● ↑
SDG4 – Quality Education				Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	44.3	2019	● ↓
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	78.8	2018	● →	Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	22.6	2014	● ↑
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	44.5	2018	● →	Fish caught by trawling (%)	17.2	2014	● ●
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	76.5	2018	● ●	Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.0	2018	● ●
SDG5 – Gender Equality				SDG15 – Life on Land			
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49 who are married or in unions)	48.2	2017	● ↗	Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	52.1	2018	● ↑
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	68.3	2018	● →	Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	48.6	2018	● ↑
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	83.9	2019	● ↑	Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.9	2019	● →
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	23.0	2020	● →	Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 5-year average)	0.4	2018	● ●
SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation				Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.2	2018	● ●
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	60.7	2017	● →	SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions			
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	30.7	2017	● →	Homicides (per 100,000 population)	9.1	2017	● ●
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	17.4	2015	● ●	Unsented detainees (% of prison population)	45.1	2018	● →
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	1.4	2018	● ●	Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	53.2	2019	● ↓
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m³/capita)	1.0	2013	● ↑	Property Rights (worst 1–7 best)	3.7	2019	● ●
SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy				Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	45.9	2018	● ●
Population with access to electricity (%)	44.4	2017	● ↗	Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	29	2019	● →
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	14.1	2016	● →	Children involved in child labor (% of population aged 5 to 14)	29.3	2016	● ●
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel combustion for electricity and heating per total electricity output (MtCO <sub>2</sub> /TWh)	1.9	2017	● ↗	Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD per 100,000 population)	0.0	2019	● ●
SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth				Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	37.4	2019	● →
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	-5.0	2018	● ●	SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals			
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	8.3	2018	● ●	Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	5.7	2016	● →
Adults with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (% of population aged 15 or over)	40.0	2017	● ↗	For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI)	NA	NA	● ●
Unemployment rate (% of total labor force)	6.6	2019	● →	Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP)	14.2	2018	● ↓
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	0.1	2010	● ↑	Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	9.2	2019	● ●

\* Imputed data point.

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