The Republic of Congo
Commitment to Human Capital - Scorecard

This scorecard presents a snapshot of the country's commitment to the human capital agenda and the World Bank Group's support for the social sectors.

INDICATORS IN THE AFRICA HUMAN CAPITAL PLAN

- **Human Capital Index.** In the Republic of Congo the productivity as a future worker of a child born today is **42 percent** as much as it could be. The country ranks **120 out of 157** in the global HCI. For more information on human capital outcomes and the HCI, please see the country two-pager on **www.worldbank.org/en/publication/human-capital**.

- **Adolescent Fertility Rate.** In the Republic of Congo, there are **112 births** per 1,000 women ages 15-19. This is higher than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (83).

- **Social Protection Coverage.** In the Republic of Congo, **1 percent** of the poorest quintile is covered by social safety nets. This is lower than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (30).

- **Open Defecation.** In the Republic of Congo, **9 percent** of the population practices open defecation. This is lower than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (15).
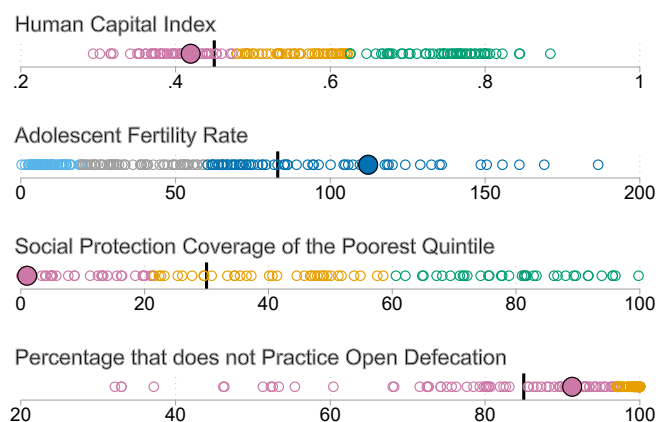
INDICATORS ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

- **Total Fertility Rate.** In the Republic of Congo, the total fertility rate is **4.5** births per woman. This is higher than both the average for its region (4.5) and the average for its income group (3.1).

- **Contraceptive Prevalence.** In the Republic of Congo, **30 percent** of women ages 15-49 uses some form of contraceptive method. This is lower than both the average for its region (32) and the average for its income group (49).

- **Women, Business and the Law Index.** This index measures gender equality in the law (how the economic decisions women make are affected by the law), with a larger value showing higher gender equality. In the Republic of Congo, the value is **46** out of 100. This is lower than both the average for its region (70) and the average for its income group (69).

- **Net Enrolment Rate in Secondary School.** In the Republic of Congo, data on secondary net enrolment rates for girls do not exist. In its region **37** percent of girls of secondary-school age are enrolled in secondary school. The corresponding value for its income group is **37** percent.
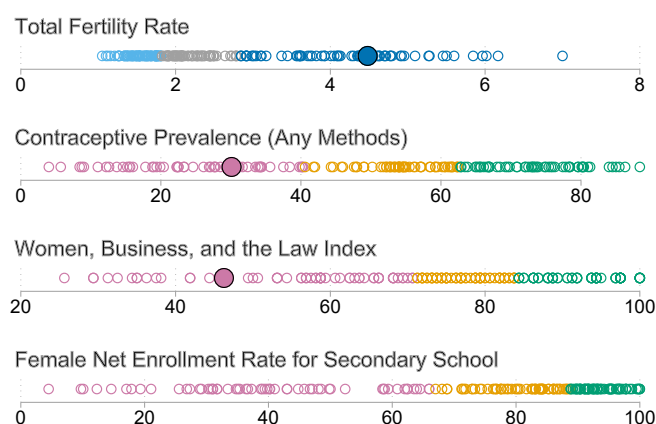
DOMESTIC RESOURCE USE AND MOBILIZATION

- **Health Spending.** the Republic of Congo spends **2 percent** of its GDP on health. This is lower than both the regional average (2) and the average for its income group (2.4).

- **Education Spending.** the Republic of Congo spends **4.6 percent** of its GDP on education. This is higher than the average for its region (4.2) but lower than the average for its income group (4.9).

- **Social Assistance Spending.** the Republic of Congo spends **.1 percent** of its GDP on social assistance. This is lower than both the regional average (1.6) and the average for its income group (1.4).

1. Human Capital Context
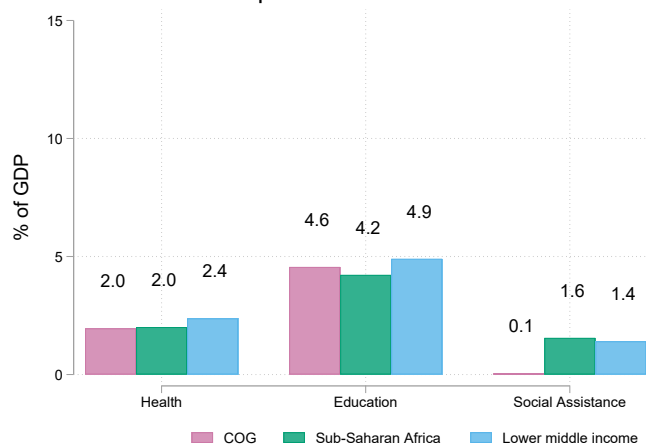
Indicators in the Africa Human Capital Plan

Human Capital Index

Adolescent Fertility Rate

Social Protection Coverage of the Poorest Quintile

Percentage that does not Practice Open Defecation

Indicators on Women's Empowerment

Total Fertility Rate

Contraceptive Prevalence (Any Methods)

Women, Business, and the Law Index

Female Net Enrollment Rate for Secondary School

- Large circle=Republic of Congo ; small circles=other countries.
- Vertical lines refer to regional targets.
- Colors indicate the terciles of the distribution across countries.

2. Government Expenditure on the Social Sectors

% of GDP

	Health	Education	Social Assistance
COG	2.0	4.6	0.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	2.0	4.2	1.6
Lower middle income	2.4	4.9	1.4

COG   Sub-Saharan Africa   Lower middle income

- **Efficiency of Spending.** The HCI in the Republic of Congo is **lower** than what would be predicted for its level of per capita government spending on the social sectors.

3. Spending on Social Sectors and HCI

- A selection out of 101 countries in the regression are displayed.
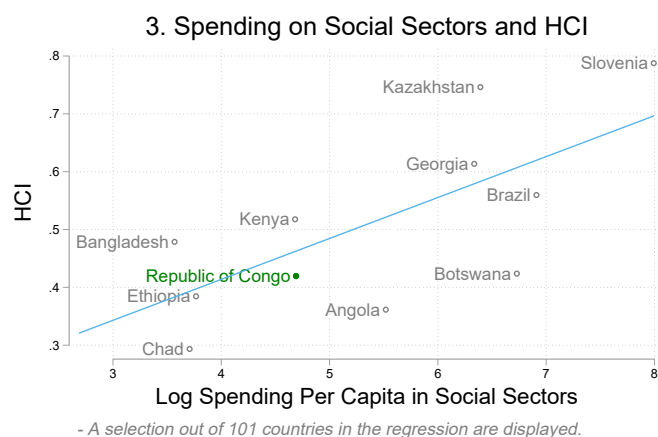
- **Domestic Resource Mobilization.** The tax revenue in the Republic of Congo is **15.1** percent of GDP. This is lower than both the regional average (15.7) and the average for its income group (15.5).

4. Domestic Resource Mobilization

- A selection of countries are displayed.
- Countries with DRM greater than 33% of GDP are excluded.
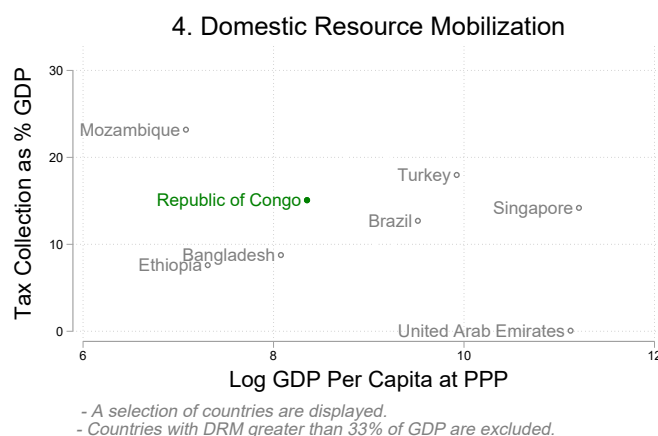
OTHER RELEVANT INDICATORS

- **Human Capital Project.** the Republic of Congo has signed up to be a member of the Human Capital Project.

- **Building Human Capital.** The Country Policy and Institutional Assessment rating for building human resources in the Republic of Congo is **3** (1 is low and 6 is high). This is lower than both the regional average (3.5) and the average for its income group (3.6). This indicator assesses the national policies and public and private sector service delivery that affect access to and quality of health and education services.

- **Identification.** In the Republic of Congo, **12.5 percent** of the population is not registered. This is lower than both the regional average (33.8) and the average for its income group (20.3).

HOW IS THE WORLD BANK SUPPORTING THE EFFORT?

The following table summarizes the World Bank's investments in Human Development for the Republic of Congo, including measures of volume, performance, and other relevant indicators.

World Bank Investments in HD

Indicator	HD	Edu	HNP	SPJ
HD Portfolio				
USD (million)	74	40	0	34
% of total	0	0	0	0
Diff. from regional average %	-0	+0	-0	+0
Diff. from income group avg %	-0	+0	-0	+0
HD FY 20 Lending Program				
USD (million)	34	14	20	0
% of total	10	4	6	0
Diff. from regional average %	-16	-8	+0	-8
Diff. from income group avg %	-10	-8	+1	-3
HD Performance				
Average Development Outcome	4	3	.	5
Diff. from regional average %	-0.68	-1.21	.	+0.47
Diff. from income group avg %	-0.64	-1.09	.	+0.60
% Satisfactory DO	67	50	.	100
Average Implementation Progress	4	4	.	5
Diff. from regional average %	-0.55	-0.82	.	+0.31
Diff. from income group avg %	-0.49	-0.89	.	+0.43
% Satisfactory IP	67	100	50	.
Disbursement ratio	7	10	.	1
Diff. from regional average %	-3	-2	.	-9
Diff. from income group avg %	+1	+4	.	-7
Other indicators				
Average project size (USD mill.)	25	20	0	34
Diff. from regional average %	-56	-42	-62	-58
Diff. from income group avg %	-91	-55	-94	-72
% of portfolio that is co-TTL'd	0	0	.	0
Diff. from regional average %	-27	-15	.	-31
Diff. from income group avg %	-22	-17	.	-25

Note: a) Pink indicates that the value is within the first tercile of the distribution for all the countries. Orange indicates that the value is within the second tercile. Green indicates that it is within the third tercile. b) FY20 lending program includes only projects rated A and B. c) DO and IP are on a scale of 1 to 6 where 1 is Highly Unsatisfactory and 6 is Highly Satisfactory. d) Data as of September 30, 2019.

- **HC Development Policy Operations.** Currently, the pipeline for the Republic of Congo includes at least one Development Policy Operation with a Human Capital-related component or prior action.

This scorecard is intended to be a conversation starter on where a country is on various aspects of human capital development and the state of the World Bank's support in the social sectors. The list of indicators presented here is not exhaustive and should be complemented with more context-specific variables. Most of the indicators are related to the Africa Human Capital Plan.

The sources of data for the different indicators include: the Human Capital Project, the World Development Indicators, Atlas of Social Protection - Indicators of Resilience and Equity (ASPIRE), Identification for Development (ID4D) and the World Bank's internal system to monitor investments.

For more information on data sources, please contact the Africa Human Capital Project team: AFR_HCP_Team@worldbankgroup.org