

# South Africa

## 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 South Africa the productivity as a future worker of a child born today is **41 percent** as much as it could be. The HCI has three components: survival to age 5, health, and education. For more information on human capital outcomes and the HCI, please see the country two-pager on [www.worldbank.org/humancapitalproject](http://www.worldbank.org/humancapitalproject)
- **Adolescent Fertility Rate.** In South Africa, there are **43 births** per 1,000 women ages 15-19. This is lower than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (83).
- **Social Protection Coverage.** In South Africa, **63 percent** of the poorest quintile is covered by social safety nets. This is higher than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (30).
- **Open Defecation.** In South Africa, **2 percent** of the population practices open defecation. This is lower than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (15).

### INDICATORS ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

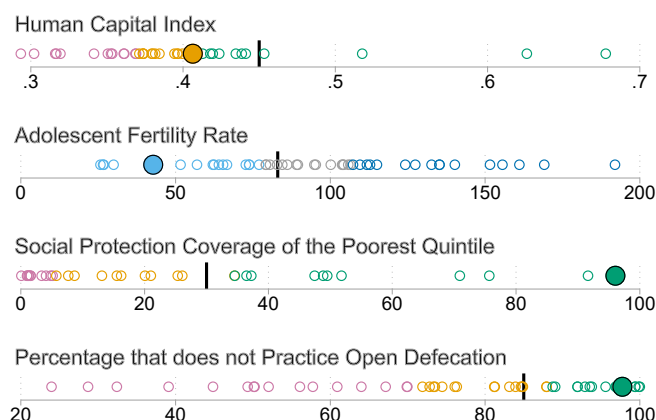
- **Total Fertility Rate.** In South Africa, the total fertility rate is **2.4** births per woman. This is lower than the average for its region (4.5) but higher than the average for its income group (2.2).
- **Contraceptive Prevalence.** In South Africa, **55 percent** of women ages 15-49 uses some form of contraceptive method. This is higher than the average for its region (31) but lower than the average for its income group (56).
- **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 South Africa, the value is **88** out of 100. This is higher than both the average for its region (70) and the average for its income group (76).
- **Net Enrolment Rate in Secondary School.** In South Africa, **84 percent** of girls of secondary-school age are enrolled in secondary school. This is higher than both the average for its region (35) and the average for its income group (77).

### DOMESTIC RESOURCE USE AND MOBILIZATION

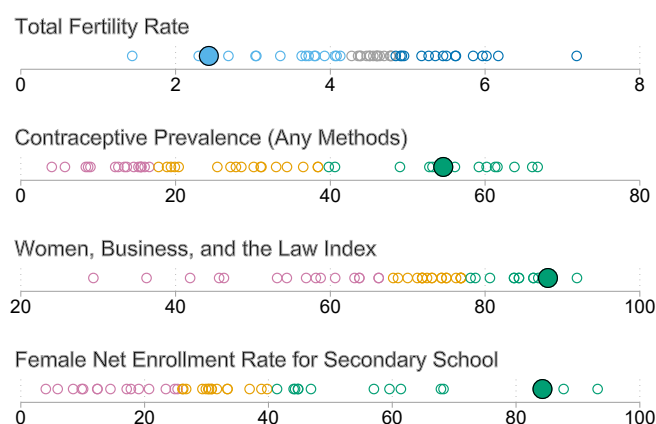
- **Health Spending.** South Africa spends **13.3 percent** of its government budget on health. This is higher than both the regional average (7.6) and the average for its income group (11.4).
- **Education Spending.** South Africa spends **18 percent** of its government budget on education. This is higher than both the regional average (15.3) and the average for its income group (14.5).
- **Social Protection Spending.** South Africa spends **16.2 percent** of its government budget on social protection. This is higher than both the regional average (9.9) and the average for its income group (10.4).

## 1. Human Capital Context

### Indicators in the Africa Human Capital Plan

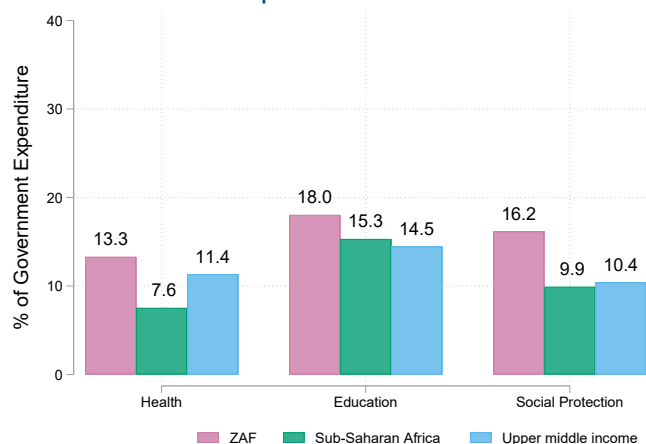


### Indicators on Women's Empowerment



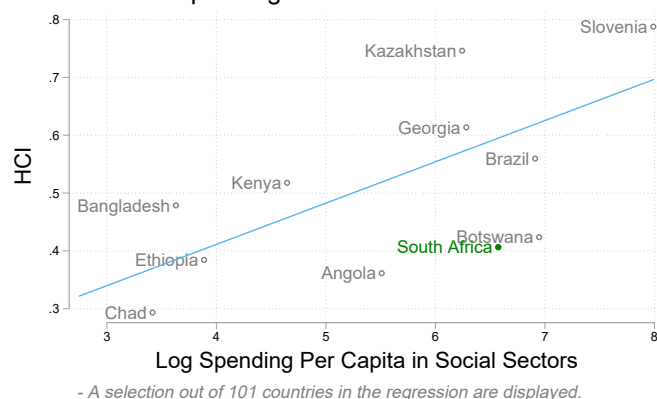
- Large circle=South Africa ; small circles=other countries.  
 - Vertical lines refer to regional targets.  
 - Pink/light blue=1st tercile; orange/gray=2nd tercile; green/blue=3rd tercile

## 2. Government Expenditure on the Social Sectors



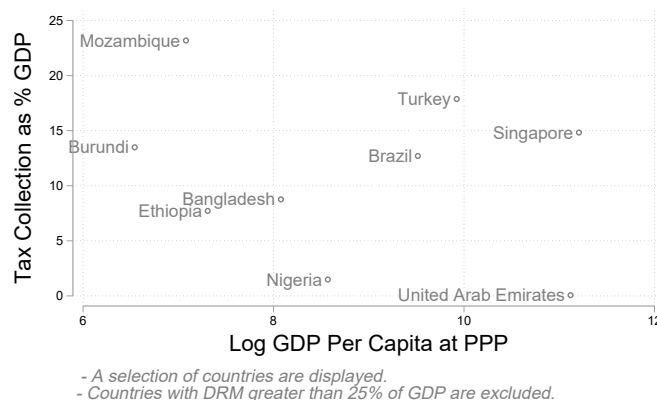
- **Efficiency of Spending.** The HCI in South Africa is **lower** than what would be predicted for its level of per capita government spending on the social sectors.

### 3. Spending on Social Sectors and HCI



- **Domestic Resource Mobilization.** The tax revenue in South Africa is **27 percent** of GDP. This is higher than both the regional average (16.1) and the average for its income group (17.5).

### 4. Domestic Resource Mobilization



## OTHER RELEVANT INDICATORS

- **Human Capital Project.** South Africa is not part of a network of countries committed to the Human Capital agenda.
- **Building Human Capital.** In South Africa, data on the Country Policy and Institutional Assessment rating for building human resources do not exist. The average for the country's region is 3.5 percent and for its income group is 3.8 percent. 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 South Africa, **26.7 percent** of the population does not have proof of identity. This is lower than the average for its region (33.8) but higher than the average for its income group (8.9).
- **Statistical Data on Human Capital.** In South Africa, the latest available data point on stunting rate is from 2016. Similarly, the latest available data point on Harmonized Learning Outcomes is from 2015.

## HOW IS THE WORLD BANK SUPPORTING THE EFFORT?

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

### World Bank Investments in HD

Indicator	HD	Edu	HNP	SPJ
<b>HD Portfolio</b>				
USD (million)	0	0	0	0
% of total	0	0	0	0
Diff. from regional average %	-25	-7	-9	-9
Diff. from income group avg %	-15	-5	-6	-4
<b>HD FY 20 Lending Program</b>				
USD (million)	.	.	.	.
% of total	.	.	.	.
Diff. from regional average %	.	.	.	.
Diff. from income group avg %	.	.	.	.
<b>HD Performance</b>				
<b>Average Development Outcome</b>				
Diff. from regional average %	.	.	.	.
Diff. from income group avg %	.	.	.	.
% Satisfactory DO	.	.	.	.
<b>Average Implementation Progress</b>				
Diff. from regional average %	.	.	.	.
Diff. from income group avg %	.	.	.	.
% Satisfactory IP	.	.	.	.
<b>Disbursement ratio</b>				
Diff. from regional average %	.	.	.	.
Diff. from income group avg %	.	.	.	.
<b>Other indicators</b>				
<b>Average project size (USD mill.)</b>				
Diff. from regional average %	.	.	.	.
Diff. from income group avg %	.	.	.	.
<b>% of portfolio that is co-TTLd</b>				
Diff. from regional average %	.	.	.	.
Diff. from income group avg %	.	.	.	.

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 5, 2019.

- **Human Capital Policy Operations.** Currently, the pipeline for South Africa does not include any Development Policy Operation with a Human Capital-related component or prior action.
- **Women's Empowerment Project.** Currently, the pipeline for South Africa does not have an active project focused on women empowerment or on sexual and reproductive health.

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, and the World Bank's internal system to monitor investments.

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