Sustainable Development Goals in Turkmenistan

Development of statistical capacity for SDG database in Turkmenistan

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- On 20 September 2016, the Government of Turkmenistan adopted 187 SDG indicators.

- Turkmenistan has become the first country in the region and one of the first few countries who adapted the SDG indicators into their National Development programmes.

- On 1 September 2017, the Scientific-Methodological Centre on SDGs was opened at the Institute of International Relations. The objectives of the Centre include training activities on SDG implementation, preparation of curricula and their introduction in secondary, higher education institutions, development of methodological aid on SDGs.

- The matrix was developed to identify agencies responsible for each SDG indicator disaggregated by elements of the measurement system.

- Elements of the measurement system were as follows:
  - Developing methodology
  - Collecting data
  - Data processing
  - Setting up the database
  - Analysis/Inception report
  - Drafting SDG reports for national and international reporting systems/users
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The following changes were introduced into the National system of SDG indicators of Turkmenistan on 16 August 2018:

- 15 indicators excluded
- 14 indicators changed
- 3 additional indicators were introduced

175 SDG indicators

117 global indicators
44 global adapted indicators
14 new indicators
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- The National Programme on Socio-economic development until 2030 and the Programme of the President of Turkmenistan on Socio-economic development for 2019-2025 are aimed at the achievement of sustainable development and made progressive SDGs implementation one of the key priorities.

- Turkmenistan adopted 17 SDGs, 148 targets, of which 121 were determined without changes and 27 – taking into account national priorities, and 175 indicators. The Rapid Integrated Assessment revealed that 124 out of 148 adopted targets, or 84% comply with or provisionally comply with the existing policy of Turkmenistan.

- The Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan is a Coordinating body as part of the Working group.

- The State Statistics Committee of Turkmenistan is responsible for the methodology of state and departmental statistics, collecting state reporting and coordinating generation of data, as well as establishment and maintenance of the SDG database.
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No of SDG indicators disaggregated by responsible ministries and departments (data collecting and processing, development of methodologies)
### Classification of indicators

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<th>Level of indicators</th>
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<td>Level I: Conceptually clear indicator based on internationally recognized methodology and standards, data is provided regularly by countries: there is data for at least 50 percent of countries and 50 percent of population in each region, which this indicator related to.</td>
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<td>Level II: Conceptually clear indicator based on internationally recognized methodology and standards; however data is not provided regularly by countries</td>
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<td>Уровень III: This indicator is not based on internationally recognized methodology or standards as yet, although such methodology or standards currently are under development or will be developed and tested in the future.</td>
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<td>Indicators have multi-level qualifications</td>
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<td><strong>Total indicators</strong></td>
<td><strong>175</strong></td>
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**Sustainable Development Goals in Turkmenistan**
Turkmenistan was one of the first countries in the region to host a high level UN Mission on mainstreaming, acceleration and support for the SDGs implementation in Turkmenistan (hereinafter referred to as MAPS). The mission addressed four key issues related to the implementation of the SDGs:

- Implementation of sustainable development goals and targets in the national, sectoral and regional development programmes;
- Identification of priority sectors or (accelerators), in which the implementation of the SDGs will have a positive impact on the achievement of all the SDGs in the country.
- It is associated with the need to ensure financing of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, in order to implement the Action Agenda adopted at the International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- SDG monitoring and implementation of the basic principle of the Global Agenda until 2030 “no one is left behind”.

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Turkmenistan works to strengthen coordination and implementation of SDGs

Working groups created at the level of heads of departments of ministries and departments of Turkmenistan

The capacity of the groups according to the results of the implementation of the Partnership for Development (RDPR) 2021-2025.

Outcome 1. Effective governance and rule of law.
Outcome 2. Inclusive economic diversification
Outcome 3. Strengthen environmental management and climate resilience
Outcome 4. Quality, inclusive health and social protection systems
Outcome 5. Quality education and training.
Turkmenistan is constantly working on developing and improving statistical capacity

- Methodological support
- Baseline data collection and assessment and support for the development of the SDG database
- The completion of the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey-MICS 2019
- Development of the institutional capacity of the State Statistics Committee
- Development of a data management information system (health and education sector)

Supported by UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank
An Interagency working group had been created to prepare the Voluntary National Review (VNR), consisting of representatives of government agencies with the active participation of UN agencies, academic and private sectors, and public organizations.

The VNR is based on the recommendations of the Guidelines for the Preparation of Voluntary National Reviews developed by the Division for Sustainable Development of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The contribution to the preparation of this Review was made by the book of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov “Turkmenistan on the way to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”, which highlights the steps and actions taken by Turkmenistan to achieve the goals and objectives in the field of sustainable development.

Turkmenistan took into account the experience and examples of voluntary national reviews of other countries and, with the support of the UN country team under the leadership of the Permanent Coordinator, took an active part in the preparations for VNR organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the UN Economic Commission for Europe and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
Outcomes in social policy improved

Market transformations received a new impetus

Measures of climate adaptation and mitigation strengthened

Positive indicators in providing the population with affordable and quality medical services and education; improvement of health system, educational reform maintained

The socially oriented economic growth and green economic sectors, rational use of natural resources and effective climate change adaptation are underway

Comprehensive national reforms and providing with equal opportunities as well as full participation of women in economic, political and cultural life of the country carried out
LEVEL OF SDG INTERGATION IN TURKMENISTAN

1. End poverty (57%)  
2. End hunger (100%)  
3. Healthy lives and well-being (100%)  
4. Quality education (100%)  
5. Gender equality (90%)  
6. Clean water and sanitation (100%)  
7. Affordable and clean energy (100%)  
8. Decent work and economic growth (100%)  
9. Industrialization, innovation, infrastructure (100%)  
10. Reduce inequality (100%)  
11. Sustainable cities and human settlements (90%)  
12. Sustainable consumption and production (73%)  
13. Combat climate change (100%)  
14. Conserve marine resources (44%)  
15. Protect terrestrial ecosystems (83%)  
16. Peace, justice and effective institutions (75%)  
17. Partnership for sustainable development (100%)
Summary

- Turkmenistan has a strong social policy, achieved positive results in this area, in particular in the field of health and education.
- The need is identified for strengthening state policy in the economic sphere in the context of the country's transition to market relations, as well as in the field of creating a sustainable financing mechanism for the SDGs.
- Turkmenistan will continue to work closely with international organizations and UN agencies to further integrate the SDGs into national plans and update sectoral and regional plans and strategies.
- Turkmenistan will continue to collect comprehensive, disaggregated and reliable data through thematic sample surveys.
- Turkmenistan will continue to work on creating SDG database taking into account international experience.
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