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**THE  
SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS REPORT:  
Special Edition**

## The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023:

### Special Edition

### Data Insights

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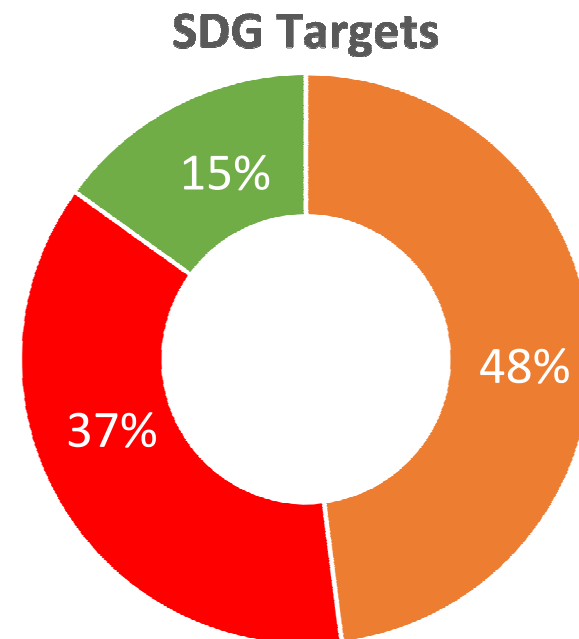
Halfway to 2030, the **promises** enshrined in the SDGs are in **peril**.

**Where do we stand?**



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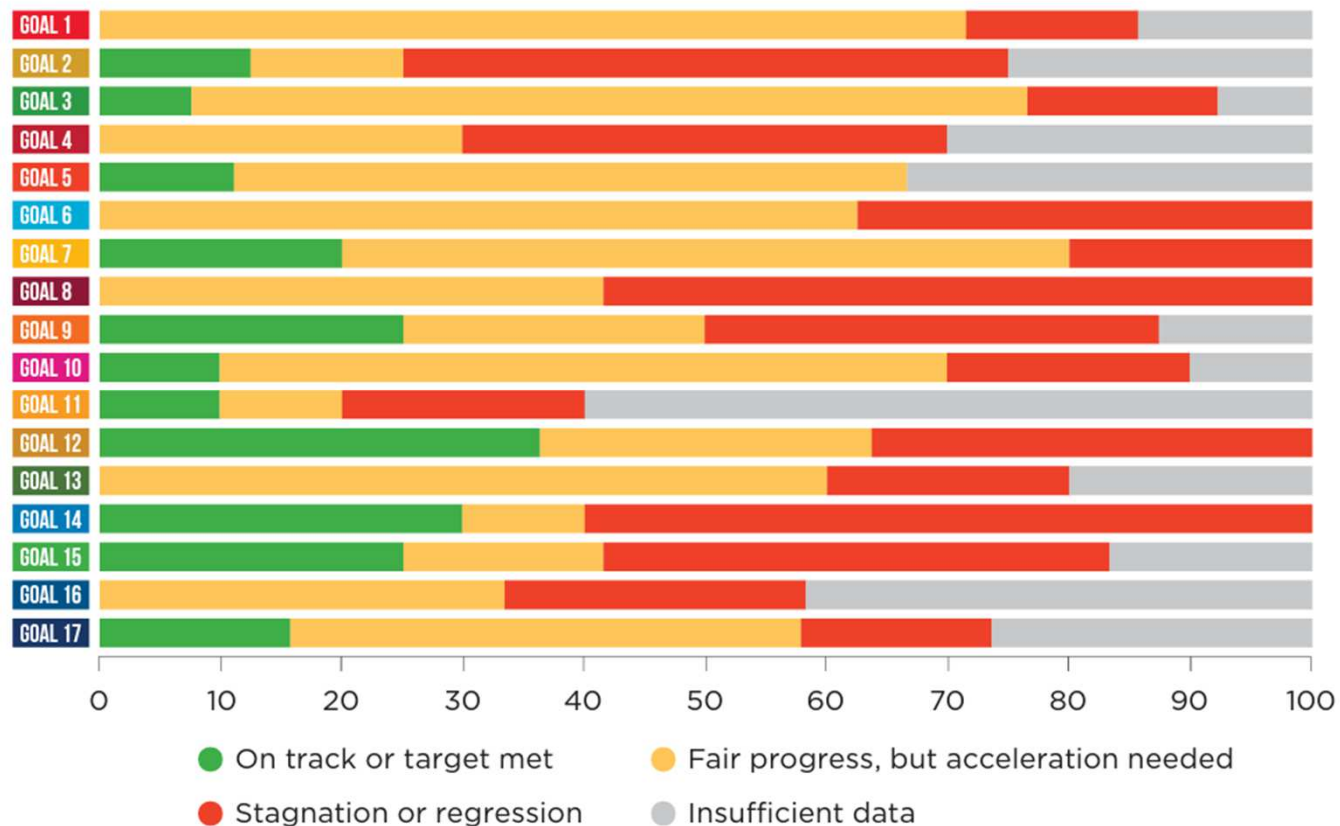
- About **half of the targets** are moderately or severely **off track**
- Over **one-third** have either seen **no movement or regressed** below the 2015 baseline



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Progress assessment for the 17 Goals based on assessed targets, 2023 or latest data (percentage)



## The world continues to grapple with lingering COVID-19 effects



**1 in 3 people** worldwide struggle with moderate to **severe food security**



**25 million children** missed out on routine **immunizations** in 2021—**6 million more** than in 2019



# And...

The pandemic caused **learning losses in 4 out of 5** of the countries studied

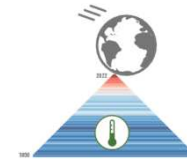


COVID-19 has also triggered **the largest increase in between-country inequality** in three decades

## CHANGE OF BETWEEN-COUNTRY INEQUALITY (2019-2020)



The Earth is at a tipping point,  
perilously close to a **climate calamity**



WHERE WE ARE

THE WORLD WILL EXCEED 1.5°C BY 2035 AND FACES A 2.5°C WARMING BY 2100



**Heat waves, droughts, flooding, and wildfires** have become far too frequent

The rate of **sea-level rise** has doubled in the last decade



## We are **at war** with nature



A recent walkout in early 2023 in South Africa saw around **5 tons of endangered lobster** escaping



THE WORLD IS CURRENTLY FACING THE **LARGEST SPECIES EXTINCTION** EVENT SINCE **THE DINOSAUR AGE**

The **Red List Index** has deteriorated by about **11%** since 1993, with an **accelerating decline** each decade





## War and conflict are inflicting a devastating toll on the SDGs



As of May 2023, **over 110 million people worldwide** had been forcibly displaced from their homes --  
**2.5 times** the number a decade ago

STEEP RISE IN  
**CONFLICT-RELATED  
CIVILIAN DEATHS**



WITH AN OVER **50% SURGE** IN 2022,  
FUELED BY THE **WAR IN UKRAINE**

Developing countries and the world's **poorest** and **most vulnerable** are bearing the brunt

## MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE FACING A DEBT CRISIS



# The world could face **big misses** across the Goals by 2030

If current trends continue, **by 2030:**



**575 MILLION**  
PEOPLE WILL STILL BE  
LIVING IN EXTREME POVERTY

**ONLY ONE THIRD**  
OF COUNTRIES WILL HAVE  
HALVED THEIR NATIONAL  
POVERTY LEVELS



**84 MILLION**  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
WILL BE **OUT OF SCHOOL**



**300 MILLION**  
STUDENTS WILL LACK  
**BASIC NUMERACY/LITERACY**  
SKILLS



## And **gender equality** is still **300 years** away

..... AT THE CURRENT RATE, IT WILL TAKE .....



**300 YEARS**  
TO END CHILD  
MARRIAGE



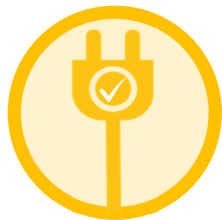
**286 YEARS** TO CLOSE GAPS  
IN LEGAL PROTECTION AND  
REMOVE DISCRIMINATORY LAWS



**140 YEARS** TO ACHIEVE  
EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN  
LEADERSHIP IN THE WORKPLACE



**However**, progress in some areas illustrates **promising potential** for further advancements



**800 million people** connected to electricity between 2015 and 2021



**146 countries** have already met or are on track to meet the **under-5 mortality target**



Effective HIV treatment **has cut** global **AIDS-related** deaths by **52%** since 2010



## Harnessing innovation and technologies can drive SDG progress



**Medium-high- and high-technology industries demonstrated robust growth**

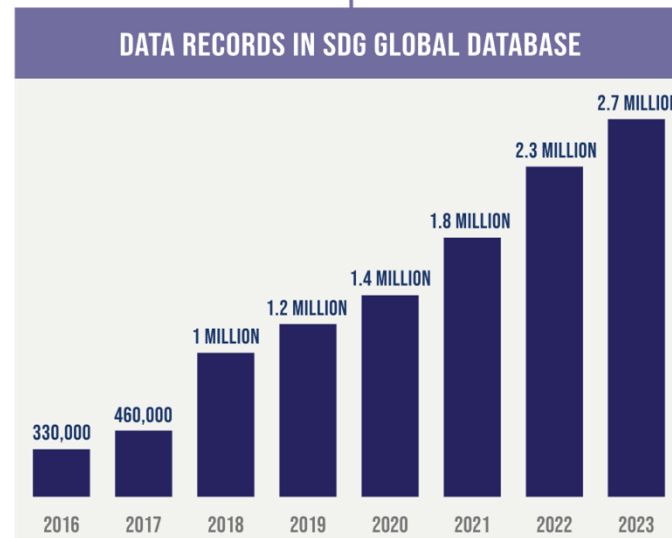
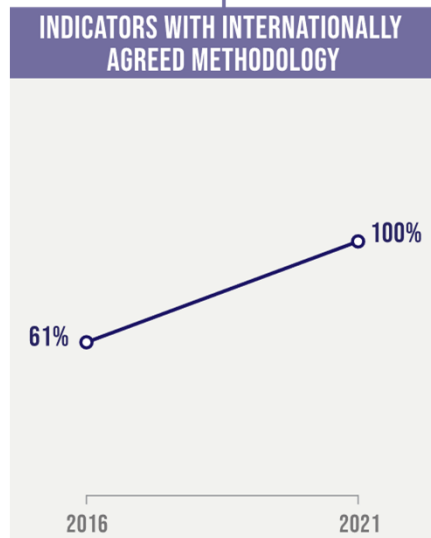


**95% of the world has mobile broadband access, and 2 in 3 people use the Internet**



# Unleashing the power of data guides our path to success

## SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN SDG DATA AND MONITORING



**We must make the next seven years count**



**We can and must turn  
things around**

**But the clock is ticking**





**Learn more in the report:**

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2023>

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