



# Study on the Status of M&E Practices on SDGs in Selected Countries in the Asia Pacific Region

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At current rate of progress on SDGs in the Asia Pacific,  
what percent of the 118 measurable targets will be missed?

90%



## Research Questions

1. What are the **institutional frameworks and mechanisms in place** to monitor and report progress on achieving the SDGs among countries in the Asia Pacific?
1. What is the current **practice of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of SDGs** among countries in the Asia Pacific?
1. What are the gaps, and what **support is needed** by countries to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of the SDGs in the Asia Pacific?



## Methodology

Web-based survey  
(14 respondents from 11 countries)

Desk review





## KEY FINDING 1

### A common commitment towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, adopted uniquely in every country

Country	Name of Policy on M&E of SDGs
Afghanistan	National Policy of M&E (Not in operation)
Bhutan	No specific policy
India	National Indicator Framework (NIF)
Indonesia	Presidential Decree No. 59/2017: Pedoman Teknis Pemantauan dan Evaluasi TPB/ SDGs Edisi 2
Japan	SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles & SDGs Action Plan
Kyrgyz Republic	No specific policy
Mongolia	Law on Development Policy and Planning 2015
Nepal	No specific policy
Pakistan	National and Provincial level M&E Policies for SDGs
Philippines	NEDA Board Social Development Committee Resolution No. 2, series 2019: Enjoining the Development Budget Coordinating Committee to Create the Sub-Committee on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) PSA Board Resolution No. 9: Approving and adopting the initial list of SDGs for monitoring in the Philippines
Sri Lanka	No specific policy

- Institutional frameworks for M&E of public policies and programs is already established in the countries
- 5 of 11 countries have specific policy frameworks on monitoring and evaluation of SDG implementation



## KEY FINDING 2

### M&E of SDG Implementation Has a Learning Path

Country	# of VNRs submitted
Afghanistan	2
Bhutan	2
India	2
Indonesia	3
Japan	2
Kyrgyz Republic	1
Mongolia	1
Nepal	2
Pakistan	2
Philippines	3
Sri Lanka	2

- **Bhutan**

**The Dewa Platform**

- **Japan**

**SDGs Promotion Roundtable**

- **India**

**A 'whole of society' approach**

- Countries differed in specific strategies and mechanisms used to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the SDGs
- All 11 countries have dedicated public institutions mandated to monitor SDG implementation.
- 80% (n=8) of the country respondents have M&E embedded in the implementation of SDGs in their respective countries, although with varying frequency of conduct.



How many of the 169 targets have insufficient data?

51



## KEY FINDING 3

### There are data challenges and a need for capacity-building support

#### Gaps Identified

- Lack of experience in gathering data, measuring, and reporting on SDGs
- Insufficient data for collection and reporting
- Mainstreaming at sub-national levels needs more work

#### Support Needed

- Capacity building for data, and monitoring and evaluation
- Strengthening National Evaluation Policies (NEPS)



## Conclusions and Recommendations

**Finding 1.** A common commitment towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, adopted uniquely in every country

**Finding 2.** M&E of SDG

Implementation has a learning path

**Finding 3.** There are data challenges and a need for capacity-building support

More platforms, forums, and mechanisms for knowledge sharing among country experiences with M&E of SDGs

VOPEs could help government institutions in charge of monitoring and evaluation with capacity building

Improve collaboration and coordination by better understanding the differences in knowledge, application of policy and practice of M&E of SDGs amongst stakeholders like public sector organizations, CSOs, academicians, etc.

Focus group discussions with different stakeholder groups to assess the type of capacity building support required

Gaps to be addressed for the next study: Widen sample of respondent, increase the number of responses from each country and stakeholder types



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