South Africa



Sub-Saharan Africa

If past trends continue, the world won't achieve gender equality until 2121. How is South Africa performing on gender equality in the SDGs?

The 2024 SDG Gender Index covers 139 countries, 96% of the world's girls and women, and 14 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. It includes 56 indicators capturing gender-related measures across the 2030 Agenda.

Index Score



Based on past trends, no country will achieve gender equality by 2030. To achieve a score of 100 in 2030. South Africa would need to improve by 4.06 points per year from 2022.

Regional Rank Z

out of 36 countries

Best and Worst Performing Indicators Since 2015

Ind. 5.5: Proportion of ministerial/senior government positions held by women

Ind. 5.4: Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments

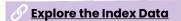
Ind. 4.1: Proportion of girls (a year before official primary school age) who are enrolled in preprimary education

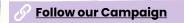
Ind. 11.1: Proportion of women (15+ years) who reported having enough money to provide adequate shelter or housing in the past 12 months

Ind. 7.3: Proportion of women (15+ years) who reported that they are satisfied with the quality of air where they live

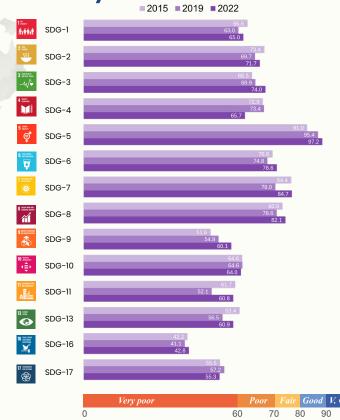
Ind. 1.4: Proportion of women (15+ years) who report feeling comfortable with their household income

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Scores by Goal for 2015-2022



Pace of Change



Fast progress: Score increased by more than 0.6 points per year



Some progress: Score increased between 0.2 and 0.6 points per year



No progress: Score stayed the "same" (margin between -0.2 and +0.2 points per year)



Decline: Score declined by more than -0.2 points per year