

Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand – Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals

What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were established by the United Nations (UN) in 2015 and agreed to by all UN member nations.

The 17 goals are aspirational, ambitious, and transformative. They aim to eradicate poverty, end hunger, and achieve full and productive employment by 2030.

There are 169 targets associated with the SDGs, which balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social, and environmental.

Accompanying the 169 targets are a set of 232 global indicators. New Zealand does not have to report on all 232 – we can develop our own additional indicators.

How are the SDGs reviewed?

The implementation of the SDGs will be reviewed on a regular basis at the global, regional, and country level.

New Zealand has announced that it will be presenting its first Voluntary National Review (VNR) in July 2019.

A key feature of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is 'to leave no one behind'. This means indicators require data to be broken down so that the situation of different groups in society can be monitored. It is proposed that the indicators be disaggregated by sex, age, ethnicity, race, migrant status, location, income, disability, and other variables.

How are the SDGs and Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand connected?

Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand will be the framework through which New Zealand identifies what it will measure and track in relation to sustainable development, including in relation to the SDGs.

Like the SDGs, Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand will go beyond economic measures of progress, such as gross domestic product (GDP), to include social and environmental measures.

The indicators have been developed with the need to report on the SDGs in mind, with a focus on sustainable development including international and distributional aspects.

The Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Framework was chosen as the foundation for Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand. One of the reasons for its selection is it provides a direct link to the reporting on SDGs.

Agencies and organisations will be able to create a dashboard from the Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand online tool to track their own progress and help them deliver on the SDGs. This set of indicators will allow Stats NZ to provide a significant part of the indicators required for the first VNR in 2019.

Contact us

You can submit your feedback about the indicators online between July and September at [Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand – Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa: Consultation](https://www.stats.govt.nz/consultations/indicators-aotearoa-new-zealand-nga-tutohu-aotearoa-consultation) [https://www.stats.govt.nz/consultations/indicators-aotearoa-new-zealand-nga-tutohu-aotearoa-consultation] or email indicators@stats.govt.nz.