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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) INDICATORS, MALAYSIA, 2024

Malaysia Steps Firmly Towards Agenda 2030 with 82% of SDG Indicators Available

PUTRAJAYA, 17th DECEMBER, 2025 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has published the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators, Malaysia, 2024 Report**, which marks the seventh edition since 2018. This report includes 205 national level indicators or 82 per cent indicators available. In addition, at the state level 84 indicators are available and 26 district level indicators providing key inputs for assessing Malaysia's SDG achievements in 2024.

Chief Statistician of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, emphasised the importance of the latest release, stating “The SDG Indicators Report 2024 represents the third series of 21 publications, comprising five national level reports and 16 state level reports. The national reports include an Executive Summary and four reports aligned with the five focus areas of the SDGs: People, Prosperity, Planet, Peace and Partnership. Relevant, reliable and timely SDG indicators are crucial to uphold the principle of leaving no one behind, ensuring that the data reflects not only national performance but also the lived realities of the people.”

Malaysia has recorded significant progress in achieving the SDGs in 2024. Poverty incidence declined, unemployment improved, water quality rose, homicide rates fell and internet usage reached near universal levels. These achievements are captured in the *Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators, Malaysia, 2024 Report*, released by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).

In the **People** focus area, Indicator 1.2.1 shows that the percentage of households living below the national poverty line fell from 6.2 per cent in 2022 to 5.1 per cent in 2024. Urban poverty incidence decreased from 4.5 per cent to 3.7 per cent, while rural poverty dropped from 12.0 per cent to 9.9 per cent.

In the **Prosperity** focus area, Indicator 8.5.2 recorded an improvement in the unemployment rate to 3.3 per cent in 2024 as compared to 3.4 per cent in 2023. Ten states reported unemployment rates below the national average, with W.P. Putrajaya at 0.7 per cent, Melaka (1.6%) as well as Pahang and Pulau Pinang at 2.0 per cent.

In the **Planet** focus area, Indicator 6.3.2 showed that the proportion of bodies of water with good ambient quality increased from 96.5 per cent in 2023 to 97.2 per cent in 2024. The Department of Environment continues to monitor 144 river basins, a figure unchanged since 2019.

In the **Peace** focus area, Indicator 16.1.1 revealed that the intentional homicide rate declined from 0.8 per 100,000 population in 2023 to 0.7 in 2024. The rate was higher among males, at 1.1 per 100,000 population as compared to 0.3 among females.

In the **Partnership** focus area, Indicator 17.8.1 showed that internet usage rose from 97.7 per cent in 2023 to 98.0 per cent in 2024. Seven states recorded usage rates above the national average, including W.P. Putrajaya and W.P. Kuala Lumpur at 100 per cent, Pulau Pinang (99.4 %), Selangor (99.2%), Johor (98.9%), Negeri Sembilan (98.6%) and Melaka (98.5%).

At the global level, the SDG indicator framework now comprises 251 indicators, of which 234 are unique, following refinements endorsed at the 56th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in March 2025. Malaysia reported 205 available indicators,

23 partially available need further development, 16 not available and 7 not relevant. In total, 244 indicators are relevant to Malaysia, reflecting an overall availability rate of 82 per cent as compared to the global framework.

DOSM, in collaboration with the National SDG Centre, Lead Ministries and data providing agencies, continues to strengthen the development of SDG indicators at the national level. Efforts are also being expanded with civil society organizations (CSOs) to reduce data gaps, enhance the availability of granular data and complement official statistics.

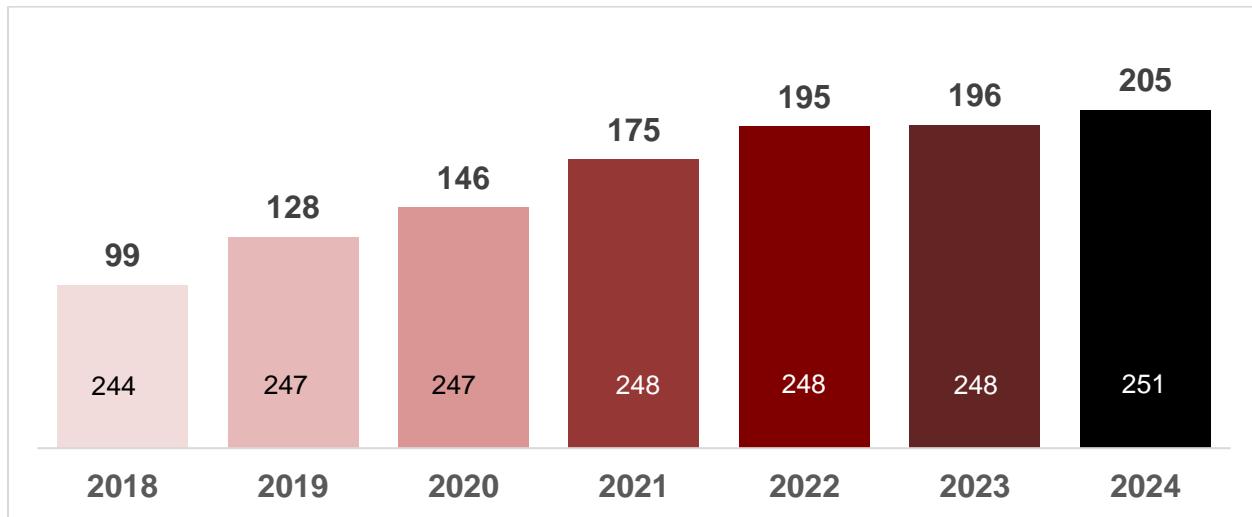
The provision of high-quality SDG indicators plays a vital role in monitoring the implementation of the Thirteenth Malaysia Plan (MP13) and assessing progress at both ASEAN and international levels. This sustained commitment reinforces Malaysia's data ecosystem and strengthens its position in advancing the SDGs, contributing meaningfully to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda globally.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the top position globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators, Malaysia, 2024 Report can be downloaded for free from the DOSM portal (www.dosm.gov.my).

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

Chart 1: Availability of SDG Indicators, Malaysia, 2018-2024



Note:

The number of global indicators for the year are shown in the chart

Chart 2: Availability of SDG Indicators by Goals, Malaysia, 2022-2024

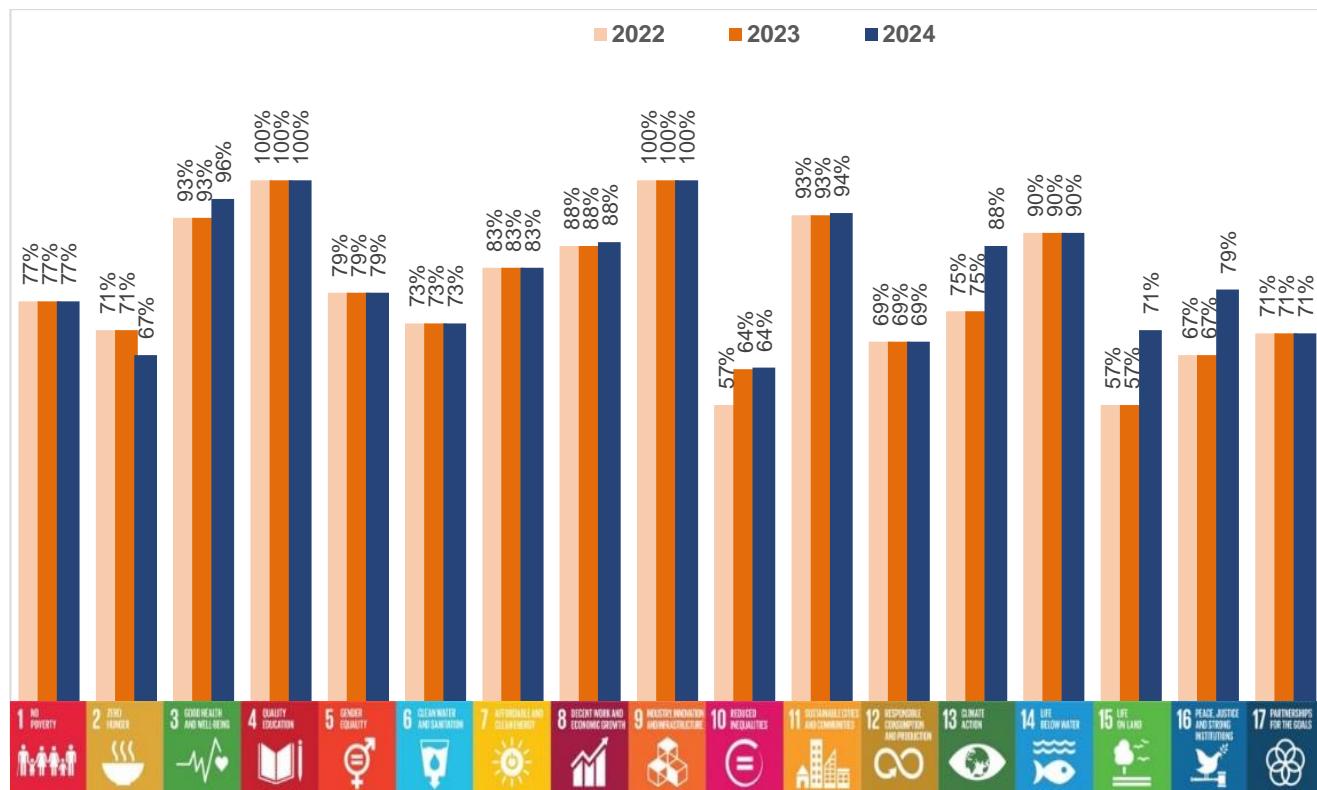


Exhibit 1: Infographic of the SDG Indicators Achievement by Five Focus Areas (5P), Malaysia, 2024

