



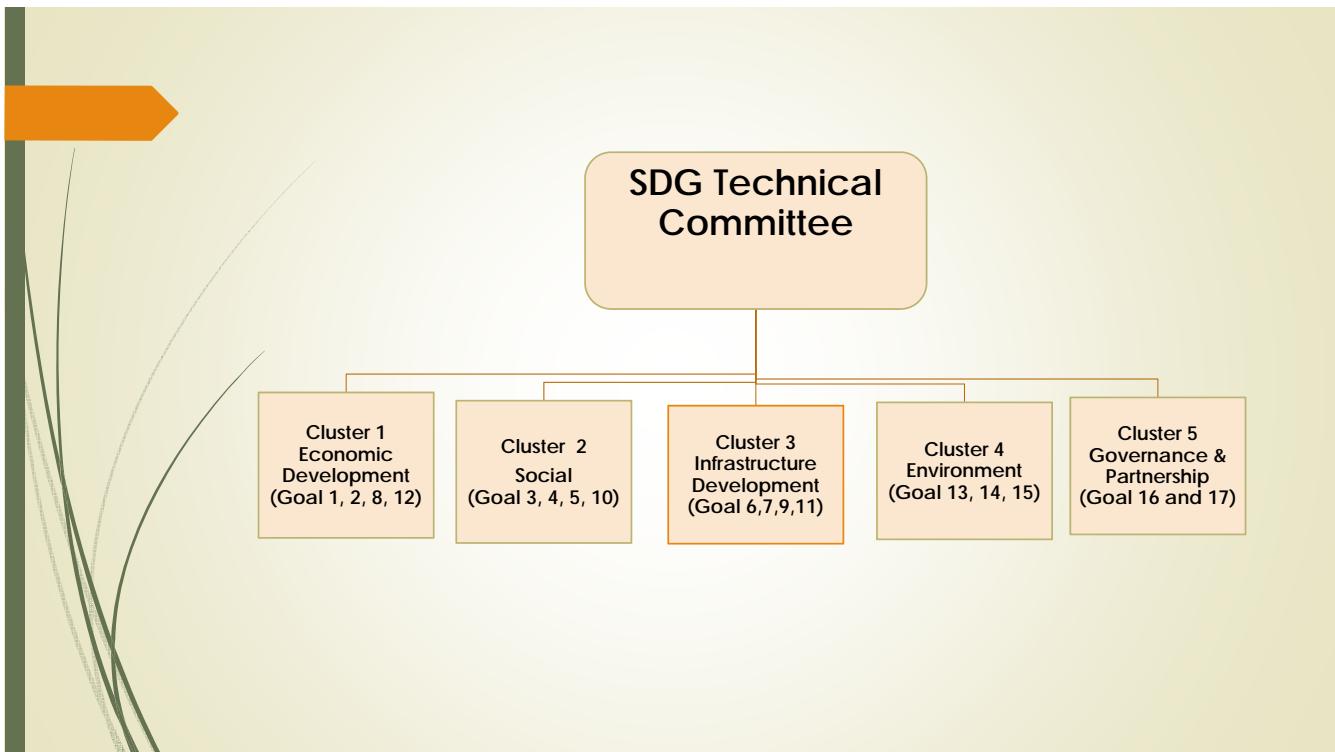
National policies and plans for SDG implementation: Potential roles of the National Statistical Office

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SDG implementation coordination structure established

- **Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE)** is mandated by the President's Office to oversee the implementation of the SDGs
- **Sustainable Development Goals Division established within MEE** coordinate, monitor and report the implementation process of SDGs
- **National Ministerial Coordination Committee (NMCC) established** to oversee the implementation of SDGs with authority to make the final policy decisions.
 - The NMCC is chaired by the Minister of Environment and Energy
 - The NMCC consists of cabinet members
- **SDG Technical Committee established**
 - National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) is part of the Technical committee



Role of National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

- Develop high quality and robust statistical measurement framework for SDGs
- Provide support to stakeholders on the methodologies used to measure SDG goals, targets and indicators
- Review and assist capacity building activities in statistics needed for SDGs
- Bridging data gaps and identify new data sources
- Share information and data with SDGs Unit and other stakeholders regarding the data issues
- Provide guidance and technical support on data issues for the SDGs coordination Committee and Technical Committee
- Assist stakeholders to identify proxy indicators where necessary
- Create awareness on SDGs indicators and importance of data among stakeholders and general public

SDGs aligned with National Policies



Level of policy alignment to SDGs

- About 54 of the SDG targets are directly reflected in the objectives and targets of the manifesto document.
- The coverage of Goal 8, 10 and 11 are strongly reflected in the document
- Goal 2 on nutrition and sustainable agriculture (mostly on the latter) and Goal 3 on Health, Goal 4 on education, Goal 5 on gender and Goal 16 on governance and peace building are sufficiently covered
- The strong priority placed on youth and women supports the 'leave no one behind' aspects of the SDGs
- The level of ambition and comprehensiveness is less evident for the goals on environment and climate change such as Goal 13, 14 and 15
- The Manifesto 2013-2017 puts forward an ambitious economic development agenda



Rapid Assessment on readiness to implement SDGs

- ▶ Rapid Integrated Assessment (RIA)–to assess the Maldives readiness to implement the SDGs carried out
- ▶ Draft report of RIA prepared in November 2017
- ▶ RIA developed after series of working sessions with the technical committee members and the national consultant with UNDP support
- ▶ RIA validation and finalization is ongoing

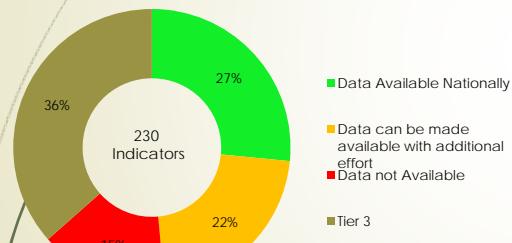


Data assessments and availability

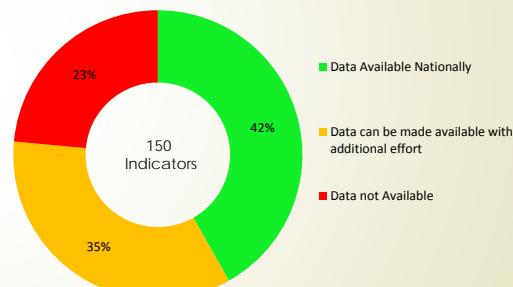
- ▶ NBS together with SDG Division has made some assessments on data and statistical capacity for the implementation and monitoring of SDGs.
- ▶ Assessment of data availability status for each SDG indicator using the three tier categories
- ▶ Diagnostic assessment of data of across all ministries/government agencies which identifies national indicators, additional data sources and baseline data availability

Status of SDG Data Availability – global indicators

All Indicators



Excluding Tier 3 Indicators



NBS exploring alternative data sources and new technology

- Working on use of new technology for data collection
- Using CAPI and survey solutions to conduct a pilot LFS
- Exploring big data pilot project to start soon



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- Next steps and plan are being discussed with PARIS21
- Work at the technical level will be initiated soon by NBS together with other agencies of NSS



Preparation of NSDS of Maldives (2019 to 2030) – some more assessments needed

- ▶ Conduct mapping and review of sectoral statistics specifically:
 - ▶ Social,
 - ▶ Environment
 - ▶ Governance
- ▶ To establish current data availability, capacity and resource requirements, timelines for dissemination, etc. vis-à-vis current data demands in the country
- ▶ Aligning with the government manifesto, sectoral strategy/action plans, and SDGs



First Voluntary National Review submitted to HLPF

- ▶ The first Voluntary National Review (VNR) for the Maldives completed
- ▶ VNR was submitted at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2016.
- ▶ The VNR was an initial step to assess status/progress on SDGs
- ▶ Due to limited time, a comprehensive assessment of the progress of SDG goals was not included in the report