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SAMOA Pathway 10-Year Regional Review report for the AIS SIDS region

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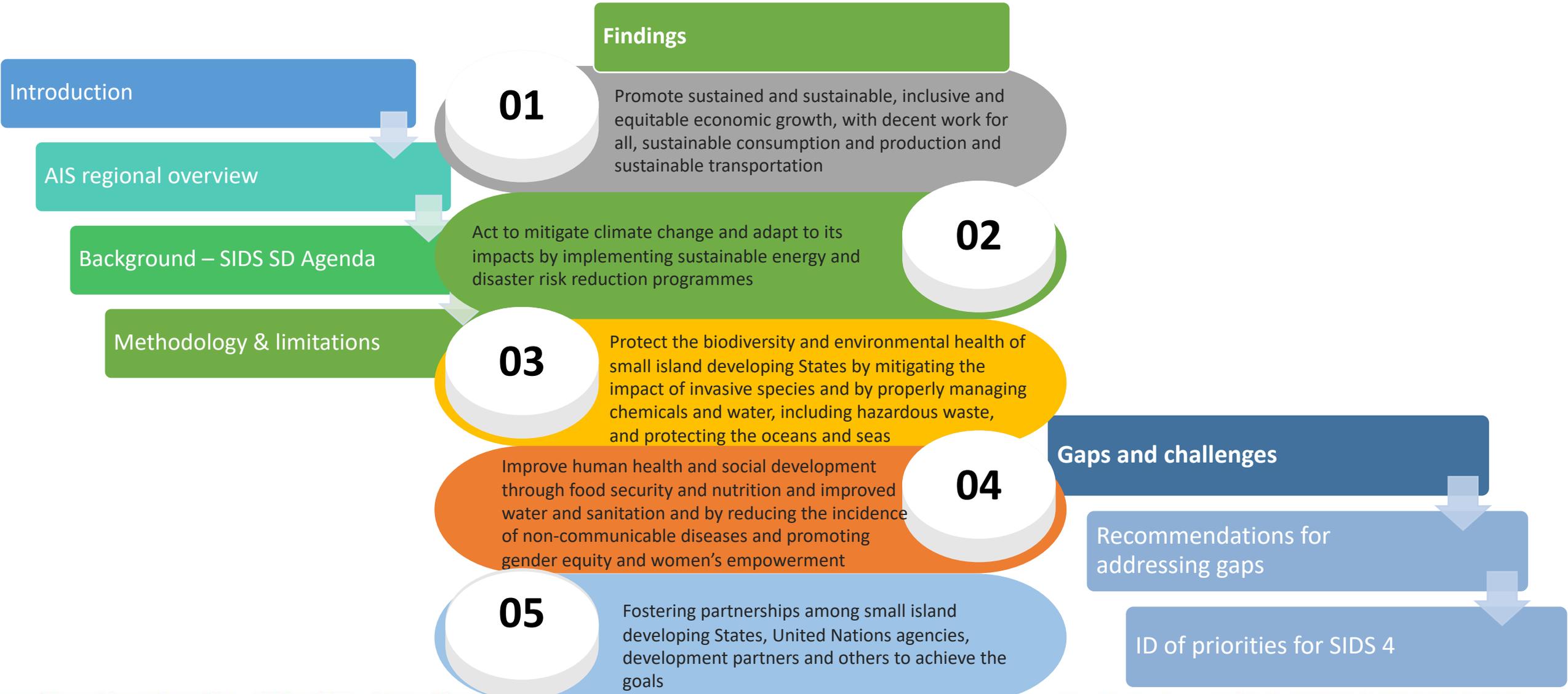
Governments of:

- Cabo Verde
- Comoros
- Guinea Bissau
- Maldives
- Mauritius
- Sao Tome & Principe
- Seychelles
- Singapore

UN ECA, DESA, OHRLLS, RCO and UN System agencies



Outline of the Regional Report



Findings

Thematic Area 1: Promote sustained and sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth, with decent work for all, sustainable consumption and production and sustainable transportation

Indicator Name

4.b.1 ODA for scholarships

8.3.1 Informal employment

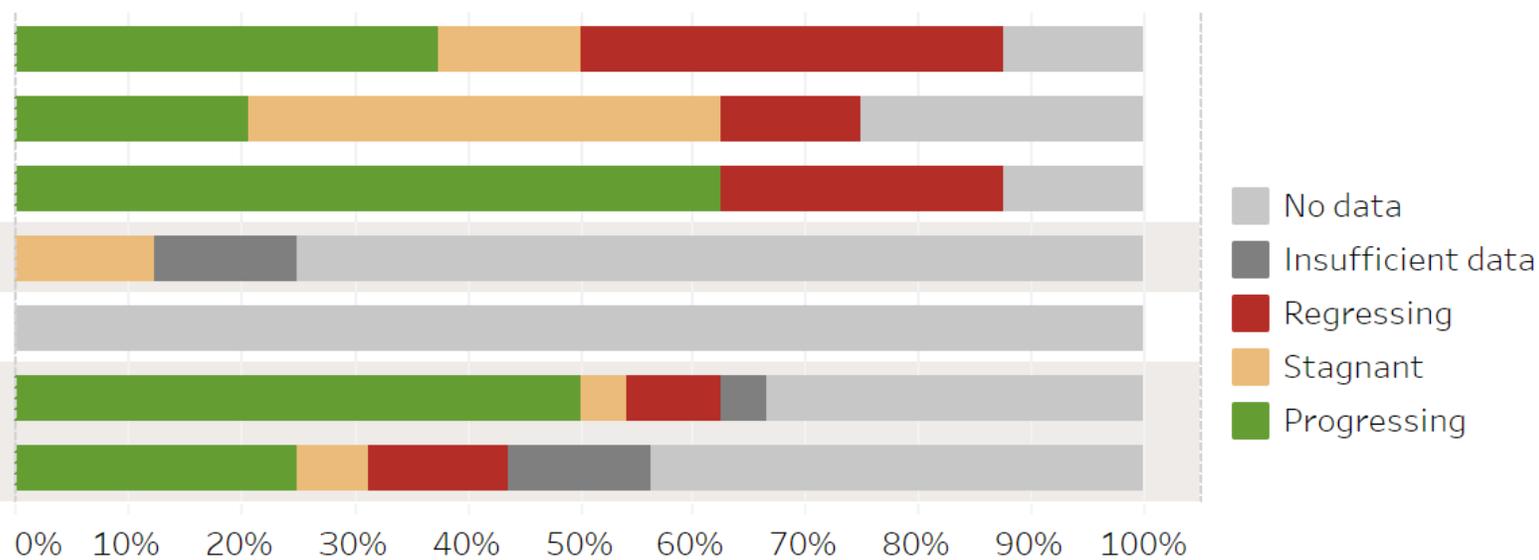
9.a.1 Official international support to infrastructure

8.9.1 Tourism direct GDP

11.2.1 Convenient access to public transport

4.1.2 Completion rate by educational level

4.3.1 Formal and non-formal education and training



Findings

Thematic Area 2: Act to mitigate climate change and adapt to its impacts by implementing sustainable energy and disaster risk reduction programmes

Indicator Name

13.a.1 Developed countries commitment of \$100 billion

7.1.2 Reliance on clean energy

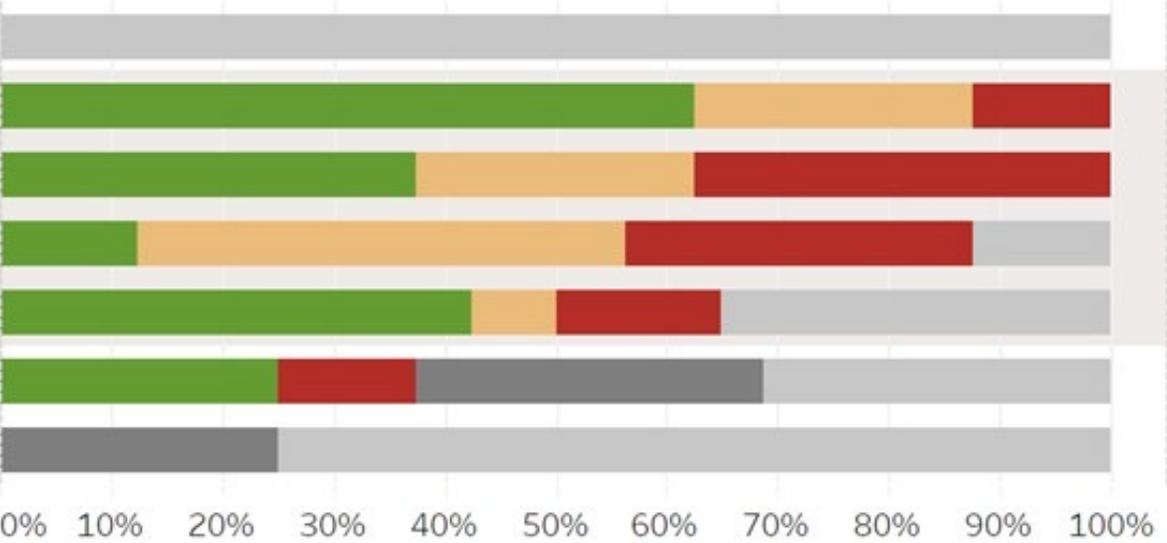
7.2.1 Renewable energy share

7.a.1 Financial flows to clean energy

7.b.1 Renewable energy generating capacity

13.1.1 Deaths/missing persons from disasters

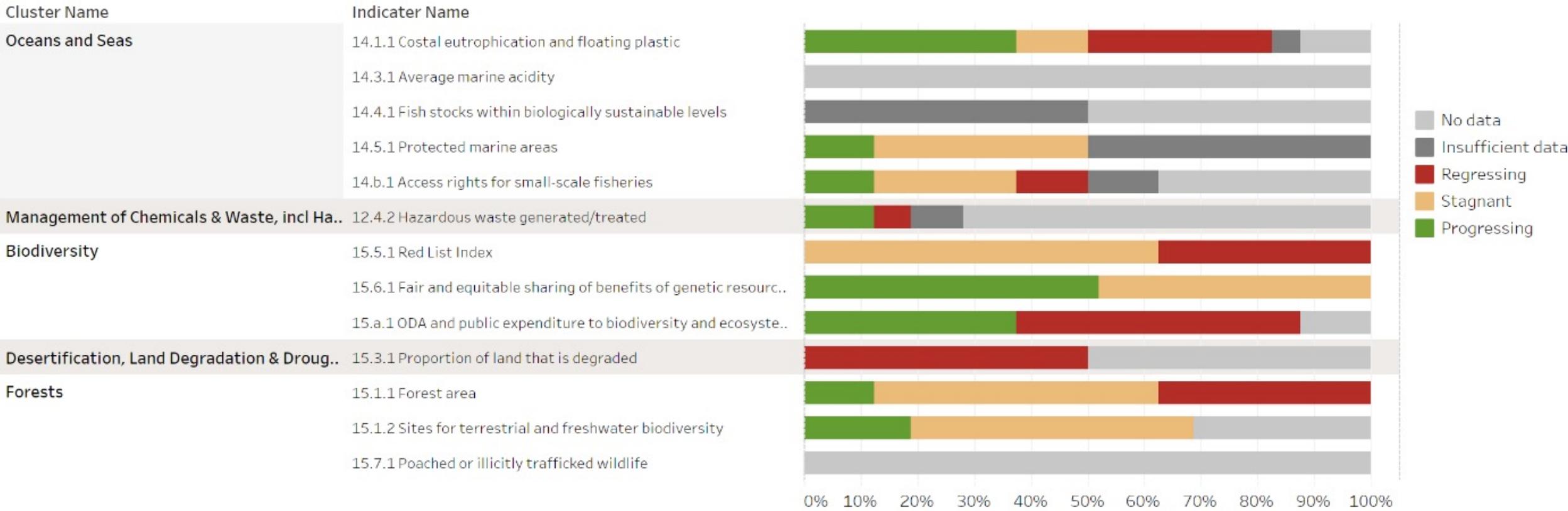
SENDAI_G3 Local disaster risk reduction strategies



Percentage of countries and territories

Findings

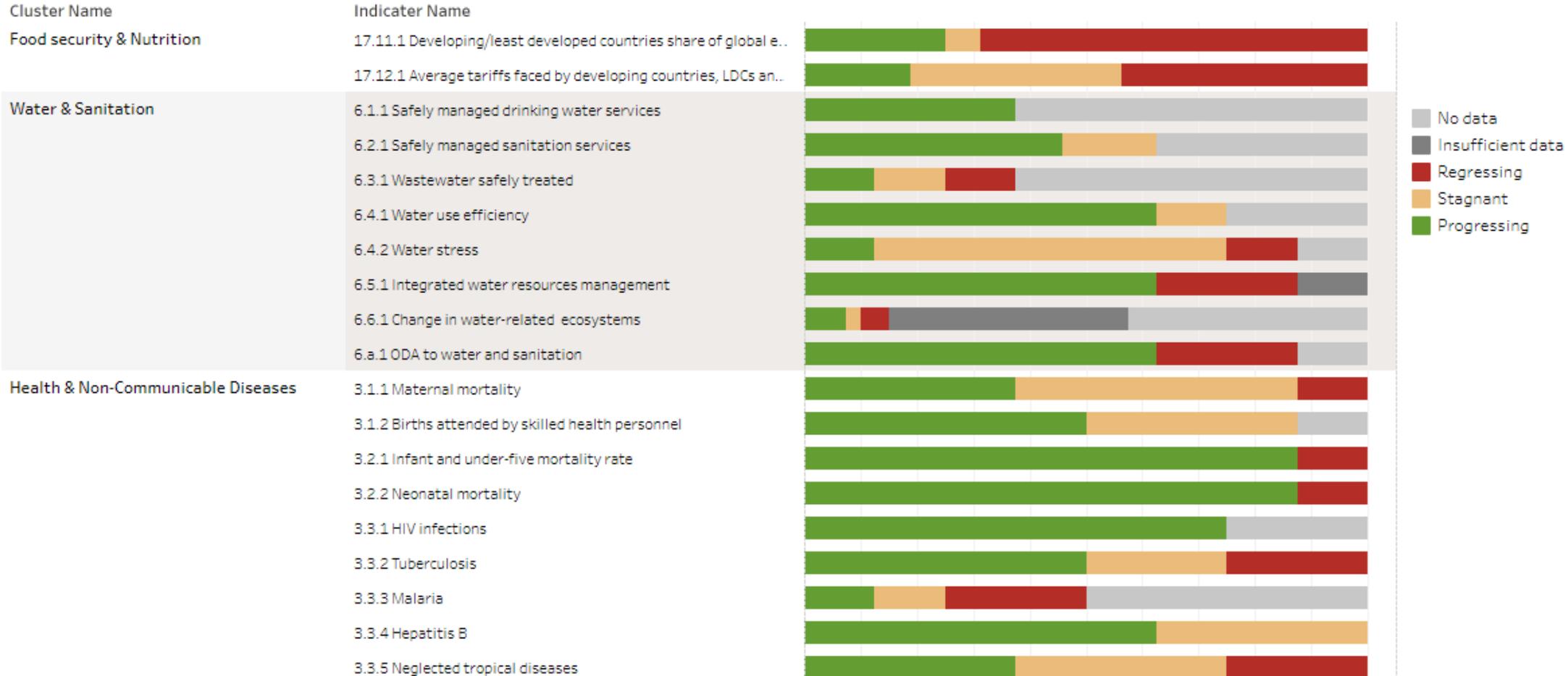
Thematic Area 3: Protect the biodiversity and environmental health of small island developing States by mitigating the impact of invasive species and by properly managing chemicals and water, including hazardous waste, and protecting the oceans and seas



Percentage of countries and territories

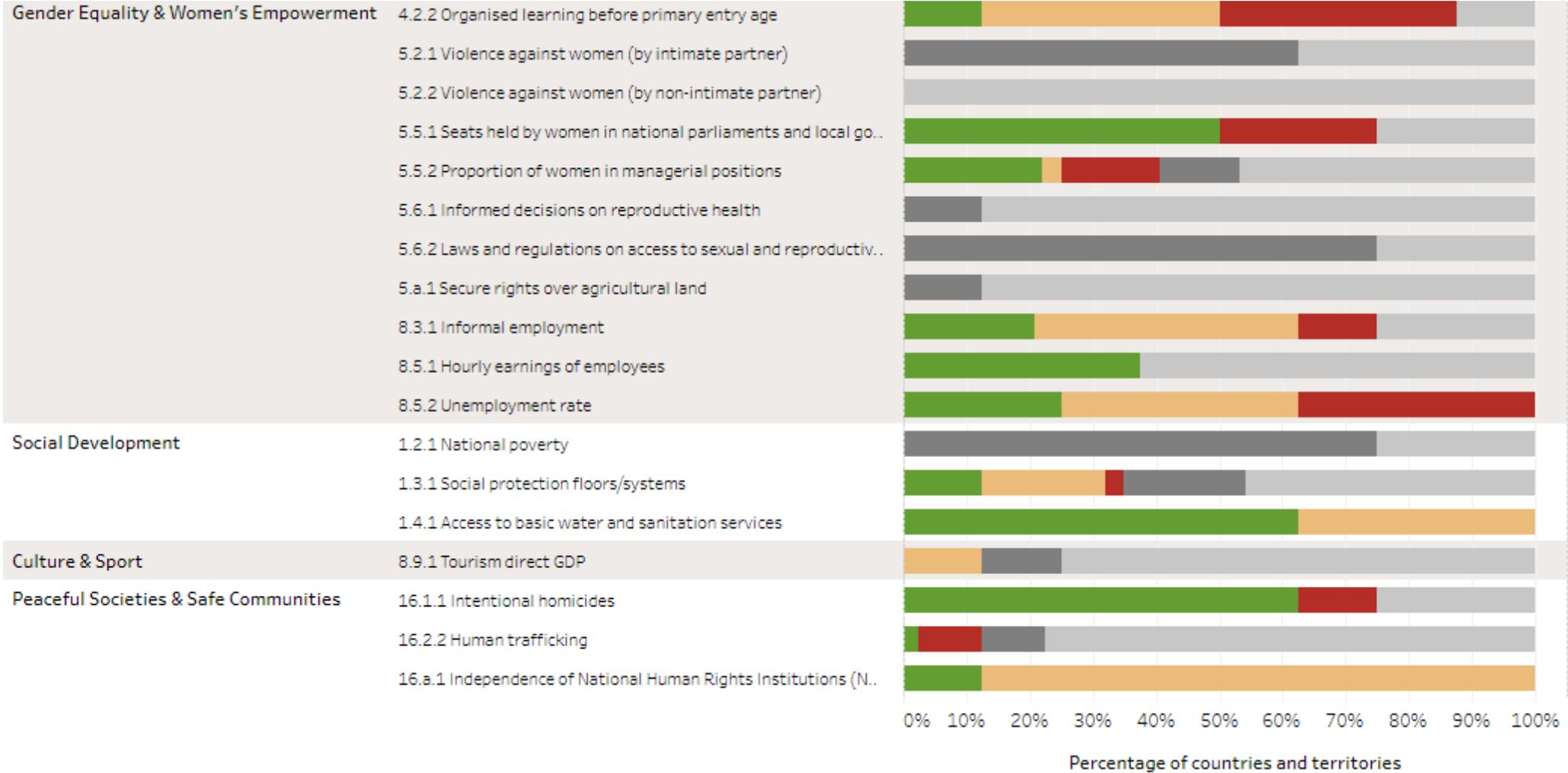
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Thematic Area 4: Improve human health and social development through food security and nutrition and improved water and sanitation and by reducing the incidence of non-communicable diseases and promoting gender equity and women’s empowerment



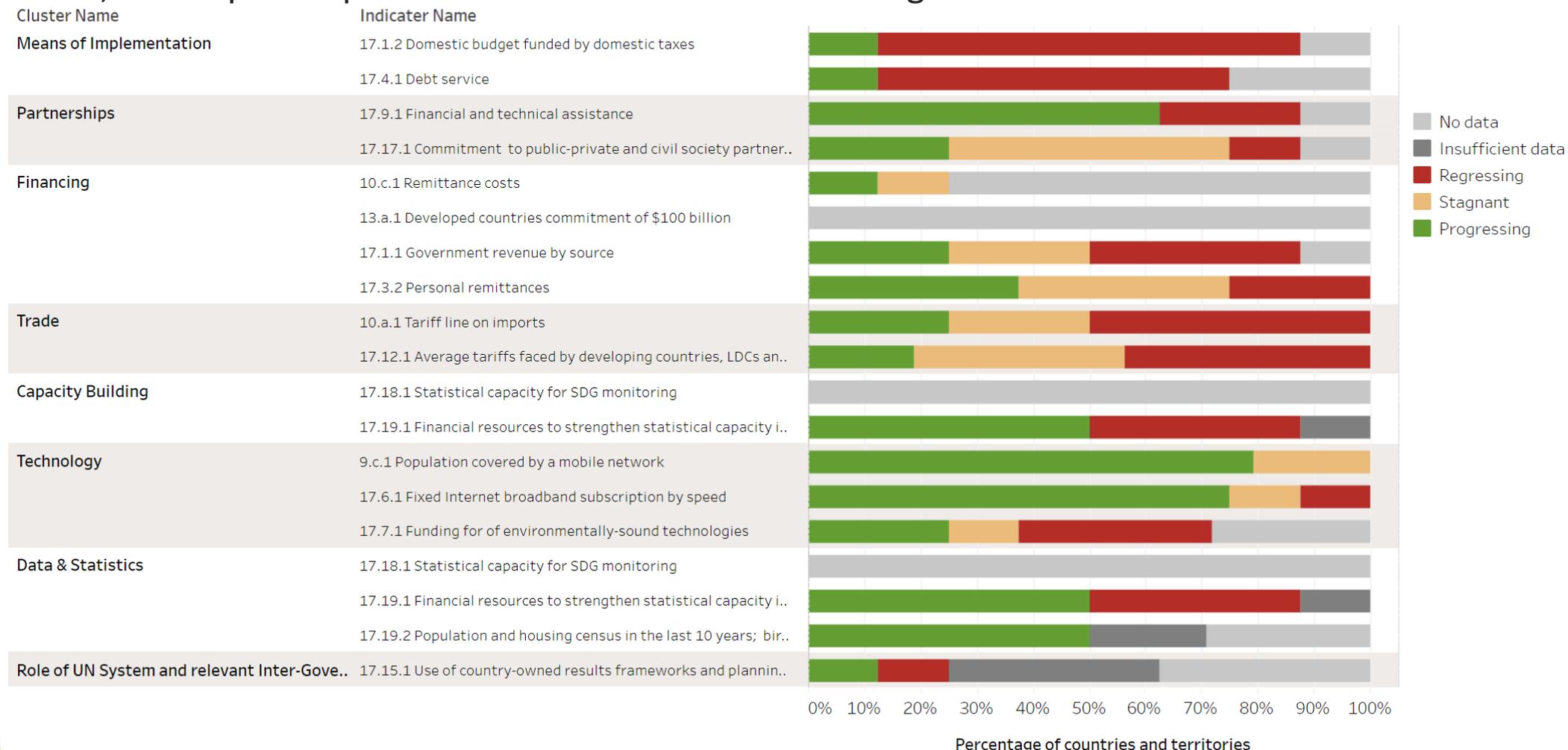
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Thematic Area 4

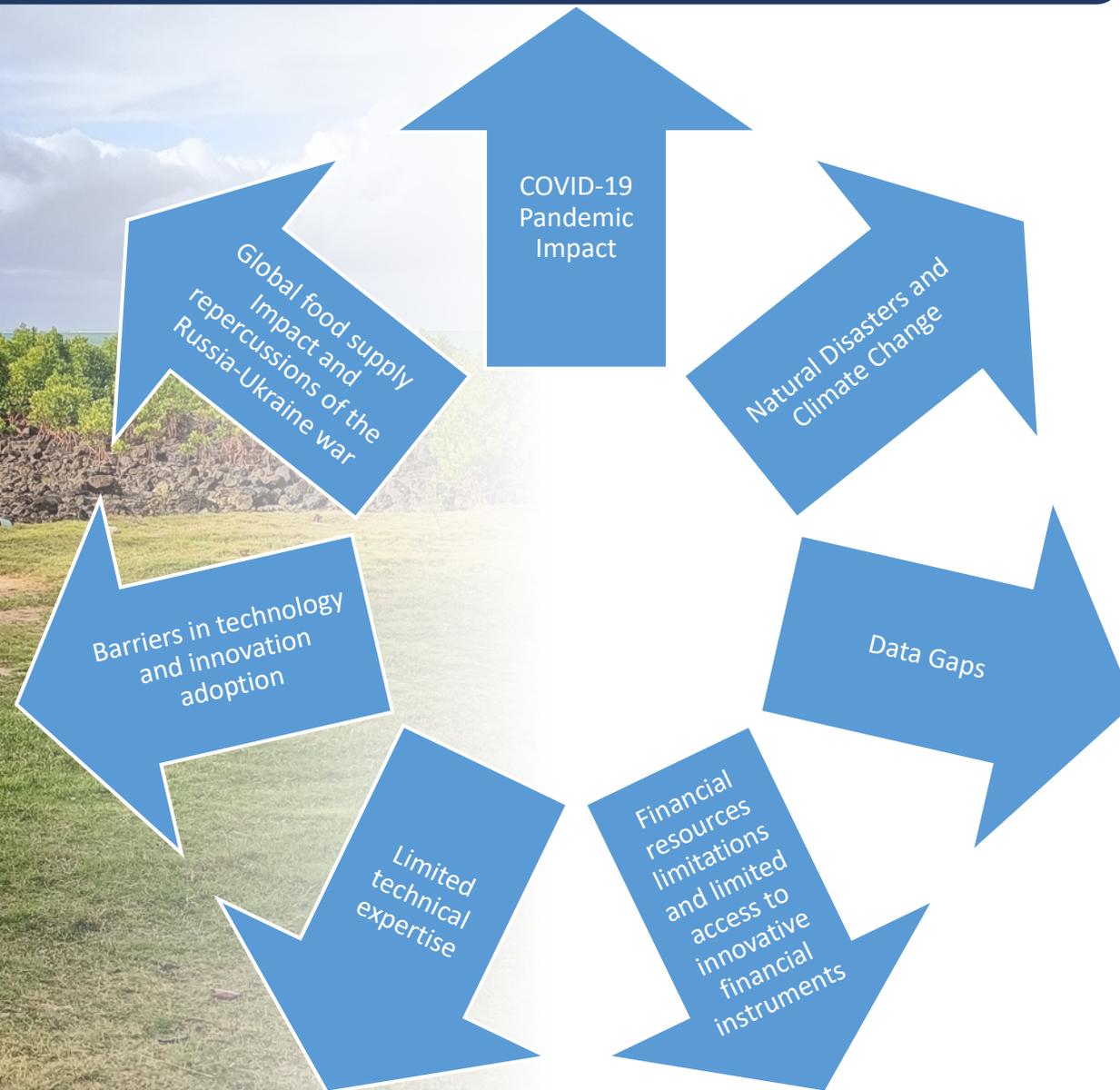


Findings

Thematic Area 5: Fostering partnerships among small island developing States, United Nations agencies, development partners and others to achieve the goals



Gaps & Challenges



Recommendations

National:

Mainstream resilience in national policies and legislation, including strengthening disaster risk reduction and climate resilience, including multi-hazard early warning systems

Enhance domestic resource mobilization and promote public-private partnerships

Reinforce the national capacities on debt management, including the participation in the Sustainable Debt Coalition

Strengthen Blue Economy Strategies and Carbon Credit regulations

Increase the gross expenditure on research and development (GERD) and STI

Recommendations

Regional (AIS):

Strengthen regional institutions and mechanisms for cooperation, including the AISCC and IOC

Promote regional cooperation, harnessing regional initiatives, such as the Great Blue Wall Initiative and the Regional registry for carbon credits for African SIDS

Encourage collaboration among SIDS in the region to pool resources, share experiences, and jointly address common challenges

Support effective engagement and benefits from regional integration initiatives while considering the specificities of SIDS

Promote regional innovative financial mechanisms, such as the Regional Bonds for African SIDS

Recommendations

Inter-Regional (among SIDS Regions: Caribbean, Pacific, AIS):

Strengthen the capacities of SIDS coordination mechanisms, including AOSIS

Develop the carbon markets in SIDS with focus on blue and green carbon, as a sustainable financial mechanism

Support research and development initiatives that focus on finding sustainable solutions tailored to the challenges faced by SIDS

Explore mechanisms for technology transfer and access to affordable and appropriate technologies for SIDS

Invest in education and training programs to develop a skilled workforce

Foster partnerships between SIDS, regional organizations, and stakeholders to share best practices, expertise, and lessons learned

Promote SIDS specific programmes and coordination mechanisms within UN Regional Economic Commissions and the broader UN Development System in SIDS

Recommendations

International:

Strengthen sustainable financial mechanisms for SIDS including blended finance, and explore debt relief initiatives and financial restructuring options, such as debt-for-climate-investment swaps

Enhance SIDS technical and institutional capacities

Support research and development (R&D) and science, technology and innovation (STI) initiatives, as well as technology transfer and indigenous knowledge

Improve data systems and knowledge sharing

Promote partnerships with international organizations, research institutions, and private sector entities

Support the implementation of the SDGs Stimulus Package in SIDS

Priorities for SIDS 4 (non-exhaustive)



Access to sustainable
finance

Domestic generation of
resources

Multidimensional
Vulnerability Index

Carbon markets and
climate finance

Climate change
resilience

Blue economy and
sustainable
development of oceanic
resources

Sustainable
transportation and
interconnectivity
between islands, within
the region and globally

Regional cooperation
and coordination
mechanisms

Technologies and
digitalization

Energy transition and
sustainable energy for
all

Multi-hazard early
warning systems

Good governance at
national and subnational
levels

Way forward

Tentative calendar:

- 10 August: Member States inputs to the preliminary draft
- 20 August: Final draft with inputs incorporated
- 31 August: Presentation of the final draft at the Inter Regional Meeting in Cabo Verde
- September: Publication of the report



Way Forward



ECA priority initiatives to support AIS:

- African Islands States Climate Commission Governments
- Blue Wall Initiative
- Sustainable Debt Coalition

Major Commitments:

- Moroni Declaration
- Beau-Vallon Roadmap
- Santa Maria Call to Action



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THE BLUE ECONOMY AND CLIMATE ACTION IN AFRICA:
ISLAND STATES AND COASTAL AT THE FOREFRONT

Moroni Declaration for Ocean and Climate Action in Africa

Moroni, Union of Comoros | 14th June 2023



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