

Voluntary Local Reviews

SDG Localization and Local Governments Team
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Action-oriented approach towards VLR

The **Action-oriented VLR** approach uses the VLR process and its findings **to generate strategic recommendations** for future planning, financing, and policies.

This approach elevates VLRs from reports on existing conditions to **powerful accelerators** of sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda/Agenda 2063.

Benefits of the Action-oriented VLR approach



Where are we coming from?

VLR Guidelines



Global Guiding Elements for Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) of SDG implementation



Global

Regional

Online tools

Online course:
Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)



Experiences



250 VLRS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SINCE 2016



194 LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

UN-Habitat has supported 23 VLRs and is currently supporting 13 more

Increased request for support

Requests from national and local governments.

Demands for better guidance on how to connect reporting with planning and action

UN-Habitat has been mandated to strengthen support on VLRs as per the SDG Localization Resolution

**PHASE I
INCEPTION**

Enabling assessment

**PHASE II
SITUATION ANALYSIS**

Identification,
prioritization, collection
and analysis of data

**PHASE III
REVIEW AND STRATEGY**

Visioning and strategic
planning

**PHASE IV
FINALIZATION**

Validation and Launch

**PHASE V
BEYOND THE VLR**

Implementation,
Monitoring, and
advancements

DATA TRACK

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT TRACK

STRATEGIC ACTION TRACK

MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE

CAPACITY BUILDING

ADVOCACY AND VISIBILITY

Months 1-3

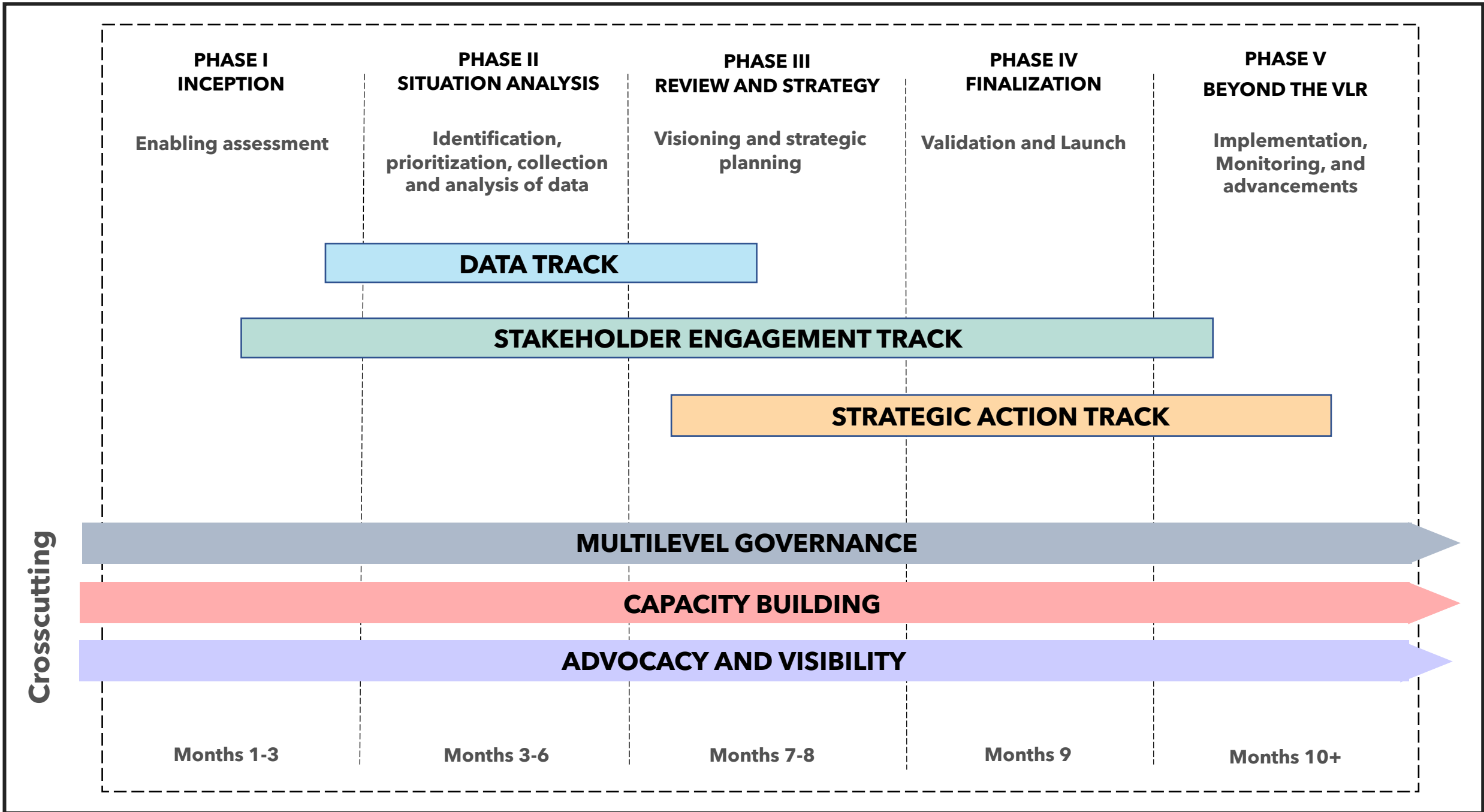
Months 3-6

Months 7-8

Months 9

Months 10+

Crosscutting



Overview of the Tracks

Data track

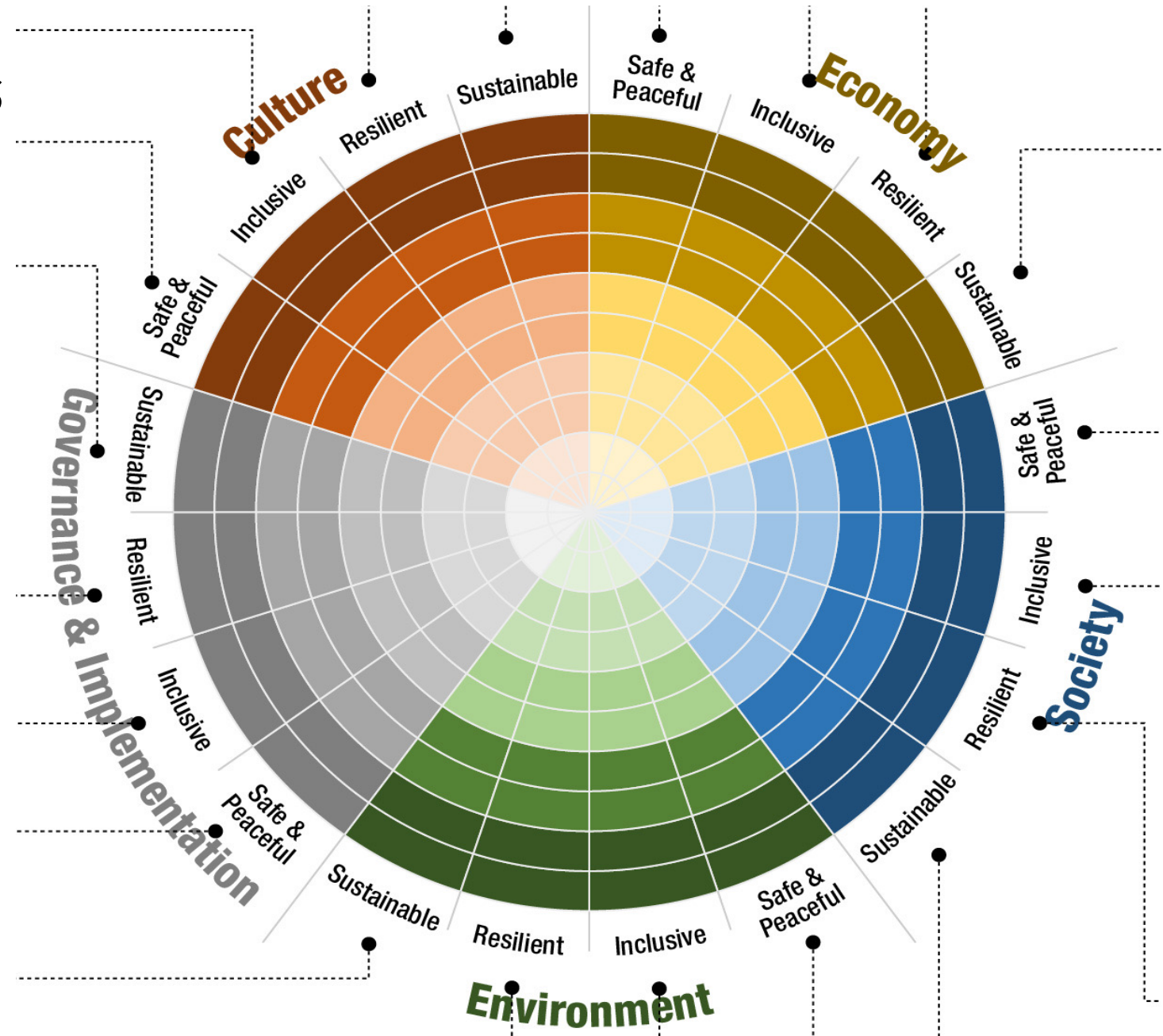
Work steps:

- ❖ Stocktaking
- ❖ Indicators Alignment
- ❖ Prioritization of indicators
- ❖ Data availability
- ❖ Gap analysis
- ❖ Data collection
- ❖ Data cleaning
- ❖ Data analysis

List of selected indicators UMF Report



UMF-VLR Data Tool



Stakeholder engagement track

Work steps:

- ❖ Stakeholder Mapping
- ❖ Engagement opportunities:
 - (1) Prioritization and selection of indicators
 - (2) Review and collection of data
 - (3) Discussion of SDG discussion papers and action-oriented recommendations
 - (4) VLR validation

Stakeholder engagement plan
At least one consultation forum
Report of stakeholder engagement



Stakeholder mapping



Survey templates for data collection and visioning

Strategic action track

Work steps:

- ❖ Review of existing/upcoming policies, projects and action-plans that advance the SDGs
- ❖ Identify a vision towards 2030
- ❖ Identify action-oriented recommendations

Identify action-oriented recommendations



Action-oriented recommendations

Multilevel governance



Global Research *Multilevel Governance for SDG Localization*

Ghana as a pilot country



Country Analysis

Multilevel Governance Platform



www.multilevelgovernance.org



Where are we implementing?

UNITED NATIONS PEACE AND
DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND
2030
AGENDA SUB-FUND

Africa

-  Ghana
-  The Gambia
-  Kenya

Asia-Pacific

-  Philippines
-  Thailand
-  Nepal

Arab States

-  Tunisia
-  Jordan
-  Palestine

UNDA14

 Tanzania

 Costa Rica

 Germany

 Finland

 Italy

 Georgia

 Tajikistan

 Kyrgyzstan

 Serbia

With the support of implementing partners:



DEPARTMENT OF
**ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS**



In collaboration with local and national governments

For more information on UN-Habitat's comprehensive SDG Localization approach visit

UN-Habitat SDG Localization Platform



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