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Sustainable development and the data collection experience of South Africa

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CHANGE IN STATS SA MANDATE

- The **Stats Amendment Act no. 29 of 2024** was **proclaimed** on the **19 September 2025** by the **President of South Africa**.
 - The **proclamation** was **gazetted** on the **30 September 2025** to announce that the Act will come into operation on the **1 October 2025**.
 - The **amendment designates** the **SG** as **the head of Stats SA** and the **SG of the Republic of South Africa**
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- SG responsible for **coordination** and **production** of official and other statistics in NSS
 - Enhance and establish **partnerships** within the NSS to **increase** the body of **official statistics** in SA



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The SG developed tools to enable him to coordinate the production of statistics in the Republic and address gaps identified in the NSS



Integrated Indicator Framework (IIF) – data gap



South African Statistical Quality Assessment Framework (SASQAF) – quality gap

OVER 800 INDICATORS REQUIRED TO MEET ALL THE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS

INTEGRATED INDICATOR FRAMEWORK



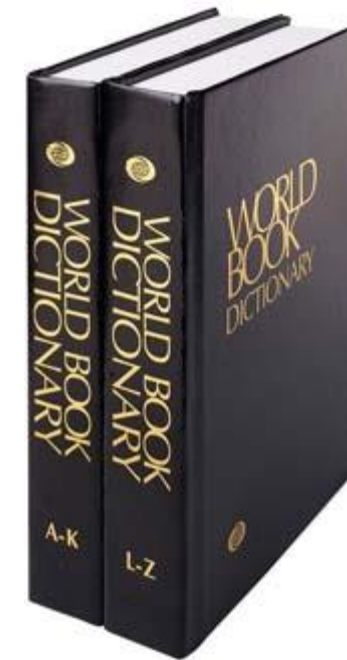
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WHAT IS SASQAF?

- **South African Statistical Quality Assessment Framework (SASQAF)** is a framework that the Statistician-General uses to **evaluate** the **quality of statistics** produced by organs of state and to **declare such statistics as official statistics**.
- **SASQAF** is available for use by **NSS** entities as a tool to improve the quality of their statistical production system
- **Certifies data** series as **official statistics** if they meet the SASQAF quality criteria (other or national statistics).



SASQAF
*codifies the
language of
Quality*

SASQAF subscribes to the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics



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SDG COUNTRY REPORTING IN SA



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SDG Country Reporting Process

Identify and invite various SDG stakeholders to participate in the SDG country reporting process



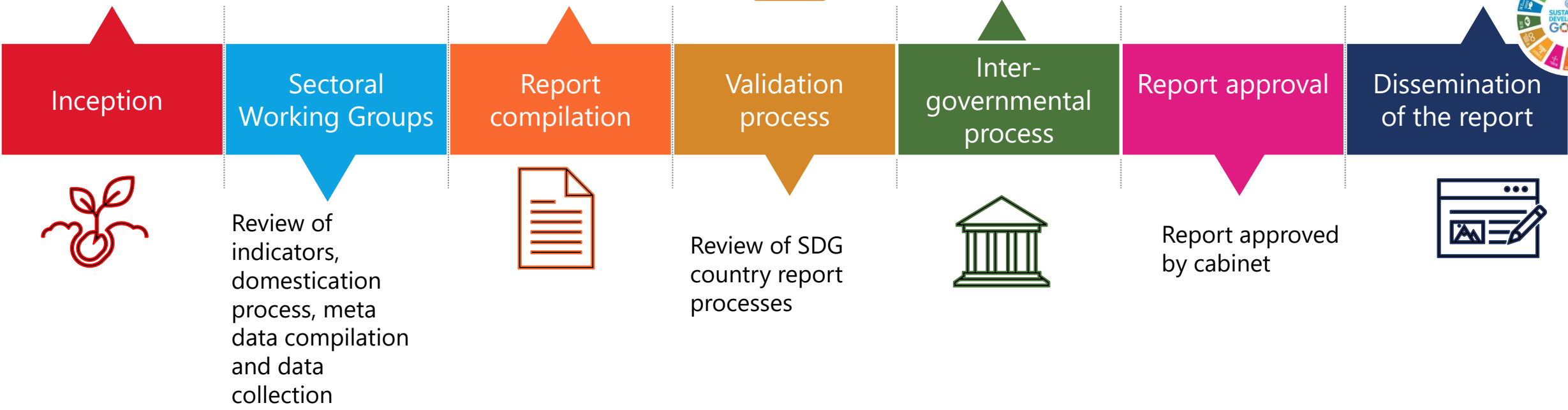
Produce draft report and conduct input sessions.



Consultation to various government committees



Report published for wider usage



SDG Reports on Progress Made



Following the baseline report in 2017, South Africa further produced;

- 2019 and 2023 SDG Country Reports with **64.0%** and **72.3%** data availability respectively
- The 2025 SDG Country Report is currently underway
- Data used in these reports are a feeder into the **Voluntary National Review** (VNR) processes.



**251 SDG indicators –
5 N/A to SA**

*(234 unique; 246 used
for reporting in SA)*



- **Domesticated (Proxy) indicators** in line with the principle of domestication, ensuring indicators are adjusted to meet local peculiarities. **(54)**

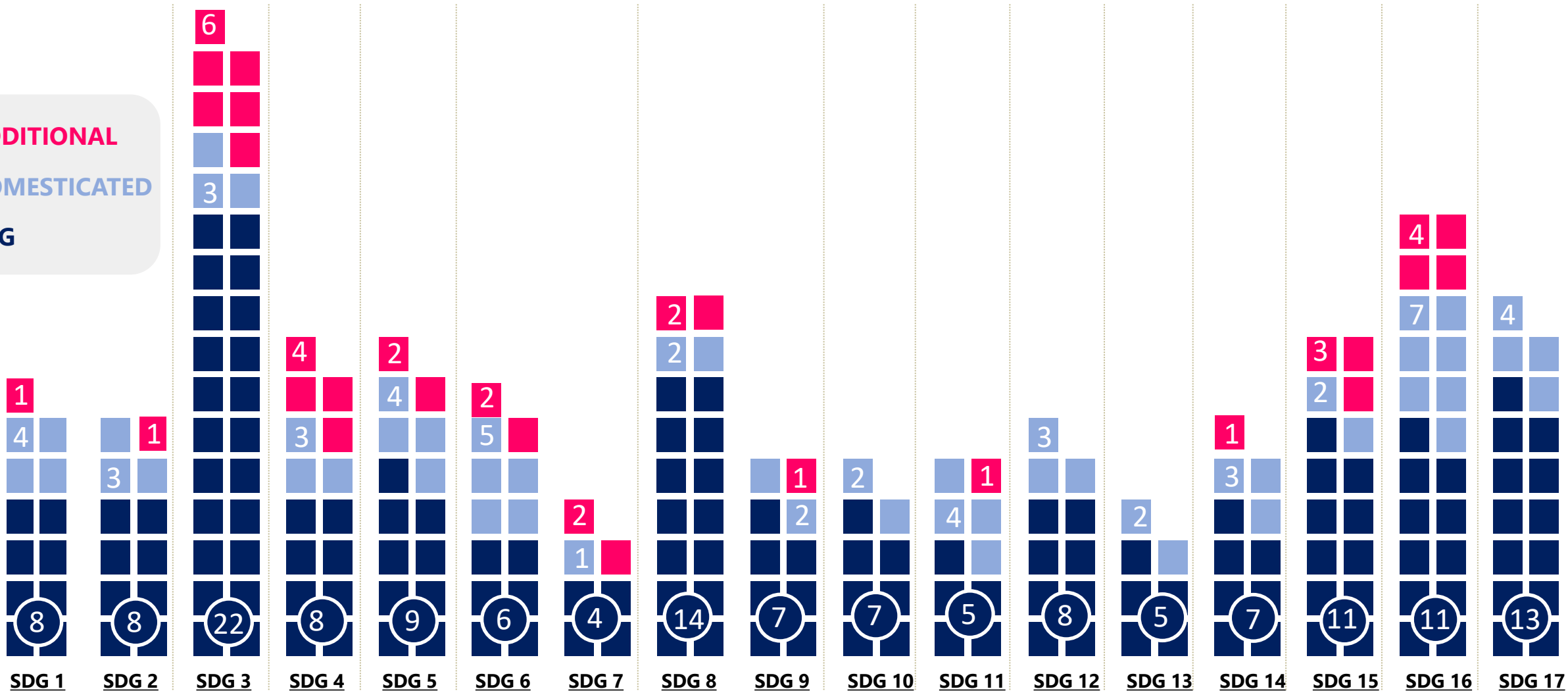


- **Additional (Supplementary) indicators** will be included where the SDG indicators are not sufficient or are not applicable to explain the situation in the country. **(30)**

ADDITIONAL

DOMESTICATED

SDG



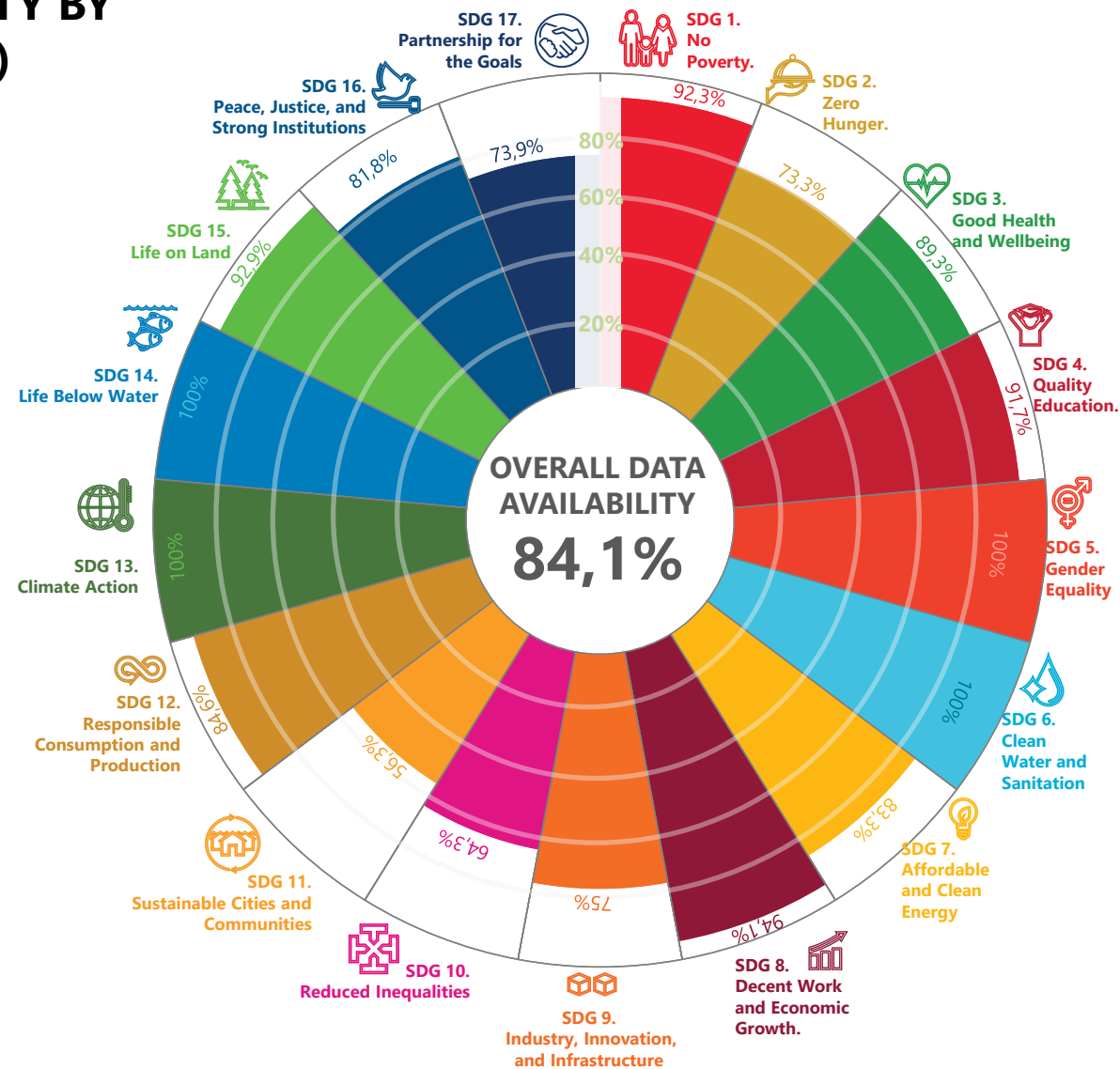
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SA DATA AVAILABILITY BY GOAL 2025 (207/246)



- Quality of data used for official reporting in South Africa should be known – be inline with **SASQAF requirements**:
 - Online self-assessment <https://webuat.statssa.gov.za/SasqafOnline/>
 - Independent Quality Assessment
 - SASQAF dipstick – ***form to be completed by all data providers***
- Data used for SDG reporting in SA – ***domestic sources***;
- Data source/product needs to be sustainable



Data Portals

- Stats SA Website – <https://www.statssa.gov.za/>
- Stats SA: Isibalo Data Portal – <https://isibaloweb.statssa.gov.za/idatweb.php>
- Department Of Forestry, Fisheries And Environment (DFFE): State Of The Environment – <https://soer.environment.gov.za/soer/CMSWebSite/Content.aspx?menuId=18970,17987,17987,HeadlineEnvironmentalIndicators>
- Spatial Economic Activity Data South Africa – <https://spatialtaxdata.org.za/>
- City Of Tshwane Open Data Portal – <https://opendata.tshwane.gov.za/app-default>



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- Identify and understand the **data** produced by your **municipality** (admin records)
- Ensure the **quality** of your data is **known**
- **Selection of goals/targets/indicators** should be done inline with **data** you have **available**
- Use a mixture of **quantitative** and **qualitative** data
- Ensure involvement of **Stats SA** when **selecting data** to be used for reporting
- Familiarise yourself with **UN SDG metadata** and **Global indicator framework** documents

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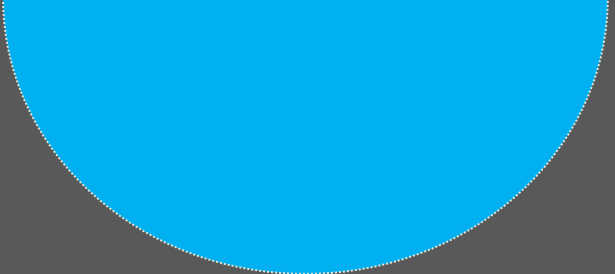


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