

Brief: SDGs Status Update

Introduction

Botswana has made steady progress against the Sustainable Development `Goals. There has been consistent and sustained support on the SDGs, especially around advocacy, sensitization and awareness creation, as they are central to generating momentum and commitment to attaining the SDG targets.

In addition to the Domesticated Indicator Framework (DIF), Botswana has set up robust institutional mechanisms that are critical to ensuring that the SDGs are mainstreamed into development planning and programming. For example, Botswana has developed an ***SDGs Roadmap*** as a prerequisite for leveraging interlinkages, mainstreaming, localization and steering implementation of the SDGs across all sectors. The National Planning Commission (NPC) co-chairs, along with the UN, the task team on SDGs and the National Steering Committee on the SDGs. Moreover, the government has developed SDG Planning Guidelines as a tool to find practical ways to accelerate the rate of implementation of the SDGs in Botswana.¹ The guidelines provide a mechanism to move national discussions away from conversations around goals to planning for and implementing specific SDG targets according to the development challenges facing Botswana. These guidelines are being rolled out across the sectors and line ministries (as we speak).

In terms of an SDGs Status Update, Botswana presented its 2nd VNR during last year's High-Level Political Forum. The key takeaway message for me was, while Botswana has made steady progress against the goals under review, it needs to do more and that is where the Reset and mind-change Agenda takes its cue from.

Moreover, Botswana ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2021. The 2022 Population and Housing Census adopted the Washington Group Short Set questions in the census questionnaire. This means that for the first time, Botswana will have census data that can be disaggregated by those with or without disability and disability severity. This is a major milestone towards an inclusive Botswana.

Update on SDG data

Based on the 2022 census results as well as the Botswana most recent SDGs DIF Statistics Brief, Botswana's progress against the 17 SDGs can be summarized as thus:

Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

14 Total Indicators |12 Domesticated |7 Available

- The Proportion of population below the international poverty line stands at 6%, and about 60% of the population is covered by social protection floors/ systems. Nationally, poverty at 1.25USD/day has come down from 23.4% in 2002/3 to 6% to 2015/16. There has been no new data on poverty since the 2015/16 BMTHS.

¹ Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (2019). *SDG Planning Guidelines, Botswana*.

- Botswana has *adopted* and *Implemented* the national disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.
- The proportion of population living below the national poverty line is 16%, which is high.

Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

13 Indicators | 10 Domesticated | 7 Available

- prevalence of undernourishment is high at 32%, and prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population is high, with 22% of the population classified as severely food insecure.
- Prevalence of stunting (among children under 5 years of age) is high at 31.2%.
- 15.2 % of the children under 5 years of age are overweight.

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

28 indicators | 27 Domesticated | 14 Available

Maternal mortality rate is extremely high at 243. The Under-5 mortality rate is 20.5% and the neonatal mortality rate 7.7%. while HIV-AIDS rates have come down, new HIV infections per 1,000 uninfected population is still high at 15.2 and 26.2 for males and females, respectively.

Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

11 Indicators | 10 Domesticated | 6 Available

- The literacy rate stands at 90%. However, participation rate in pre-primary organized learning is low at 23.3%.
- Participation rate of youth and adults in formal and non-formal education and training in the previous 12 months stands at 20.2%.
- The parity rate (female to male ratio) for pre-primary and primary is 0.96 and 0.95. However, for secondary and tertiary it is 1.1 and 1.32, indicating there are more females than males enrolled at the secondary and tertiary levels, and vice versa for pre-primary and primary.
- Proportion of teachers with the minimum required qualifications is high and stands at 99%.

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

14 Indicators | 13 Domesticated | 9 Available

- Legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex.
- Proportion of seats held by women in (a) national parliament is 5.26%. (2023)
- Proportion Of women And girls Aged 15 years And older Subjected to sexual violence/ GBV over a their lifetime stood at 37%.
- Women in managerial positions stands at 36% (2016)
- Botswana has laws and regulations that guarantee full and equal access to women and men aged 15 years and older to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education.

- Since 2009 there are legal frameworks (including customary law) that guarantees women’s equal rights to land ownership and/or control
- Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone. Females 55.8% and males: 42.2%.
- Botswana has systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment.

Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

11 Indicators|10 Domesticated |5 Available

All data provided by ministry of land and water affairs.

- Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services is 98%
- Proportion of bodies of water with good quality water is 79%
- Level of water stress: freshwater withdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater Resources is 8.01%
- Degree of integrated water resource is 49% on average.

Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

6 Indicators | 5 Domesticated | 2 Available

- Proportion of population with access to electricity is 70%. (2.6% of it coming from solar).
- Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology is 65%.

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

17 Indicators|15 Domesticated |7 Available

- Annual growth rate of real GDP per capita: 5.8% (2022)
- Annual growth rate of real GDP per employed person is 4.3% (2022)
- National unemployment rate: 25.4% (2022)
- Proportion of youth (aged 15–24 years) not in education, employment or training (see figure below for data from 2022)

Age Group	Male	Female
15-17	19.8%	12.2%
18-19	45.7%	52.1%
20-24	44.9%	55.6%

- Proportion and number of children aged 13–17 years engaged in child labor, by sex and age: Male: 0.8%; Female: 1.8%; Total 1.3% (2022).
- Number of commercial bank branches per 100,000 adults: 9.48
- Number of automated teller machines (ATMs) per 100,000 adults: 427

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

12 Indicators| 12 Domesticated | 7 Available

- Passenger and freight volumes, by mode of transport. (National definition -passenger and freight volumes are respectively measured in passenger kilometers and tonne-kilometres, and broken down by mode of transport.
 - Passengers: 695 087;
 - Freight: 62 206.88 tons
- Manufacturing value added as a proportion of GDP and per capita: 8.2% (2022)
- Manufacturing employment as a proportion of total employment: 7.1% (2022)
- Research and development expenditure as a proportion of GDP: 0.54%
- Researchers (in full-time equivalent) per million inhabitants: 0.25
- Proportion of medium and high-tech industry value added in total value added: 16.6%
- Proportion of population covered by a mobile network, by technology: 85.3%

Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

11 indicators | 10 Domesticated | 4 Available

- Growth rates of household expenditure or income per capita among the bottom 40 per cent of the population and the total population: 0.4%
- Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income: 19.7%
- Labour share of GDP: 20.3% (2016)
- Remittance costs as a proportion of the amount remitted: 20.73%

Goal 11: Make cities and urban settlements, inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

15 Indicators | 10 Domesticated | 6 Available

- Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements or inadequate housing: shacks 1.7%; single room 22.9%
- Proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport: 43.4% (Gaborone only)
- Ratio of land consumption rate to population growth rate: Gaborone: 1.88; Francistown: 1.19
- Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population: 450
- Average share of the built-up area of cities that is open space for public use for all: Gaborone-66.5%; Francistown-74.3%

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

12 Indicators | 13 Domesticated | 1 Available

- Botswana has ‘sustainable consumption and production (SCP) national action plans or SCP mainstreamed as a priority or a target into national policies’.

Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

8 Indicators | 6 Domesticated | 3 Available

- Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population: 45 (2016/17)
- In Botswana, the ‘local government has adopted and implemented local disaster risk reduction strategies in line with national disaster risk reduction strategies’

Goal 14: Life below water— Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

10 Indicators | 1 Domesticated | 1 Available

- Proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels: 201 metric tonnes

Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

14 Indicators | 12 Domesticated | 8 Available

- Forest area as a proportion of total land area: 19.1%
- a) Proportion of important sites for terrestrial biodiversity that are covered by protected areas: 98.3%(2017)
- Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area: 17%
- Average proportion of Mountain Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) covered by protected areas: 100%
- Red List Index (RLI) - IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: 0.98
- Proportion of traded wildlife that was poached or illicitly trafficked. (National Definition: The share of all trade in wildlife detected as being illegal.): Indicator Value Poached: 22.3 per 10,000; Illicitly trafficked: Skins: 24 per 10,000; Live mammals: 23 per 10,000; Animal Trophy: 79 per 10,000.

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and provide access to justice for all and build effective and accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

23 Indicators | 21 Domesticated | 13 Available

- Number of victims of intentional homicide per 100,000 population is 6%.
- Proportion of population subjected to a) physical, b) psychological and c) sexual violence in the previous 12 months is 12.2% (2015).
- **National Definition:** Proportion of population that felt safe walking in the neighborhood in the past year. (“Never” felt unsafe) is 40% (2015).
- Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population: 0.3% (2020)
- Proportion of young population, aged 18–29 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18: for 18-24 yrs: 22.5%; 25-29yrs: 19.9%
- Proportion of victims of violence in the previous 12 months who reported their victimization to competent authorities or other officially recognized conflict resolution mechanisms: 64%.

- **National definition:** Pre-trial detainees & remand prisoners as percentage of total prison population including pre-trial prisoners detained in police holding cells at a given day: 24.5%.
- Proportion of businesses that had at least one contact with a public official and that paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials during the previous 12 months: 5%.
- Primary government expenditures as a proportion of original approved budget,
- by sector (or by budget codes or similar): 98.8% execution/spending rate.
- Proportion of population satisfied with their last experience of public services: 77%
- **National definition:** a) Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age. b) registered birth by age of registration below 5 years out of total registered births: 100%.
- **Botswana** has an ‘independent national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles’.

Goal 17: Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

25 Indicators | 23 Domesticated | 15 Available

- Total government revenue as a proportion of GDP: 19% (2022/23)
- Proportion of domestic budget funded by domestic taxes: 53% (2022/23)
- Volume of remittances (in United States dollars) as a proportion of total GDP: 0.3 (2022)
- Debt service as a proportion on of exports of goods and services: 2% (2021)
- Fixed Internet broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants, by speed: 3.8mb/s (2021)
- Proportion of individuals, 15yrs and above using the Internet in the last 3 months: 74% (2021)
- Statistical capacity indicator for Sustainable Development Goals monitoring: collecting data on 63.4% of indicators.
- Botswana has ‘national statistical legislation that complies with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics’ and has fully funded.
- Budget allocated to statistical organization as a proportion of the national budget: 0.19%
- Botswana has (a) conducted at least one population and housing census in the last 10 years; and (b) has achieved 100 per cent birth registration and 80 per cent death registration.