SDGs for Children in Indonesia
Provincial snapshot: South Sulawesi

Introduction
This provincial snapshot highlights priority child-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators, based on national household surveys and other data sources. It complements the national SDG Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia produced by BAPPENAS and UNICEF, to support monitoring and evidence-informed policy making.

South Sulawesi (Sulawesi Selatan) is a youthful province. Its 3 million children represent 35 per cent of the total population. More than six in 10 children live in rural areas. Increased strategic investments in children are required to fast-track achievement of the SDGs for the province.

GOAL 1 NO POVERTY

Nearly 355,000 children (12 per cent) were living below the official poverty line in 2015 (Rp 8,166 per person per day). Many more families are insecure and live on incomes that are only marginally higher. In addition, 55 per cent of children experienced deprivations in two or more non-income dimensions of poverty, with persistent disparities between urban and rural areas.1


GOAL 2 ZERO HUNGER

Adopting optimal feeding practices is fundamental to a child’s survival, growth and development. More than half of infants in South Sulawesi were exclusively breastfed for the first six months of life, which is above the national average.

The prevalence of malnutrition is relatively high, including among those in more affluent households. Some 18 per cent of newborns have a low birthweight, and 41 per cent of children under five were stunted (low height for their age) in 2013.

Wealth disparities in child feeding and nutrition outcomes

GOAL 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Despite progress, child mortality remains a challenge. For every 1,000 live births, 13 newborn babies died in their first month of life and 37 before their fifth birthday.

Most women have access to delivery care, with nine in 10 births occurring with assistance from a skilled attendant. The gap between urban and rural areas has narrowed. However, there is scope to improve the coverage of reproductive health services, including scaling up access to modern family planning methods.

Three-quarters of infants received the recommended three doses of DTP vaccine and 83 per cent were vaccinated against measles in 2015. Continued efforts are needed to reach and sustain high immunisation coverage in rural and urban areas.

GOAL 4 QUALITY EDUCATION

Children's school readiness can be improved through early childhood development programmes. The participation rate in organised learning among 6-year-olds was 97 per cent in 2015, though many pre-school children are already in primary school.

South Sulawesi has achieved near-universal access to primary education. However, children from the poorest households are much less likely to complete secondary school compared with their more affluent peers.

Quality of education is a key concern. Only 29 per cent of primary school children achieved the minimum national benchmark in reading and 18 per cent in mathematics.
GOAL 5  GENDER EQUALITY

The practice of child marriage is declining. Fourteen per cent of women aged 20–24 years were married or in union before the age of 18 in 2015, which is above the national average. Levels of child marriage are higher among girls from the poorest households.

No representative data are available on violence against girls and women at provincial level. Evidence from a national survey indicates, however, that such violence is widespread: 28 per cent of ever-partnered women and girls experienced physical, sexual and/or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner.

14% of women are married before 18

GOAL 6  CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Achieving universal access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene is crucial to further progress in health, education and poverty eradication. Close to seven in 10 people used a basic sanitation facility at home in 2015, while 13 per cent practised open defecation. Only 46 per cent of schools have sex-separated toilet facilities. The coverage of improved drinking water sources is higher, both in households and schools.²

Disparities based on wealth and place of residence are pronounced, pointing to the importance of integrating equity considerations into policy and practice and further expanding the community-based total sanitation programme.

GOAL 16  PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Progress is ongoing in improving levels of birth registration. In 2015, 71 per cent of children under 5 years of age had a birth certificate. There remain, however, significant differences between urban and rural areas and based on households’ wealth status, due to financial and supply-side barriers.

Deprivation of liberty remains a common form of punishment for juvenile offenders, in violation of the principle that this should be a measure of last resort. In South Sulawesi, 36 per cent of all children in detention were unsentenced, which is much higher than the national average of 22 per cent.

Little or no data is available on other child protection issues, such as violence against children and trafficking.
The scorecard summarises South Sulawesi’s performance for a selection of SDG indicators compared to other provinces in the country. For each indicator, the graph shows South Sulawesi’s average value as well as the provinces with the highest and the lowest data value.

On the right side of the scorecard South Sulawesi’s rank for each indicator is shown, ranging from 1 for the highest performer to 34 for the lowest. Provinces are divided into four quartiles (blue for the highest ranking and red/orange for the lowest ranking provinces).

**Notes**

Sources: National household surveys (SUSENAS, RISKESDAS, IDHS) and administrative data (Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Health).

Detailed information on data sources and indicator definitions is available online at: https://sdg4children.or.id

1. Multidimensional child poverty is defined as children who experience deprivations in at least two of the following dimensions: food and nutrition; health; education; housing; water and sanitation; and protection.

2. Indonesia does not yet have nationally representative data on water quality that can be used to calculate the SDG indicator on the use of safely managed drinking water services. Instead, a nationally-defined proxy measure is used to set a baseline for SDG 6.

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