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Civil Society Program: *SDGs after the COVID-19 Crisis from the Perspective of ADB*

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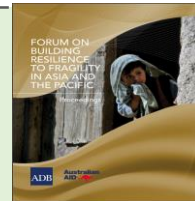
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ADB's Strategy 2030 Operational Plan 6 for Strengthening Governance & Institutional Capacity notes that CSO's engagement improves the quality of ADB's operations and contributes to increasing inclusiveness. It calls for strengthening collaboration with CSOs to tap their unique strengths such as local presence and specialized knowledge.

ADB's country partnership strategy team worked with an Afghan-based NGO to conduct community consultations in five provinces to complete an assessment on fragile and conflict-affected situations



ADB approved in 2020 a new indicator for measuring CSOs' engagement in its portfolio.



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ADB Projects Mapped to the SDGs (2020)

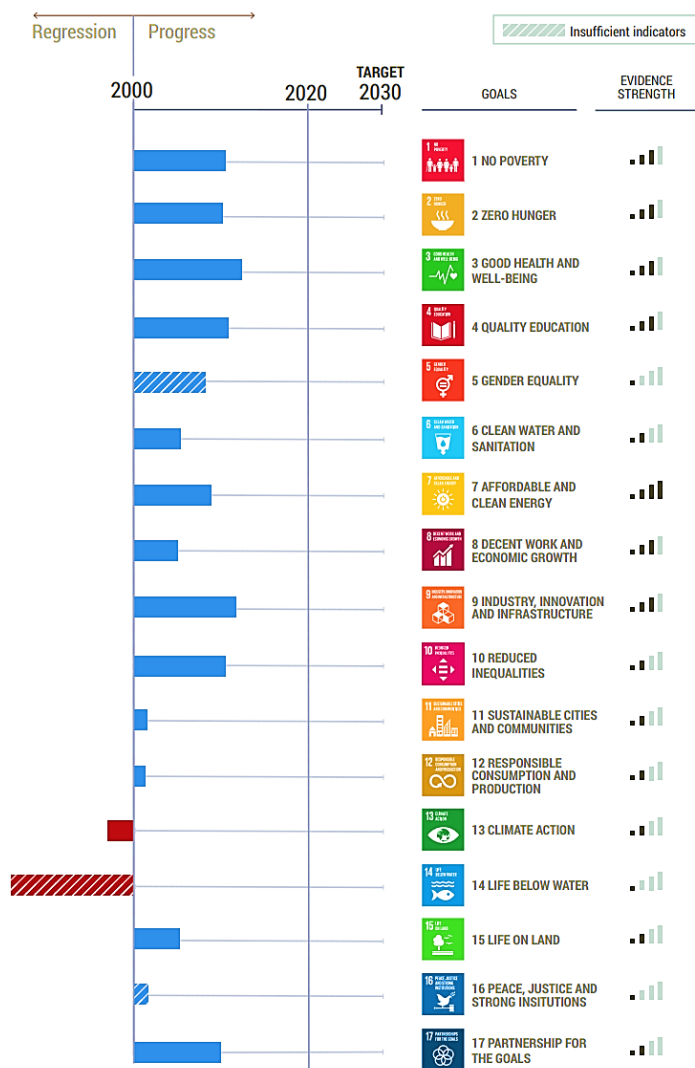
Source: Asian Development Bank. 2020. 2019 Development Effectiveness Review.



- Projects link to the SDGs
- Country Partnership Strategies reflect national SDG priorities
- Projects mobilize finance for SDGs
- Targeted technical assistance

Asia and the Pacific was off track to achieve the SDGs before COVID-19

Source: United Economic and Social Commissions for Asia and the Pacific 2020. Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2021.



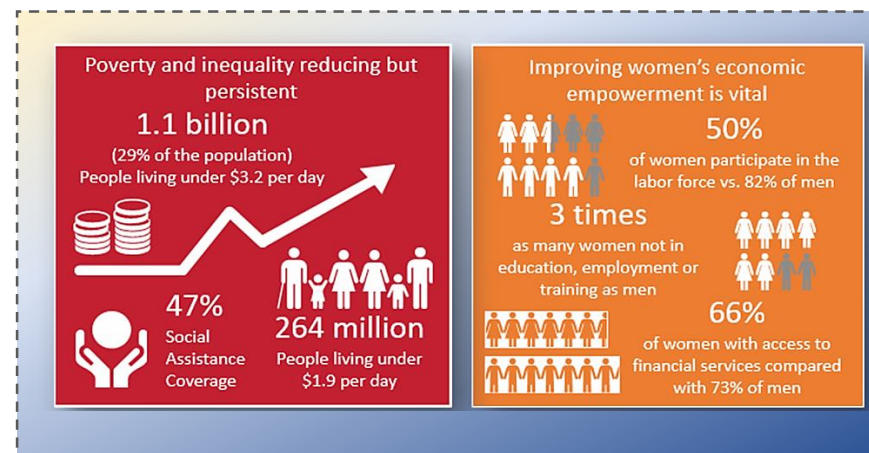
CSOs are well suited to play significant roles in COVID-19 response & recovery programs.



- Global economic loss in 2020 from \$4.8–\$7.4 trillion
- Developing Asia lost \$1.4–\$2.2 trillion (about 28% of total)
- By end-2020, the pandemic had pushed 78 million more people into extreme poverty (\$1.90 per day)



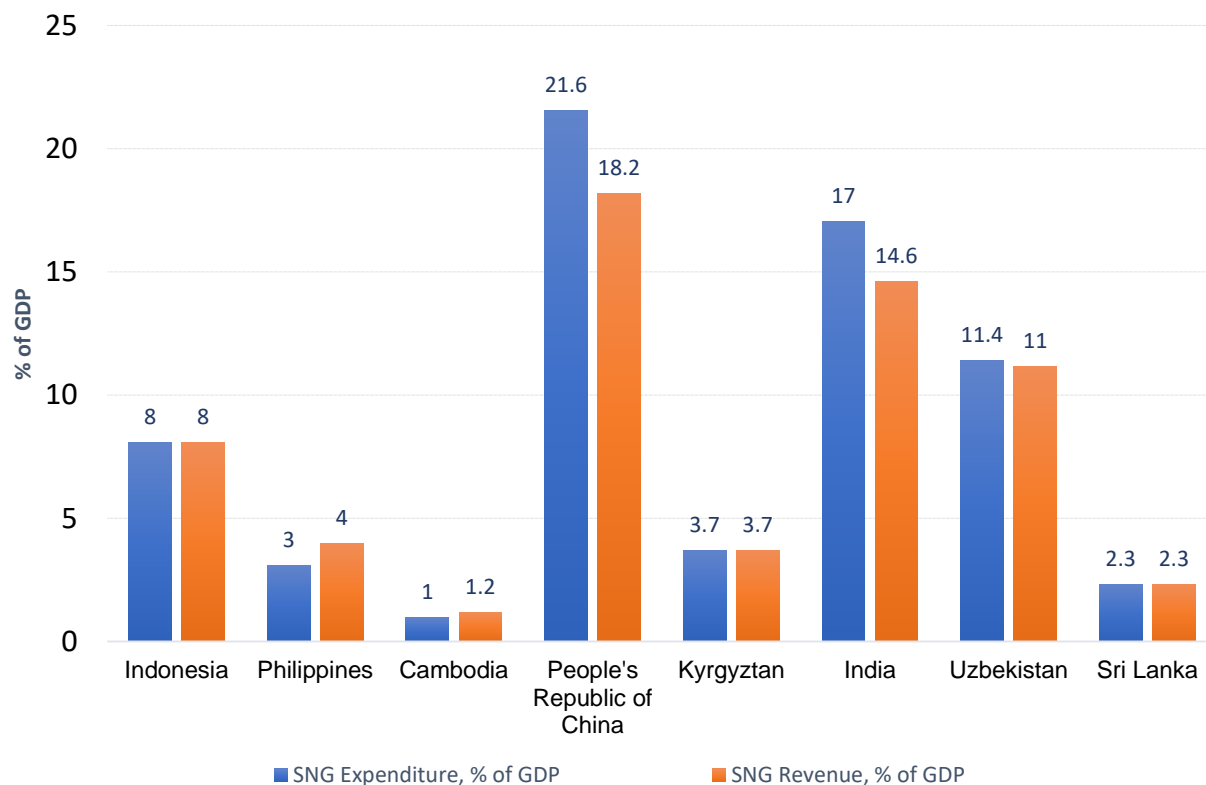
Their close links to communities make CSOs trusted sources of information about a crisis and subsequent relief measures.



Source: Asia & the Pacific SDGs Progress Report 2021

Localizing SDGs is critical in Asia and the Pacific

SNG Expenditure and Revenue in the subnational level, % of GDP

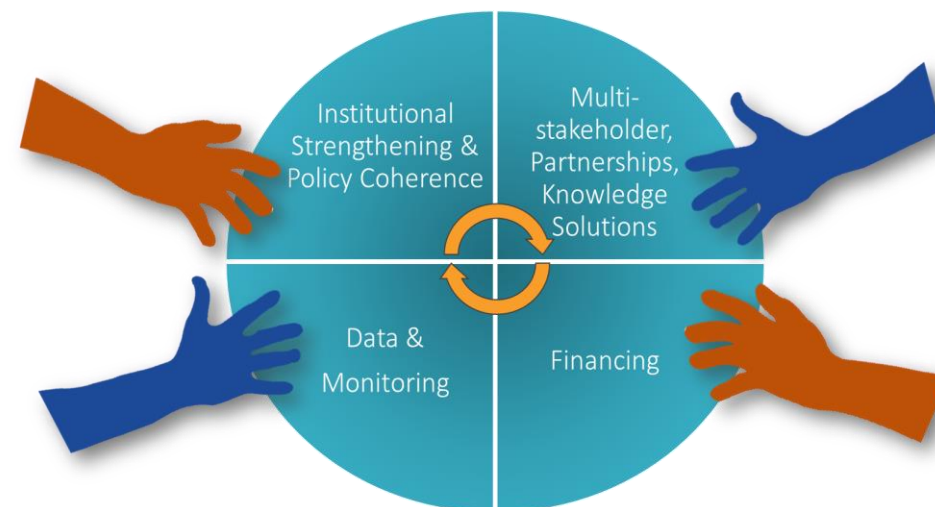


Source: SNG World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment
<https://www1.compareyourcountry.org/subnational-government-finance-and-investment/en/3/all/default>

- Two-thirds of the 169 SDG operational targets involve subnational governments

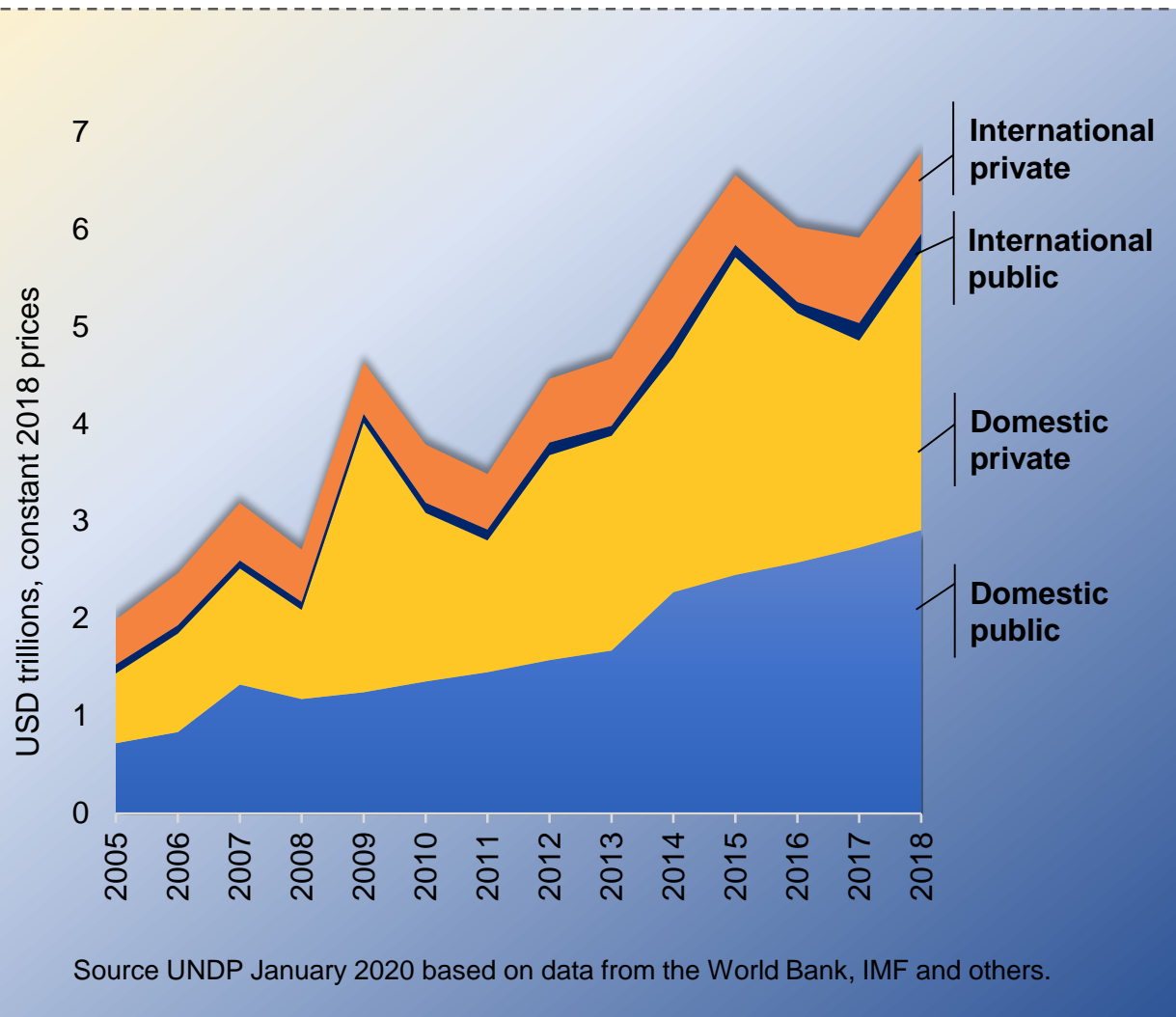
Source: Jeffrey Sachs et al. 2019. Sustainable Development Report 2019. Transformation to Achieve the SDGs. New York.

To create an “enabling environment” for localizing SDGs, concentrated efforts particularly in four areas have been key.

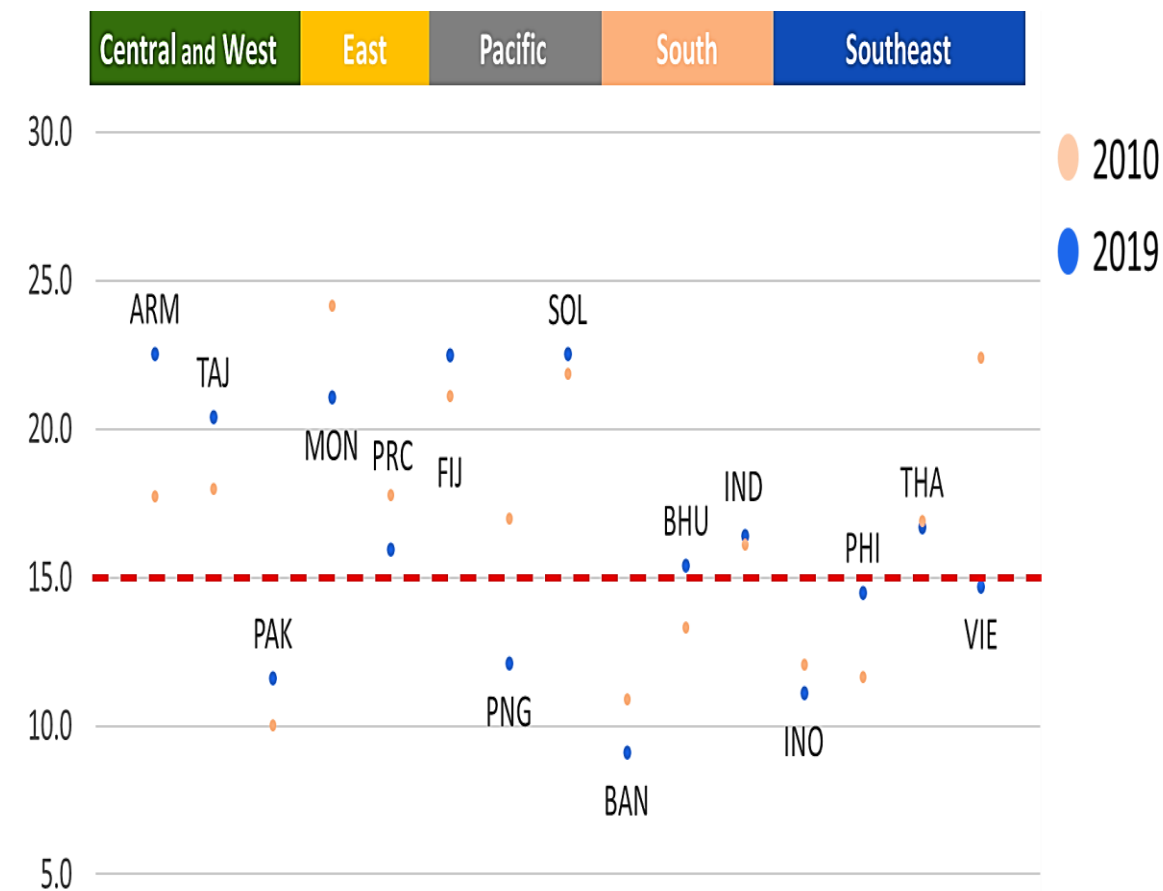


The strongest evidence of positive outcomes of CSOs engagement is found in public services delivery and public financial management at subnational and local government levels. (Source: ADB Governance Brief, Issue 42, 2021)

Financing for SDGs is one of the major challenges



Tax-to-GDP Ratios Between 2010 and 2019

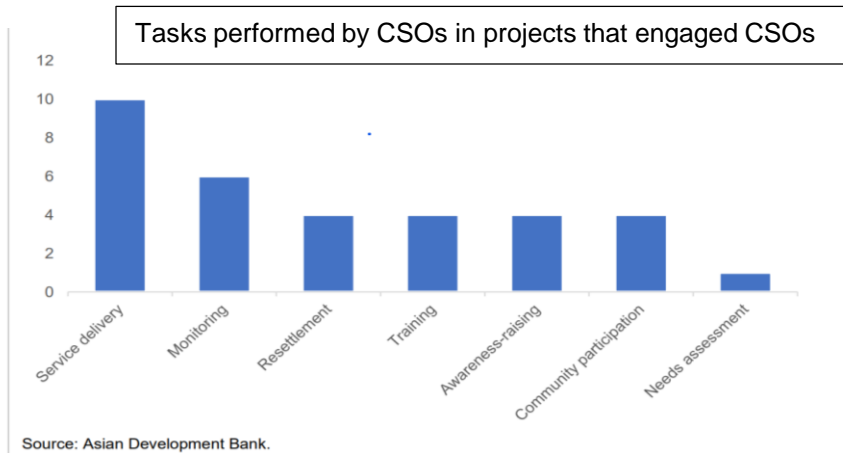


Note: Data do not include Social Security Contribution.

Source: OECD Revenue Statistics 2020, IMF Article IV Report, and ADB Key Indicators Database.

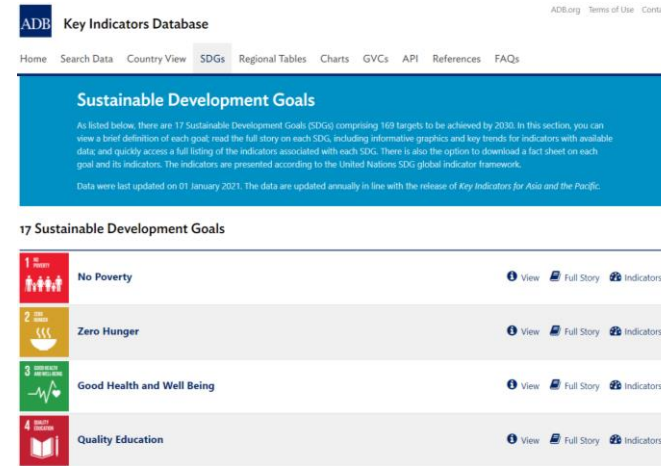
Institutional capacity including data collection and monitoring remain weak in local governments

Local Public institutions have been facing large capacity constraints in delivering public services along with COVID-19 response & recovery programs, & the vaccination campaigns.



Expanding collaboration with CSOs would supplement government's capacities and efforts for efficient service delivery and implementing COVID-19 response programs.

Accessible, comprehensive and communicable data will enhance monitoring of SDGs and contribute to evidence-based policy making and increase viability for investments in subnational and local governments



ADB Key Indicator Database <https://kidb.adb.org/kidb/sdg>

Limited disaggregated data is a challenge to ensure "no one is left behind."

While state-run data systems often cannot collect disaggregated & granular data sets, community-based monitoring systems have been proven to be capable of collecting those. State-run data systems could hence be complemented by data from CSOs.

(Source: Localizing SDG Week 19-22 Apr 2021, ADB, OECD, UNDP, DeLoG)

Examples of ADB's engagement with Civil Society Organizations



ADB Loan for Cambodia's COVID-19 Response

CSO provides oversight to a \$250 million ADB financed COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program in Cambodia



Child Development Fund, Armenia to facilitate online learning and providing psycho-social support for learners, teachers, and parents



Operation of water resource infrastructure by water management cooperative associations.



Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction financed a \$2M project in Nov 2020 to support CSO-led responses to COVID-19 affected communities

CSOs can play a critical role in achieving greater results in SDGs

- Complement efforts by local public institutions in delivering services & disaster responses (e.g. COVID-19)
- Enhance inclusion, accountability, & control of corruption in public services delivery
- Contribute to localizing SDGs & monitoring progress
- Foster citizen-centric, inclusive, and collaborative governance
- Advocate for pro-poor development policies & programs
- Provide innovative and sustainable solutions to development problems



Working with civil society is critical to effectively implement the 2030 Agenda and
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