

# Scoring Guide

*People's Scorecard survey scale (-5 to +5)*

Before scoring each SDG, please take a look at the **Scoring Guide**, which provides practical examples to help interpret each score from **-5 to +5**. Please use this guide to ensure your assessment is as consistent as possible and grounded in visible changes in policies, institutions, rights, implementation, and tangible outcomes since 2015.

## **-5 (VERY SIGNIFICANT REGRESSION)**

- Policies/rights/institutions linked to this SDG have been reversed or dismantled.
- Outcomes/indicators show major, sustained deterioration since 2015.

## **-4 (LARGE REGRESSION)**

- Clear rollbacks or major implementation collapse across key areas of this SDG.
- Outcomes/indicators are worsening markedly.

## **-3 (MEDIUM REGRESSION)**

- Deterioration across several targets under this SDG; major gaps remain unaddressed.
- Regressive trends are clearly visible, though not yet extreme across the board.

## **-2 (LIMITED REGRESSION)**

- Overall stagnation with a downward tilt for this SDG.
- Policies exist but implementation is very weak/patchy; outcomes slightly worsening.

## **-1 (VERY LIMITED REGRESSION)**

- Early signs of backsliding: reduced priority, shrinking budgets, weaker enforcement, or narrowing coverage.
- Small regressive shifts since 2015.

## **0 (NO PROGRESS)**

- No clear net change since 2015: outcomes/indicators remain broadly flat and structural barriers persist.

### +1 (VERY LOW PROGRESS)

- ✓ Early policy efforts: frameworks drafted/updated, pilots launched, commitments announced, existing policies start being properly implemented or expanded, with adequate budget allocations.
- ✓ Limited scale so far; outcomes show small or localized improvements.

### +2 (LOW PROGRESS)

- ✓ Implementation is underway and producing some results, but coverage/quality is uneven.
- ✓ Progress varies across targets under this SDG and is not yet durable.

### +3 (MEDIUM PROGRESS)

- ✓ Policies are generating clear positive outcomes across many targets.
- ✓ Most indicators are improving on a broader base, though specific gaps still persist for certain groups/regions.

### +4 (HIGH PROGRESS)

- ✓ Strong, sustained implementation across most targets, with credible resourcing and accountability.
- ✓ Outcomes/indicators show broad, sustained improvement since 2015.

### +5 (VERY HIGH PROGRESS)

- ✓ Targets under this SDG are achieved or very much on track, supported by strong evidence and durable institutions.
- ✓ Progress is solid (low risk of reversal) and benefits are broadly shared.