

Q&A

QUESTION (Bangladesh): What mechanism was adopted for linking SDG Targets for Budgeting?

To be effective, the SDGs need to be deeply integrated into the national policy process. Based on this reflection, the Administration of the Government worked with the line ministries, government agencies, local and international experts and its international partners to reform Policy Development and Coordination in the country. The reform aimed at:

- Strengthening of the evidence-based policy-making;
- Advancement of Result-based management (RBM);
- Consolidation of the Whole of Government approach.

Based around these three key directions, one of the objectives of the reform was:

1. On the one hand to ensure proper institutional linkages between policy planning and budget planning;
2. On the other hand, to ensure the all the national and sector level policy documents and their strategic goals are connected to the SDGs.

These two objectives have materialized by introduction of the mandatory development of the Logical Frameworks for each policy document that are to be submitted and adopted by the Government of Georgia. The new Policy Planning and Coordination system ensures deep integration of the SDGs in a sector policy cycle – not only any of the newly adopted strategic documents must be drafted having in mind the linkage with the SDGs, but goals that are listed in the logical framework should be connected with the Agenda 2030 commitments.

Further on, action plans, that are now being developed based on the abovementioned logical frameworks of policy documents, now mandatorily includes budgets and sources of finances (be it from the state budget, development partners or having a gap in finances) for each enlisted activity.

As a result, by combination of these mechanism, Georgia has now better picture on how sectoral goals are linked to the SDGs and how much implementation of the theses goals would cost to the country, as well as information what resources are available and in which areas, the country requires additional support.

As the system is relatively new and established new mechanisms, we plan to conduct an assessment of the financing gaps from the SDGs targets and indicators perspective.