# Using human rights to improve quality and accountability: key tools and approaches

High-Level Political Forum 2020

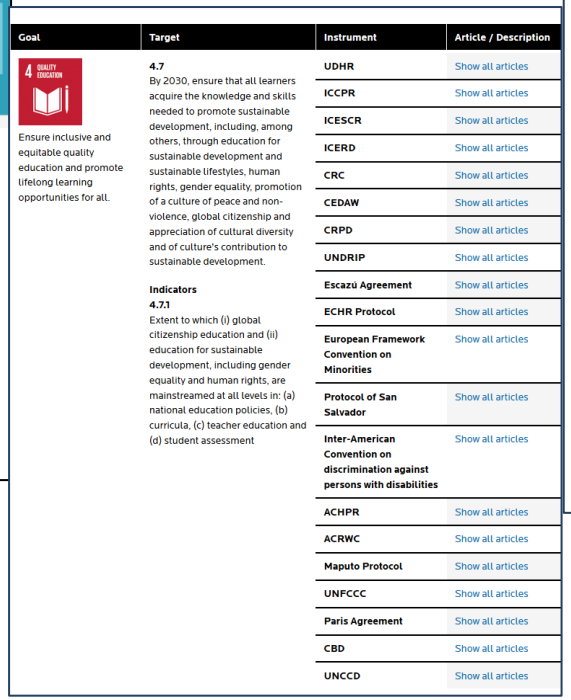
# A Human Rights-Based Agenda

- ✓ **People-centred**
- ✓ **Universal**: applicable to all countries and all peoples
- ✓ **Indivisible**: civil-political & socio-economic
- ✓ **Equality and Non-Discrimination:**
  «leaving no one behind», inequalities, data disaggregation
- ✓ **Participatory:** potential to open civic space
- ✓ **Accountability** of States to their people

# Alignment with international human rights standards

- ✓ Implementation of the 2030 Agenda should be **fully aligned with international human rights norms** and **standards**
- ✓ Recommendations from international human rights mechanisms should guide implementation of the SDGs
- ✓ SDG reporting should include and link to human rights reporting – this will **improve follow-up and reduce reporting burden**
- ✓ An **integrated, non-selective approach** to SDG implementation; indivisibility of rights throughout the process
- ✓ Most of the 169 SDG targets directly or indirectly reflect human rights standards.

# THE HUMAN RIGHTS GUIDE TO THE SDGs



| Goal | Target | Instrument | Article / Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4 QUALITY EDUCATION<br>Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. | **4.7**<br>By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.<br><br>**Indicators**<br>**4.7.1**<br>Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development, including gender equality and human rights, are mainstreamed at all levels in: (a) national education policies, (b) curricula, (c) teacher education and (d) student assessment | UDHR | Show all articles |
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Links all SDG Targets with specific provisions of:

- International human rights standards
- International labour standards
- Regional human rights standards
- International and regional environmental instruments

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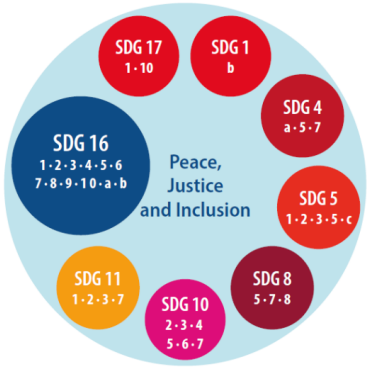
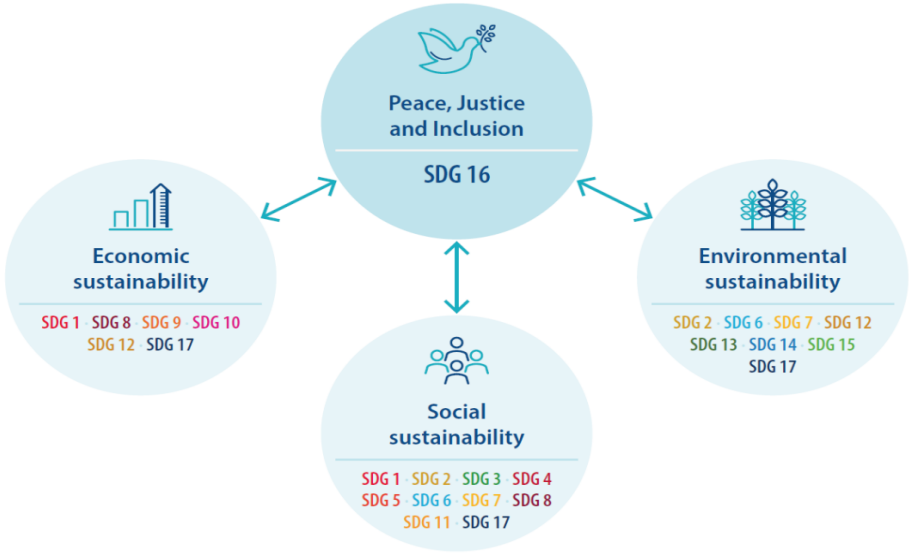
# Sustainable Development Goal 16

- **SDG 16 - Peace**, **Justice** and **Inclusion**: New goal

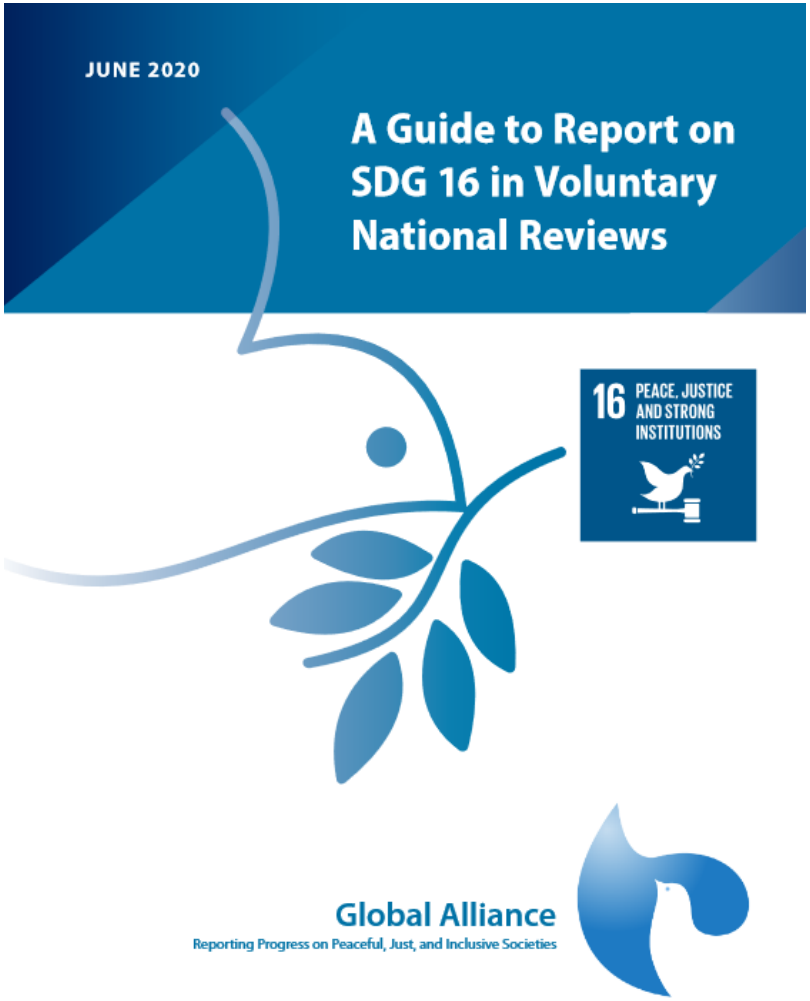
- **SDG 16+**: Peace, Justice and Inclusion reflected also in other goals




- SDG 16 an important goal to **enable** other goals



# Guide to Report on SDG 16 in VNRs

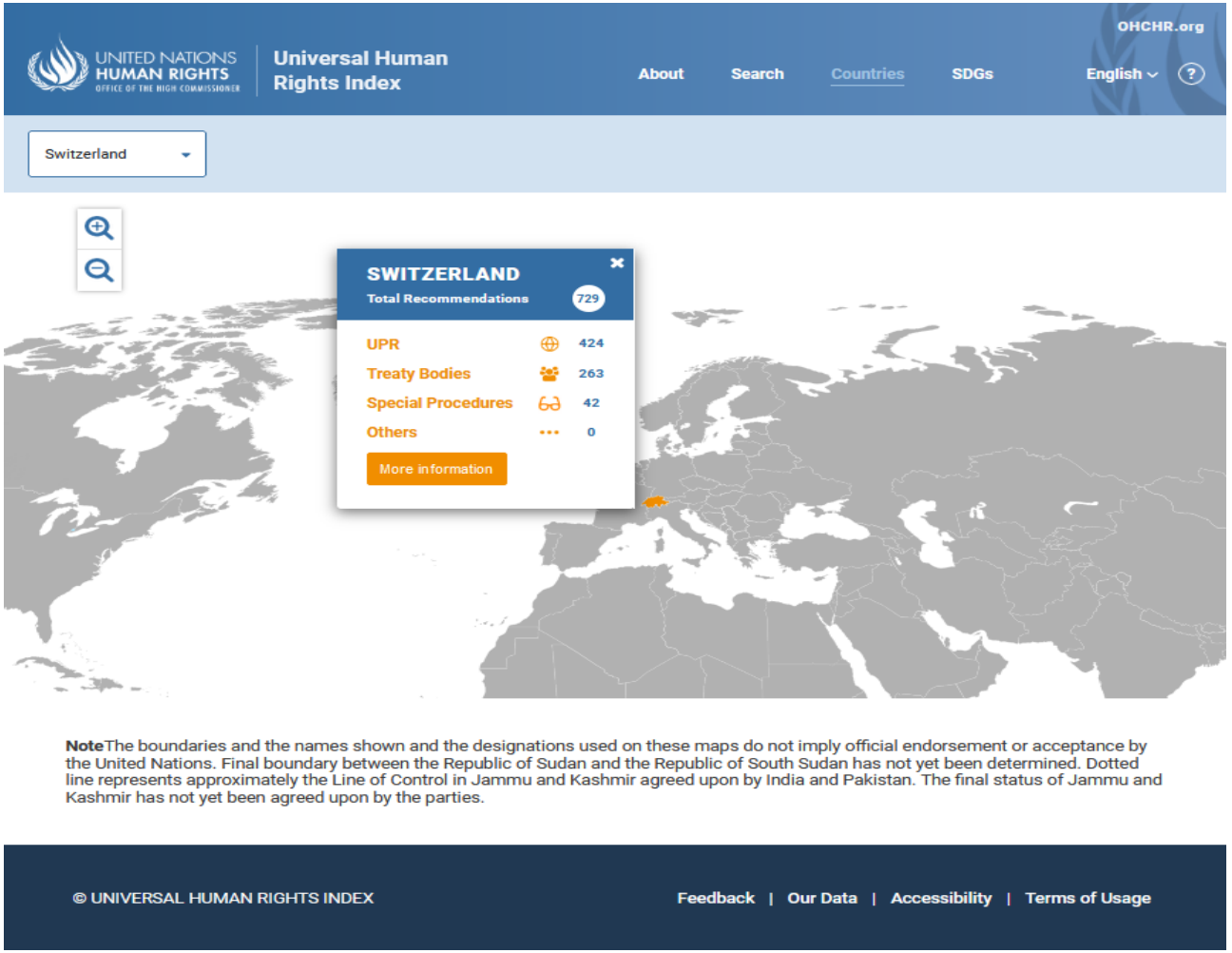


# Using recommendations of the HR mechanisms to identify who is left behind and measure progress on SDGs

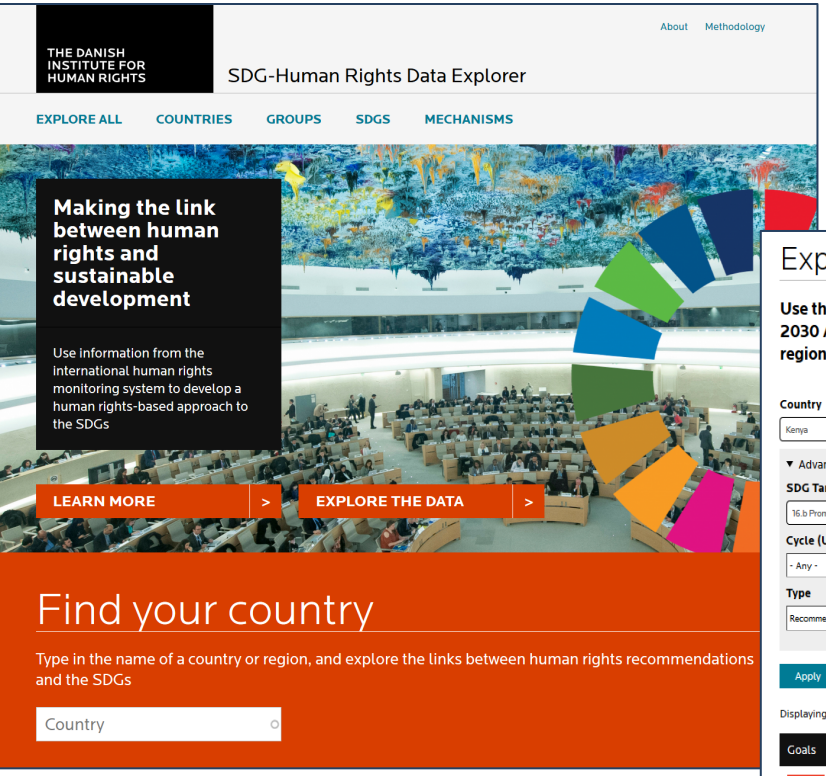
## What information can I find in the UHRI?

The Universal Human Rights Index (UHRI) facilitates access to human rights recommendations issued by three key pillars of the United Nations human rights protection system: the Treaty Bodies established under the international human rights treaties as well as the Special

# OHCHR online database: Human Rights recommendations searchable by theme, affected group and SDGs /SDG targets



# The SDG - Human Rights Data Explorer

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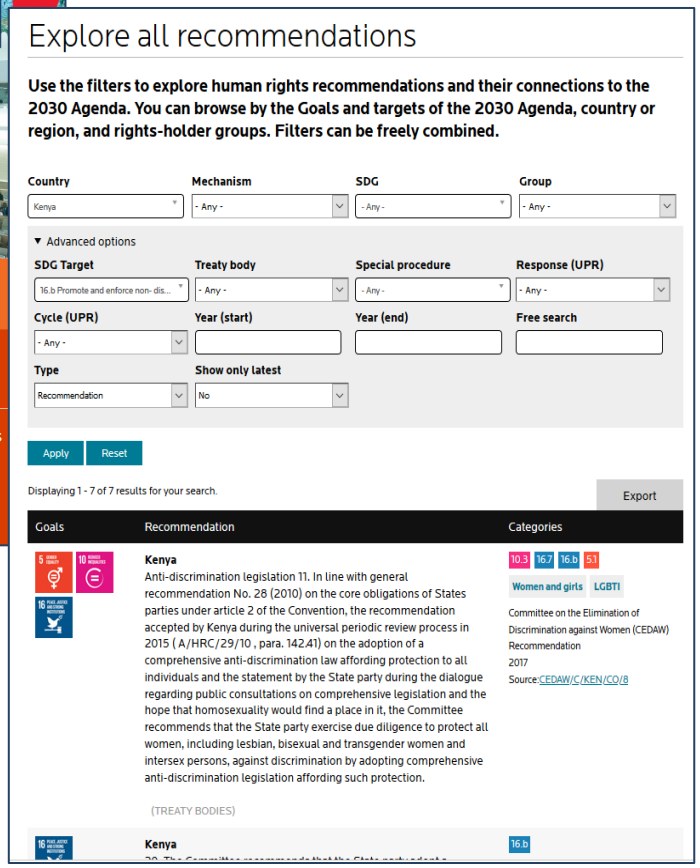


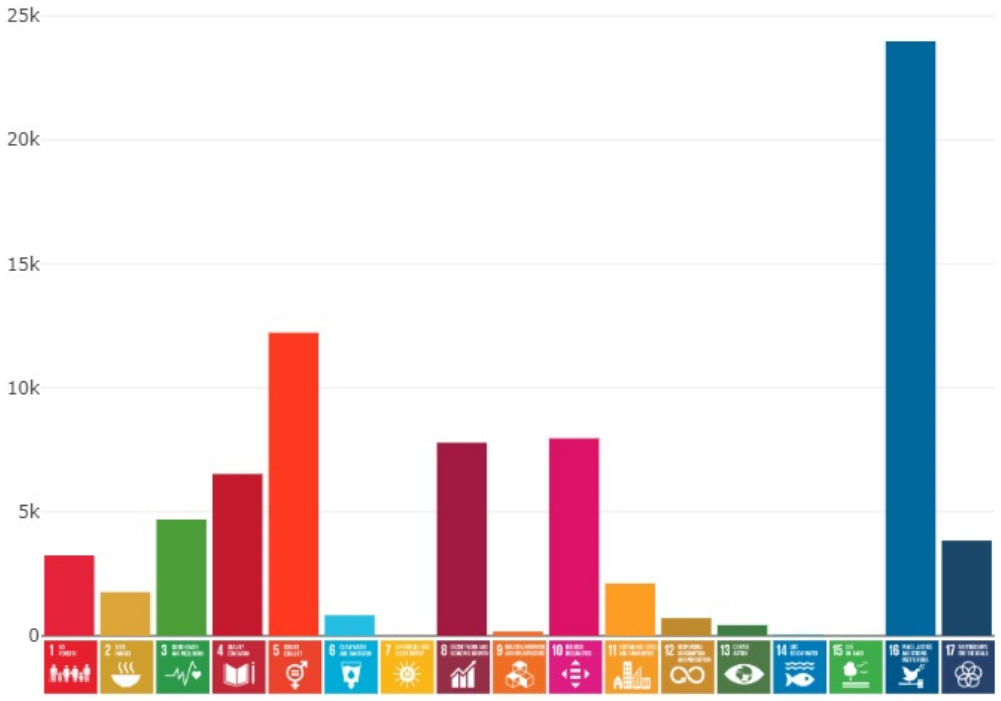

Allows you to explore recommendations through a range of filters.

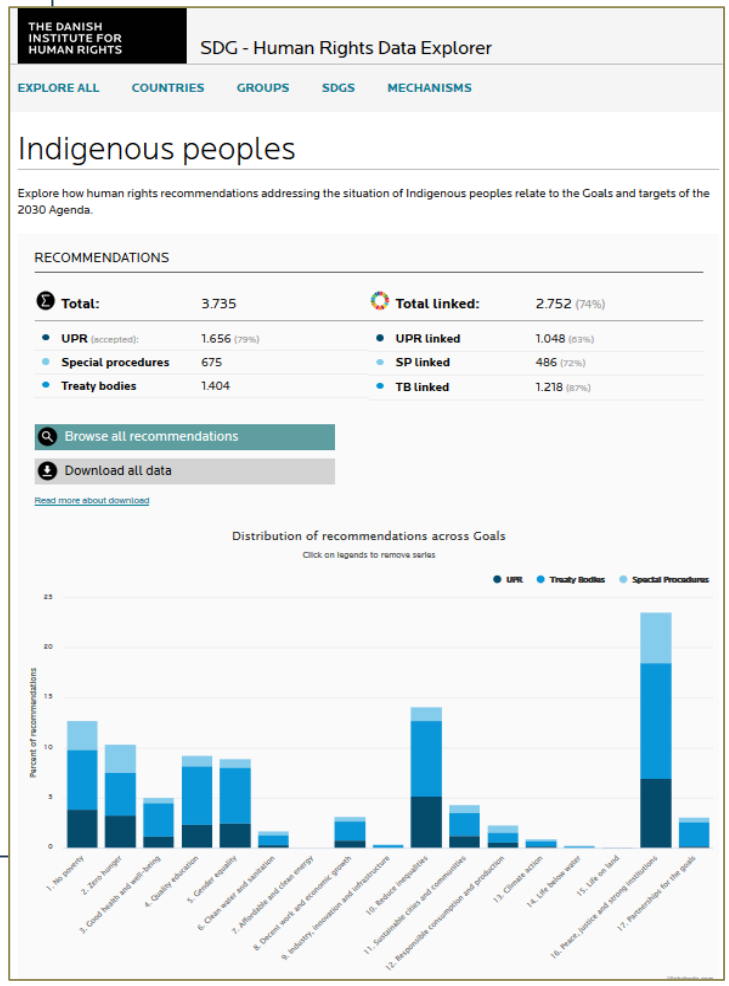
Filters:

- Country
- UN human rights mechanism
- Group of rights-holders
- Sustainable Development Goals
- SDG target
- … and many more!

Free text search in all UN languages (where translation is available).

All search results can be exported in spreadsheet format (.csv) for further analysis.

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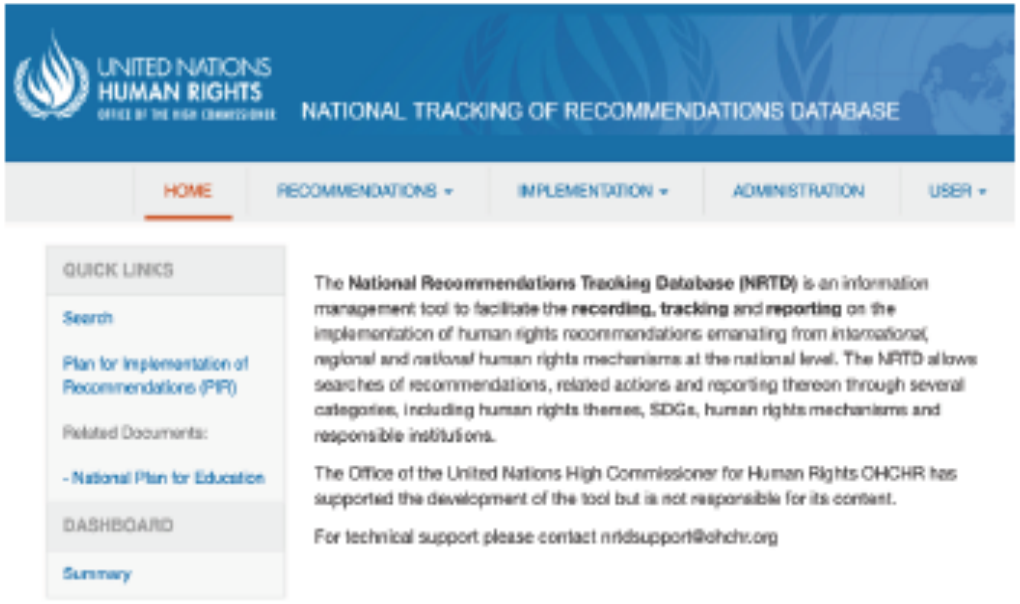
# The National Recommendations Tracking Database

## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKING DATABASE (NRTD)?




The NRTD is a database that facilitates the recording, tracking and reporting on the implementation of human rights recommendations emanating from international, regional and national human rights mechanisms at the national level.

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NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKING DATABASE

HOME | RECOMMENDATIONS | IMPLEMENTATION | ADMINISTRATION | USER

Recommending Body | Themes | SDGs | Lead Institution

## Summary By SDGS

| SDGs | Recommendations | Activities |
|---|---|---|
| | Not Started, Started, Partly Implemented, Implemented | Not Started, Started, Partly Implemented, Implemented |
| DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | 1 (1 Implemented) | 5 (1 Started, 1 Partly Implemented, 3 Implemented) |
| Ensure equal opportunities and end discrimination | 1 (1 Implemented) | 3 (3 Implemented) |
| GENDER EQUALITY | 4 (3 Started, 1 Implemented) | 6 (3 Started, 1 Partly Implemented, 2 Implemented) |
| GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | 1 (1 Started) | 0 |
| NO POVERTY | 1 (1 Started) | 0 |
| PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | 8 (3 Started, 2 Partly Implemented, 3 Implemented) | 13 (5 Started, 2 Partly Implemented, 6 Implemented) |

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# Thank you!

5 GENDER EQUALITY
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
2 ZERO HUNGER
13 CLIMATE ACTION