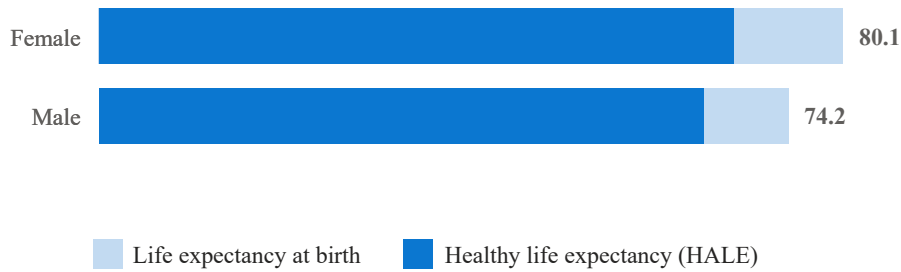


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| Population (000s) <sup>1</sup><br><br><b>22 972</b> | Urban population <sup>2</sup><br><br><b>19.2%</b> | Poverty <sup>3</sup><br>(PPP<US\$ 2.15 a day)<br><b>1.0%</b> | GDP per capita <sup>3</sup><br>(current US\$)<br><b>3 336.4</b><br> | Current health expenditure<br>as share of GDP <sup>4</sup><br><b>4.4%</b><br> |
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## Monitoring the health SDG goal: Indicator of overall health and well-being

### Life expectancy at birth, 2021 <sup>5</sup>



Life expectancy at birth is the average number of years that a newborn is expected to live if s/he were to pass through life exposed to the sex- and age-specific death rates prevailing at the time of birth, for a specific year, in a given country, territory, or geographic area.

Healthy life expectancy (HALE)<sup>5</sup> at birth is the average number of years that a person can expect to live in full health by taking into account years lived in less than full health due to disease and/or injury.

Compared to males, females have **5.9 years of longer** life expectancy and **3.2 years of more** HALE.

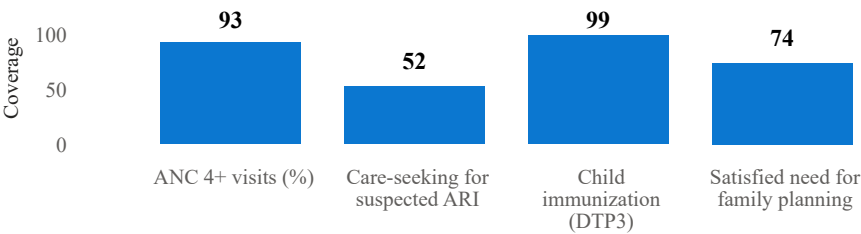
## Universal health coverage (UHC): at the centre of health-related SDGs

The goal of UHC (SDG3 Target 3.8) is to ensure that every individual and community, irrespective of their circumstances, should receive the health services they need without risking financial hardship. To monitor Target 3.8, two indicators are regularly estimated: 3.8.1 which captures the population coverage dimension of UHC, and 3.8.2 which captures the financial hardship dimension of UHC.

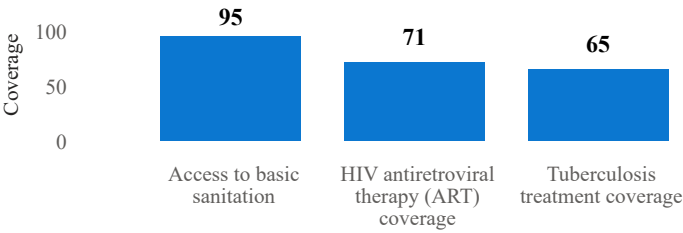
### HEALTH SERVICE COVERAGE, 2023

The summary measure of essential health service coverage is the *service coverage index*<sup>7</sup> of sub-indicators in four main areas: (1) reproductive, maternal, newborn and child and adolescent health; (2) infectious diseases; (3) noncommunicable diseases; (4) service capacity, access and health security.

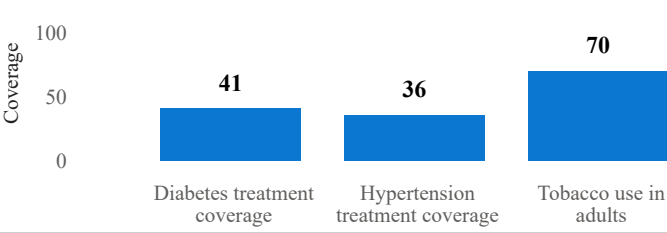
#### Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCAH) <sup>7</sup>



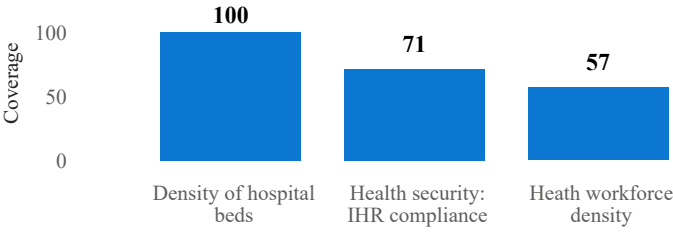
#### Infectious diseases <sup>7</sup>



#### Noncommunicable diseases <sup>7</sup>



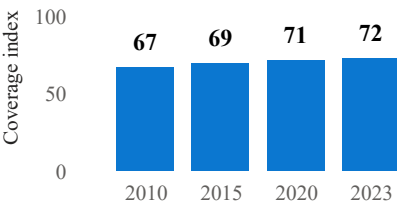
#### Service capacity, access and health security <sup>7</sup>



### UHC service coverage index (UHC SCI) of essential health services

UHC SCI is a single indicator computed coverage index from tracer indicators of the coverage of essential services in the areas of RMNCAH, infectious disease control, NCDs and service capacity and access. Presented on a scale of 0 to 100 (full coverage), the index is constructed from geometric means of the tracer indicators; weighted geometric mean within each of the four, and then geometric mean of the four to obtain the final summary index.

#### UHC service coverage index <sup>7</sup>



### FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

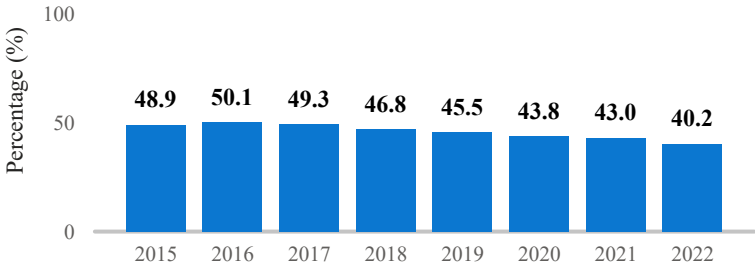
**Financial hardship** occurs when out-of-pocket (OOP) health spending threatens people's living standards or compromises access to needed services or household welfare.

**SDG Indicator 3.8.2: Proportion of the population with positive out-of-pocket household expenditure on health exceeding 40% of household discretionary budget** (*The household discretionary budget is defined as total household consumption /expenditure (or income) minus the societal poverty line (SPL).*)

**11.3%** or approximately **2 541 407** people faced financial hardship due to out-of-pocket health spending<sup>6</sup>.

### Out-of-pocket expenditure<sup>4</sup>

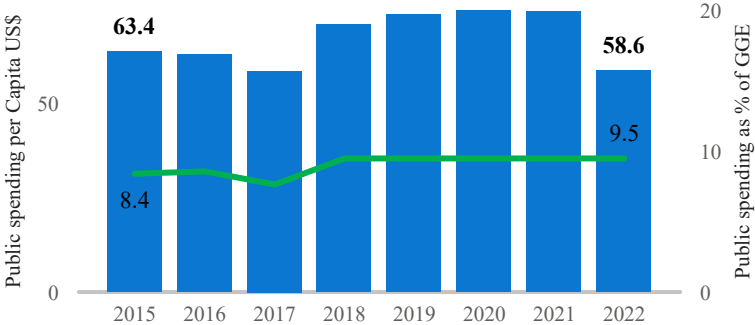
In most cases, a high percentage of out-of-pocket expenditure in current health expenditure is associated with low financial protection.



■ Out-of-pocket (OOP) as % of current health expenditure (CHE)

### Public spending on health<sup>4</sup>

Public spending on health reflects both a government's investment and its prioritization of the health sector.



■ Public spending on health per Capita in US\$  
■ Public spending on health as % General Government Expenditure (GGE)

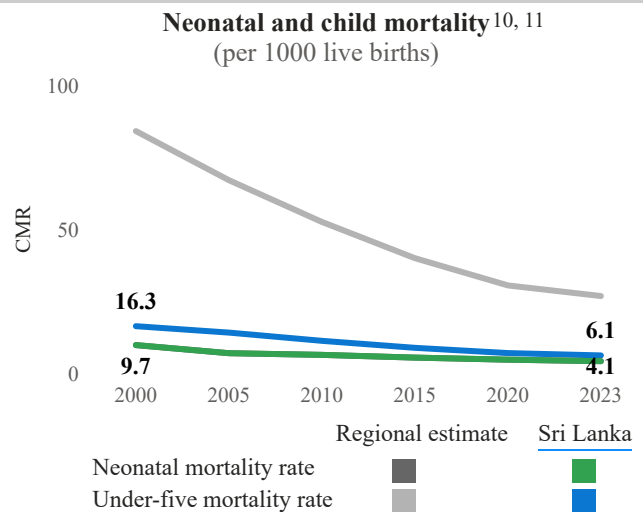
This health and health-related SDG country profile is a tool for action. It supports each country to assess progress in population health and to identify opportunities to address intervention coverage gaps and accelerate progress in improving coverage and health outcomes.

## SCORE at a glance, 2024 <sup>8</sup>

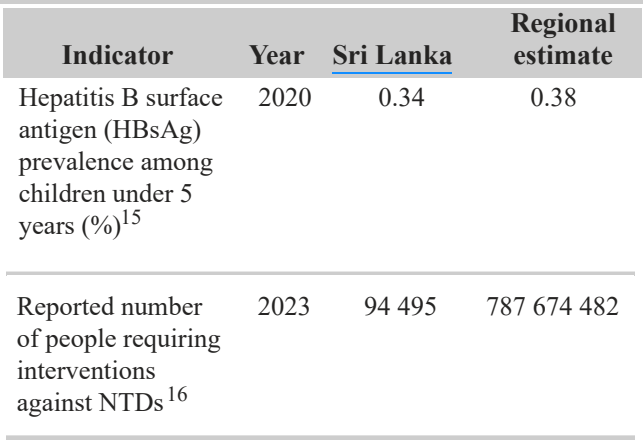


## Maternal, neonatal and child mortality (SDG target 3.1, 3.2)

| Maternal mortality ratio (MMR) <sup>9</sup><br>(100,000 live births) | Proportion of births attended by skilled health<br>personnel <sup>10</sup> (%) | Neonatal and child mortality <sup>10, 11</sup><br>(1,000 live births) |
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| New HIV infections <sup>12</sup><br>( $\times 1000$ individuals) | Tuberculosis incidence rate <sup>13</sup><br>( $\times 100,000$ individuals) | Malaria incidence rate <sup>14</sup><br>( $\times 1000$ individuals) | Regional<br>incidence rate |
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| Indicator | SDG target | Year | Sri Lanka | Regional estimate |
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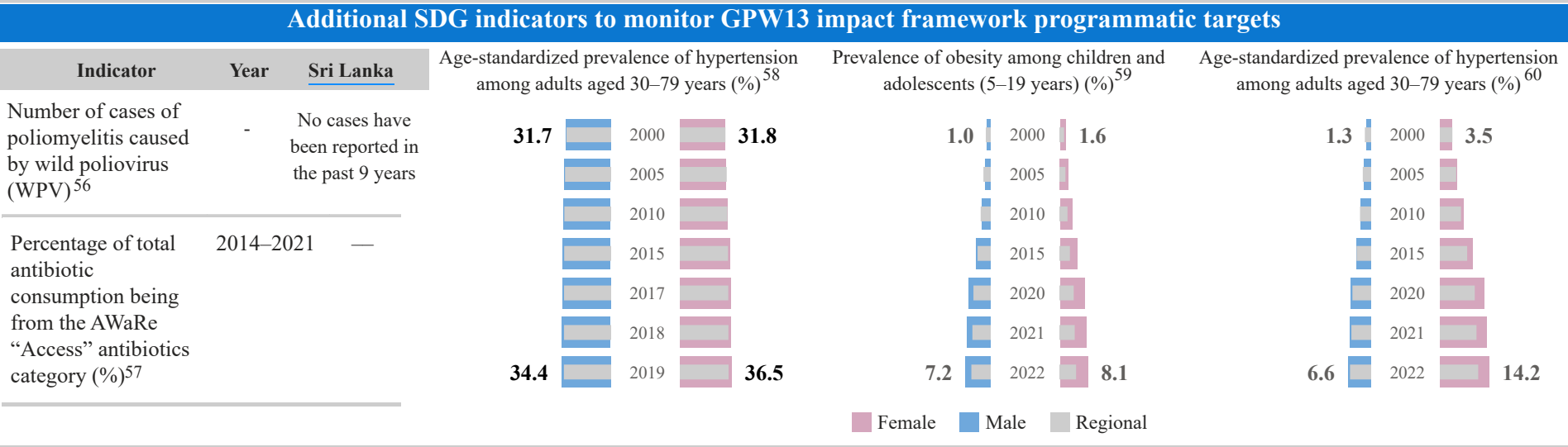
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| Indicator                                                                                                                                         | SDG target | Year | Sri Lanka              |       | Regional estimate      |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Sexual and reproductive health                                                                                                                    |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| Proportion of women of reproductive age who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods (%) <sup>62, 63</sup>               | 3.7.1      | 2006 | <div><div></div></div> | 69.4  | <div><div></div></div> | 71.4  |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2016 | <div><div></div></div> | 74.3  | <div><div></div></div> | 74.4  |
| Adolescent birth rate (per 1000 women aged 10–14 years) <sup>23</sup>                                                                             | 3.7.2      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 0.1   | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2015 | <div><div></div></div> | 0.0   | <div><div></div></div> | 0.8   |
| Adolescent birth rate (per 1000 women aged 15–19 years) <sup>23</sup>                                                                             | 3.7.2      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 23.4  | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2015 | <div><div></div></div> | 16.2  | <div><div></div></div> | 29.6  |
| Mortality due to environment pollution                                                                                                            |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| Age-standardized mortality rate attributed to household and ambient air pollution (per 100 000 population) <sup>24</sup>                          | 3.9.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 116.6 | <div><div></div></div> | 177.0 |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2019 | <div><div></div></div> | 91.8  | <div><div></div></div> | 133.9 |
| Mortality rate attributed to exposure to unsafe WASH services (per 100 000 population) <sup>25</sup>                                              | 3.9.2      | —    | <div><div></div></div> | —     | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2019 | <div><div></div></div> | 4.8   | <div><div></div></div> | 29.6  |
| Mortality rate from unintentional poisoning (per 100 000 population) <sup>26</sup>                                                                | 3.9.3      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 0.2   | <div><div></div></div> | 0.3   |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2021 | <div><div></div></div> | 0.2   | <div><div></div></div> | 0.2   |
| Tobacco use                                                                                                                                       |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| Age-standardized prevalence of tobacco use among persons 15 years and older (%) <sup>27</sup>                                                     | 3.a.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 24.3  | <div><div></div></div> | 37.2  |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2022 | <div><div></div></div> | 19.5  | <div><div></div></div> | 26.5  |
| Essential medicines and vaccines                                                                                                                  |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP3) immunization coverage among 1-year-olds (%) <sup>28</sup>                                                     | 3.b.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 99.0  | <div><div></div></div> | 82.0  |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2024 | <div><div></div></div> | 97.0  | <div><div></div></div> | 92.0  |
| Measles-containing-vaccine second-dose (MCV2) immunization coverage by the locally recommended age (%) <sup>29</sup>                              | 3.b.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 99.0  | <div><div></div></div> | 15.0  |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2024 | <div><div></div></div> | 98.0  | <div><div></div></div> | 90.0  |
| Pneumococcal conjugate 3rd dose (PCV3) immunization coverage among 1-year olds (%) <sup>30</sup>                                                  | 3.b.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 0.0   | <div><div></div></div> | 0.0   |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2024 | <div><div></div></div> | 0.0   | <div><div></div></div> | 88.0  |
| HPV immunization coverage estimates among primary target cohort (9–14 years old girls) (%) <sup>31</sup>                                          | 3.b.1      | 2020 | <div><div></div></div> | 49.0  | <div><div></div></div> | 1.0   |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2024 | <div><div></div></div> | 12.0  | <div><div></div></div> | 22.0  |
| Total net official development assistance to medical research and basic health sectors per capita (US\$), by recipient country <sup>32</sup>      | 3.b.2      | —    | <div><div></div></div> | —     | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2023 | <div><div></div></div> | 1.0   | <div><div></div></div> | 0.5   |
| Proportion of health facilities with a core set of relevant essential medicines available and affordable on a sustainable basis (%) <sup>33</sup> | 3.b.3      | —    | <div><div></div></div> | —     | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
| Health workforce density                                                                                                                          |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| Density of medical doctors (per 10 000 population) <sup>34</sup>                                                                                  | 3.c.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 7.0   | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2023 | <div><div></div></div> | 11.4  | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
| Density of nursing and midwifery personnel (per 10 000 population) <sup>35</sup>                                                                  | 3.c.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 16.9  | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2023 | <div><div></div></div> | 22.6  | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
| Density of dentists (per 10 000 population) <sup>36</sup>                                                                                         | 3.c.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 0.5   | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2023 | <div><div></div></div> | 1.0   | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
| Density of pharmacists (per 10 000 population) <sup>37</sup>                                                                                      | 3.c.1      | 2011 | <div><div></div></div> | 0.6   | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2023 | <div><div></div></div> | 1.1   | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
| Early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks                                                                  |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| Average of 15 International Health Regulations core capacity scores <sup>38</sup>                                                                 | 3.d.1      | 2021 | <div><div></div></div> | 64.0  | <div><div></div></div> | 64.0  |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2024 | <div><div></div></div> | 66.0  | <div><div></div></div> | 67.0  |
| Percentage of bloodstream infections due methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) (%) <sup>39</sup>                                     | 3.d.2      | 2019 | <div><div></div></div> | 56.0  | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2022 | <div><div></div></div> | 51.3  | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
| Percentage of bloodstream infection due to Escherichia coli resistant to 3rd-generation cephalosporin (%) <sup>40</sup>                           | 3.d.2      | 2018 | <div><div></div></div> | 67.7  | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2022 | <div><div></div></div> | 58.8  | <div><div></div></div> | —     |
| Other health-related SDGs                                                                                                                         |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| General government health expenditure                                                                                                             |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| Domestic general government health expenditure (GGHE-D) as percentage of general government expenditure (GGE) (%) <sup>4</sup>                    | 1.a.2      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 7.8   | <div><div></div></div> | 5.9   |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2022 | <div><div></div></div> | 9.5   | <div><div></div></div> | 8.4   |
| Malnutrition in children under-five                                                                                                               |            |      |                        |       |                        |       |
| Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 (%) <sup>41</sup>                                                                                      | 2.2.1      | 2010 | <div><div></div></div> | 17.2  | <div><div></div></div> | 41.4  |
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 2024 | <div><div></div></div> | 10.1  | <div><div></div></div> | 29.7  |

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| Indicator                                                                                                                                                                                      | SDG target | Year                                          | Sri Lanka   |       | Regional estimate |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------------|--------|
| Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 (%) <sup>63, 64</sup>                                                                                                                                | 2.2.2      | 2016                                          | <div></div> | 15.1  | —                 |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2024                                          | <div></div> | 9.3   | —                 |        |
| Prevalence of overweight in children under 5 (%) <sup>42</sup>                                                                                                                                 | 2.2.2      | 2010                                          | <div></div> | 1.2   | <div></div>       | 2.9    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2024                                          | <div></div> | 0.9   | <div></div>       | 3.3    |
| Anaemia in women of reproductive age (15–49 years)                                                                                                                                             |            |                                               |             |       |                   |        |
| Prevalence of anaemia in women of reproductive age (15–49 years) (%) <sup>43</sup>                                                                                                             | 2.2.3      | 2010                                          | <div></div> | 26.1  | <div></div>       | 43.4   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2023                                          | <div></div> | 20.9  | <div></div>       | 46.4   |
| Intimate partner violence                                                                                                                                                                      |            |                                               |             |       |                   |        |
| Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15–49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months (%) <sup>44</sup> | 5.2.1      | —                                             | —           |       | —                 |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2018                                          | <div></div> | 4.0   | <div></div>       | 17.0   |
| Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15–49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in their lifetime (%) <sup>45</sup>         | 5.2.1      | —                                             | —           |       | —                 |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2018                                          | <div></div> | 24.0  | <div></div>       | 33.0   |
| Drinking water services and sanitation                                                                                                                                                         |            |                                               |             |       |                   |        |
| Proportion of population using safely-managed drinking-water services (%) <sup>46</sup>                                                                                                        | 6.1.1      | 2010                                          | <div></div> | 46.3  | —                 |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2022                                          | <div></div> | 47.1  | —                 |        |
| Proportion of population using safely-managed sanitation services (%) <sup>47</sup>                                                                                                            | 6.2.1      | 2010                                          | —           |       | <div></div>       | 27.8   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2022                                          | —           |       | <div></div>       | 49.2   |
| Proportion of population using a handwashing facility with soap and water (%) <sup>48</sup>                                                                                                    | 6.2.1      | 2017                                          | <div></div> | 85.3  | <div></div>       | 67.6   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2022                                          | <div></div> | 85.4  | <div></div>       | 75.9   |
| Proportion of safely treated domestic wastewater flows (%) <sup>49</sup>                                                                                                                       | 6.3.1      | —                                             | —           |       | —                 |        |
| Amount of water- and sanitation-related official development assistance that is part of a government-coordinated spending plan (constant 2020 US\$ millions) <sup>50</sup>                     | 6.a.1      | 2010                                          | <div></div> | 148.4 | <div></div>       | 1156.0 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2023                                          | <div></div> | 40.2  | <div></div>       | 1141.0 |
| Clean household energy                                                                                                                                                                         |            |                                               |             |       |                   |        |
| Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology (%) <sup>51</sup>                                                                                                 | 7.1.2      | 2010                                          | <div></div> | 22.0  | <div></div>       | 33.9   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2023                                          | <div></div> | 35.4  | <div></div>       | 72.5   |
| Ambient air pollution                                                                                                                                                                          |            |                                               |             |       |                   |        |
| Annual mean concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in urban areas (µg/m3) <sup>52</sup>                                                                                             | 11.6.2     | 2010                                          | <div></div> | 26.0  | <div></div>       | 50.8   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2019                                          | <div></div> | 24.8  | <div></div>       | 46.4   |
| Homicide and conflicts                                                                                                                                                                         |            |                                               |             |       |                   |        |
| Mortality rate due to homicide (per 100 000 population) <sup>53</sup>                                                                                                                          | 16.1.1     | 2010                                          | <div></div> | 5.2   | <div></div>       | 4.4    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2021                                          | <div></div> | 1.9   | <div></div>       | 3.7    |
| Birth registration                                                                                                                                                                             |            |                                               |             |       |                   |        |
| Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority (%) <sup>54</sup>                                                                         | 16.9.1     | —                                             | —           |       | —                 |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                |            | 2019                                          | <div></div> | 98.9  | —                 |        |
| Support country statistical capacity-building                                                                                                                                                  |            |                                               |             |       |                   |        |
| Proportion of countries that have conducted at least one population and housing census in the last 10 years (within/after year 2012) <sup>55</sup>                                             | 17.9.2     | Last census date: 27 February – 21 March 2012 |             |       |                   |        |
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Method Transformation:  
- Use of Discretionary budget instead of total expenditure or consumption as denominator.  
- A single threshold of 40% instead of earlier two 10 % and 25%  
- Single series of indicator as compared to previously two series for reporting.

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Method transformation:  
\* Health worker density: Proxy indicator. Health workforce density is both capped at maximum thresholds, and values above this threshold are held constant at 100. These thresholds are based on minimum values observed across OECD countries.  
- medical doctors per 1,000: rescaled value = minimum (100, original value / 6\*100)  
- nursing and midwifery personnel per 1,000: rescaled value = minimum (100, original value / 6\*100)  
The health workforce threshold is based on the 5th percentile among high-income countries in 2013. If the value of a transformed indicator happens to be zero or above 100, it is set to 1 (out of 100) and 100 (out of 100) respectively before computing the weighted geometric mean.

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