

Equality and SDG implementation in Asia and the Pacific

Information derived from the regional SDG report "Accelerating progress: An empowered, inclusive and equal Asia and the Pacific" produced by UNDP, UNESCAP and ADB.

ASIA PACIFIC STATS

400 million

people live in extreme poverty

40%

of countries saw the Gini index grow in the past 20 years

8.3%

is the expected annual growth of ultra wealthy people

KEY ISSUES



Reducing inequalities is necessary to end poverty once and for all and to achieve the SDGs. If it's not equal, it's not sustainable.



Rising inequalities are not inevitable. Now is the time to boost inclusion and empowerment to eradicate poverty in all its forms by 2030.



Asia-Pacific is extremely vulnerable to **climate change**. Stronger attention to rights and inclusion of vulnerable groups in climate policies and projects will enable more effective action.



Meaningful **civic engagement** advances equality and empowerment - and enables progress across SDGs. As civic space is shrinking in the region, all hands on deck are needed to counter the trend.



Rates of **violence against women and girls** are more than double the global average in some countries in Asia-Pacific, representing a major obstacle to sustainable development which requires urgent action.



Asia-Pacific has some of the lowest **tax revenues** in the world. Improving tax systems is necessary to ensure that no one is put on the sidelines of development.



Discover more policy recommendations and an empowerment and inclusion framework in this joint report by UNDP, UNESCAP and ADB: bit.ly/SDGPartnership