

# **Assessment of Tunisia's Progress Towards Sustainable Development Goals in Health, 2022**

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Tunisia's proactive **integration of SDGs** within its **Five-Year Development Plan** underscores its dedication to sustainable development. Our study highlighted **alignment** between **80%** of targets and Tunisia's plan.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Tunisia's pursuit of sustainable development, rooted in the United Nations'(UN) global initiatives, has placed **health**, **education**, **and women's empowerment** at its core.

By embracing the UN's 2030 agenda and incorporating it into its Five-Year Development Plan (2016-2020), Tunisia demonstrates its commitment to both national priorities and international goals. Yet, the extent of Tunisia's progress towards health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through measurable indicators remains to be explored comprehensively.

## **METHODS**

- We assessed National Data from reputable sources to gauge Tunisia's progress in health-related SDGs.
- Data sources included:
  - ✓ Monitoring health and health system performance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: Core indicators and indicators on the health-related SDGs.
  - ✓ Voluntary National Review on the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development New York 2019 and 2021.
  - ✓ Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 and Agenda 2063 in North African Countries.
- Indicators were categorized based on attributes, yielding a comprehensive taxonomy that spans indicators of:
  - Health status
  - Healthcare resources
  - Healthcare utilization
  - Socio-economic dimensions

## RESULTS

- Our study unveiled the intricate interplay between multiple SDGs (SDG1, SDG2, SDG3, SDG4, SDG5, SDG6, SDG8, SDG16) and diverse health aspects.
- Aligning specific indicators with corresponding targets, we quantified Tunisia's progress both globally and domestically (Chart 1).

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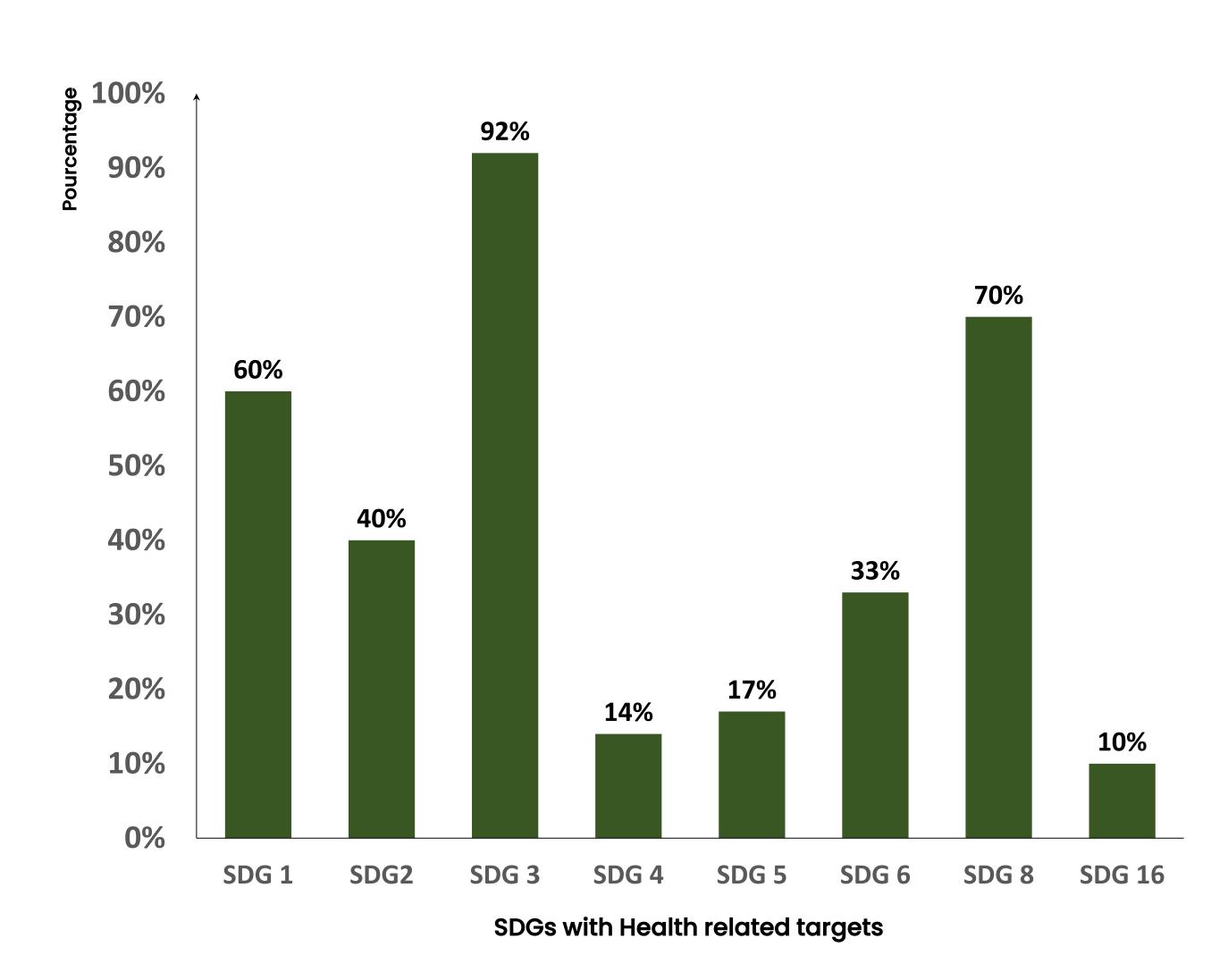


Chart 1: Health-related Targets of Sustainable Development Goals and corresonding Indicators Covered by the Tunisian Five-Year Development Plan 2016-2020: A Comprehensive Overview

- Nearly 80% of assessed targets harmonized with Tunisia's Five-Year Development Plan, highlighting its strategic alignment with international objectives.
- However, a notable gap emerges concerning health-related SDGs
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While 60% of global targets have quantifiable objectives, merely 21% of Tunisia's targets share this attribute.

- In relation to Sustainable Development Goal 3, which focuses on good health and well-being:
  - All targets except one are addressed in the national fiveyear development plan.
  - For the remaining targets, Tunisia is fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, having established quantifiable indicators at the national level, analogous to the quantified targets outlined in the SDGs.

### CONCLUSIONS

• The gap in quantifiable health-related SDG targets calls for refining national objectives and indicators. Bridging this divide will enhance progress tracking and solidify Tunisia's role as a sustainable development exemplar.