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NSDP Indicator Annual Report 2017 is now available



The first annual National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) Indicator Report (2016-2017) has been released and reflects on the status of 66 indicators which measure progress towards achieving the 16 goals in the NSDP by 2020.

Results show progress is 'on track' with a number of national goals including improving welfare and increasing economic growth; ICT access; energy security; and education. A number of indicators show a positive trend relating to biosecurity; marine protected areas; climate change resilience; democracy; and public financial management.

Indicators with 'of concern' status range from rates of non-communicable diseases and mental health; tertiary/vocational education achievement; gender pay disparity and the low number of women in politics; recycling efforts in the pa enua; hazardous waste management and sanitation systems; ensuring water quality and supply; biodiversity; population; land management; justice accessibility and law and order.

Some programmes are currently in progress to address some of the indicators that are 'of concern', including Te Mato Vai and Mei te Vai Ki te Vai to improve water quality and supply.

A lack of data remains an ongoing challenge in measuring progress towards achievement of the 2020 NSDP goals, as there are a number of indicators where data is limited or not available. Twelve indicators relating to nine goals have yet to be reported on. In some cases further analysis will be needed once more comprehensive information is available from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2016 and the Census 2016.

The next annual NSDP Indicator Report for 2017-2018 is set to be released later this year.

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