

The Social Progress Index

realizing the promise of the SDGs



Economic growth, without concern for social progress or environmental sustainability, has left millions behind in societies that neither provide for their basic needs nor give them the opportunity to fulfill their potential. The Sustainable Development Goals are a promise to build a fairer, more sustainable world. That promise will only be fulfilled if countries pursue social as well as economic progress.

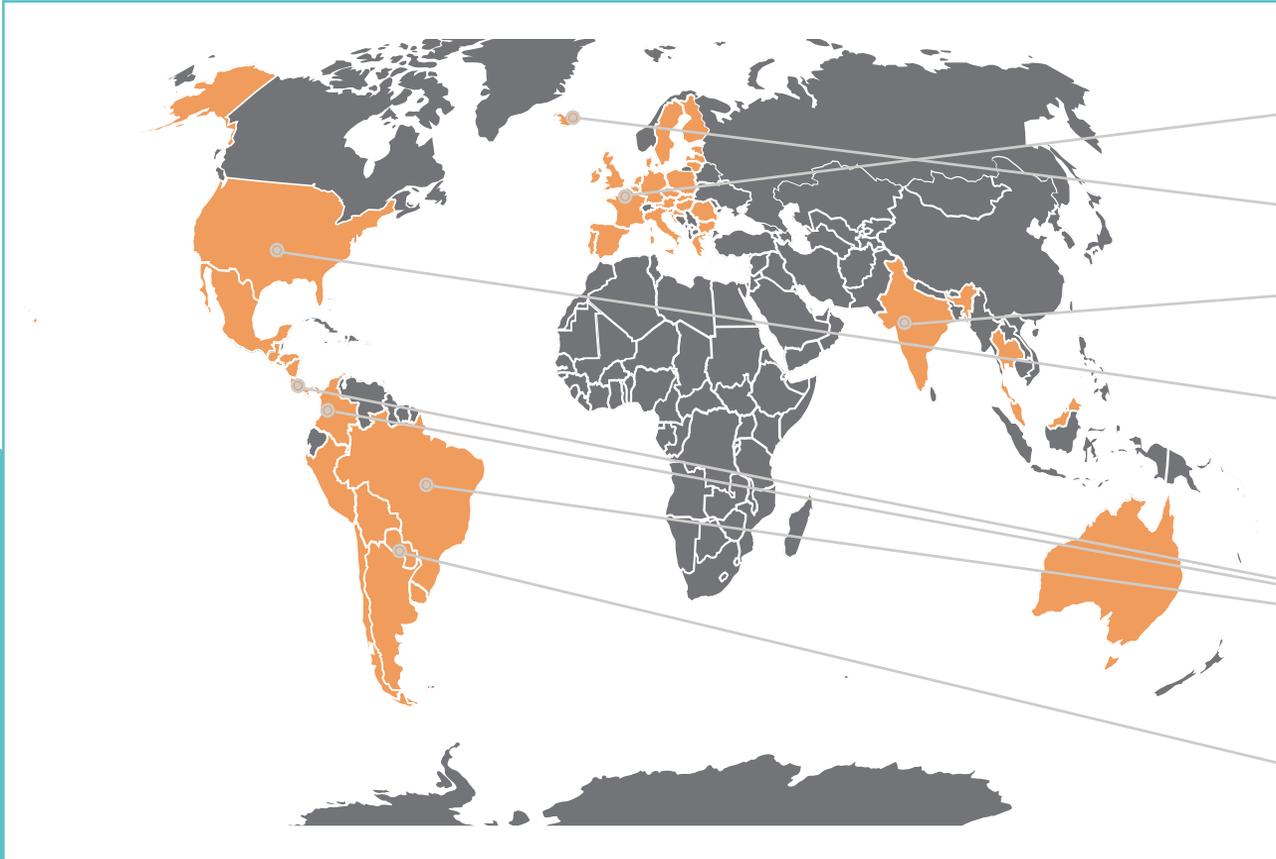
“Regardless of economic growth, a country which fails to meet its own social needs is not succeeding. And it is certainly not competitive on the global stage.”

– Michael Green, CEO, the Social Progress Imperative

The Social Progress Index puts the focus on the things that matter to everyday people, measuring success in terms of health, literacy, freedom and peace. The economic measures our world relies on only tell half the story. We tell the other half, so governments and business leaders understand what life is really like in their communities. Only then can they design the policies and make the investments that will deliver on the promise of the SDGs.

**SOCIAL
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From Index to Action to Impact



Data is just the first step. Our global network extends to more than 45 countries home to some 2.4 billion people. Along with our partners, the Social Progress Imperative is helping innovative leaders use the data as a basis for impact-generating action.

REGIONAL COHESION

The European Commission created the EU Regional Social Progress Index to inform its Cohesion Policy to **reduce inequalities** between regions and improve social outcomes for over 500 million people across the continent.

SDG IMPLEMENTATION

India is the first emerging economy to comprehensively **track progress towards the SDGs** on the state and district levels using customized Social Progress Indexes. And the municipality of Kopavogur, Iceland, is pioneering the use of a municipal-level index to support SDG implementation.

STATE BENCHMARKING

Localized Social Progress Indexes across the US are, for the first time, letting governors, mayors and county officials compare their social and environmental performance, **learn from high-performing peers**, address disparities and re-establish the US as a global leader in social progress.

URBAN STEWARDSHIP

City-level Social Progress Indexes from Rio de Janeiro to Bogota provide an unprecedented level of detail, allowing investors to uncover **new opportunities** for social impact and **mitigate risk**. And in Costa Rica, four custom indexes are supporting local-level SDG initiatives.

NATIONAL PLANNING

Paraguay has officially adopted the Social Progress Index as the framework guiding and evaluating its National Development Plan to 2030, and has set **social progress targets** like ending child malnutrition alongside its economic development goals.

The Social Progress Index & The Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent a bold step towards eliminating poverty and ensuring sustainable, inclusive global development, but they must be measured thoroughly to be implemented effectively. The Social Progress Index captures outcomes related to all 17 SDGs in a simple but rigorous framework designed for aggregation, making it an invaluable proxy measure of SDG performance, particularly for areas where official indicators do not yet exist.

Basic Human Needs

Nutrition & Basic Medical Care



Water & Sanitation



Shelter



Personal Safety



Foundations of Wellbeing

Access to Basic Knowledge



Access to Information & Communications



Health & Wellness



Environmental Quality



Opportunity

Personal Rights



Personal Freedom & Choice



Inclusiveness



Access to Advanced Education



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