



NEWSLETTER

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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

What are SDGs?

The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere. The 17 Goals were adopted by all UN Member States in 2015, as part of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** which set out a 15-year plan to achieve the Goals (2016-2030). The SDG comprises of 17 Goals, 169 Targets and 247 Indicators which balance the three dimensions of sustainable development; economic, social and environment.



Cluster 3: Human Capital



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 4 consists of 7 outcome targets and 3 means of implementation targets.

Achieving inclusive and quality education for all reaffirms the belief that education is one of the most powerful and proven vehicles for sustainable development. This goal ensures that all girls and boys complete free primary and secondary schooling by 2030. It also aims to provide equal access to affordable vocational training, to eliminate gender and wealth disparities, and achieve universal access to a quality higher education.



Highlights of SDG Targets for Malaysia (GOAL 4 – Quality Education)



TARGET 4-1

FREE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Proportion of children and young people achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in reading and mathematics (%)

	Year	Reading	Mathematics
in grades 2/3	2018	98.0	98.6
at the end of primary	2019	95.0	83.1
at the end of lower secondary	2019	82.2	56.4

Source: Ministry of Education Malaysia

TARGET 4-2

EQUAL ACCESS TO QUALITY PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

Participation rate in organized learning by sex, 2019 (%)

Malaysia	Male	Female
89.7	79.2	80.7

Source: Ministry of Education Malaysia

TARGET 4-6

UNIVERSAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Proportion of population in a given age group achieving proficiency in literacy skills, by sex, 2019 (%)

	Malaysia	Male	Female
15 years old and over	95.0	96.2	93.6
15-24 years old	96.8	96.6	97.0

Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

TARGET 4-A

BUILD AND UPGRADE INCLUSIVE AND SAFE SCHOOLS

Proportion of schools with education facilities by type of access, 2019 (%)

Type of Access	Percentage (%)
Electricity	100.0
Internet ^a	100.0
Computer ^a	88.8
Adapted infrastructure and materials ^b	16.9
Basic drinking water	97.6
Single-sex washing facility	100.0
Basic handwashing facilities	100.0

Source: Ministry of Education Malaysia

Notes:
1. ^a For pedagogical purposes
2. ^b Student with disabilities

TARGET 4-C

INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Proportion of teachers with minimum organized teacher training by level of education, 2019 (%)

Pre-primary	Primary	Secondary
100.0	99.2	97.9

Source: Ministry of Education Malaysia

Note: Includes schools under the Ministry of Education and other agencies