

DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

FACT SHEET

828 million people

across the globe live in slum communities, most of which are in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia. ¹



Only 44% of SDG indicators have sufficient data

for proper global and regional monitoring, meaning we have no way of properly tracking our progress. ³



3 out of 10 people

worldwide lack access to safe drinking water, and 6 out of 10 lack access to basic sanitation. ²



In an analysis of whether or not countries were on track to meet the SDGs, **Ireland ranked 13th in the world.**

Finland was first, Sweden second, and Denmark third. ¹

2.37 billion

worldwide people

were **without food**, or were unable to eat on a regular basis, in 2020. ⁴

Ireland is ranked second in the world ⁴ using the Human Development Index (HDI) which measures:

the mean average of **life expectancy**

years of **schooling**

GNP per capita



In 2017, **262 million children & young people** aged 6-17 were out of school; more of these were boys than girls. During the Covid-19 pandemic, two-thirds of all school-aged children were out of school. ¹



In the Subjective Well-Being ranking (AKA **the Happiness Score**), **Ireland ranks 13th** in the world. Finland, Iceland, and Denmark are the top three, whilst Afghanistan ranks the lowest. ⁶



Since 2015, **SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure)** has seen the most progress (8.6%), whilst the situation with SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) has gotten worse (-0.4%). ¹



In 2019, **Ireland spent €869 million on our aid programme** - This is short of the target of 0.7% of GDP in SDG 17. More than 75% of bilateral aid (given directly to another country) targeted gender equality initiatives. ⁷



¹ [United Nations \(2021\)](#) | ² [WHO \(2017\)](#)

³ [Gennari, P. & Navarro, D. K. \(2020\)](#) | ⁴ [UNDP \(2021\)](#) | ⁵ [Helliwell et al. \(2021\)](#) |

⁶ [Government of Ireland \(2019\)](#)