

# ENHANCING SDG'S EVALUATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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# **MACEDONIAN EVALUATION NETWORK (MEN)**

**THE MACEDONIAN EVALUATION NETWORK (MEN), WHICH IS PART OF THE MACEDONIAN CONSULTANT ASSOCIATION (MCA-2000), IS DEDICATED TO EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVE THE USE OF EVALUATION AND, CONSTANTLY WORK ON RAISING THE EVALUATION CULTURE IN NORTH MACEDONIA. WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION, A WIDE NETWORK OF PROFESSIONALS AND CONSULTANTS WITH A RICH BACKGROUND IN MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES IS OPERATING IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPLEMENTING THE EVALAGENDA2020.**

**MEN AS NATIONAL VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION (VOPE) WITH THE SUPPORT OF EVALPARTNERS HAS JOINED THE GLOBAL PROCESSES FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) THROUGH THE PROJECT “ENHANCING SDGS` EVALUATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”.**

**THE PROJECT AIMS TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL CAPACITIES OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE SDGS. IN THAT DIRECTION, MEN PARTNERS WITH:**

- MACEDONIAN ANTI-POVERTY PLATFORM – MAPP,**
- NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GENDER EQUALITY (SOZM), AND**
- THE ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH ACTIVISM AND EDUCATION VAJPIER SKOPJE (Y-PEER)**
- MACEDONIAN CONSULTANT ASSOCIATION (MCA- 2000).**

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

THE SDGS WERE ADOPTED BY ALL UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES (UNMS), AT THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN 2015, AIMING TO END POVERTY, IN ALL ITS FORMS AND DIMENSIONS BY 2030. THIS AGENDA PROVIDES FOR 17 INTEGRATED GOALS, THAT IS, THEY RECOGNIZE THAT ACTION IN ONE AREA WILL AFFECT OUTCOMES IN OTHERS AND THAT DEVELOPMENT MUST BALANCE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY. WITH THE INITIATIVE LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND, COUNTRIES HAVE COMMITTED TO FAST-TRACK PROGRESS FOR THOSE FURTHEST BEHIND FIRST. EVERYONE IS NEEDED TO REACH THESE AMBITIOUS TARGETS.



# VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW (VNR)

VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS (VNRS), ARE DEFINED AS A PROCESS FOR THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE LEVEL OF ADOPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDAS. THESE REVIEWS ARE PERCEIVED AS AN IMPORTANT INNOVATION IN FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN TERMS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS). THE VNRS ARE A CENTRAL ELEMENT OF THE FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW MECHANISMS OF THE 2030 AGENDA AS SET OUT IN THE 2015 DECLARATION. THE REVIEWS ARE EXPECTED TO BE BUILT AROUND A VOLUNTARY AND COUNTRY-LED PROCESS THAT WOULD: TRACK PROGRESS ON GOALS; BE OPEN AND PARTICIPATORY FOR STAKEHOLDERS; TAKE A LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE, AND BE RIGOROUS AND EVIDENCE-BASED.

THE REPUBLIC OF N. MACEDONIA (RNM) PREPARED ITS FIRST VNR IN JUNE 2020. THE REPORT CONFIRMS THE COUNTRY'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS FROM THE VNR ARE THE FOLLOWING:

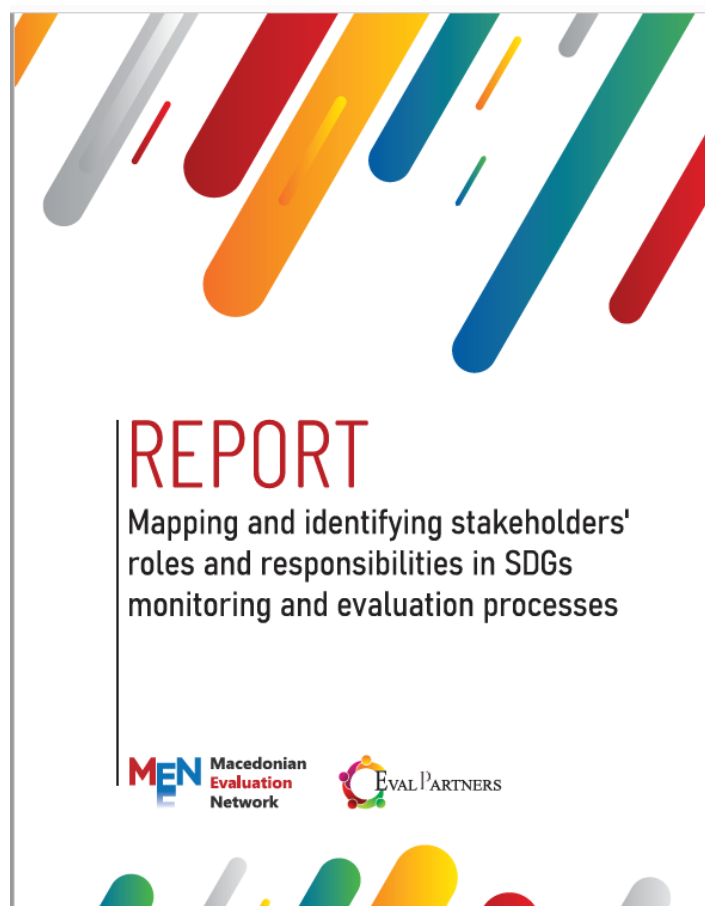
- IN 2015, THE GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BY PLEDGING “TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND” AND AGREEING TO IMPLEMENT THE 2030 AGENDA.
- 83 PERCENT OF PLANNING DOCUMENTS WERE ALIGNED WITH THE SDGS.
- **FULL COMPLIANCE WAS FOUND FOR GOALS 4 (EDUCATION), 6 (WATER), 7 (ENERGY), 9 (INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRIALIZATION), AND 16 (INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE).**
- **THE LEAST DEGREE OF ALIGNMENT – ABOUT 50 PERCENT - WAS FOUND FOR GOAL 10 (INEQUALITIES BETWEEN AND WITHIN COUNTRIES).**
- WHEN TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTRY'S 55 RATIFIED INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, THE LEVEL OF ALIGNMENT WITH THE SDGS REACHES 98 PERCENT.
- MOST RECENT DATA REVEAL THAT THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT ONLY 27% OF THE GOALS WILL BE MET BY 2030 AND
- **ABOUT 29 PERCENT OF THE INDICATORS FOR PARTICULAR SDGS CAN BE ACHIEVED BY 2030 WITH SIGNIFICANT POLICY EFFORTS, WHEREAS THE REMAINING 45 PERCENT SEEM TO BE UNATTAINABLE WITH THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT MODEL.**

# MAPPING AND IDENTIFYING STAKEHOLDERS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN SDGS MONITORING AND EVALUATION PROCESSES

THE STAKEHOLDER'S ROLES IN THE M&E OF THE SDGS ARE MOSTLY INFLUENCED BY THE STAKEHOLDER'S HIERARCHY IN THE SOCIETY. NAMELY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR ARE THE ONES THAT CAN INFLUENCE MOSTLY THE PROCESS OF M&E OF THE SDGS, AND AT THE SAME TIME ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE THE HIGHEST INTEREST IN THE SAME.

**THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS AMONG SDG STAKEHOLDERS IN NORTH MACEDONIA.**

STAKEHOLDERS BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CREATE CONDITIONS TO PERFORM EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT M&E PRACTICES IN THE COUNTRY, **IT'S IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF STATISTICAL DATA AND THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED, BOTH HORIZONTALLY AND VERTICALLY.**



# CASE STUDIES ON COMPATIBILITY ON SDGS` INDICATORS WITH NATIONAL POLICY DOCUMENTS SDG 4 & SDG 8

## SDG 4

THE INTRODUCTION OF MEASURES FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE 2018-2025 EDUCATION STRATEGY IS PROGRESSING BUT SLOWLY. THE INDICATORS IN THE COUNTRY'S EDUCATION STRATEGY 2018 -2025 RELATED TO THE SDG ARE TECHNICALLY ORIENTED AND IN MOST OF THE PRIORITIES, ARE BASIC ONES, SUCH AS THE SETTLEMENT OF SYSTEMS, DEVELOPMENT OF CONTENTS, AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL IMPRESSIONS ARE THAT IN THE LONG TERM THE PRIORITIES AND THE INDICATORS ARE IN THE SAME LINE WITH THE SDG 4` S TARGETS.

## SDG 8

THE NATIONAL POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH IS COMPREHENSIVE AND IS TRANSLATED INTO SEVERAL STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE CORRESPONDING WITH SDG 8. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE MACEDONIAN GOVERNMENT ARE IN LINE WITH INCREASING POSSIBILITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT THROUGH SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PRIVATE INITIATIVE, INCLUDING WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP, HUMAN CAPACITIES DEVELOPMENT AND CREATING ENABLING LEGAL ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT

COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL STAKEHOLDERS ON BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS FOR THE EVALUATION OF SDGS TOGETHER WITH DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS ARE NEEDED.



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