

# SDG 7 Localisation Snapshot

## ORMOC CITY, Philippines



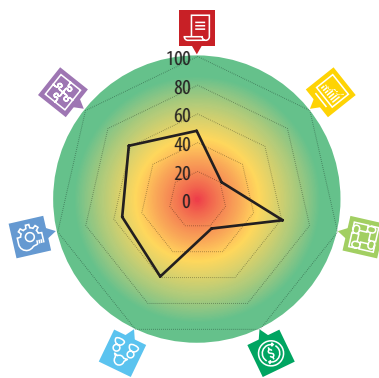
SDG7 Localisation Snapshot provides a brief overview of the key areas related to implementation of the Sustainable Goal 7 (SDG7) to 'Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all' at the local level based on the answers provided by the jurisdiction to the SDG7 Localisation questionnaire.

Questionnaire allowed to collect the assessments from the local officials regarding the situation on the implementation of SDG7 in their jurisdiction. SDG7 Localisation Snapshot is a part of the collaborative project of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to support city and sub-national governments in accelerating their efforts in the field of sustainable energy.

### General information

<b>Name of the jurisdiction</b>	ORMOC CITY
<b>Country of the jurisdiction</b>	Philippines
<b>Population of the jurisdiction</b>	240,453 people
<b>Area of the jurisdiction (in km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	464.30
<b>Predominant climate</b>	Type IV of Modified Coronas Climate Classification Characterized by even distribution of rainfall throughout the year

### SDG7 Localization score



Score

0–33 34–66 67–100

Scores for each SDG7 Localisation indicator are calculated between 0 and 100 to show the assessment of the status in the jurisdiction in each of the respective areas.

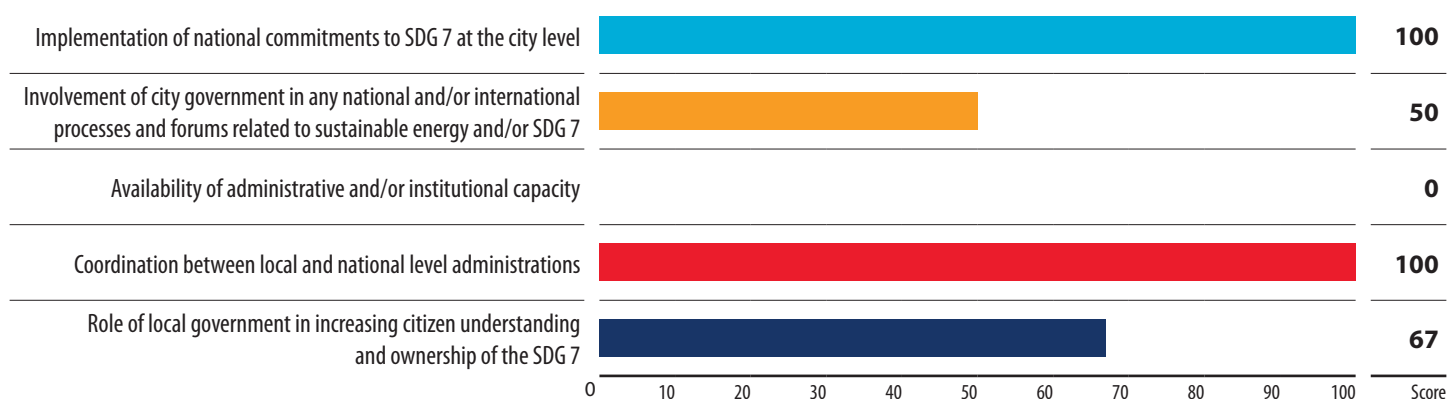
### Indicators score

<b>48</b> <b>Available policies and institutions for SDG localization</b> Availability of specific policies and institutions focused on supporting the SDG 7 implementation.	<b>21</b> <b>Energy data monitoring</b> Accessibility and penetration of energy monitoring and smart metering.	<b>61</b> <b>Cooperation with national and international stakeholders</b> Efficient communication and collaboration between local stakeholders and various stakeholder groups at the national and international levels.	<b>22</b> <b>Use of financial resources</b> Availability of various financial resources and instruments for supporting SDG 7 implementation actions.	<b>59</b> <b>Awareness raising and capacity-building</b> Availability of policies or actions to increase the understanding among citizens and build the capacity of professionals for SDG 7 implementation.	<b>54</b> <b>Implementation</b> Presence of policies and actions to implement SDG 7 targets.	<b>61</b> <b>Linkages to other SDGs</b> Availability of policies or actions with linkages between SDG 7 and other SDGs.
Sub-indicator score <b>73 Energy access</b> <b>38 Renewable energy</b> <b>49 Energy efficiency</b> Policies or actions taken by cities on energy access.      Policies or actions taken by cities on renewable energy.      Policies or actions taken by cities on energy efficiency.						
Sub-indicator score <b>35 SDG3. Good health and well-being.</b> <b>17 SDG6. Clean water and sanitation.</b> <b>85 SDG11. Sustainable cities and communities.</b> <b>67 SDG12. Responsible production and consumption.</b> <b>100SDG13. Climate action.</b>						
<b>3</b> <b>GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</b> The presence of energy-related activities or measures that support the health sector.	<b>6</b> <b>CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</b> The presence of energy-related activities or measures that support water and sanitation.	<b>11</b> <b>SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</b> The presence of energy-related activities or measures that support development of sustainable cities and communities.	<b>12</b> <b>RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</b> The presence of energy-related activities or measures that support responsible production and consumption.	<b>13</b> <b>CLIMATE ACTION</b> The presence of energy-related activities or measures that support climate action.		

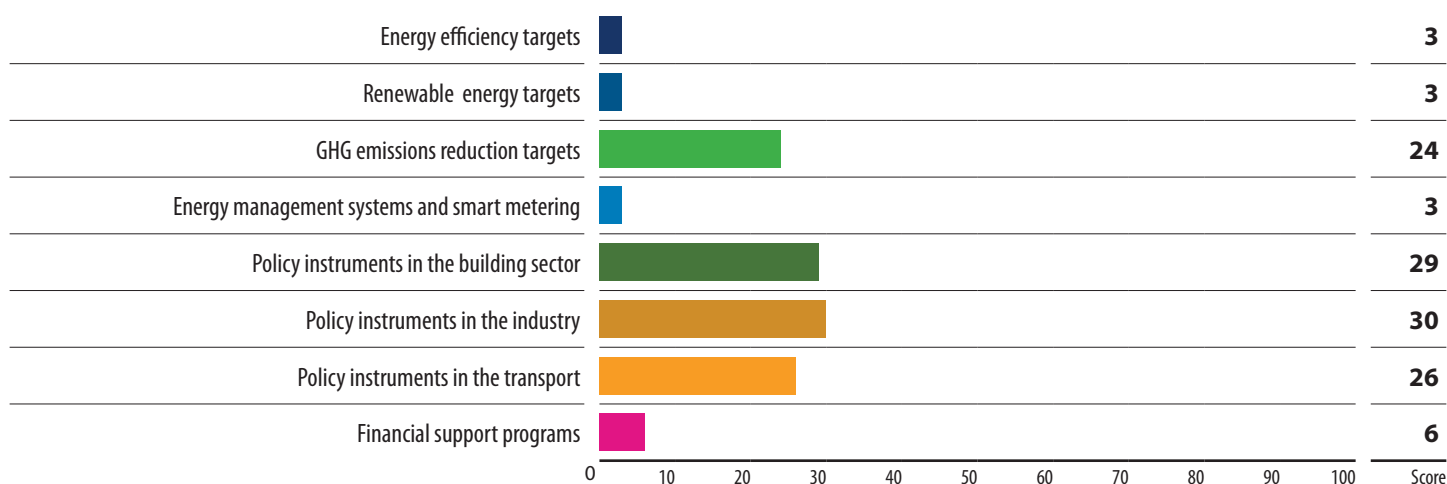
It is important to note that these indicators are qualitative and should not be used for assessing cities' achievement of quantitative targets under the SDG 7. The results for these qualitative indicators are based on cities' self-assessment of their current conditions, efforts, resources and capacity in relation to supporting SDG 7 localization process and can serve the role of the evidence base for constructing recommendations tailored to the local context, as well as the baseline results for tracking cities' progress of their SDG 7 localization efforts.

The results for each indicator are presented as a nominal score from 0 to 100 (where 100 is the maximum possible score, that can be achieved for each indicator or sub-indicator based on the aggregation of all answers of the questionnaire attributed to this particular indicator or sub-indicator).

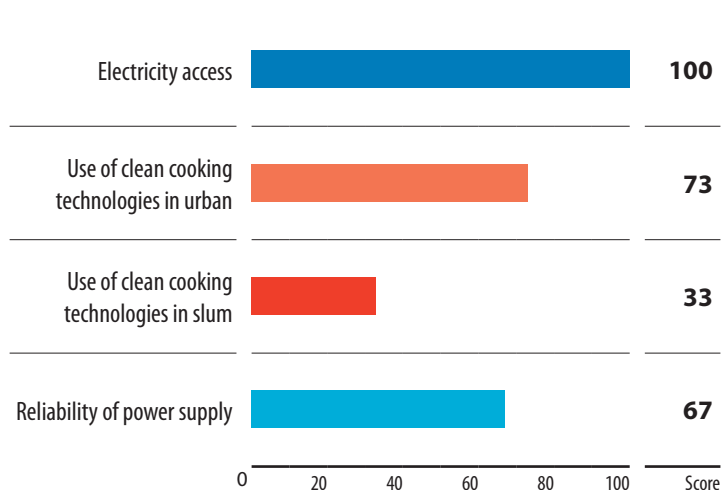
## SDG 7 commitments and institutional capacity of Ormoc City



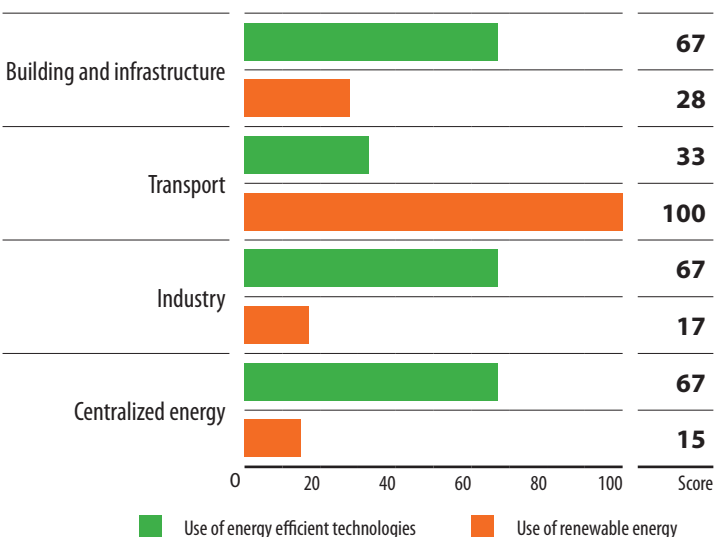
## Implementation of SDG 7 support targets and regulations in Ormoc City



## Assessment of Energy Access in Ormoc City



## Assessment of utilization of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies in Ormoc City



## Recommendations



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### Indicator. Available policies and institutions for SDG localization

The jurisdiction is implementing policies and projects that take into account existing national SDG 7-related commitments. Ensuring that local efforts on SDG 7 implementation are aligned with the national commitments and plans. Exploring the ways to apply Multi-Level Governance (MLG) approach to implementing SDG 7 is recommended in order to enhance the efficiency of coordination between national and local levels of governance.

The jurisdiction does not have sufficient institutional capacity or special appointed specialists responsible for supporting SDG 7 implementation. It is critically important to have a dedicated technical unit and/or staff in charge of development, implementation and support of activities on sustainable energy. It is recommended more attention be given to raising awareness about sustainable energy and building respective capacity among local Government officials.

Some sustainable energy policies for the building sector have been adopted at the national level. However, only a limited number of related initiatives have been implemented at the local level. It is recommended that work be undertaken on the implementation of nationally supported policy instruments at the local level, such as energy efficiency policy for new construction, energy efficiency policy for retrofit, program to promote utilization of local materials in construction and retrofits, sustainable procurement regulations, mandatory energy performance certification and labeling of buildings, voluntary energy performance certification and labeling of buildings, mandatory smart energy metering, voluntary smart energy metering, energy efficiency obligations schemes/ White certificates, carbon market project mechanisms/ Green certificates, awareness raising, education and information campaigns on sustainable energy, net-metering regulations, mandatory requirements for on-site solar generation, mandatory use of ecological standards (ISO 14001 or similar), voluntary use of ecological standards (ISO 14001 or similar), mandatory use of energy management standards (ISO 50001 or similar), voluntary use of energy management standards (ISO 50001 or similar), energy efficiency action plan, mandatory energy auditing, mandatory use of renewable energy for hot water, and mandatory use of renewable energy for cooling (heating). This implementation may start with selected national policy instruments, and/or cover specific sector or energy end-users in the jurisdiction. Monitoring and verification of the results, achieved after this 'pilot' implementation of selected policy instruments, are needed for possible fine-tuning and adaptation of the policies to the local conditions and requirements. It is also recommended working towards expanding and refining the policy framework in order to arrive at an effective mix of regulatory measures, incentives and information instruments.

Some sustainable energy policies for the transport sector have been adopted at the national level. However, only a limited number have been implemented at the local level. It is recommended that work be done on the implementation of nationally supported policy instruments at the local level, such as regulations on high standard liquid fuel use (petrol and diesel EURO-5 or higher), regulations on hybrid engines use, regulations on electric engines use, regulations on LPG or similar gas type engines use, regulations on biogas engines use, policies on integration of transport low emission zones and timing limits, and bus rapid transit. This implementation may start with selected priority policy instruments, and/or cover specific sector or energy end-users in the jurisdiction. Monitoring and verification of the results, achieved after implementation of selected policy instruments, should be performed for possible fine tuning and adaptation of the policies to the local conditions and requirements. Work is also recommended on expanding the scope and refining the policy framework in order to arrive at an effective mix of regulatory measures, incentives and information instruments.



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### Indicator. Energy data monitoring

The Jurisdiction has established data collection and monitoring systems in the following areas: renewable energy and energy supply and demand. Nevertheless, some of the sustainable energy development targets still do not have reliable verification mechanisms, such as energy efficiency, energy access, sustainable energy/SDG 7, and other SDGs. Establishment of a comprehensive data collection system for the local energy sector and areas related to other SDGs is a crucial foundation for the development and implementation of SDGs-related projects. Consulting existing guidelines on SDG indicators for further improvement of existing systems is recommended.

An energy management and smart metering systems have not been established at the national level and have not been implemented at the local level. Transparent energy data collection and analysis is required to support implementation of sustainable energy projects and attract extrabudgetary financing as well as to ensure the possibility of energy performance tracking. Introduction of the energy management system should start with the creation of appropriate institutions, initiated by the head of the of the local Government. After appointment of the energy manager, the appropriate working plan should be elaborated, including technical inspections of existing energy consumers and the development of a specific action plan, supported by appropriate financing for energy metering infrastructure and the development of a relevant set of supporting documents for energy management system implementation.



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**Indicator. Cooperation with national and international stakeholders**

Jurisdiction has been involved in a few multi-stakeholder city initiatives. Further development of national and international cooperation with city initiatives, networks and associations is recommended in order to benefit from the opportunities for capacity building, peer-to-peer learning, unlocking finance and disseminating knowledge on best-practices and solutions in the field of sustainable energy and SDG 7 localization.

The jurisdiction has limited involvement in national and/or international processes and forums related to sustainable energy. Improved communication and cooperation with national and international stakeholders are required in order to promote knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning with other jurisdictions across the region. It is recommended that more opportunities for participation in such forums be identified, and that there be more proactive assigning of relevant technical staff to participate and share knowledge.

Coordination mechanisms between the jurisdiction and other levels of governance (e.g., national Government) regarding sustainable energy issues and/or SDG 7 implementation are already in place. They are supported by respective institutional set-up and budgetary frameworks as well as by jointly implemented activities on sustainable energy. It is recommended ensuring that the results of these joint projects are well-monitored and documented in such a way that stimulates dissemination of good practices, peer-to-peer learning with other jurisdictions as well as benchmarking and gap analysis for future projects on sustainable energy.



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**Indicator. Use of financial resources**

Some financial programmes to support sustainable energy policies and projects have been adopted at the national level. However, only a limited number have been implemented at the local level such as access to electrification and clean fuels for commercial buildings, industry, transport and waste management. Focus on further strengthening the local level implementation of these mechanisms is recommended, in order to enable access to available extrabudgetary options that could be used to support execution of local-level projects. Additional capacity-building training for responsible administrative personnel, and the development of guidelines on accessing finance, are important steps towards establishing the framework for local procurement and financing procedures.

The jurisdiction has access to international financial support for limited energy efficiency and renewable energy technology implementation in the area of the water management system. Further development of cooperation is required, including conducting technical- and financial-oriented capacity-building training for local specialists as well as presentation of the results achieved by the first pilot facilities.



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**Indicator. Awareness raising and capacity building**

The jurisdiction has been involved in some reporting activities for tracking the progress on SDG targets. In order to evaluate that progress and the contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 7, identify areas of life that require improvement, evaluate project opportunities, access sustainable energy financing and coordinate efforts with the national stakeholders, it is recommended that a sound SDG tracking and reporting process be established in the jurisdiction and that cooperation be improved with relevant national level stakeholders. Preparation of VLRs is one of the ways to analyse available data, and track and report on progress for SDGs at the local level.

The local Government is currently developing and implementing awareness-raising campaigns to increase citizens' understanding and ownership of the SDG 7 targets. It is important to prepare a sustainable long-term plan on awareness-raising activities to cover a wide range of audience interests and to ensure continuity of efforts. Different SDG 7-related issues should be covered for various target groups – e.g., educational programmes for schools, colleges and universities; public awareness-raising events, the promotion of success stories for all citizens and training courses for professionals.



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Indicator. **Implementation**

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Sub-indicator. **Energy access**

Local government should make efforts to maintain high level of reliable electrification in the jurisdiction, as well as reaching remaining areas that might lack quality electricity supply. Proper monitoring and evaluation of the current power grid operation should be taking place regularly to identify potential efficiency gaps and possible ways for further improvements. Learning from international expertise and best-practices on sustainable electricity will help the local government identify further areas for sustainable energy actions.

A number of clean cooking technologies are used by households in the jurisdiction, such as: electric cookers/pressure cookers, induction electric stoves, and high efficient natural gas or LPG stoves. Further promotion and support for clean cooking technology dissemination (e.g., capacity-building training on assembly and maintenance of clean cooking equipment for local professionals and low-income communities) are required, in order to achieve replication of efforts and large-scale adoption.

Efficient and low-emissions cooking methods are not used, or have very limited use, in slums and informal settlements. Promotion of clean cooking technologies such as: basic methods of burning fossil fuels (coal, oil products, wood, raw organic waste), kerosene, ethanol/alcohol, improved wood cookstoves, electric cookers/pressure cookers, and induction electric stoves and the analysis of cooking technology patterns for different end-users are recommended, in order to identify the most suitable technological solutions and adoption strategies. It is possible to adapt available national and international experience in clean cooking promotion. Large-scale awareness-raising campaigns on clean cooking and its benefits (including improved health and quality of life) should target relevant implementing local agencies and the public. Capacity-building training on assembly and maintenance of clean cooking equipment should be developed and made available to local professionals and low-income communities.

Energy supply is quite reliable and sufficient for end-users most of the time. However, power outages may still occur sometimes. Improvement of the local backup energy supply capacity is recommended by installing emergency generators, including those based on renewable energy. Implementation of energy efficiency measures in buildings and industry will help to mitigate the problem of peak demand and further reduce the risk of power outages.

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Sub-indicator. **Renewable energy**

Renewable energy targets exist at the national level. However, these targets are currently not being implemented at the local level. It is recommended that a dialogue be initiated with the relevant national-level stakeholders to discuss how the jurisdiction can implement these targets at the local level as well as receive necessary support for this process. It is recommended that a study be conducted of the jurisdiction's renewable energy potential in order to establish such targets tailored to the local context and different energy consumers. The results of this study and identified targets should be used as a basis for developing a renewable energy action plan for the jurisdiction. Establishment of a mechanism is advised for tracking progress according to specific key performance indicators and revising them regularly (e.g., every five years).

Targets for reducing GHG emissions/air pollution have been introduced at the national level but have not been implemented at the local level. It is recommended that a dialogue be initiated with the relevant national-level stakeholders to discuss how the jurisdiction can achieve these targets at the local level and receive necessary support for this process. The jurisdiction can also lead by example and establish its own targets. It is recommended that a regular GHG inventory be conducted and that air pollution monitoring systems are established in the jurisdiction, which will provide the data necessary for determining local targets. It is advised that a mechanism be initiated for tracking progress on achieving these targets and revising them regularly (e.g., every five years).

Renewable and non-fossil fuel energy technologies are not used in the building sector and infrastructure, or their utilization is very limited. Deployment of renewable energy solutions should start with establishing ambitious, yet realistic targets based on estimation of the renewable energy potential for various sources available at the local level. In case of data unavailability geospatial data can be collected and analysed by GIS experts Implementation strategy for identified renewable energy sources could be developed in cooperation with experienced local or international professionals. The analysis of relevant financing schemes for renewable energy deployment can help to identify potential sources of investment and project implementation.

Renewable energy (RE) sources are widely utilized in the transport sector. Local government should support further efficient operation of the existing RE transport with the focus on securing relevant financing for the equipment maintenance and training of the relevant technical personnel. Local government should develop local targets and key performance indicators for RE use in transport, as well as monitoring and verification mechanisms to make sure that the targets are met and regularly updated.



Targets to improve energy efficiency or to reduce energy intensity exist at the national level, although with a limited coverage of energy-consuming sectors. These targets are currently not being applied at the local level. It is recommended that a dialogue be initiated with the relevant national-level stakeholders to discuss how the jurisdiction can adapt these targets to the local context and receive necessary support for this process. It is recommended that a study be conducted of the jurisdiction's energy sector and the opportunities for energy efficiency improvement, in order to determine relevant targets based on the data analysis of different energy consumers. The results of this study and the identified targets should be used as a basis for developing an energy efficiency action plan for the jurisdiction. It is advised that a mechanism be established for tracking progress according to specific key performance indicators and for revising them regularly (e.g., every five years).

Various energy efficient renewable and non-fossil fuel energy technologies are implemented in the building sector and infrastructure. At this stage, it is important to ensure the replication of good practices on a larger scale throughout the jurisdiction. Identification of suitable business models and financing mechanisms is crucial to supporting such a replication. Engagement of the private sector and international financial institutions is highly recommended through documentation and dissemination of the impacts and lessons learnt, continuous capacity-building as well as collaboration with international organizations and think tanks.

Use of energy-efficient technologies for electricity consumption in the building sector and infrastructure is currently at the moderated level. Enhancing dissemination of energy-efficient technologies is recommended, preferably supported by relevant financial incentives to encourage consumers' choices in favour of more energy-efficient appliances and equipment. Engagement of the private sector and international financial institutions is highly recommended through documentation and dissemination of the impacts and lessons learnt, continuous capacity-building as well as collaboration with international organizations and think tanks.

Fossil fuels are widely used in the transport sector of the jurisdiction, and in most cases it works with moderate levels of efficiency and emissions. It is recommended that a low-emissions transportation strategy be developed, with the focus on strengthening relevant administrative and financial frameworks. To support this process, it is recommended that research be conducted on the implementation of relevant projects and best-practices at the national and international levels as well as improvement of the dialogue with responsible national agencies and international organizations. Public awareness-raising campaigns and promotion of "green" transport may further encourage citizens' behavioral change towards the choices in favour of more sustainable transportation practices.

Utilization of energy efficient renewable energy and non-fossil fuel technologies is limited in the jurisdiction's transport sector. It is recommended that support is increased for monitoring and evaluation of the achieved results of the existing projects, in order to be able to identify the opportunities for scaling up successful solutions for replication across the jurisdiction, including planning and development of relevant infrastructure. Capacity-building training for dedicated administrative and technical staff could be focused on the operation of low-emission transport systems as well as awareness raising about efficient transportation practices that can be integrated into the overall decarbonization strategy of the jurisdiction.

The jurisdiction has limited or pilot level electrical vehicle deployment. A further increase in the number of electrical vehicles should be accompanied by the development of supporting infrastructure. This includes charging stations and batteries as well as the overall decarbonization of the electricity supply in the jurisdiction through wider utilization of local renewable energy sources. Financial incentives – such as lower vehicle taxes, lower electricity tariffs for charging, free parking etc., for private electric vehicles – will stimulate consumers' choices in favour of this type of transport, especially once the supporting infrastructure becomes widely available.



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Indicator. **Indicator 7. Linkages to other SDGs**

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Sub-indicator. **SDG3. Good health and well-being**

Most of the existing health-related facilities have adequate space cooling and can, to a large extent, satisfy the health needs of the local population. Improvement and analysis of energy data monitoring is recommended for the health-care facilities in the jurisdiction. It is also recommended that dedicated energy performance indicators (focused on space cooling efficiency) be included in the energy management system or relevant existing energy monitoring protocol, if any. It is recommended that consideration be given to implementing passive cooling strategies (especially for new buildings) through building design, insulation, shading, white roofs, windows with low-e coating and natural ventilation, where applicable, to reduce the cooling load, and that energy efficiency improvement be made in active cooling systems (i.e., air-conditioning, refrigeration, ventilation, etc.), including integration of renewable energy solutions.

The jurisdiction does not have any available mobile vaccine/blood refrigeration facilities. Such facilities are crucial for people's well-being and for adequate responses to health crises (such as the one caused by the COVID-19 pandemic). It is recommended that a local sustainable healthcare strategy be prepared in consultation with the national level stakeholders and in cooperation with international organizations, in order to find possibilities for financing the purchase and maintenance of related supply chains and their readiness for emergency response. Large-scale deployment of such facilities and equipment will increase energy use and the need for a reliable electricity supply. Therefore, consideration should be given to existing energy-efficient solutions available for the health cold chain and 'green' vaccines supply (e.g., energy-efficient cooling and refrigeration technologies with better insulation, off-grid direct current-based refrigerators, solar cooling or solar direct drive vaccine refrigerators).

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Sub-indicator. **SDG6. Clean water and sanitation**

Less than half of the wastewater generated in the jurisdiction undergoes adequate treatment. Adequate expansion, sufficient maintenance and upgrading of existing wastewater treatment facilities is needed, including the integration of energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies. Additional capacity-building training is required for personnel to build their skillset to operate new equipment. In order to ensure development of an adequate wastewater treatment system, consultation should be undertaken with relevant national level stakeholders, international development organizations working in the area and the private sector.

Water management and sanitation equipment in wastewater facilities have relatively low levels of energy efficiency, functioning with significant energy losses. It is recommended that upgrading of the wastewater system equipment be implemented, starting with audits and feasibility studies to identify strategies and technologies for improving the energy efficiency of wastewater treatment in the jurisdiction. In addition, subsequent implementation of the prioritized activities is recommended. Funding options for these activities can be explored through consultations with relevant national stakeholders, international development organizations and the private sector.

There is no implementation of an Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) plan in the jurisdiction. IWRM is a process that promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources, in order to maximize economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems. It is recommended that additional efforts be made towards the development and implementation of the IWRM in the jurisdiction. Activities should start with the establishment of a working group that includes representatives from different local thematic departments.

Exploring the opportunities for the integration of energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies into the existing IWRM is recommended (e.g., smart process control systems, automated demand-side water supply regulation, solar energy for water supply and treatment etc.) This should be supported by building relevant technical capacity.

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Sub-indicator. **SDG11. Sustainable cities and communities**

A relatively small portion of the local population (less than 5%) lives in informal settlements or inadequate housing. People who live in these areas typically do not have access to sustainable energy services. Deployment of energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies is challenging, due to the lack of basic infrastructure. Integration of upgrading strategies for such informal settlements into local housing policies is recommended. Also recommended is the development of policies on energy access (electrification and clean cooking) and last-mile electrification of these areas in combination with support programmes for slum dwellers to use more energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies, such as solar LED lighting, solar mini-grids and efficient cooking stoves. Awareness-raising about benefits of sustainable energy technologies and their proper maintenance are important to ensuring effective adoption and long-term use.

The jurisdiction is operating a wide public transport system, and most of the local population has access to public or shared transportation. It is recommended that further improvement of the system be carried out, with the introduction of energy-efficient transport solutions, increased utilization of renewable energy as well as expansion of the supporting infrastructure (e.g., charging stations for e-vehicles).

Pedestrian lanes are common in multiple places in the jurisdiction and most of them are convenient for walking, although some lanes require improvement. Improvement of the situation is recommended by expanding existing territorial planning solutions or by introducing additional ones (e.g., dedicated lanes for pedestrians and cyclists, restricted pedestrian area, etc.) aimed at developing effective walkable neighbourhoods, as well as ensuring proper maintenance of existing pedestrian areas. Such measures can significantly reduce transportation energy use as well as improve air quality and people's well-being.

The level of air pollution in the jurisdiction is considered low. Continuing to maintain high air quality in the jurisdiction is recommended together with the use of green and pollution-free energy use and generation technologies, with the focus on improving energy efficiency and increased utilization of renewable energy sources.

The jurisdiction is taking steps towards sustainable waste management process implementation with some of the landfills already implementing pilot waste treatment and recycling practices. Conducting a detailed benchmarking analysis of the operational efficiency on the implemented waste recycling facilities is recommended, together with the preparation of a strategy for replication of successful sustainable solutions in other facilities in the jurisdictions. A feasibility study to explore the potential for waste-to-energy projects in the jurisdiction, its cost-effectiveness and ways to gain financing can help to enhance waste treatment as well as offer a local source of sustainable energy. Conducting capacity-building training for local professionals, focused on existing best practices for sustainable solid waste treatment systems, and consideration of possible financing mechanisms is also recommended. Cooperation with relevant national level and international stakeholders is required at this stage in preparing guidelines for large-scale development and implementation of green urban solid waste treatment projects.

Disaster reduction strategies are being implemented at the local level in line with relevant national strategies. Reviewing these strategies is recommended in order to learn whether the synergies between disaster reduction and sustainable energy solutions are being considered. Examples of such synergies may include, but are not limited to materials and technologies that enhance a building's energy efficiency as well as make the building more durable and resilient to threats posed by natural disasters. A sustainable energy supply, co-generation systems, distributed generation and micro-grids can support the recovery process from natural disasters etc. Where such synergies are not considered in the existing disaster reduction strategies, it is recommended that relevant adjustments be made based on existing international good practices. Implementation of a public awareness programme on these synergies is recommended in order to influence the adoption and implementation of energy-efficient and resilient designs.



#### About the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

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