

# Social Sector



## Goal 1 No Poverty

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Table 1 Summary of SDG Indicators for Goal 1

Indicator short name	Indicator	Target	Status	Available Data
<b>International poverty</b>	1.1.1 <sup>1</sup> Proportion of population living on less than \$1.90 a day, % of employment [by sex, age and employment status]	0	0	YES <sup>2</sup>
<b>National poverty</b>	1.2.1 <sup>1</sup> Percentage of population living below the national poverty line [by urbanization]	13.50%	27%	YES <sup>2</sup>
<b>Social protection</b>	1.3.1 <sup>1</sup> Population covered by, % of population– Social assistance programmes [by quintile]– Social insurance programmes [by quintile]– Unemployment benefit– Pension	100%	100%	Partial <sup>2</sup>
<b>Access to basic water and sanitation services</b>	1.4.1 <sup>1</sup> Population using basic drinking water and sanitation services, Percentage [by urbanization]	100%	100%	YES <sup>2</sup>
<b>Deaths/missing/affected from disasters</b>	1.5.1 <sup>1</sup> Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters, Per 100,000 population	0	0	YES <sup>3</sup>
<b>Economic loss from disasters</b>	1.5.2 Direct economic loss attributed to disasters, Million USD		\$356 Million (pa'anga)	Yes <sup>4</sup>
<b>Government spending on education and health</b>	1.a.2 Proportion of total government spending on essential services, % of government expenditure– <b>Health</b>		11%	Yes <sup>4</sup>
	1.a.2 Proportion of total government spending on essential services, % of government expenditure– <b>Education</b>		12%	Yes <sup>4</sup>

Table 1 provides a summary of the status of all main indicators of SDG 1. Tonga has available data for all possible indicators. Yet, for the case of social assistance the data is not disaggregated by income quintiles. Tonga has already met several of the targets: Eradication of extreme poverty, access to health care, access to basic services, and it is a successful story facing a category five cyclone in 2018 with no casualties at all. According to the Ministry of Finance (2020), the expenditure on both education and health is around 12% and 11%, respectively in 2020.

<sup>1</sup> One of the 79 SDG Indicators that is relevant to Tonga, National Planning

<sup>2</sup> HIES, 2016

<sup>3</sup> Post-disaster assessment survey, TSD, 2018

<sup>4</sup> Ministry of Finance [Finance (2020)]