

# Effective National to Local Governance for SDG Implementation in Rwanda

## **HOW TO MEASURE PROGRESS OF THE SDGS IMPLEMENTATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL?**

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## Background:

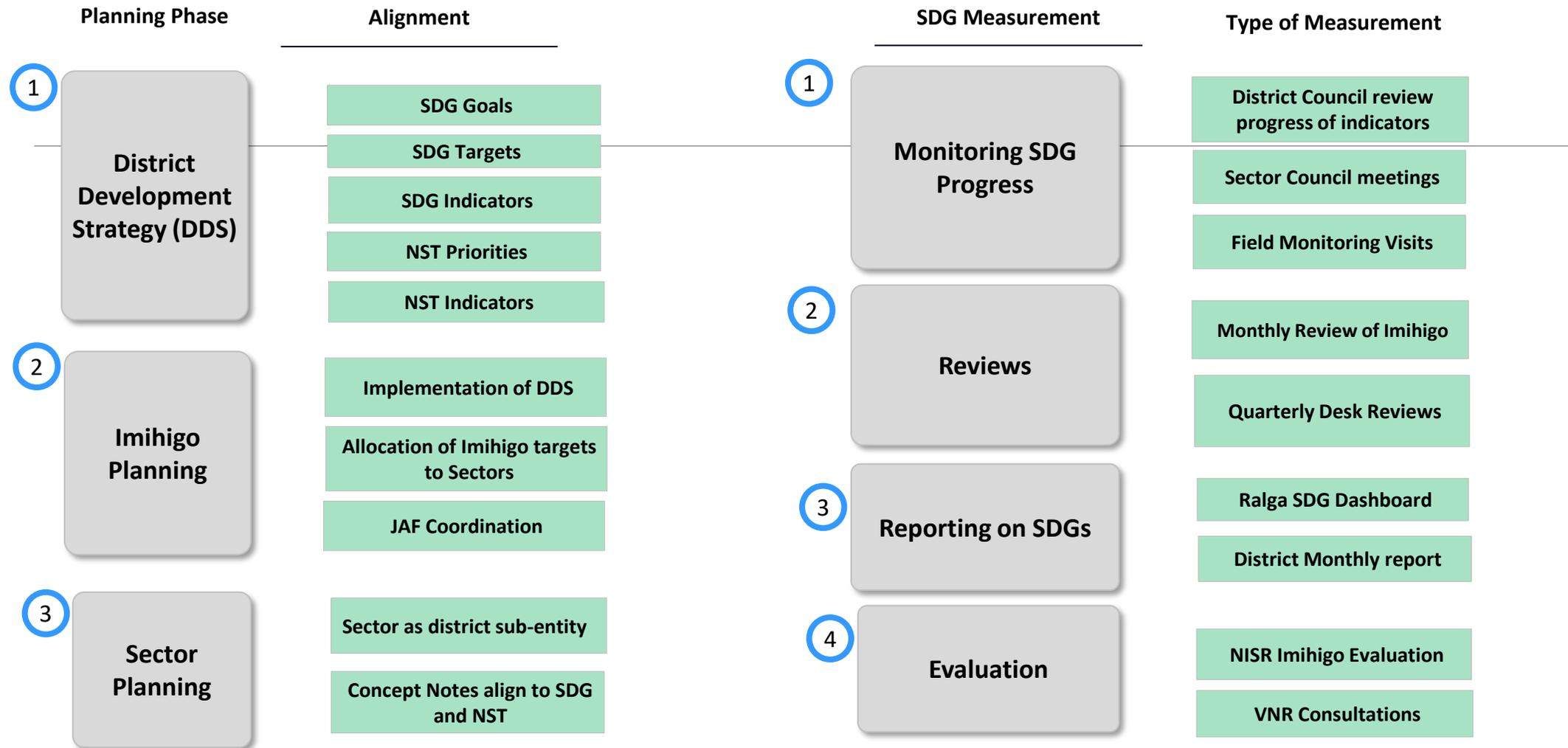
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- **Integration with National Frameworks:** Rwanda aligns SDG targets with its Vision 2050, the National Strategy for Transformation (NST1/NST2), and District Development Strategies (DDS), ensuring global goals are contextualized for local development.
- **National Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs):** Rwanda presented the second VNR report on SDGs to show its commitment.
- **Data Collection and Management:** The National Institute of Statistics Rwanda (NISR) provides robust data through national surveys, censuses, and administrative systems to set the baseline and provide the progress on planned targets. Local data collection is enhanced by community-generated inputs and programs.

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- **Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms:** Rwanda uses central and local institutions to set **annual Imihigo** performance contracts based on SDGs, these contracts are evaluated annually to assess the progress towards achieving SDGs targets.
- **Community Engagement:** Platforms like **Umuganda (community service)** and public forums foster citizen participation in SDGs monitoring, creating a culture of accountability and feedback.
- **Online platforms (NISR and Ralga)** to report on SDGs and show the progress on each goal and its targets. [Indicators For The Sustainable Development Goals](#) (+ Ralga platform).
- **Capacity Building:** District officials and stakeholders receive training on SDG monitoring and data management to improve local-level implementation and reporting.
- **Program-Specific Evaluations:** National programs e.g. Vision Umurenge Program (VUP), Girinka (One Cow per Family), WASH, Health, etc.. are evaluated to measure their contributions to specific SDG targets (etc).

# Measuring SDGs Implementation at the Local Level



SDG Implementation Monitoring at the local level  
District and Sectors