


Social Sustainability Assessment Framework [draft]



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- What is the social sustainability assessment framework
 - Purpose of the framework
 - Use of the framework
 - Advantages and limitations

What is it?

The framework offers a model for the appraisal of development projects against social sustainability criteria at multiple levels, including

- Theoretical
- Policy
- Practical

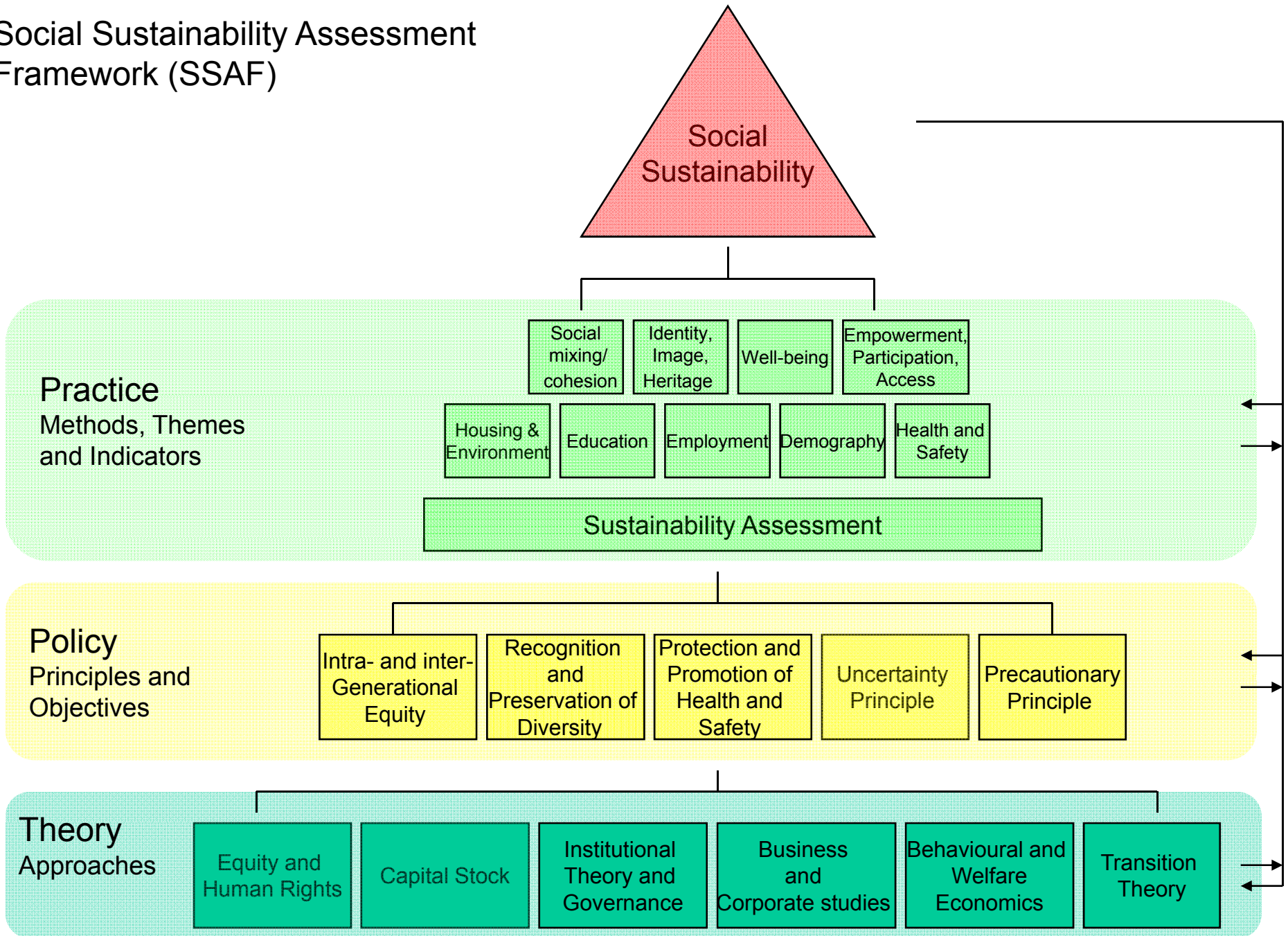
It stems from literature review and results from case study analysis

Purpose of the framework

The purpose of this framework is to

1. provide practical and simplified guidance to identify, assess and measure key broad social impacts of single development projects
2. rank ex-ante project proposals according to their consideration of social sustainability themes
3. monitor ex-post the social sustainability performance of projects against baseline indicators
4. identify areas for improvements of projects proposals in terms of particular social sustainability aspects

Social Sustainability Assessment Framework (SSAF)



Use of the Framework

Assessment Matrix (Practice level)


Impact value	Negative (1)	Neutral (2)	Positive (3)
Social Sustainability Theme			
Demographics (migration, ageing etc.)			
Education and Skills			
Employment			
Empowerment, Participation and Access			
Health and Safety			
Housing and Environmental Health			
Identity, Image and Heritage			
Social mixing, Inclusion and Cohesion			
Well-being			

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Nine social sustainability themes/areas consistently identified from literature and case studies

Applications of the assessment process

Ex-ante

Checklist for project proposals

<u>Examples of themes identified in SSAF</u>	Negative (1)	Neutral (2)	Positive (3)
Housing and Environmental Health			
• Does the project include affordable housing targets in line with national requirements?	✓		
• Is the social housing element located in an equally accessible and attractive position to the private housing?		✓	
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Health and Safety			
•Have education, health, social services and others been involved in planning services for the increased population?			✓
•Are doctor surgeries located in the scheme?			✓
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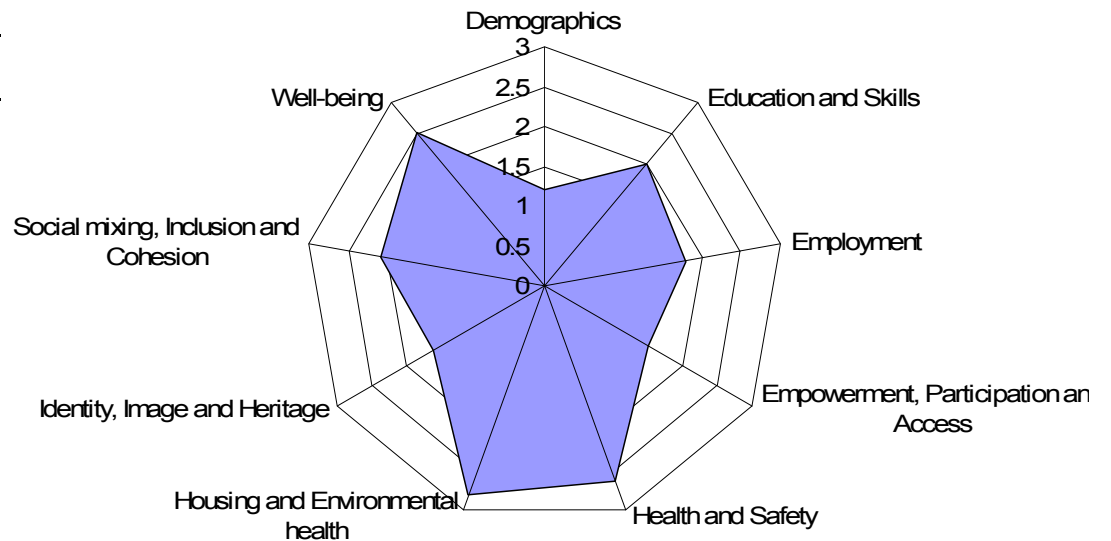
Ex-post

Monitoring of project implementation against selected baseline indicators

<u>Examples of themes identified in SSAF</u>	Negative (1)	Neutral (2)	Positive (3)
Housing and Environmental Health (Indicators)			
▪% of new dwellings which have high environmental ratings	✓		
▪% of non-decent/unfit homes	✓		
▪Affordable dwellings as % of new housing completions		✓	
▪Total number of new housing completions			✓
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Health and Safety			
▪Number of neighbourhood police officers		✓	
▪Number of residents who have been victim of crime in the last twelve months			7

Scoring system

Description	Range
Very Poor	1-1.25
Poor	1.26-1.75
Barely acceptable	1.76-2.25
Good	2.26-2.75
Very Good	2.76-3



Advantages and Limitations

Advantages

- It provides simplified linear guidelines
- Flexibility to be adapted to contingent contexts
- Based on a normative model

Limitations

- It could be deemed over-simplified
- Operationalisation (e.g. availability of indicators)
- Limited stakeholders' participation (e.g. technical assessment)
- Work in progress

Questionnaire workshop results

- Report on
 - Themes ranking
 - Drivers
 - Attributes

Checklists or Indicators

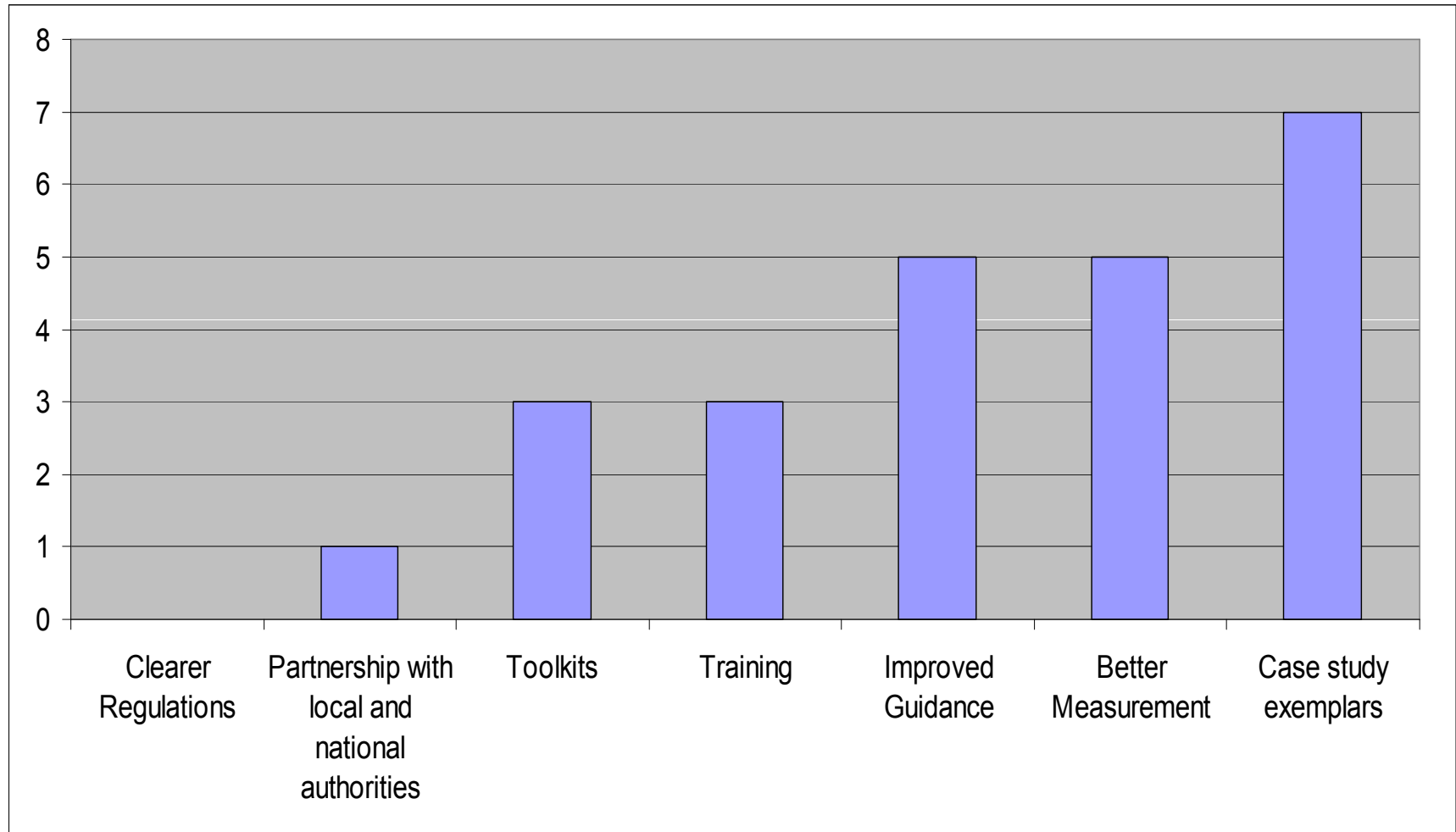
Dimension or Theme

Weight (from Delphi workshop survey)

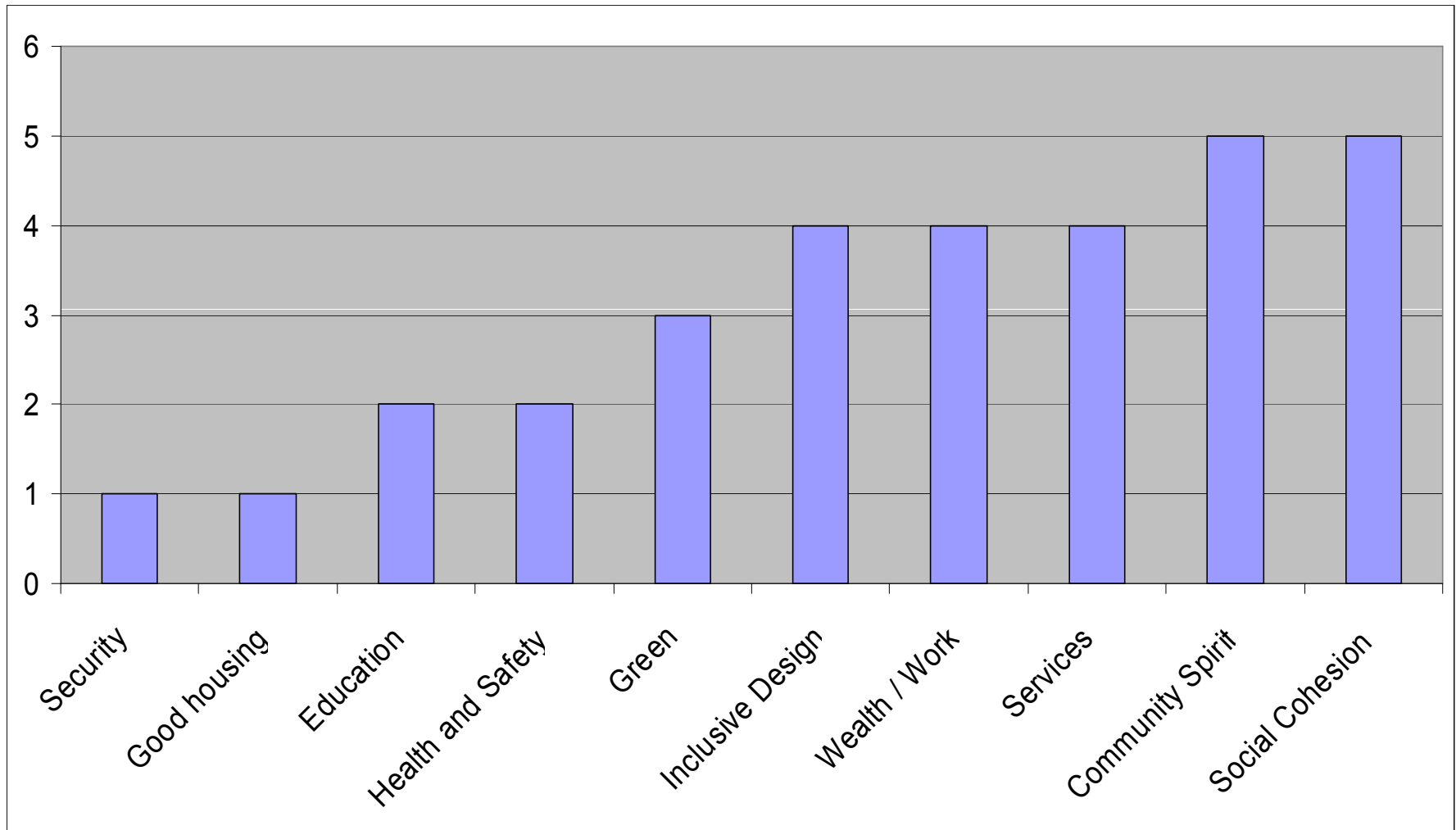
[Redacted]	Social mixing/ cohesion	11.7%
[Redacted]	Identity, Image, Heritage	10.5%
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[Redacted]	Well-being	11.2%
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.	Housing & Environment	12.2%
.	Education	12.5%
.	Employment	12.4%
.	Demography	9.8%
[Redacted]	Empowerment, Participation, Access	11.0%
[Redacted]	Health and Safety	8.8%
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→ **Composite Social Sustainability Index**

Drivers



Attributes



THANK YOU

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