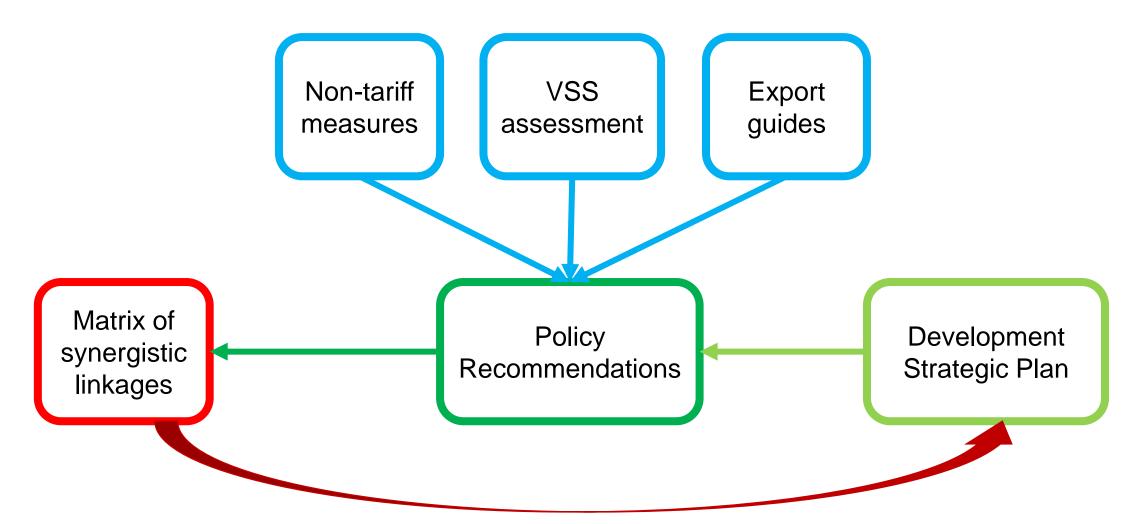
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Assessing synergistic linkages





Findings on Non-tariff measures (NTM)

Potential Barriers to Trade:

- NTMs can act as potential barriers to trade, particularly for smaller producers who may struggle to meet the requirements.
- Compliance with NTMs can pose challenges and additional costs for exporters.
- → How to address it? Capacity building for producers.

They can create trade distortions:

- Increasing the cost of trade and have a negative impact on Sustainable Development
- → How to address it? Ensure that NTMs are transparent, non-discriminatory and do not create obstacles to trade



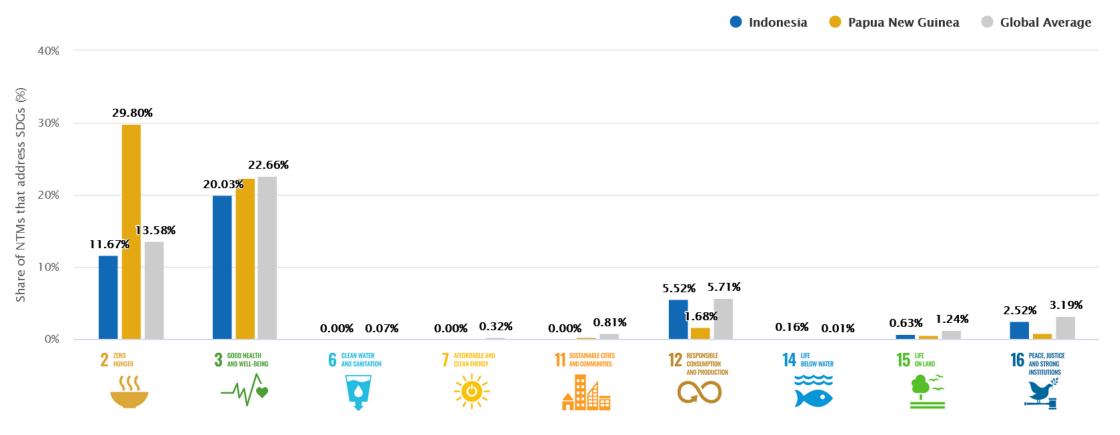
NTMs that address sustainable development goals

- NTMs that directly support SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being)
 - by ensuring the efficacy and safety of medicines, thus supporting the fight against diseases and mortality rate.
- NTMs that directly support SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)
 - SPS measures on agricultural and biological products help ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices.
- NTMs that directly serve SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)
 - by regulating production and trade of ozone depleting substances and the products using such substances in the pursuit of implementation of Montreal Protocol.
- NTMs that directly assist in SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions)
 - by controlling the flow of arms protecting intellectual property rights against counterfeit goods.





NTMs and SDGs



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Findings on Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS)

VSS Market Access and Premium Prices:

- VSS can provide market access and enable small and large-scale producers to fetch premium prices in high-value international markets.
- This contributes to sustainable rural development and poverty alleviation.
- Meeting VSS requirements enhances their competitiveness and economic viability.

Integration in National Policy Frameworks can be postive:

- Incorporating VSS into national policy promotes sustainable agriculture and rural development.
- Aligns with PNGs' development strategic plan 2010-2030



Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- VSS adoption aligns with multiple SDGs, including:
 - responsible production and consumption (SDG 12),
 - zero hunger (SDG 2),
 - sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11),
 - clean water and sanitation (SDG 6),
 - good health and well-being (SDG 3),
 - no poverty (SDG 1).















Thank you.

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