

## Who is the CGSDI ?

- Initiative of the WGF since 1996
- Small, Internet-based working group of international experts  
(<http://iisd.ca/cgsdi/default.htm>)
- Mission:
  - Promote cooperation among key individuals and institutions
  - Reach consensus on a robust index of sustainable development

# Dashboard of Sustainability

## The Dashboard Metaphor

### XXL size straightjacket

- Mandated by experts and decision-makers  
(URL: <http://iisd.ca/measure/scipol/> )
- Produce relevant, understandable information

### Audience: high-level decision makers and general public (95% is not believing in sustainable development)

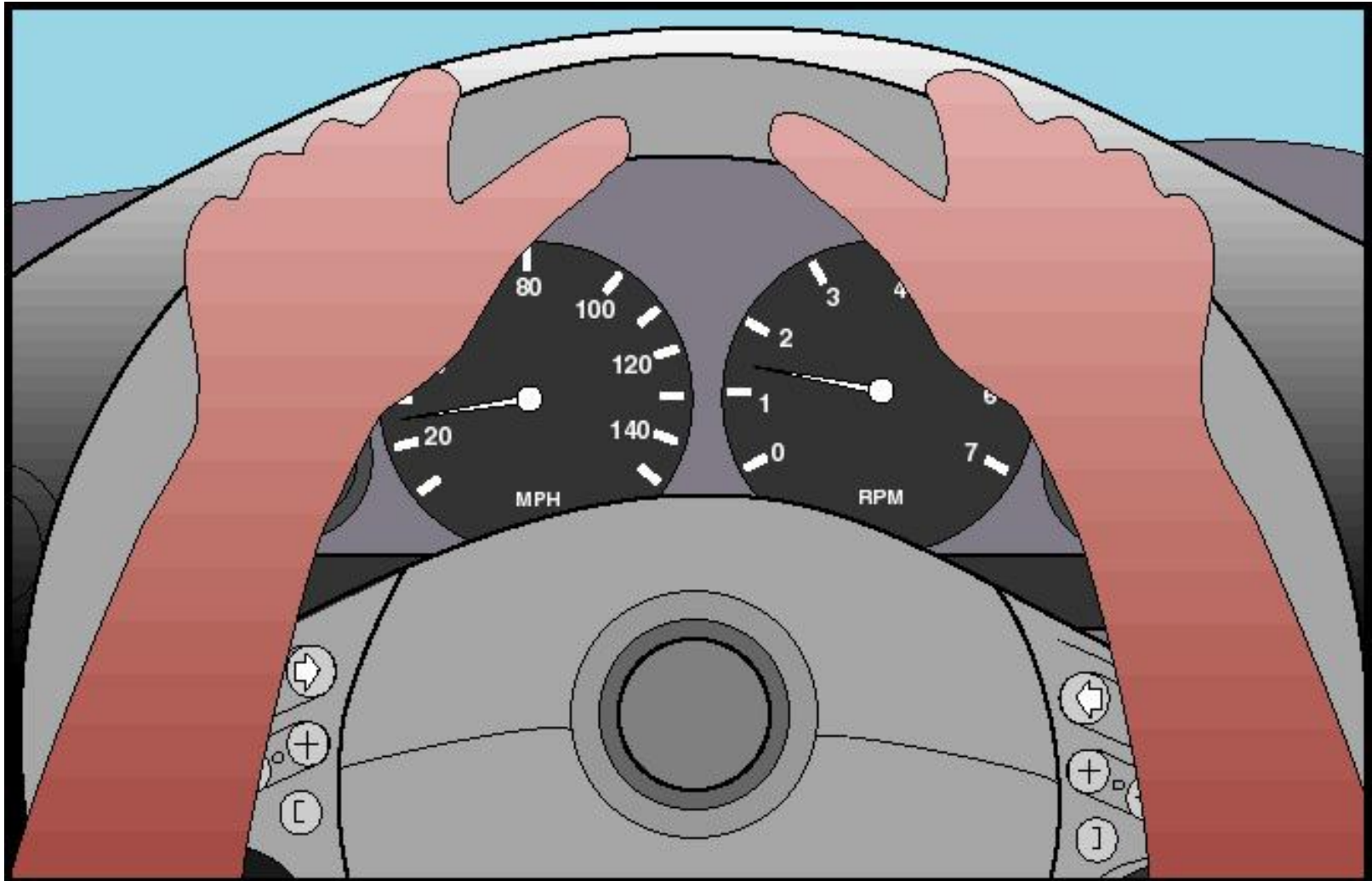
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*through* the MEDIA  
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to affect PUBLIC debate

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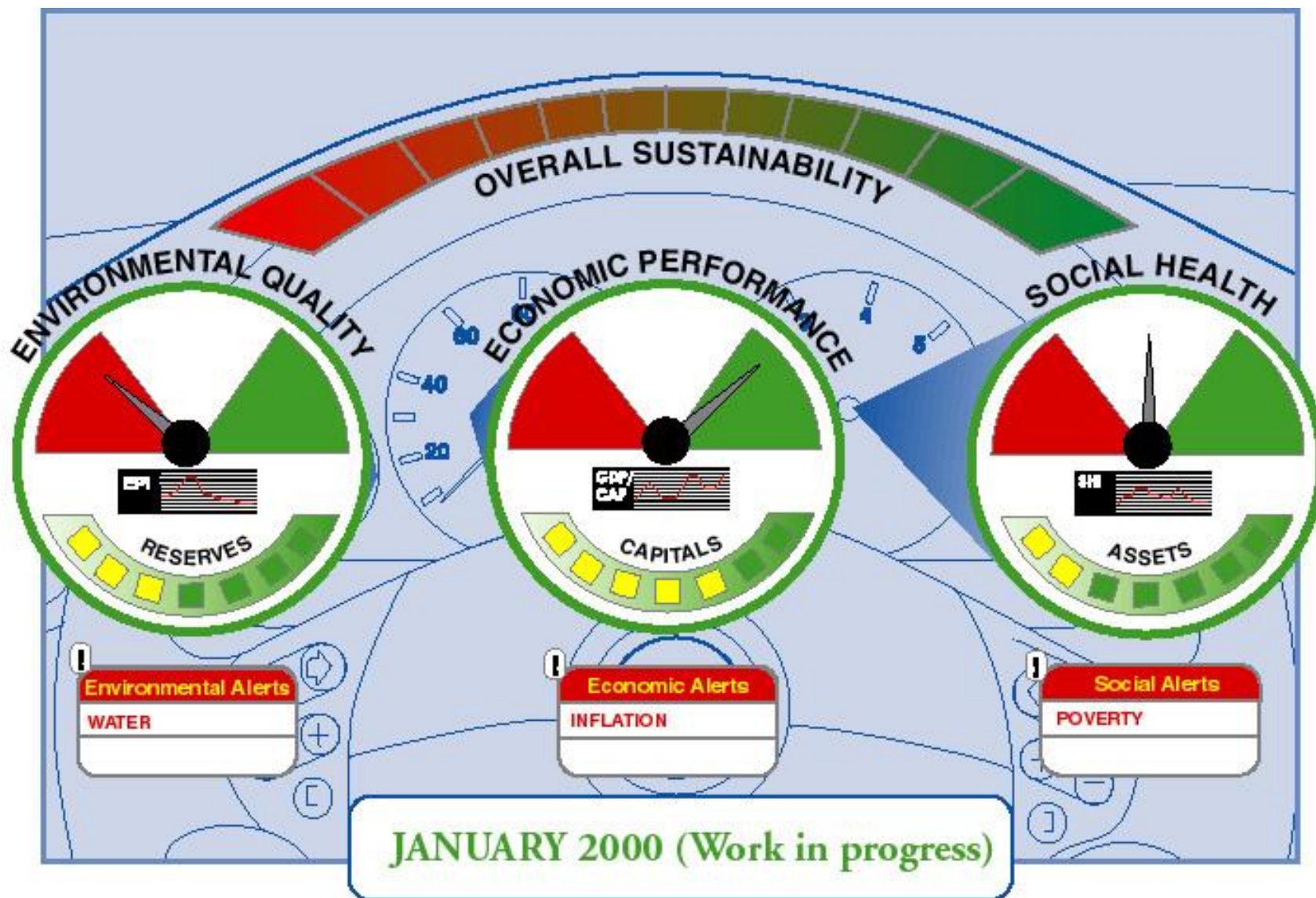
## The Dashboard Metaphor (cont'd)

- Clustering: based on most widely accepted interpretation of sustainable development
  - Top of the iceberg — information hierarchy
  - Develop information processing technique
  
- Visually engaging graphic presentation
  - Suitable for multiple media display
  - Flexible

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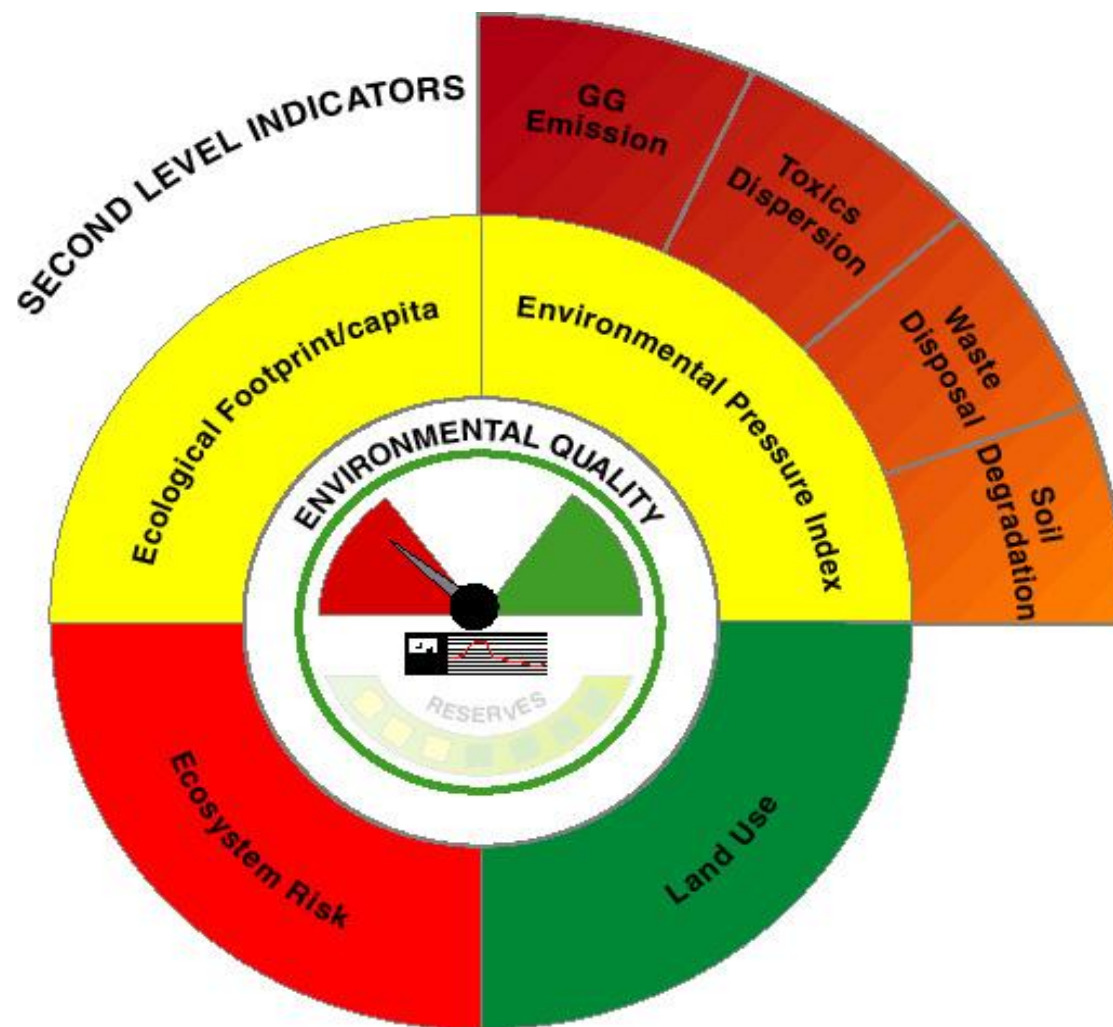


**Environmental Pressure Index**  
**Ecological Footprint per capita**  
**Ecosystem Risk**  
**Land Use**

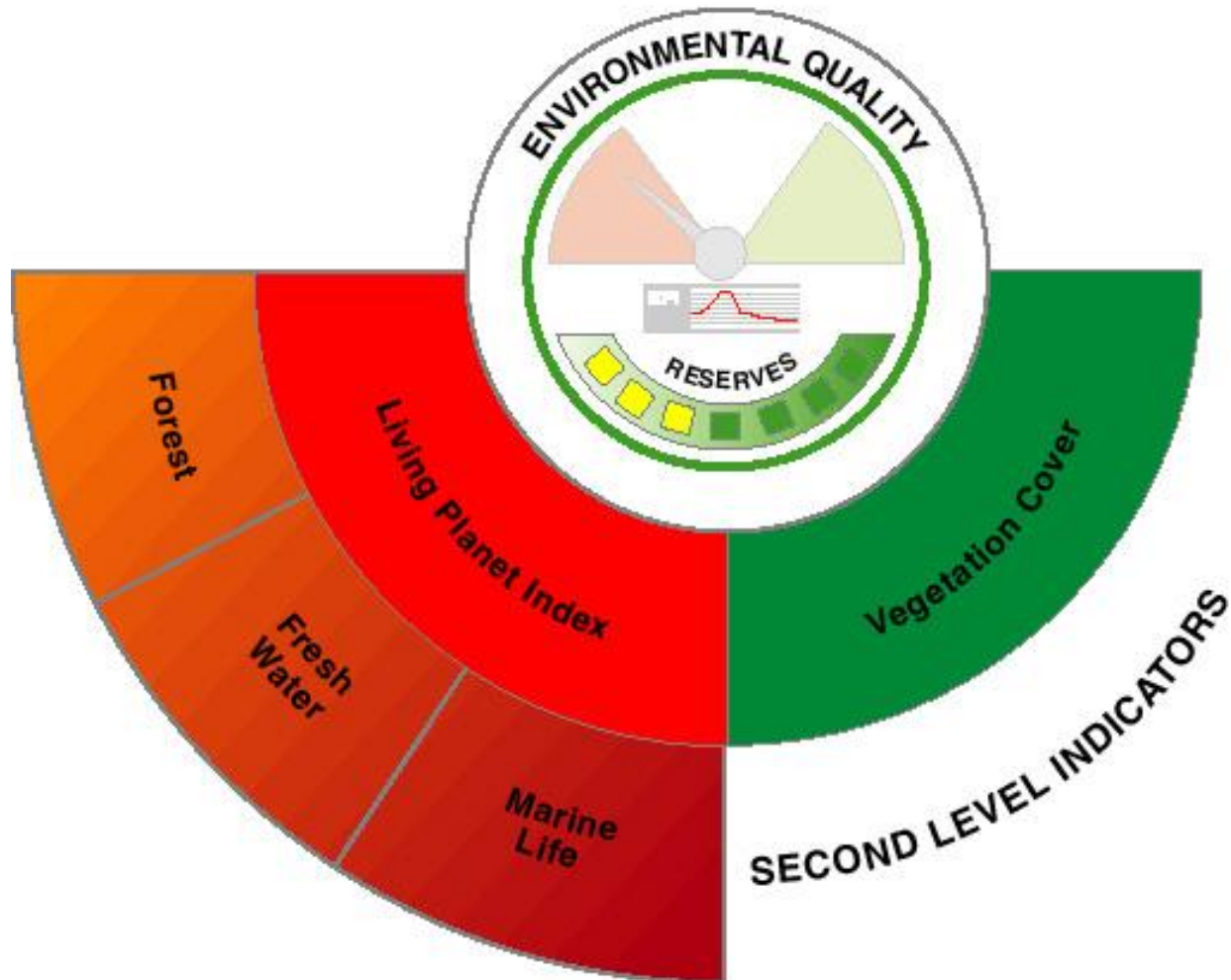
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**Living Planet Index**  
**(forest, fresh water, marine life)**  
**Vegetation cover**

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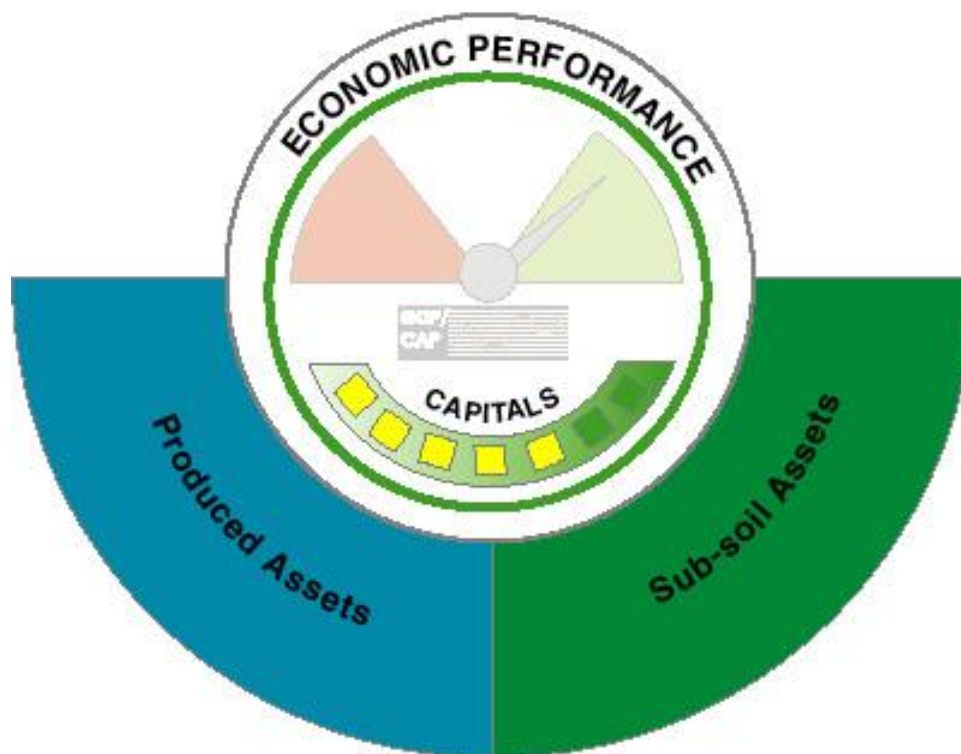
**GDP change/cap**  
**Genuine Savings % GDP**  
**Misery Index**  
**(inflation, unemployment)**  
**Productivity**  
**Debt Service /Export Earnings**

**Produced Assets**  
**Sub-soil Assets**

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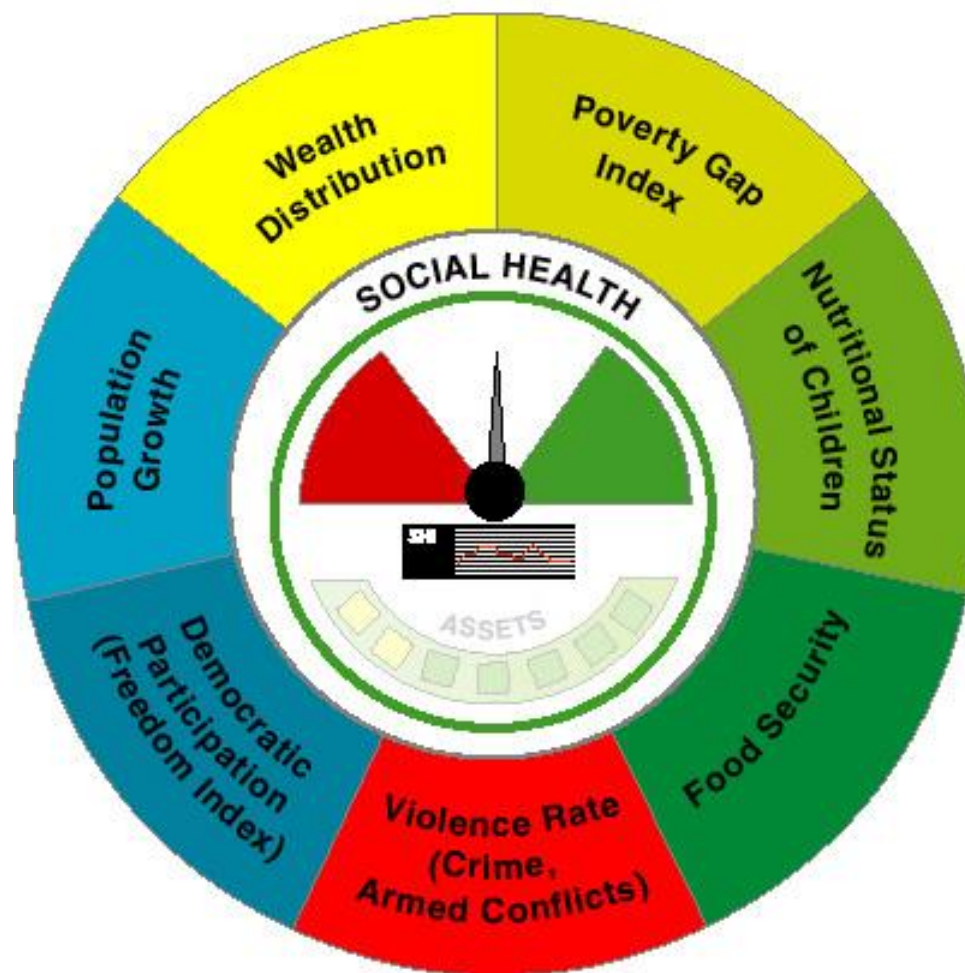


**Population Growth**  
**Wealth Distribution**  
**Poverty Gap Index**  
**Nutritional Status of Children**  
**Food Security**  
**Violence Rate (crime, armed conflicts)**  
**Democratic Participation (Freedom index)**

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**Educational Attainment**  
**Health Attainment**

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## Based on International Cooperation

- Consultative Group on Sustainable Development Indicators (CGSDI) (<http://iisd.ca/cgsdi/default.htm>)
- Organizations interested in collaboration:
  - International: ADB, EEA, EuroStat, GRI, IUCN, UNEP, WWFI
  - Research Centers: Development Observatory, U of Costa Rica; IISD, Canada; NIES, Japan; Redefining Progress, USA; SEI/Boston; World Resources Institute, USA; York Center for Applied Sustainability, Canada; ZUMA, Germany
- Potentially interested: FEEM, Italy; IDRC, Canada; TERI, India; UN DSD
- Testing with historical and present data
  - Canada volunteering
- Support from influential network of private and public donors e.g., Bellagio Forum for Sustainable Development (BFSD)