



## Commentary: Sustainable Development Goals and the Future of Medical Practice in Angola,

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### Abstract

The original article analyses the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into Angola's healthcare system, focusing on maternal and child health. This commentary reflects on its findings within the broader context of medical practice and sustainable development in Africa. This commentary aims to synthesise and critique the original article's arguments. It evaluates the applicability of its conclusions for Angolan medical practice and identifies potential pathways for sustainable healthcare development aligned with the SDGs. As a commentary, this is a discursive analysis and critique of the published article. It employs a narrative review to contextualise the original findings within existing literature on sustainable development and medical practice in sub-Saharan Africa. Key insights: A central theme is the critical link between healthcare workforce training and SDG attainment. For instance, targeted midwifery education programmes have been associated with reduced maternal mortality ratios in some provinces, underscoring the importance of investing in human resources. Integrating the SDGs into medical practice is a necessary framework for health system strengthening in Angola. The original article usefully highlights both progress and persistent systemic challenges. Future policy must prioritise sustainable financing for medical education and infrastructure. Greater emphasis should be placed on community-based primary care models and the collection of robust, disaggregated health data to track equity in SDG-related outcomes. Sustainable Development Goals, Angola, medical practice, maternal health, health systems, healthcare workforce, sub-Saharan Africa This commentary provides a focused critique and extension of the original analysis, offering a refined perspective on the practical implications of the SDGs for clinicians and policymakers in Angola and similar contexts.

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