International Hospital Federation

An international community of healthcare leaders since 1929

- Established in 1929, the **International Hospital Federation** is a membership organization headquartered in Geneva.
- With **more than 160 members**, we are the **voice of hospitals on the global stage**, connecting with over 30’000 hospitals and healthcare organizations.
- Our **vision** is a world of healthy communities served by **well-managed hospitals** and healthcare services, where individuals can reach their highest potential for health.
- Our **mission** is to connect **healthcare leaders** and their hospitals through international knowledge exchange and showcasing good practices. We support healthcare leaders to excel with training and professional development opportunities.

#MembersMakeIHF - *A sample of our community of members*

Our core offerings - *Bringing value to IHF members and addressing healthcare priorities*

Leadership development

Strengthening capacity and competencies

Knowledge exchange

Global learning, local action

Global voice

Representing hospitals on the world stage

Geneva Sustainability Centre

Equipping leaders to deliver environmental sustainability

IHF Leadership Model | Transforming healthcare management

Innovation Hub | Powered by the IHF

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Women in Leadership | IHF Special Interest Group

Telehealth | IHF Special Interest Group

IHF Awards 2023 International Hospital Federation

Young Executive Leaders

Harnessing Big Data | IHF Special Interest Group

2024 IHF RIO 47th World Hospital Congress

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global learning, local action

48th IHF World Hospital Congress

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Hospitals become leaders for sustainability in their communities

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Addressing climate change as an integral part of healthcare delivery

Approved by IHF General Assembly, Nov. 2022

Geneva Sustainability Centre | Powered by the IHF

In 2022, the **International Hospital Federation** launches the **Geneva Sustainability Centre** to support hospitals and healthcare services to address the sustainability challenges of today and tomorrow.

The Geneva Sustainability Centre

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Our **vision** is to support hospitals to become leaders for sustainability in their communities.

Our **mission** is to equip hospital leaders with the information, tools, and skills to deliver a net positive impact for a healthy and resilient future.

Sustainability for low-carbon, equitable and resilient healthcare

A holistic framework

Enhancing quality of care whilst reducing the environmental footprint.

Building resilience to the impacts of climate change and other adverse events.

Understanding and addressing the determinants of health and vulnerabilities of the communities we serve.

Collaborative engagement to improve community health outcomes and wellbeing.

Transforming operational and clinical practices towards low-carbon care and prevention.

Developing committed leadership that is accountable to staff, patients, and communities.

What we do

Enabling hospitals to accelerate action and to become leaders for sustainability in their communities

Information and capacity strengthening

Executive learning programme

Carbon Emissions Learning Lab (CELL)

Sustainability guides and case studies

Strategic planning and progress

Sustainability Accelerator Tool (SAT)

Aligned with ESG reporting and hospital accreditation

Consultancy support

Raising the standard and accelerating action globally

Accreditation standards co-published with JCI, licensing option for other organizations

Certification programme

Initiative for hospital transformation in low-resource settings

Providing information and skills to healthcare executives and their teams:

- Global network
- Guides and resources
- Masterclasses
- Carbon Emissions Learning Lab

Learning from our global network

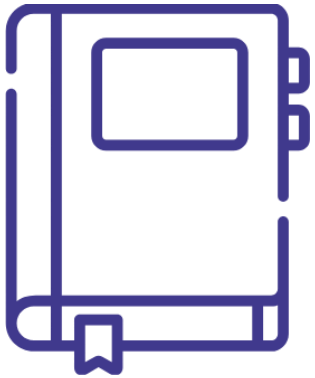
Resources available on our website here

Sustainability case studies

Our case studies highlight good practice from IHF members to encourage knowledge sharing and motivate other healthcare organizations to take action.

Getting started guides

Each guide offers actionable ideas and pathways for healthcare organizations to take immediate, effective steps towards sustainability and climate resilience.



Glossary

A common understanding of key sustainability terms and concepts is essential to navigate net zero. Our glossary provides this foundational knowledge to support you on this journey.

Our Learning Programme – A modular approach

Our sustainability masterclasses are designed to hone hospital leaders' competencies and provide key information and tools to assess, plan and address the required organizational changes. The format and content varies according to the audience's needs and interest.

Core modules
Setting the scene – introduction to climate change and health
GSC Carbon Emissions Learning Lab – simulation model *(see following slides)*
Taking action as healthcare leaders – getting started, measuring and tracking
Anchoring the transition – increasing climate resilience

Deep dive follow up modules include:	
Engaging staff as climate leaders	Communications for awareness and action
Green procurement practices	Waste, single-use items, circular economy
Finance for health and climate	Low-carbon clinical care
Low-carbon and sustainable food	Leadership and governance

The costs are based on competitive rates, according to the country/region income level and the chosen format.

The Carbon Emissions Learning Lab

The Carbon Emissions Learning Lab (CELL) is a simulation learning tool that empowers hospital executives to become more effective sustainability leaders.

- Using real-world data
- Sustainability-orientated decision making

An example of how to work with CELL
Situation: You are the manager of a 500-bed hospital
Aim: Reduce the hospital's carbon emissions by 50% in 7 years whilst keeping in mind these performance aspects: — Patient satisfaction — Staff engagement — Operating costs — Hospital reputation (rating)

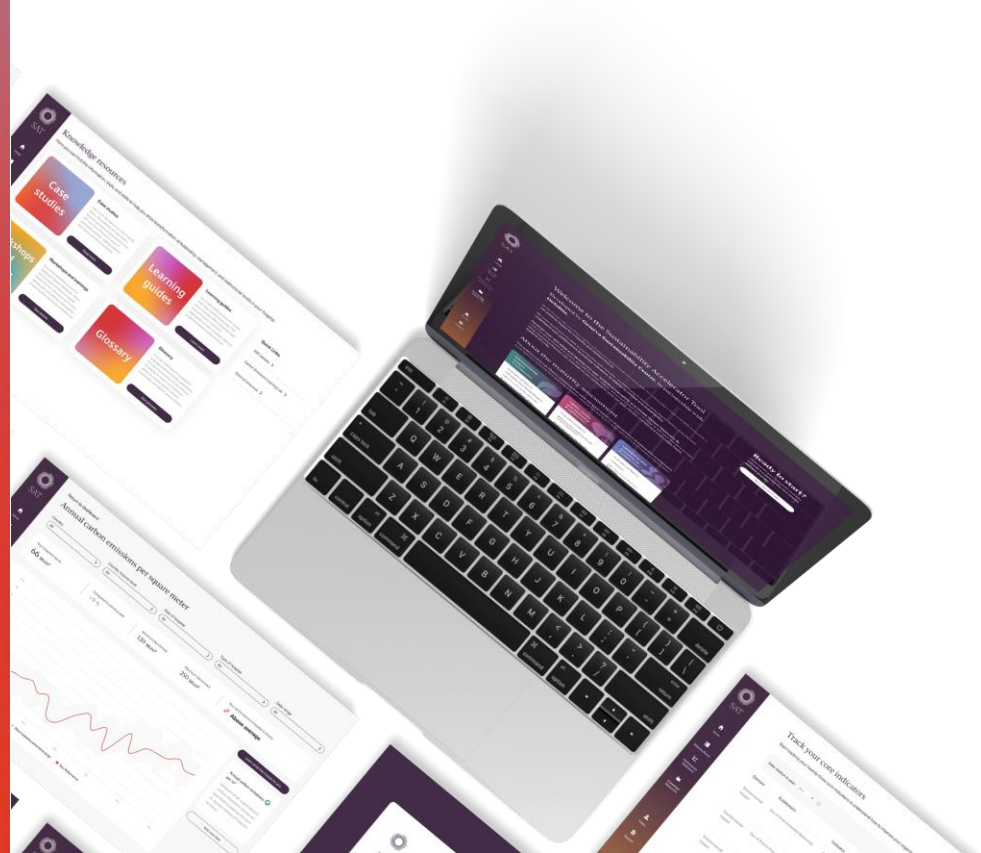
Informing and improving strategic planning and progress

— The GSC Sustainability Accelerator Tool

— Consultancy support

GSC Sustainability Accelerator Tool – in collaboration with Deloitte.

How can SAT benefit your hospital?



- **Effective and strategic decision-making supported by in-depth, comprehensive sustainability maturity insights.**
- **Report and benchmark across hospital performance worldwide, providing sector intelligence.**
- **Build sustainability capacity for executives and staff through learning resources - turning action into impact.**

Live webinars and free trial demos available

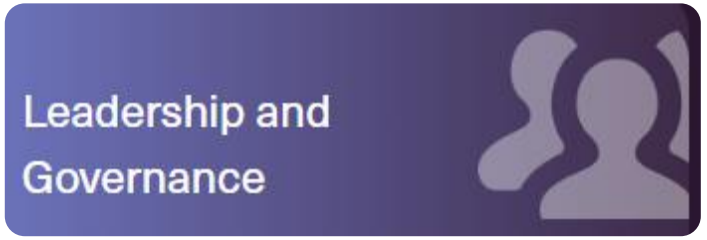
Navigate across three domains and related subdomains

This domain refers to efforts to reduce the environmental footprint of your organization and ecosystem, build resilience to climate change impacts, and to transform to low-carbon care through operational services and clinical practices.

1. Use of environmental resources
2. Procurement and supply chain management
3. Environmental impact analytics and reporting
4. Infrastructure and service resilience
5. Low-carbon care: clinical practices
6. Low-carbon care: operational services

This domain encompasses efforts to assess the vulnerabilities in communities to better target services, deliver health and prevention services in an equity-based way that support mental and physical wellbeing, prevent ill health and positively influence environmental and social determinants of health.

1. Environmental and social drivers of health assessment
2. Health vulnerability assessment
3. Health equity: delivery
4. Addressing the social determinants of health



This domain includes efforts to ensure structures and practices are in place to promote leadership accountability and reporting, engage and empower employees to act on sustainability issues, and act collaboratively across communities and with relevant stakeholders.

1. Governance
2. Tracking and reporting processes
3. Employee engagement and empowerment
4. Stakeholders engagement and collaboration

Maturity Assessment Questionnaire

Welcome to the Sustainability Accelerator Tool

Developed by the **Geneva Sustainability Centre**, in collaboration with **Deloitte***.

At the Centre, we are driven by the mission to equip hospital leaders with the information, tools and skills to provide a net positive impact for a healthy and resilient future.

We have developed the SAT in collaboration with Deloitte* - enabling you to assess your organization's maturity and understand your performance across key indicators, in relation to climate and sustainability.

SAT allows you to ascertain your next steps and develop your plan towards sustainability and climate resilient healthcare. By understanding where you stand, you will be better able to define and refine your strategy. It will open the door to high- value resources that you can leverage as you advance on your net zero, climate resilient and sustainable health systems journey.

About the maturity assessment

The questionnaire has fifty-six questions that were designed based on three domains and seventeen subdomains. Each question presents four possible answers, choose the one that is most relevant to you and your organization.

Environmental Impact

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Health, Equity and Wellbeing

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Leadership and Governance

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Ready to start?

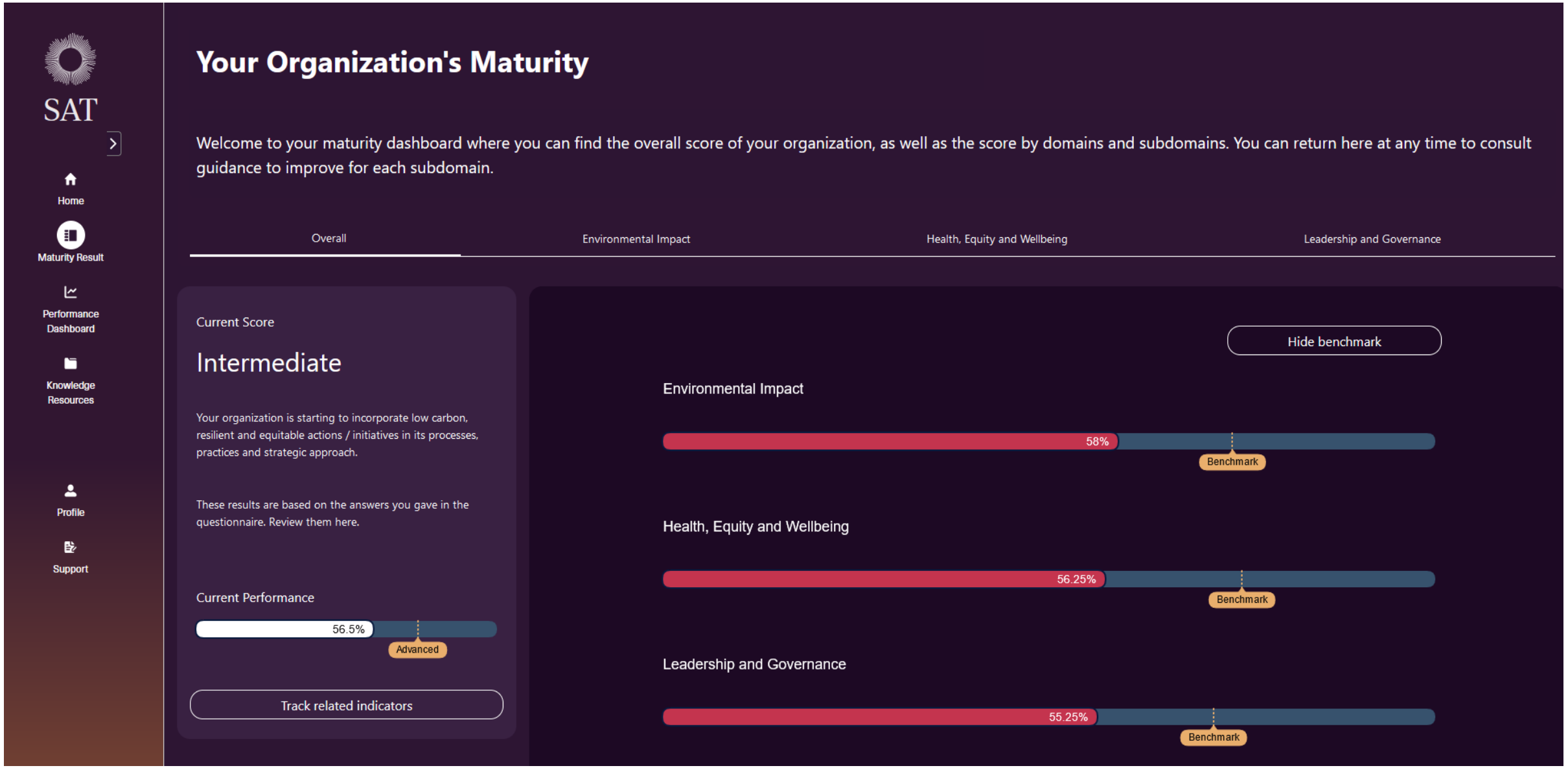
Understand your hospital's maturity towards a sustainability and climate resilient journey.

Start Questionnaire

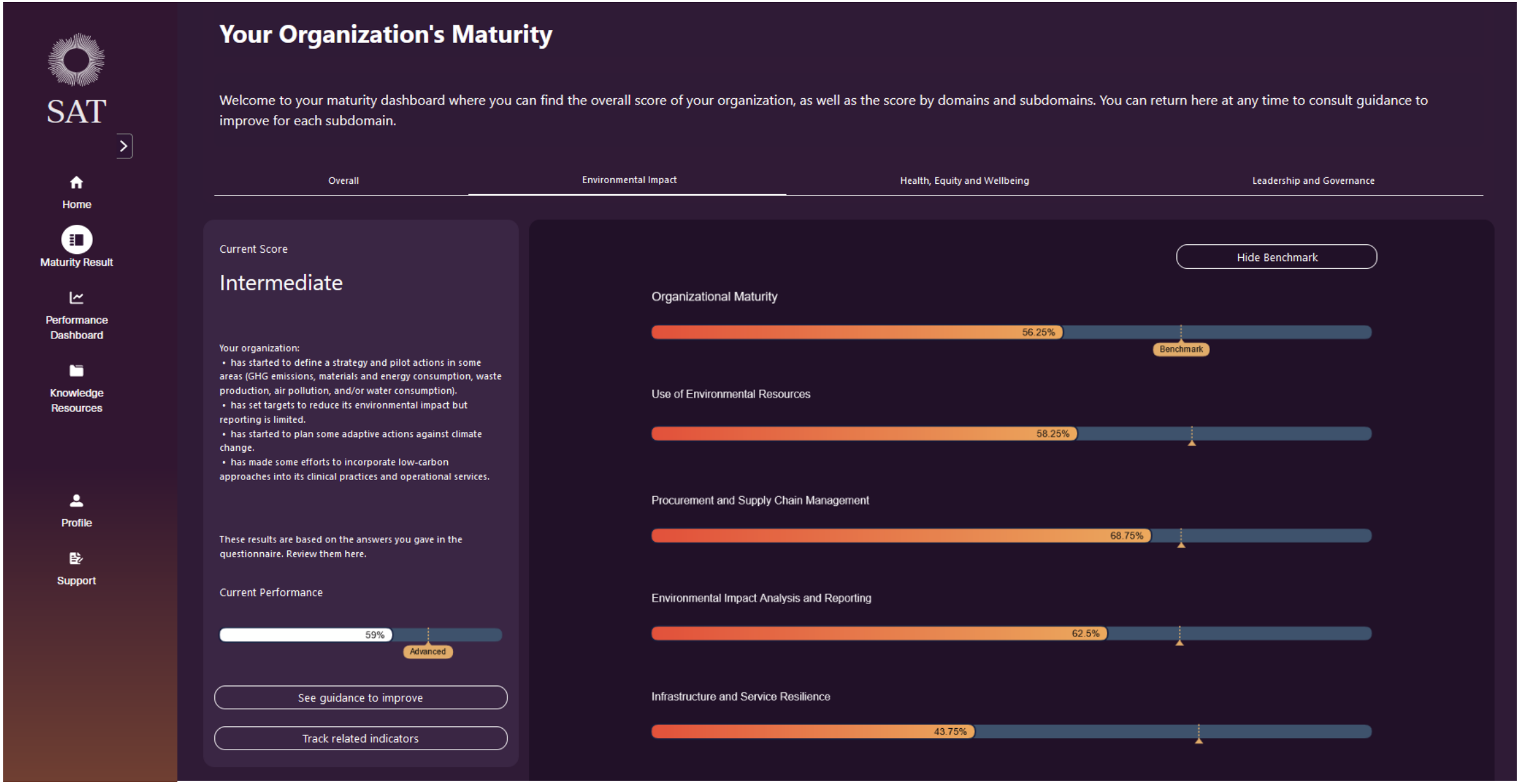
Sign-up and access unique features & unleash the full potential

Sign Up

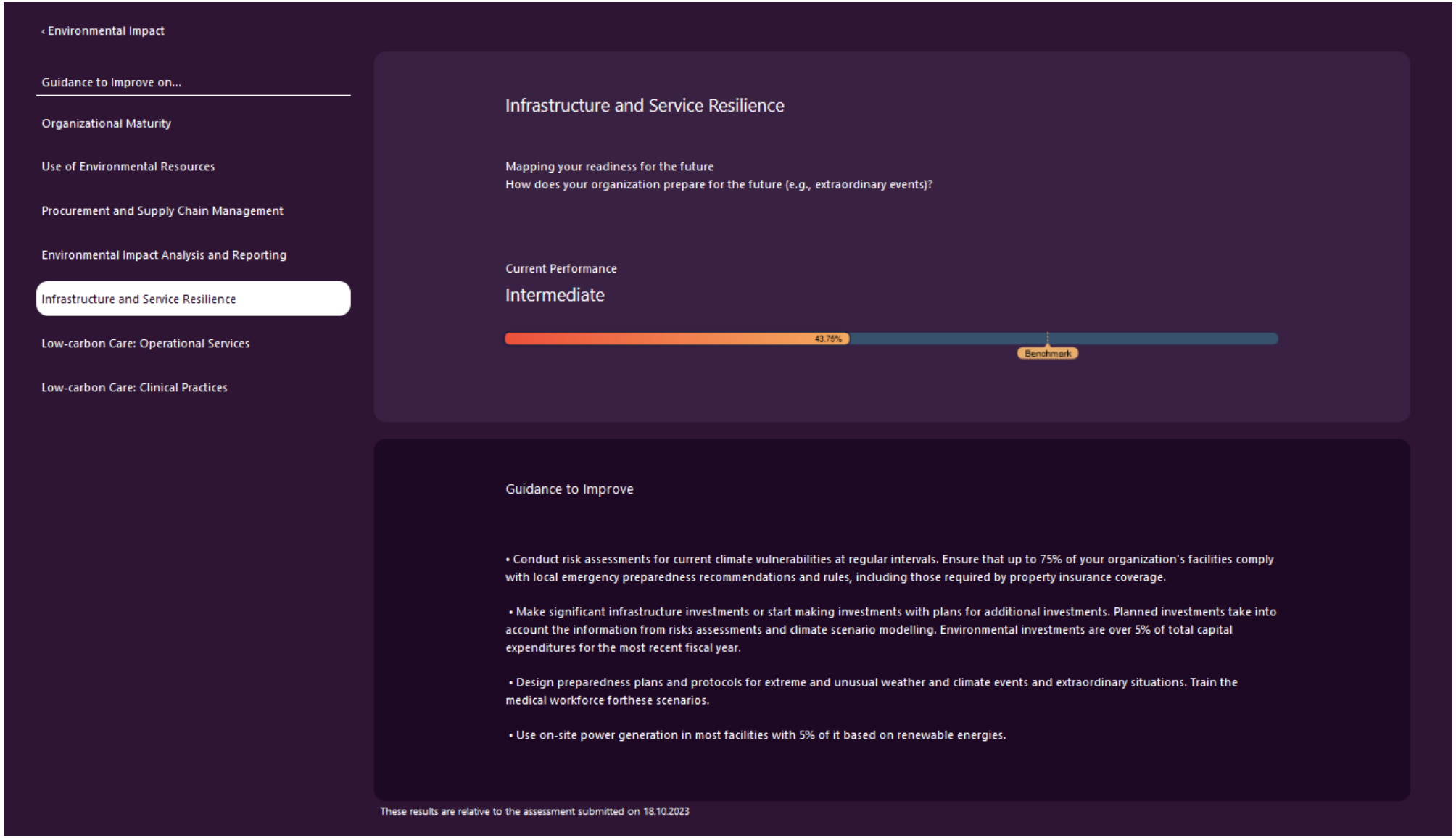
Assess sustainability maturity across three domains



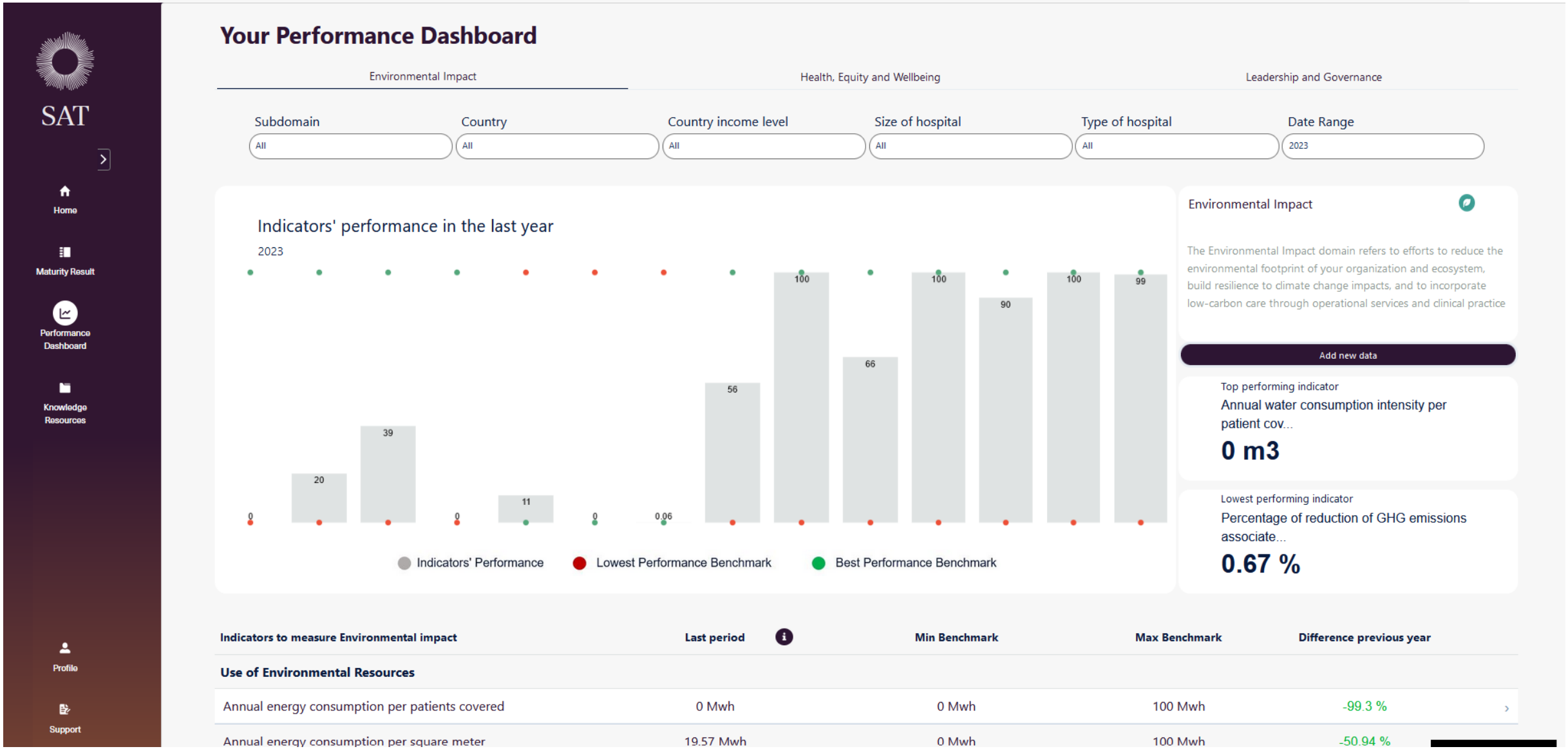
Sustainability Domains and Sub-Domains



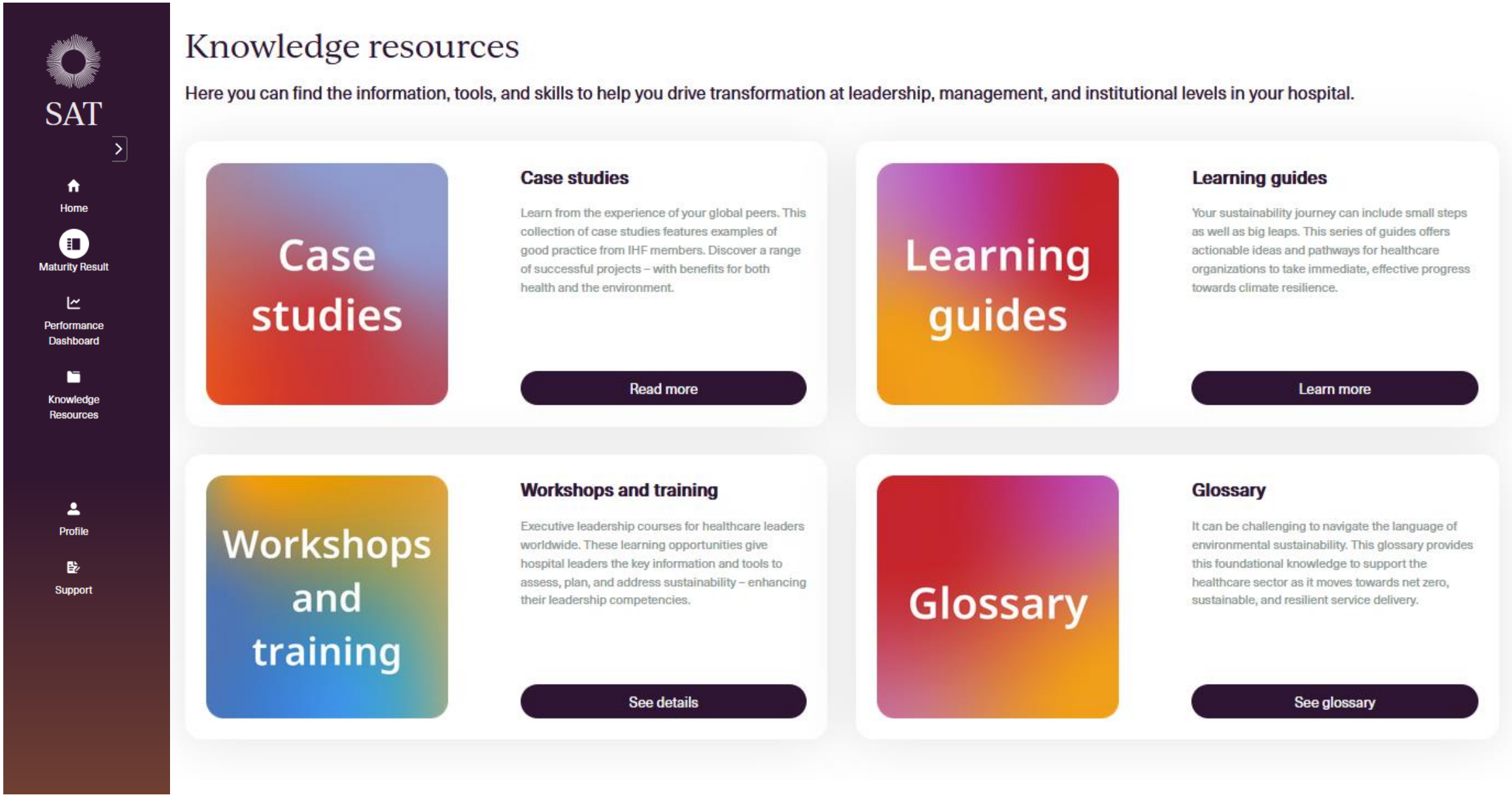
Access Guidance to Improve



Report and benchmark your hospital's performance



Access key resources to accelerate progress



Start managing your hospital's sustainability strategies today.
www.gscaccelerator.org
Sign up for a free demo today!

Raising the standard globally and embedding net-zero as part of equitable, accessible and quality care

— Accreditation standards and certification

— Collaborations for hospital transformation

Accreditation Standards for Environmental Sustainability

Accreditation standards for environmental sustainability have been **co-developed** with the Joint Commission International in 2023.

The standards are now part of the new "**Global Health Impact**" chapter of JCI's 8th edition of Accreditation Standards for Hospitals. They were published in July 2024 and effective as of January 2025 for all JCI-accredited hospitals.

From July 2024, the GHI chapter is **available to other accrediting organization** globally through a licensing process, in a spirit of shared effort.

The GSC Sustainability Accelerator Tool and our learning programme can help hospitals preparing for accreditation and planning for their continuous improvement.

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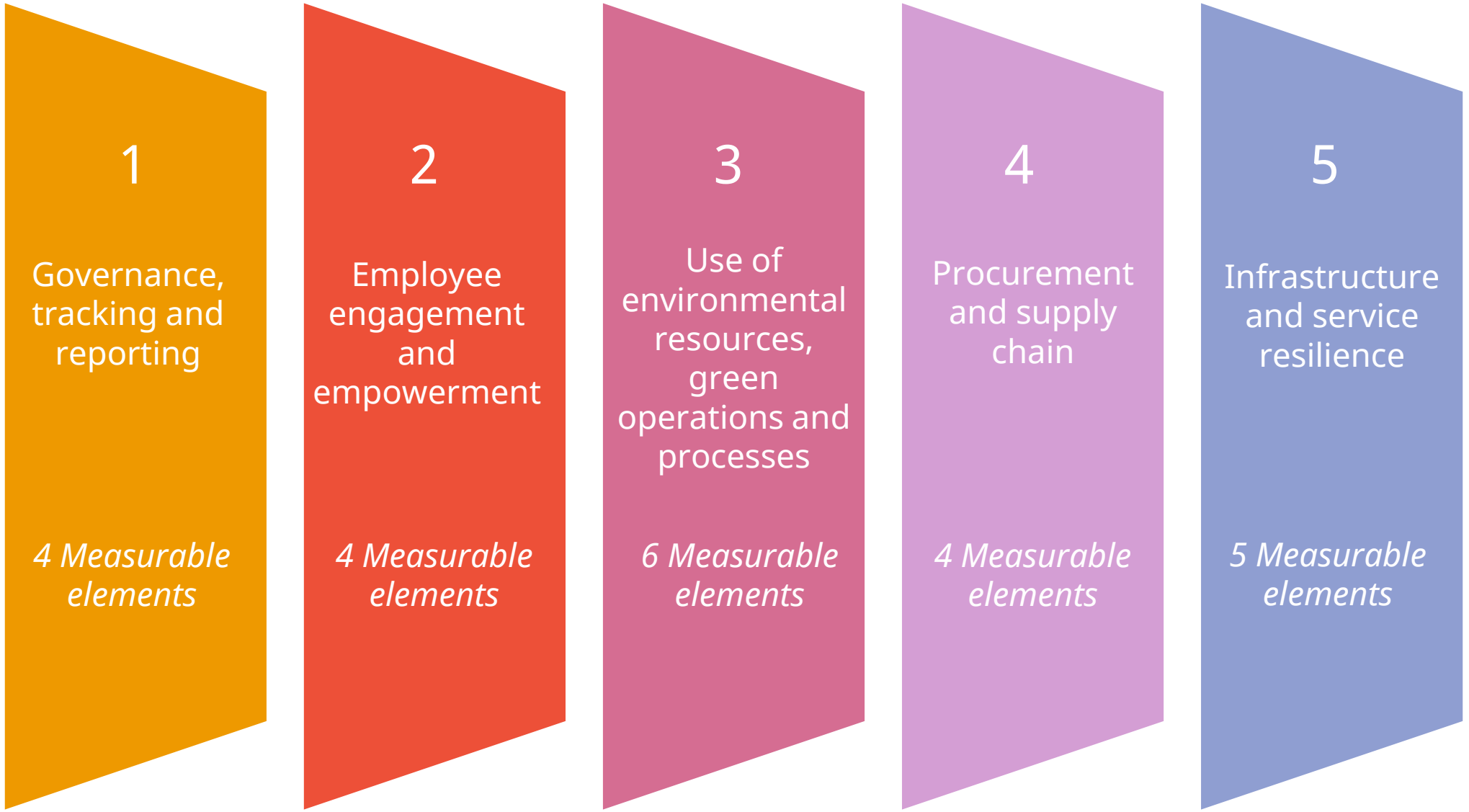

Based on evidence and best practice | Achievable | Applicable | For safe quality care

JCI-GSC Healthcare Sustainability Certification

What: An international certification programme to celebrate pioneers in sustainable healthcare, including:

- an advanced version of the Global Health Impact standards
- using the GSC Sustainability Accelerator Tool for strategic planning and measuring 19 required core indicators

Audience: healthcare providers outside the USA willing to continuously improve their sustainability impact and demonstrate excellence.

For more information: jointcommissioninternational.org/hsc

Thank you!

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