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Zimbabwe is a constitutional democracy. Its 2013 constitution defines three tiers of government, i.e. i) national government, ii) provincial and metropolitan Councils and iii) local authorities that have constitutionally defined responsibilities for delivering to citizens. These responsibilities were recently redefined in the 2013 constitution. Implementation of the new governance model, particularly the operationalisation of devolved governance in full remains outstanding. In performing their exclusive and concurrent competencies institutions within the three tiers, Zimbabwe's government still operates in a national government-led framework, a centralised system.

The current study established the absence of systematic SDG localisation. Pilot interventions had eager local authority uptake but critically constrained by lack of whole-of-government harmony on SDG implementation. Based on the analysis in this paper, three gaps emerge. These are about i) data and institutional fragmentation, ii) resource limitations, and iii) absence of SDG institutionalisation.