

Measuring Sustainability among Department of War HIV/AIDS Prevention Program (DHAPP) Military Programs, 2016 – 2025

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Background

- The U.S. State Department Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy (GHSD) and an interagency working group designed the Sustainability Index Dashboard (SID) in 2015 to assess and track the state of sustainability of the national HIV/AIDS response in PEPFAR countries over time.
- In 2016, DHAPP created the Military Sustainability Index Dashboard (MILSID), an adaptation from the PEPFAR Sustainability Index Dashboard (SID), to track national sustainability of DHAPP-supported programs and inform strategic planning.
- An increased emphasis on sustainability highlights the utility of the MILSID tool for militaries to track their progress and plan for upcoming activities to facilitate self-sufficiency of their program.

Process

- **Step 1: Collecting MILSID Data**
 - DHAPP HIV programs complete a 52-item questionnaire, categorized into four domains and thirteen elements, scored between 0 (unsustainable) to 10 (sustainable).
- **Step 2: Stakeholder Meeting and Participation**
 - Annual meeting to discuss short and long-term objectives to improve program sustainability.
 - Multi-disciplinary team: Partner militaries, implementing partners, DHAPP Program Managers, and other relevant stakeholders.
- **Step 3: Data Analysis**
 - DHAPP headquarters collect completed questionnaires to review and identify sustainability trends and shifts utilizing a summary dashboard and Tableau® visualizations.

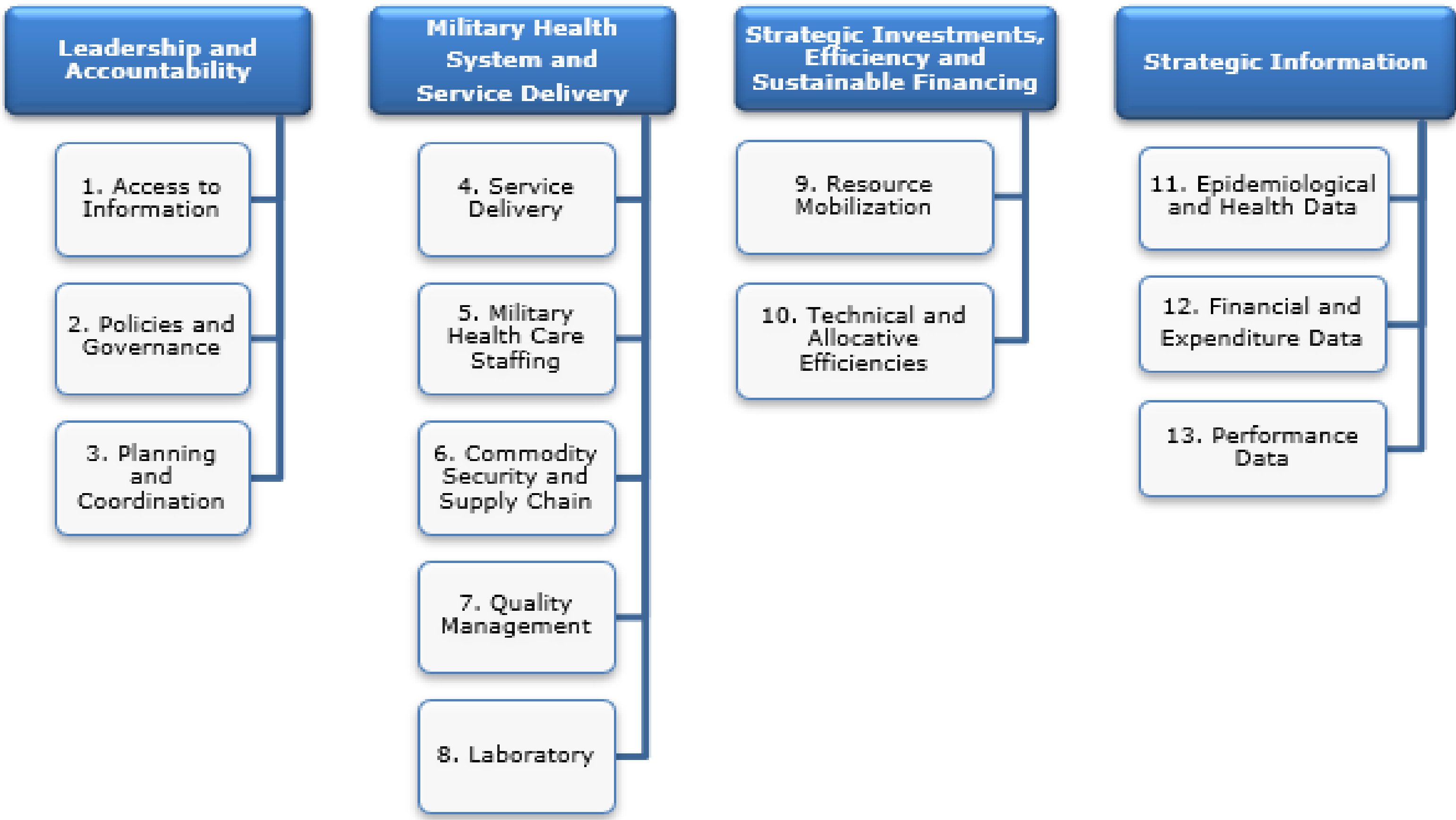


Figure 1: Sustainability Domains and Elements



Picture 1 & 2: Essential stakeholders meeting to discuss the MILSID provides the opportunity to identify sustainability strengths and vulnerabilities within the military HIV programs.

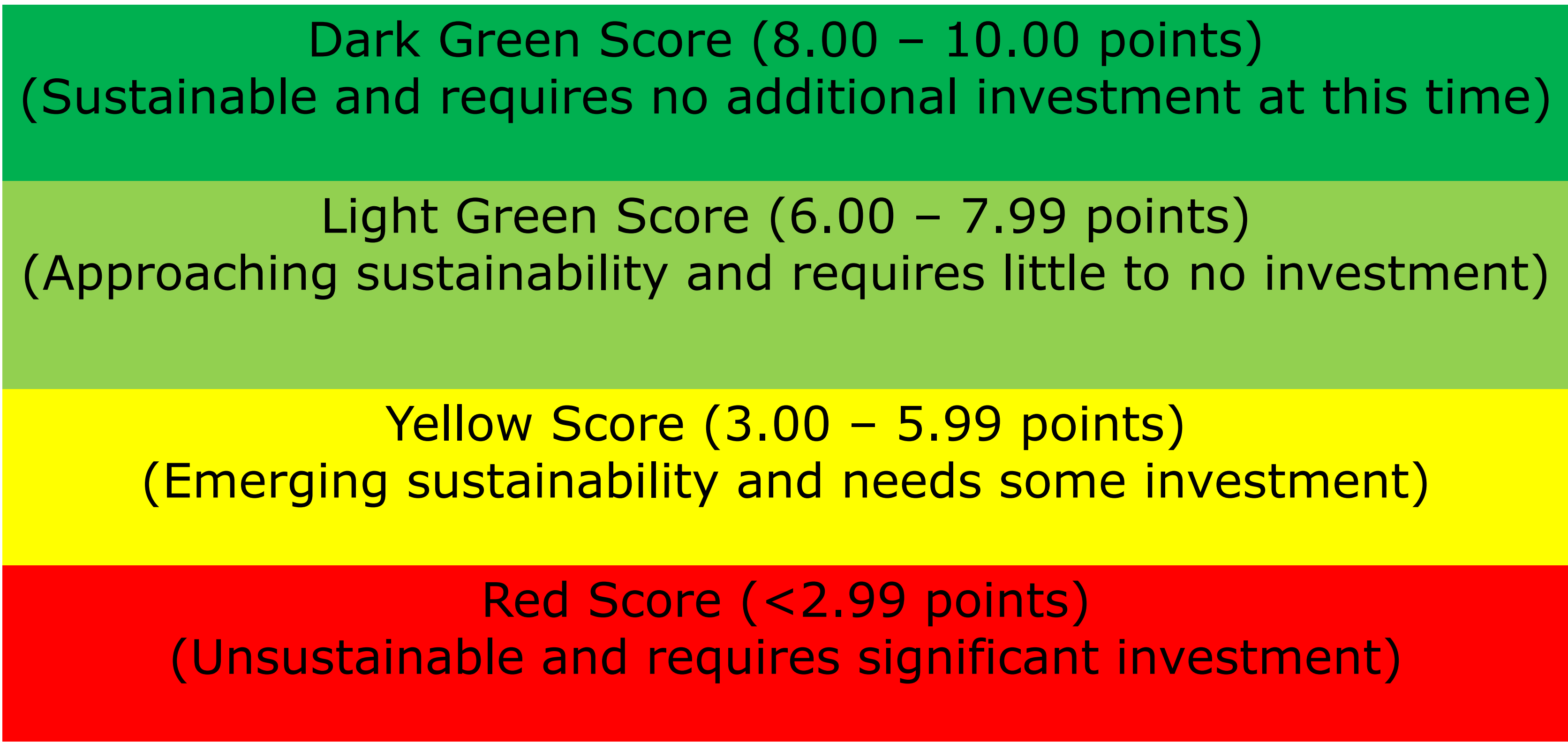
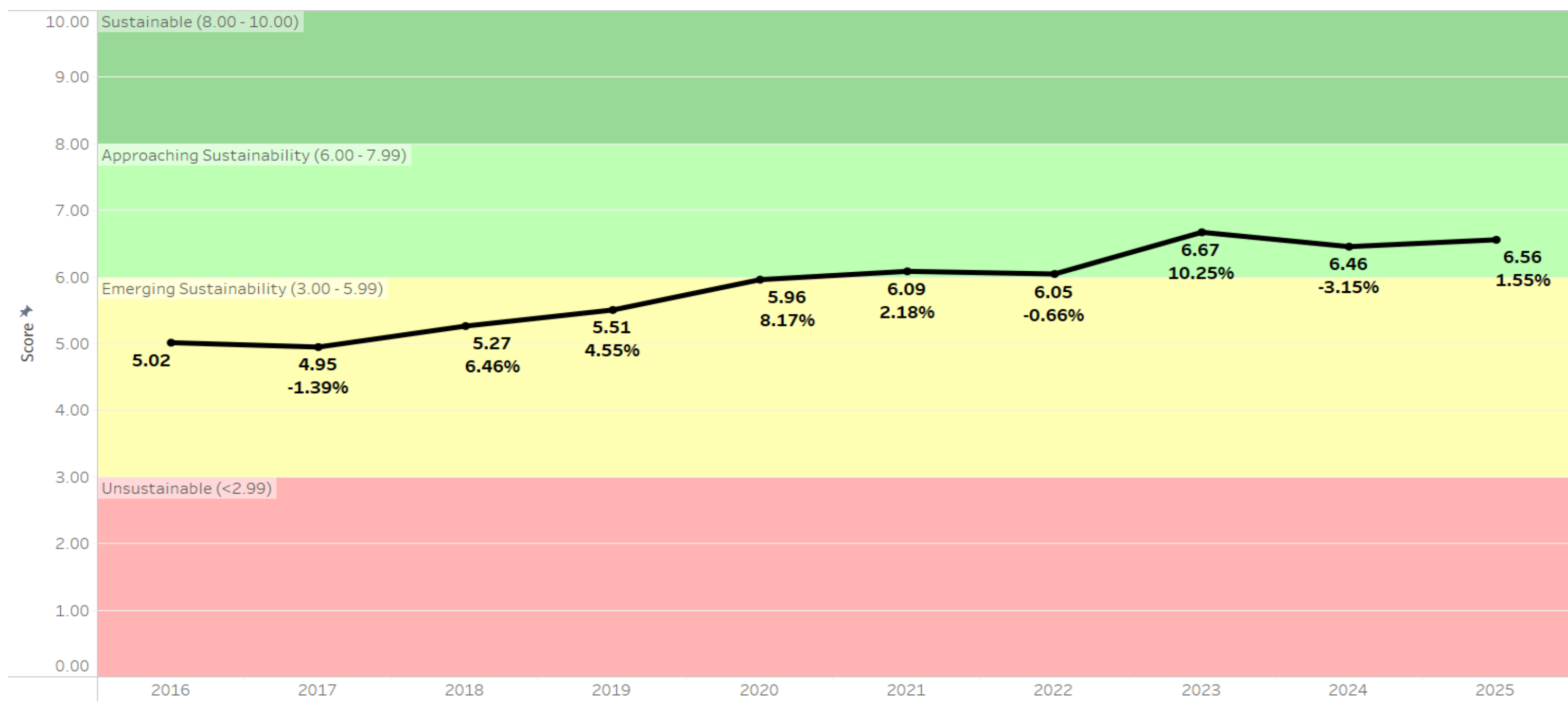


Figure 2: MILSID Scoring Scale

Results



Graph 1: Overall Sustainability Score trend for all DHAPP HIV Military Programs between 2016 to 2025.

Since the inception of MILSID, the overall sustainability score for military programs supported by DHAPP has increased from 5.02 in 2016 to 6.56 in 2025, a 30.68% improvement.

	Overall Score (2016)	Overall Score (2025)	% Change
Leadership and Accountability	6.24	8.04	28.85%
Military Health System and Service Delivery	4.78	6.94	45.19%
Strategic Information	5.11	5.92	15.85%
Strategic Investment, Efficiency, and Sustainability	3.62	4.33	19.61%

Table 1: Overall Sustainability Domain Score and % change between from 2016 to 2025.

All domain categories showed positive overall score improvement with Military Health System and Service Delivery domain with the highest % change increase.

Conclusion

- The improvement of overall MILSID scores from 2016 to 2025 illustrates DHAPP’s achievement in surpassing the targeted 15% increase in the sustainability metric, a Defense Health Agency indicator for the Division.
- MILSID results suggest that, while DHAPP-supported countries made progress towards sustainability in programming and policy, a stronger focus on effectively transitioning DHAPP partner militaries to national financial resources to reach and maintain comprehensive HIV program sustainability is needed.

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