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World Bank forecasts South Asia growth slowdown amid global energy market

World Bank April 2026 forecast :

- **2026:** Growth expected to slow to **6.3%** (down from 7% in 2025) due to disruptions in global energy markets.
- **2027:** Growth projected to recover to **6.9%**.
- Despite the slowdown, South Asia remains the fastest-growing emerging market and developing economy region.

Outlook for South Asia

Country fiscal year	Real GDP growth at constant market prices (Percent)			Revision to forecast from October 2025 (Percentage points)		
	2025(e)	2026(f)	2027(f)	2025(e)	2026(f)	2027(f)
Calendar year basis						
South Asia region	7.0	6.3	6.9	0.4	0.5	0.4
South Asia region, excluding India	3.9	4.1	4.9	-0.5	-1.0	-0.8
Maldives January to December	5.7	0.7	7.2	1.5	-3.2	3.2
Sri Lanka January to December	5.0	3.6	3.8	0.4	0.1	0.7
Fiscal year basis	24/25	25/26(f)	26/27(f)	24/25	25/26(f)	26/27(f)
Bangladesh July to June	3.5	3.9	4.6	-0.5	-0.9	-1.7
Bhutan July to June	8.1	7.1	6.4	1.1	-0.2	0.3
India April to March	7.1	7.6	6.6	0.6	1.1	0.3
Nepal July to June	4.6	2.3	4.2	0.0	0.2	-0.5

Reference link :

South Asia's Growth Slows Amid Global Headwinds

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2026/04/08/south-asia-economic-update-april-2026>