

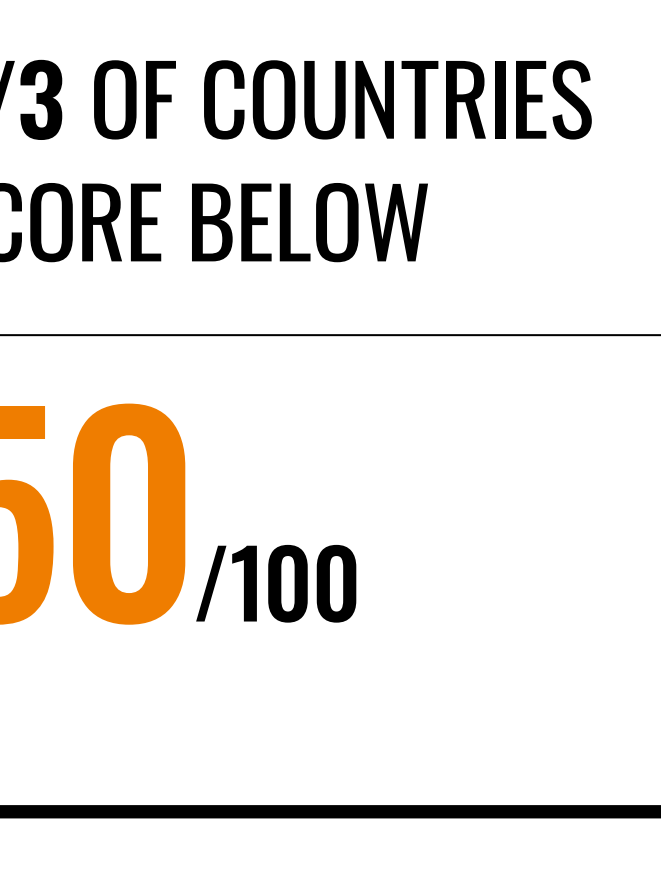
# CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2019

A majority of countries are showing little to no improvement in tackling corruption. Our analysis suggests that **reducing big money in politics** and **promoting inclusive political decision-making** are essential to curbing corruption.

## IN A NUTSHELL

**180 COUNTRIES SCORED**

The CPI scores **180 countries and territories** by their **perceived** levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and businesspeople.



**THE CPI USES A SCALE FROM 0 TO 100**

100 is **very clean** and 0 is **highly corrupt**

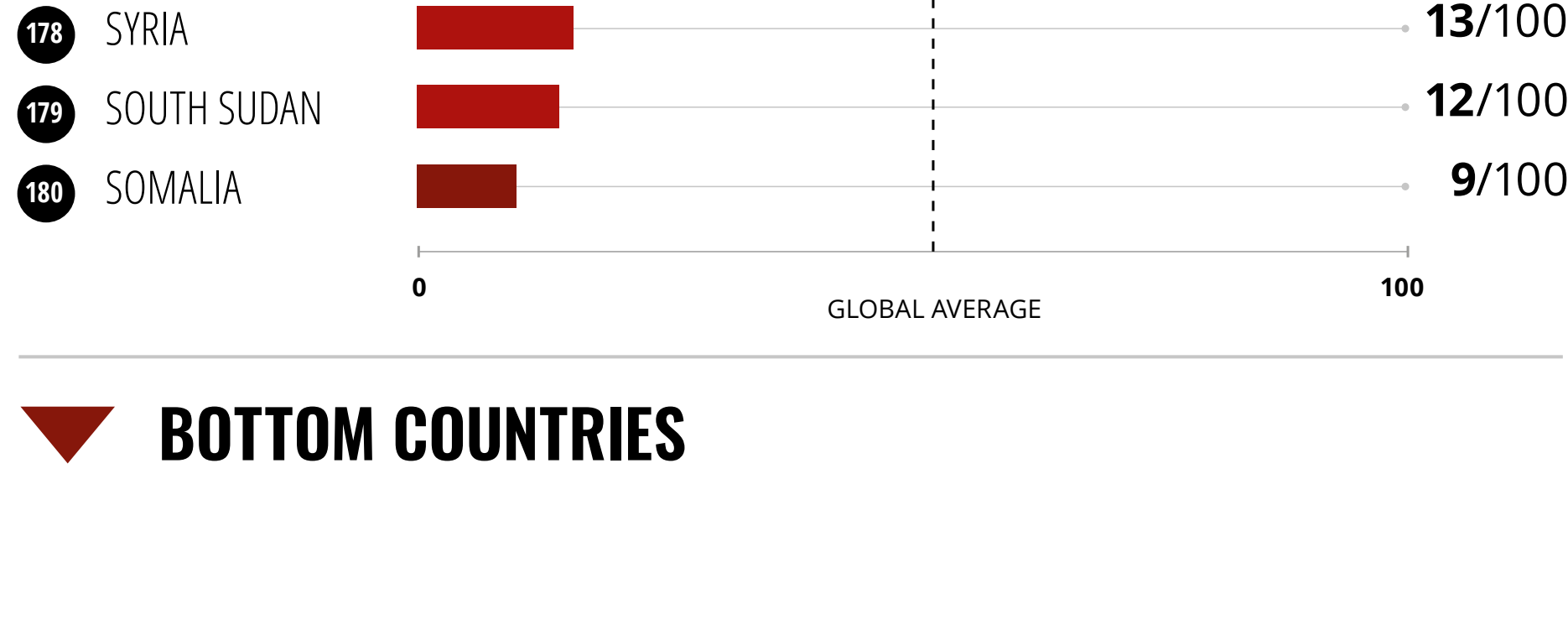
**2/3 OF COUNTRIES SCORE BELOW**

**50**/100

**THE AVERAGE COUNTRY SCORE IS**

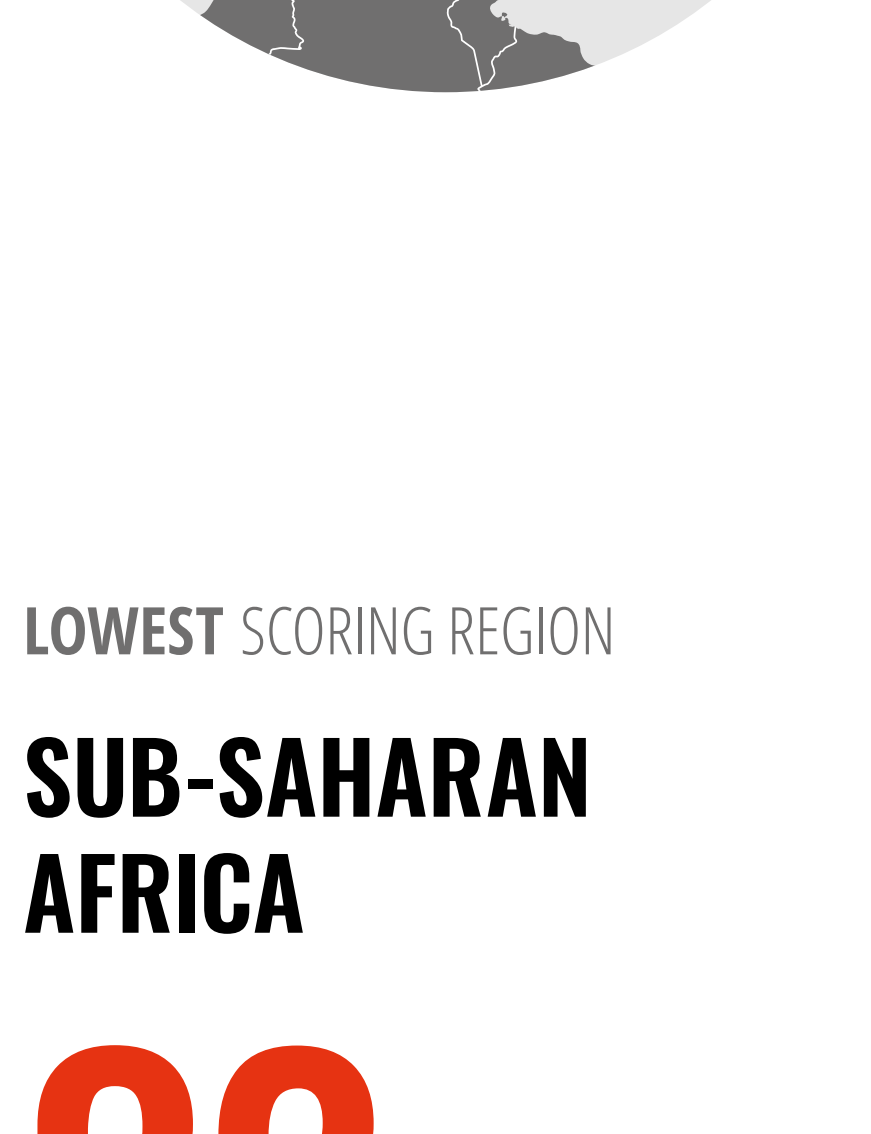
**43**/100

## TOP COUNTRIES



## BOTTOM COUNTRIES

## NO COUNTRY EARNS A PERFECT SCORE



HIGHEST SCORING REGION

**WESTERN EUROPE & EUROPEAN UNION**

**66**/100

AVERAGE REGIONAL SCORE

**⊞ SINCE 2018**

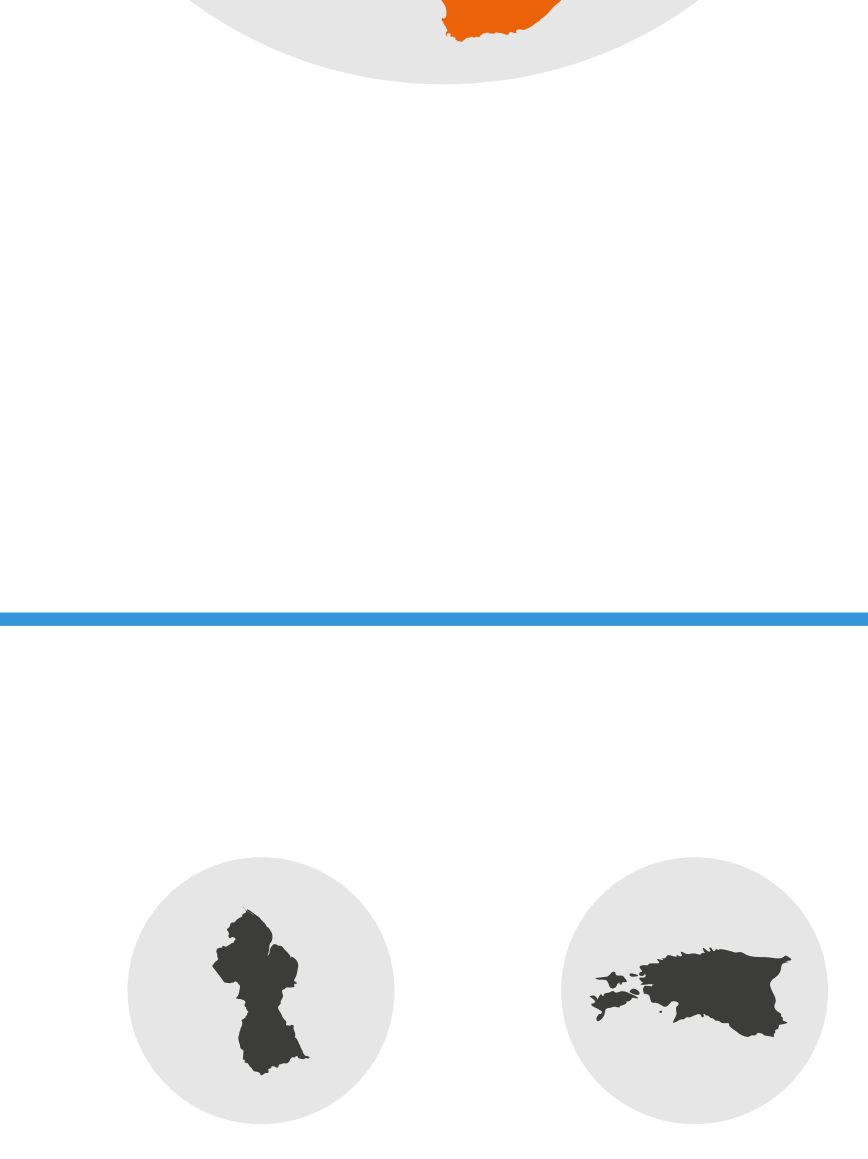
LOWEST SCORING REGION

**SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

**32**/100

AVERAGE REGIONAL SCORE

**⊞ SINCE 2018**

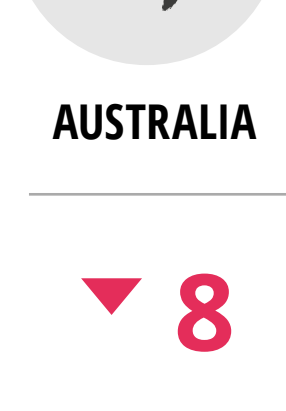


## SINCE 2012:

**22**

**COUNTRIES IMPROVED\***

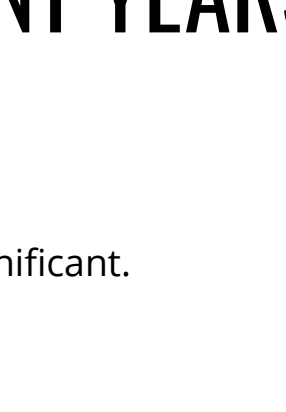
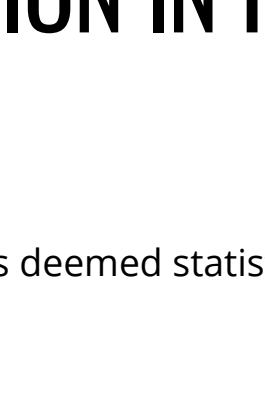
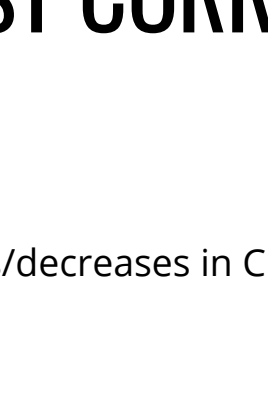
Including:



**21**

**COUNTRIES DECLINED\***

Including:



**THE REMAINING COUNTRIES MADE LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN RECENT YEARS**

\*These changes refer only to increases/decreases in CPI scores deemed statistically significant.

## POLITICAL INTEGRITY

Keeping big money out of politics is essential to ensure political decision-making serves the public interest and curb opportunities for corrupt deals.

### TRANSPARENCY IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE

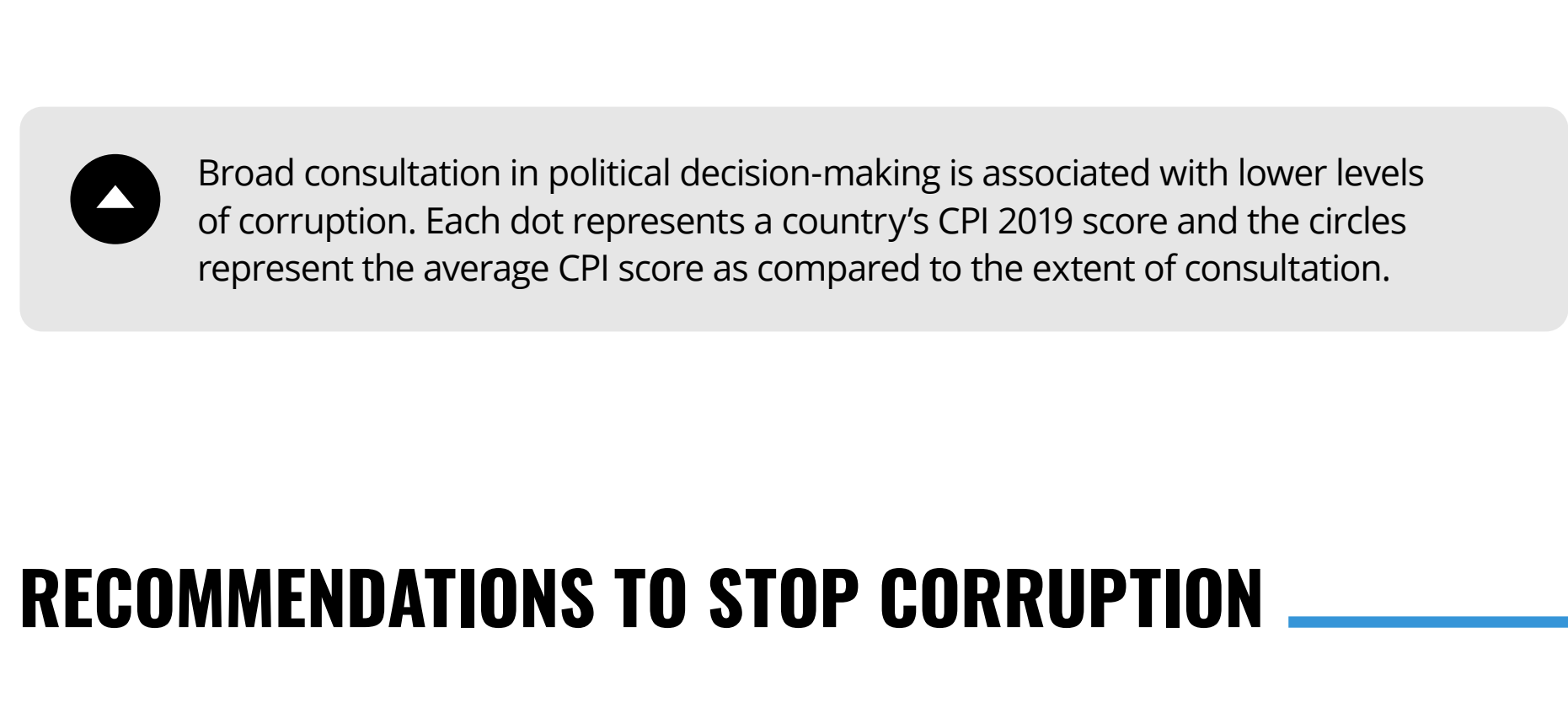
Countries that **perform well** on the CPI have **strong enforcement of campaign finance regulations**.



**▲** Greater transparency of campaign donations is associated with lower levels of corruption. Each dot represents a country's CPI 2019 score and the circles represent the average CPI score as compared to the strength of enforcement.

### POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING

Countries that **perform well** on the CPI have **broad consultation** in policy decisions.

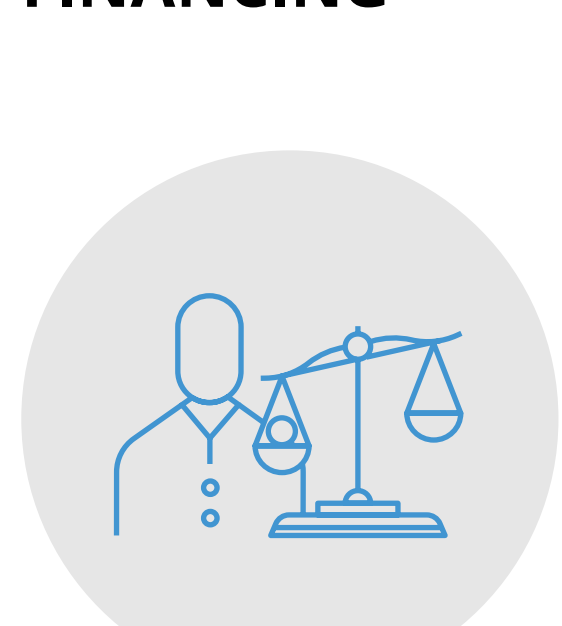


**▲** Broad consultation in political decision-making is associated with lower levels of corruption. Each dot represents a country's CPI 2019 score and the circles represent the average CPI score as compared to the extent of consultation.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO STOP CORRUPTION



**MANAGE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**



**CONTROL POLITICAL FINANCING**



**STRENGTHEN ELECTORAL INTEGRITY**



**REGULATE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**



**TACKLE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT**



**EMPOWER CITIZENS**



**REINFORCE CHECKS AND BALANCES**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Read the full report at [transparency.org/cpi2019](https://transparency.org/cpi2019)

Speak out on social media

Contact your local chapter to see how you can help