

# 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**

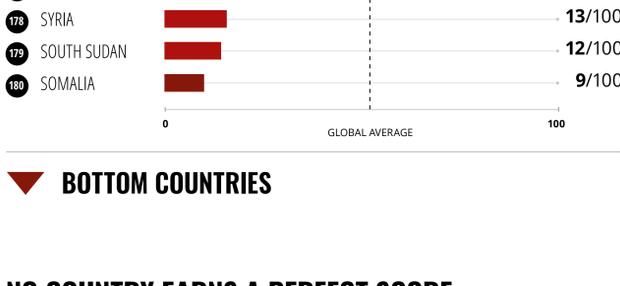
**2/3 OF COUNTRIES SCORE BELOW**

**THE AVERAGE COUNTRY SCORE IS**

**50** /100

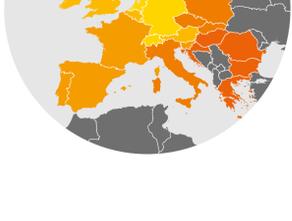
**43** /100

## TOP COUNTRIES



## BOTTOM COUNTRIES

### NO COUNTRY EARNS A PERFECT SCORE



**HIGHEST SCORING REGION**  
**WESTERN EUROPE & EUROPEAN UNION**

**66** /100

AVERAGE REGIONAL SCORE

**⊞ SINCE 2018**

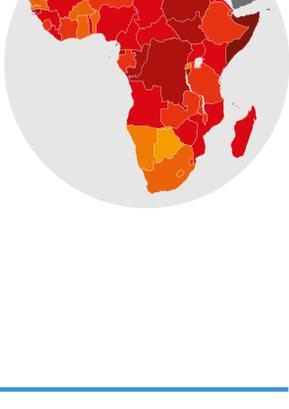
### LOWEST SCORING REGION

**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**

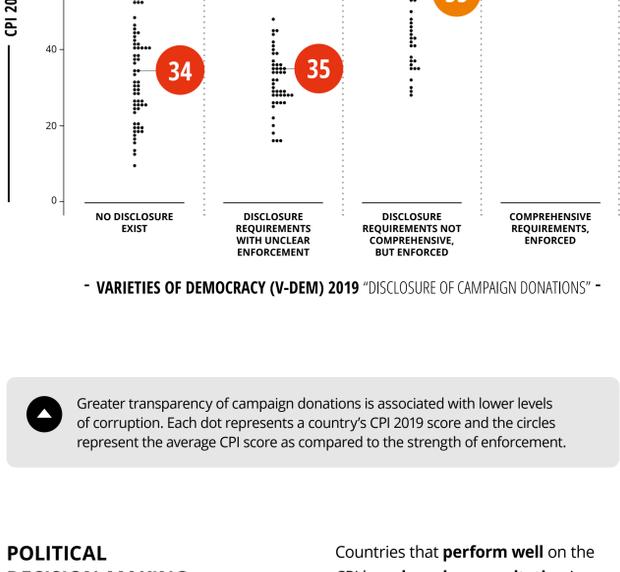
\*These changes refer only to increases/decreases in CPI scores deemed statistically significant.

## 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

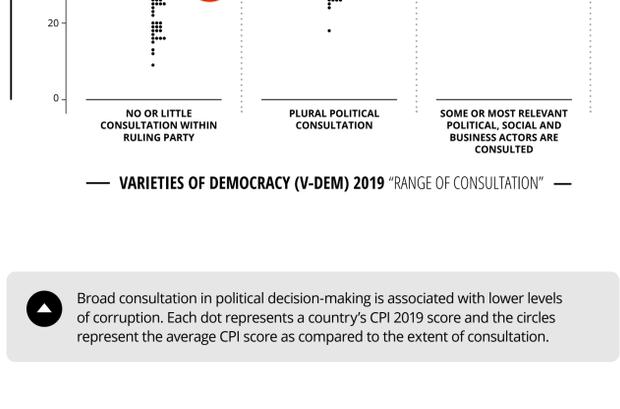
Countries that **perform well** on the CPI have **strong enforcement of campaign finance regulations**.



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

Since its inception in 1995, the Corruption Perceptions Index, Transparency International's flagship publication, is the leading global indicator of public sector corruption.

The index offers an annual snapshot of perceived public sector corruption by ranking countries from all over the globe.

