

CONTRACEPTION POLICY ATLAS AFRICA



Tracking countries on government policies regarding access to contraception

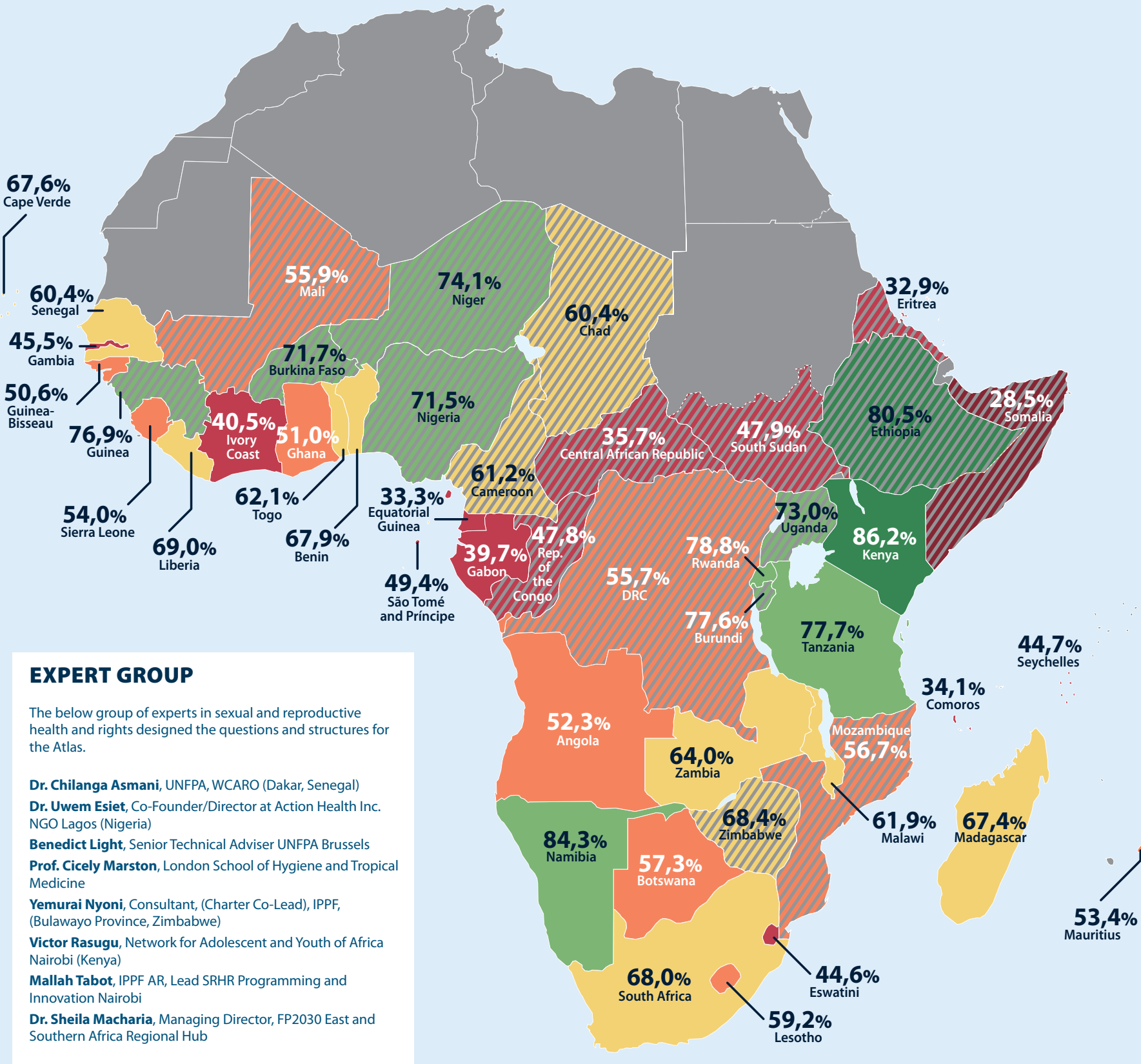
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RANKING POINTS SCALE

//// Countries that score more than 90 in the Fragile State Index 2023. https://fragilestatesindex.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/FSI-2023-Report_final.pdf

Kenya	86,2 %
Namibia	84,3 %
Ethiopia	80,5 %
Rwanda	78,8 %
Tanzania	77,7 %
Burundi	77,6 %
Guinea	76,9 %
Niger	74,1 %
Uganda	73,0 %
Burkina Faso	71,7 %
Nigeria	71,5 %
Liberia	69,0 %
Zimbabwe	68,4 %
South Africa	68,0 %
Benin	67,9 %
Cape Verde	67,6 %
Madagascar	67,4 %
Zambia	64,0 %
Togo	62,1 %
Malawi	61,9 %
Cameroon	61,2 %
Chad	60,4 %
Senegal	60,4 %
Lesotho	59,2 %
Botswana	57,3 %
Mozambique	56,7 %
Mali	55,9 %
Dem. Rep. o/t Congo	55,7 %
Sierra Leone	54,0 %
Mauritius	53,4 %
Angola	52,3 %
Ghana	51,0 %
Guinea-Bissau	50,6 %
São Tomé & Príncipe	49,4 %
South Sudan	47,9 %
Rep. o/t Congo	47,8 %
Gambia	45,5 %
Seychelles	44,7 %
Eswatini	44,6 %
Ivory Coast	40,5 %
Gabon	39,7 %
Central African Rep.	35,7 %
Comoros	34,1 %
Equatorial Guinea	33,3 %
Eritrea	32,9 %
Somalia	28,5 %
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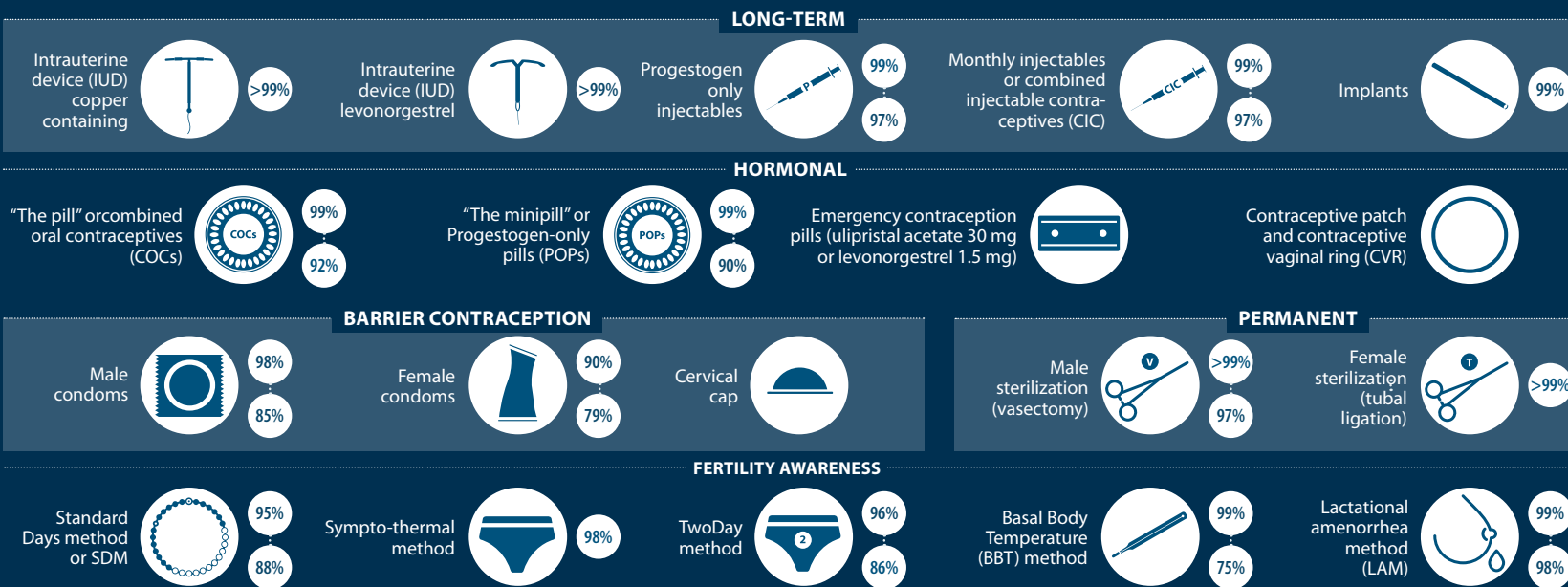
Nairobi Statement on ICPD25 : Accelerating the Promise (2019)
We, representing all nations and peoples, and all segments of our societies [...] will [...] achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights as a part of universal health coverage (UHC), by committing to strive for [...] zero unmet need for family planning information and services, and universal availability of quality, accessible, affordable and safe modern contraceptives.

Source: <https://www.nairobisummitcpd.org/content/icpd25-commitments>

SDG Target 3.7
By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes.

Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata?Text=&Goal=3&Target=3.7>

MODERN CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS*



*As defined by the World Health Organization (WHO). For more see: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs351/en/>

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ACCESS TO MODERN CONTRACEPTION

POLICIES																										
Does the country recognize the right to choose number, timing and spacing of children?	Has the country signed the CEDAW and its optional protocol?	Has the country made commitments related to contraception to EMEC, Nairobi Summit or FP2030?	Does the country have an official political plan, national policy or strategy related to FP? Has it been updated to include current year?	Existence of a national Commodity Supply (CS) strategy or Reproductive Health Commodity Strategy (RHCS) and information about that strategy available?	Does the country have a national committee on CS?	At least 8 methods of contraception are included in National Essential Medicines List (NEML)?	Country is on-track in meeting its FP commitments?	Public sector (PS) offers wide choice of contraceptives, ie 8 out of 13, 10 out of 13, etc.	Access to contraceptives is restricted based on social status (age, marital status, legal residency, other)?	Private sector funded to provide contraception	Stock-outs monitored and rates of stock-outs (At central medical store, At services delivery point, Efforts to reduce stock-outs)	Does the country offer services specific to adolescents in need of FP?	Does the government run online information to inform on FP?	What is EC pill registration status?	Is emergency contraception available without prescription?	Are there government funds allocated and spent on public sector contraceptive procurement? Is there a government budget line item for procuring contraceptives?	Is contraception covered by National Health Insurance?	Is a fee charged in public sector facilities for contraceptives?	Country is dependent on external donors for contraception?	Countries (in alphabetical order)						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	No	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered, not provided by public system	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Angola						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	No	Yes	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- partially	Yes	Yes	Benin						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	Yes	Registered, not provided by public system	No	Yes	Yes- fully	Yes	No	Botswana						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Burkina Faso						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	No	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Burundi						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	No	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Cameroon						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered, not provided by public system	No	Yes	Yes- fully	Yes	Yes	Cape Verde						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	N/A	No	No	No- lagging behind	No (1,2, or none available from PS)	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Registered and provided by public system	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Central Afr. Rep.						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	N/A	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	No (1,2, or none available from PS)	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Chad						
No	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	N/A	No	No	No- lagging behind	Yes but less than 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Not registered but imported	No	No	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Comoros						
In other legally binding documents	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	No (1,2, or none available from PS)	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Congo						
In the Law	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	D. Rep. of Congo						
In the Law	Yes, both	No	Yes, but not been updated	N/A	No	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes but less than 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Not registered but imported	No	No	No	No	Yes	Equatorial Guinea						
No	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	N/A	No	Yes	No- lagging behind	No (1,2, or none available from PS)	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Not registered but imported	No	No	No	No	Yes	Eritrea						
No	Yes, only CEDAW	No	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	No	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	No	No	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Eswatini						
In the Constitution	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Ethiopia						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	No	No	No- lagging behind	No (1,2, or none available from PS)	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Registered, not provided by public system	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Gabon						
In the Law	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	N/A	Yes	No	No- lagging behind	No (1,2, or none available from PS)	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Not registered but imported	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Gambia						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	No	No- lagging behind	Yes but less than 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	No	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Ghana						
In the Law	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Guinea						
In the Law	Yes, both	No	No	N/A	Yes	No	No- lagging behind	Yes but less than 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Not registered but imported	No	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Guinea-Bissau						
No	Yes, <5 years ago	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	No	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Ivory Coast						
Both in the Constitution and in the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Kenya						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	No	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	No	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	No	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Lesotho						
No	Yes, <5 years ago	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Liberia						
In the Law	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Madagascar						
No	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	No	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Malawi						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	No	No	Registered, not provided by public system	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Mali						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	No	No- lagging behind	No (1,2, or none available from PS)	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Registered, not provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Mauritius						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	No	No	Registered, not provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Mozambique						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	No	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Namibia						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	N/A	Yes	No	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Niger						
No	Yes, <5 years ago	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered, not provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Nigeria						
No	Yes, <5 years ago	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Rwanda						
No	Yes, <5 years ago	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	No	No	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes but less than 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Not registered but imported	No	Yes	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Sao Tomé & Principe						
In the Law	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Senegal						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists and information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	Yes	Not registered but imported	No	No	No	No	Yes	Seychelles						
No	Yes, <5 years ago	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	No	No	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Sierra Leone						
No	Yes, <5 years ago	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	No (1,2, or none available from PS)	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Not registered/illegal	No	No	No	No	Yes	Somalia						
In the Constitution	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	No	No	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	South Africa						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	No	No	Not registered but imported	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	South Sudan						
No	Yes, both	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists and information	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Tanzania						
In the Law	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Low (1 or 0 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered, not provided by public system	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Togo						
No	Yes, but >5y	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	Medium (2 to 3 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered and provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- fully	No	Yes	Uganda						
No	Yes, but >5y	Yes- Partially (1)	Yes, but not been updated	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	Yes	Registered, not provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Zambia						
In the Constitution	Yes, only CEDAW	Yes- Substantially (> 1)	Yes, updated to include	Yes, exists but no information	Yes	Yes	No- lagging behind	Yes, more or equal to 8 out of 13	Yes	No	High (> 3 missing)	Yes	No	Registered, not provided by public system	Yes	Yes	Yes- partially	No	Yes	Zimbabwe						



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