

CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2020

More than two-thirds of countries score below 50 out of 100. Our research shows corruption is more pervasive in countries least equipped to handle the COVID-19 pandemic and other global crises.

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**

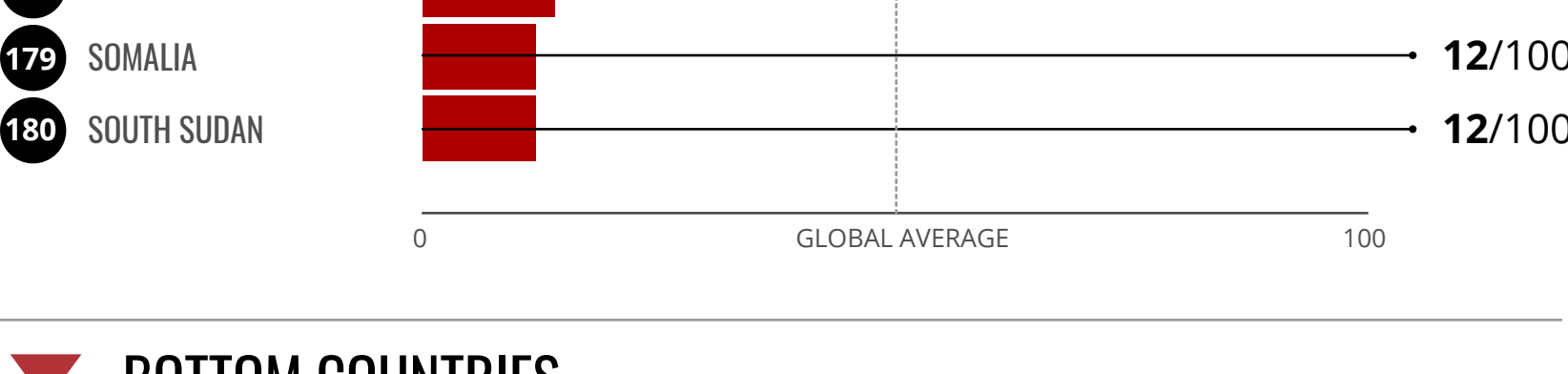
MORE THAN 2/3 OF THE COUNTRIES SCORE BELOW

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

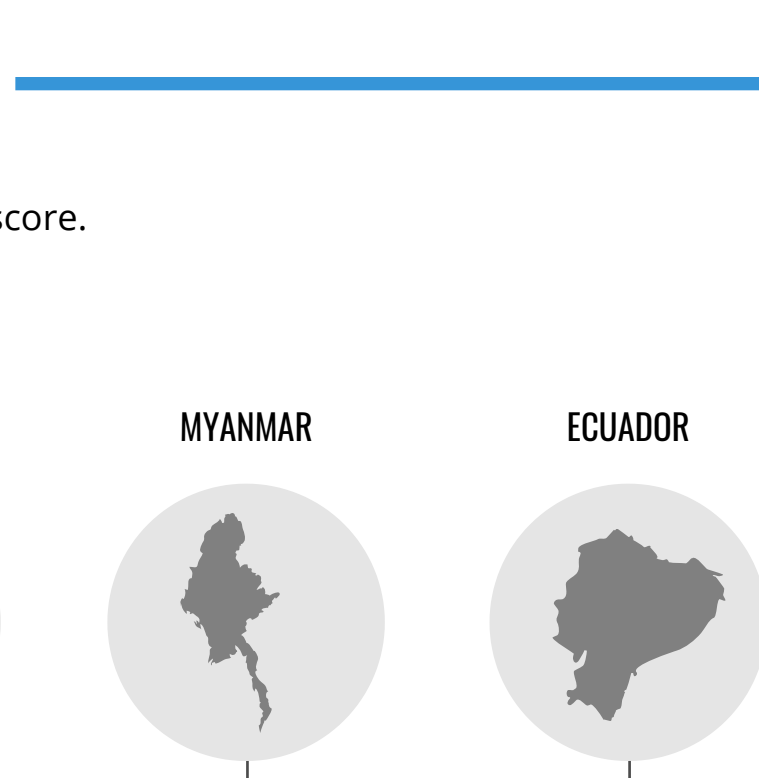
LOWEST SCORING REGION

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

32/100

AVERAGE REGIONAL SCORE

= SINCE 2018



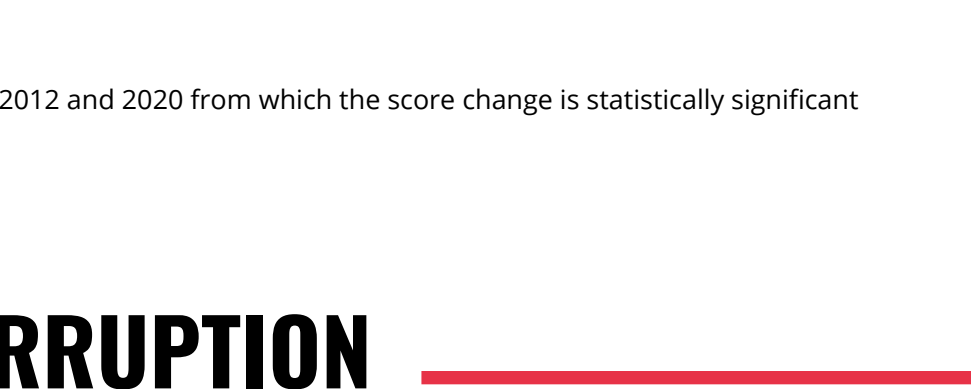
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Since 2012, 48 countries had significant changes in score.

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COUNTRIES IMPROVED*

Including:



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COUNTRIES DECLINED*

Including:



= THE REMAINING COUNTRIES HAVE MADE LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

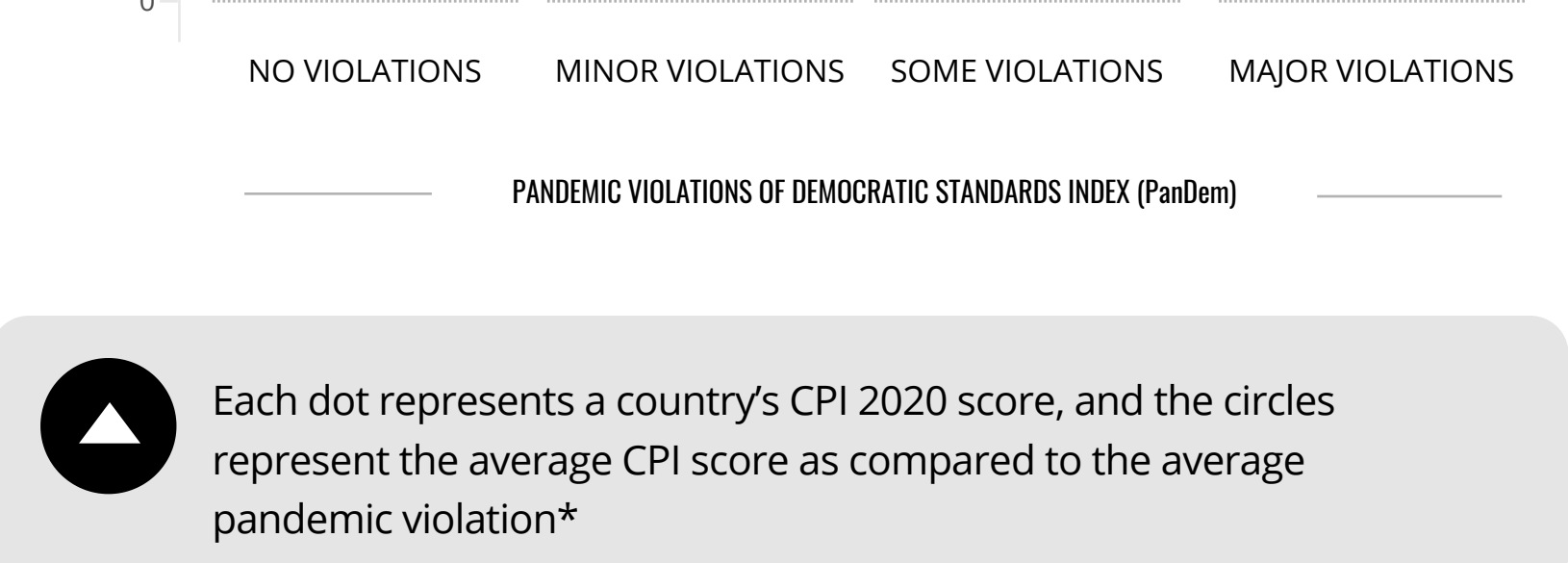
*In these six examples, we report the year between 2012 and 2020 from which the score change is statistically significant

COVID-19 AND CORRUPTION

Corruption undermines an **equitable response to COVID-19**, highlighting the importance of **transparency** and **anti-corruption** measures in emergency situations.

CORRUPTION AND HEALTH SPENDING

Countries that **perform well** on the CPI invest more in **health care**.



Each dot represents a country's average CPI score (2012-2017) compared to average health expenditures as a percentage of GDP (2012-2017)*

*The World Bank's World Development Indicators

CORRUPTION AND DEMOCRATIC BACKSLIDING

Countries that **perform well** on the CPI are less likely to violate **democratic norms** and institutions



Each dot represents a country's CPI 2020 score, and the circles represent the average CPI score as compared to the average pandemic violation*

*Pandemic Violations of Democratic Standards Index, Varieties of Democracy (V-DEM) 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS

- STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT INSTITUTIONS**
- ENSURE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT CONTRACTING**
- DEFEND DEMOCRACY, PROMOTE CIVIC SPACE**
- PUBLISH RELEVANT DATA, GUARANTEE ACCESS**

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- GET THE FACTS**
Read the full report on [transparency.org/cpi/2020](https://www.transparency.org/cpi/2020)
- SPREAD THE WORD**
Speak out on **social media**
- GET INVOLVED**
Contact your **local chapter** to see how you can help

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