



**International
Budget
Partnership**

Open Budget Survey findings on public participation

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The Open Budget Survey

Measures three aspects of open budgets: **transparency** of how public resources are raised and spent, opportunities for **participation** in budget policy decisions, and **oversight** by independent legislatures and audit institutions.

Global Average Results from the Eighth Round of Open Budget Survey

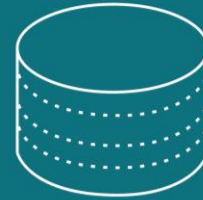


OPEN BUDGET SURVEY 2021

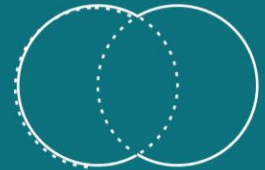
Open Budget Survey 2021 scores



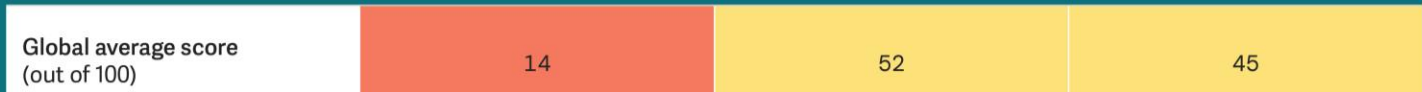
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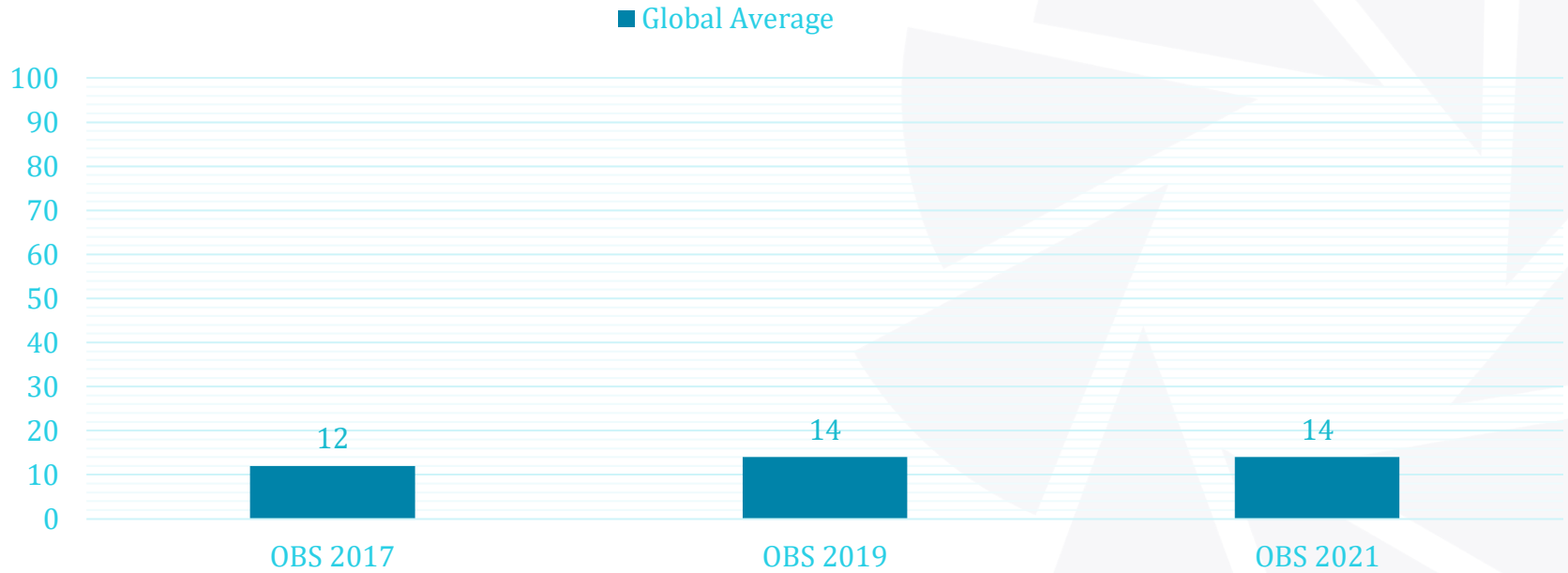
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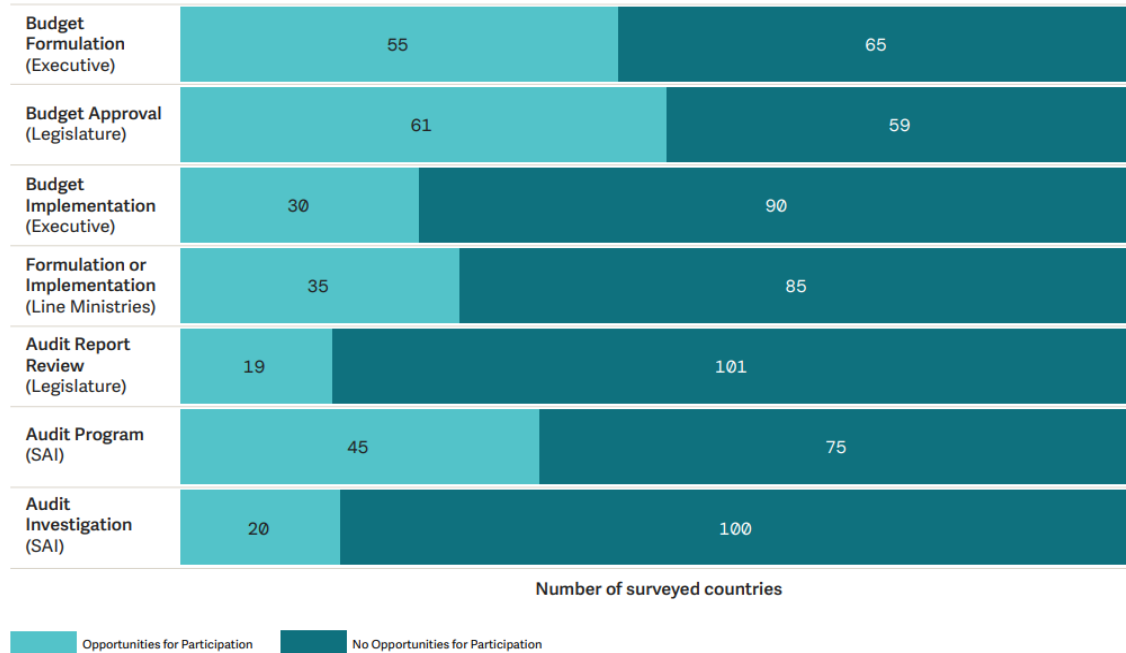
Transparency



Public Participation is rare



Countries are more likely to have participation during budget formulation and approval.



Many governments are introducing innovative approaches to participation

Indonesia: Centralized portals for service delivery complaints

Ghana, Romania, Moldova and Argentina : New public outreach strategies by Audit Institution

Philippines: DevLive App





Impact of Covid

- Digital or online spaces for public participation are on the rise and mostly remained the same during the pandemic.
- Impact of covid – some countries managed to move participation mechanism online, but a few were impacted due to lockdowns.
- There is an increase in opportunities to participate through SAIs.



There is room to make existing participation spaces more inclusive

South Korea: Participatory Budgeting with increased representation from marginalized communities in budget consultations (South Korea)

Fiji: Invited and conducted pre-budget consultations with disabled communities

Sierra Leone: Conducts consultations with local government in over 20 district councils, and open to all citizens

Top 4 Performers

OPEN BUDGET SURVEY 2021 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

South
Korea

United
Kingdom

New
Zealand

Georgia

Call to Action




We call on governments to:

- Establish opportunities to engage the public in the budget process.
- Curtail executive overreach by improving oversight.
- Disclose more and better information on budgets, debt and fiscal risk.
- Make accountability reforms permanent.



IAP2 spectrum

		INCREASING STAKEHOLDER INFLUENCE ON THE RESEARCH 				
		INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PROMISE MADE TO STAKEHOLDERS BY RESEARCHERS	STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION GOAL	Researchers provide stakeholders with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the research process.	Researchers obtain stakeholder feedback on the research process.	Researchers work directly with stakeholders to ensure that stakeholder concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered in the research process.	Researchers partner with stakeholders for salient aspects of the research process.	Researchers assist stakeholders in conducting their own research.
		We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge your concerns and aspirations and provide feedback on how your input influenced the research process.	We will work with you to ensure your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the research process and we will provide feedback on how your input influenced the research.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in designing and conducting the research process and incorporate your advice and recommendations to the maximum extent possible.	We will provide advice and assistance as requested in line with your decisions for designing and conducting your research, as well as for implementing the findings.