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Element 1: Data Collection

Purpose

On this first element, countries receive points for each piece of information they submit on the relevant questions in the NCPI and on the other core indicators, irrespective of what that data tells us about the response. For instance, countries would get a point irrespective of whether they report that they have or have not mainstreamed gender in key policy documents. The element scores countries on the amount of relevant data they submit to UNAIDS. For the other five elements, scores are only given for answers that are desirable normatively from a gender perspective.

Included questions and indicators

Given the purpose stated above it follows that the element is constructed on all the questions in the NCPI that are relevant for women and gender relations between men and women more generally, as well as all the core indicators that request sex-disaggregated reporting. The element contains the following questions and indicators:

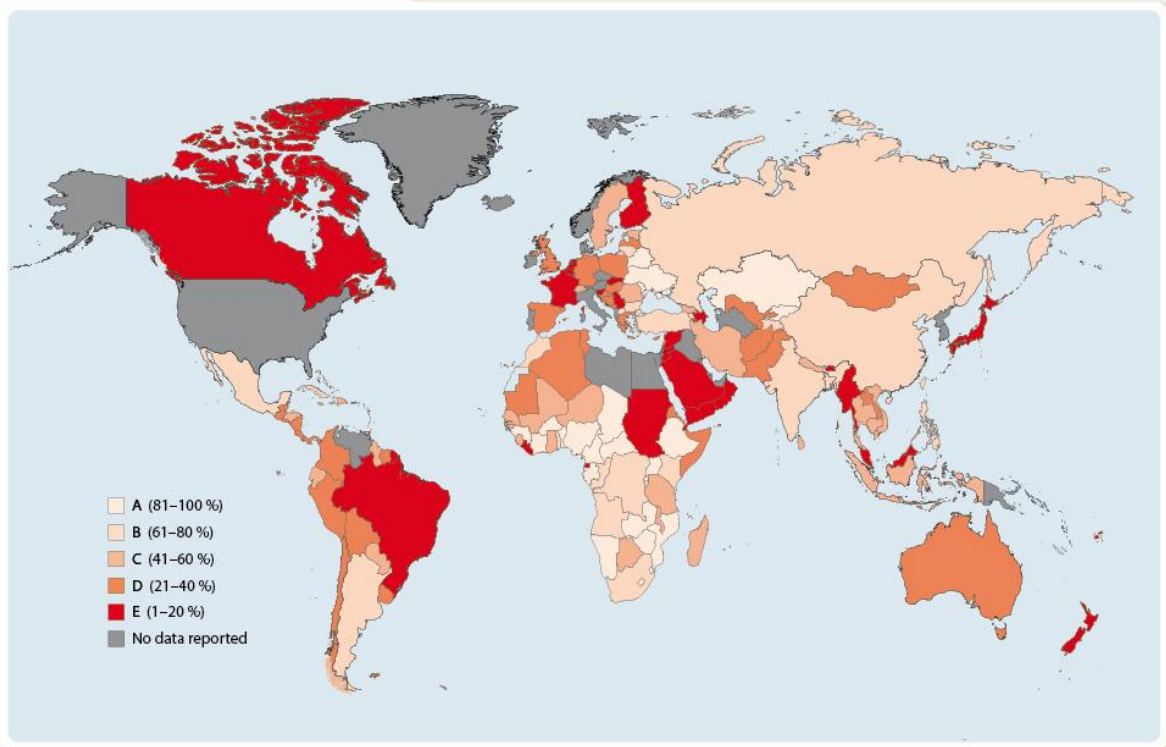
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| NCPI questions | AI: (1.2), (1.3), (2), (2.2), (5.4); AIII: (1.1); BI: (2), (2.1), (3), (3.1), (8) |
| UNGASS core indicators | 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 |

Data analysis and grading

As was mentioned above, on this element, countries receive a point for responding either a yes or a no to the NCPI questions. Given the fact that the NCPI counts as one of the core indicators, a weight was given to the NCPI questions so as to better balance their influence on the total score for the element. Whereas responses to the core indicators gave a 1 point each, each response to NCPI questions gave a 0.25 point.

Results

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Some 20% of countries reported no data at all for this element and 37% of countries achieved only a D (poor) or E (very poor) grade. The average country score across all epidemiological types was 2.3 out of a maximum score of 5. Countries with low or concentrated epidemics achieved an average score of just 1.8, as compared to 4.0 for hyperendemic countries (where 15% or more of the adult population are infected). Nineteen of the 25 countries that received an 'A' grade for this element were from sub-Saharan Africa. In general terms, countries facing more severe or problematic epidemics appear to do better at collecting the data needed to understand and address women's needs. Indeed, a pattern of high-burden countries providing the most complete reporting is evident across all elements of this Scorecard.



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