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Women Reporting Index

Purpose

Whereas the different elements reflect the quality of country reporting of data specific to women on different aspects of the response, the Women Reporting Index was developed to provide an overall assessment that can be communicated in a politically relevant fashion. While the Reporting Index is ultimately based on a precise analysis of some 50 pieces of data from 192 countries, as well as 145 narrative reports, according to the methodology that has been detailed above, it results in a general three-fold characterization of the quality of country reporting of women specific data.

Data analysis, grading and characterization

The Scorecard analysis has generated six elements and one narrative analysis. Country performance on each of these is communicated with a letter-grade in maps and tables below. Each of these letters corresponds with a number, where E equals 1, D equals 2, C equals 3, B equals 4, and A equals 5. These numbers are the basis for generating the Women Reporting Index.

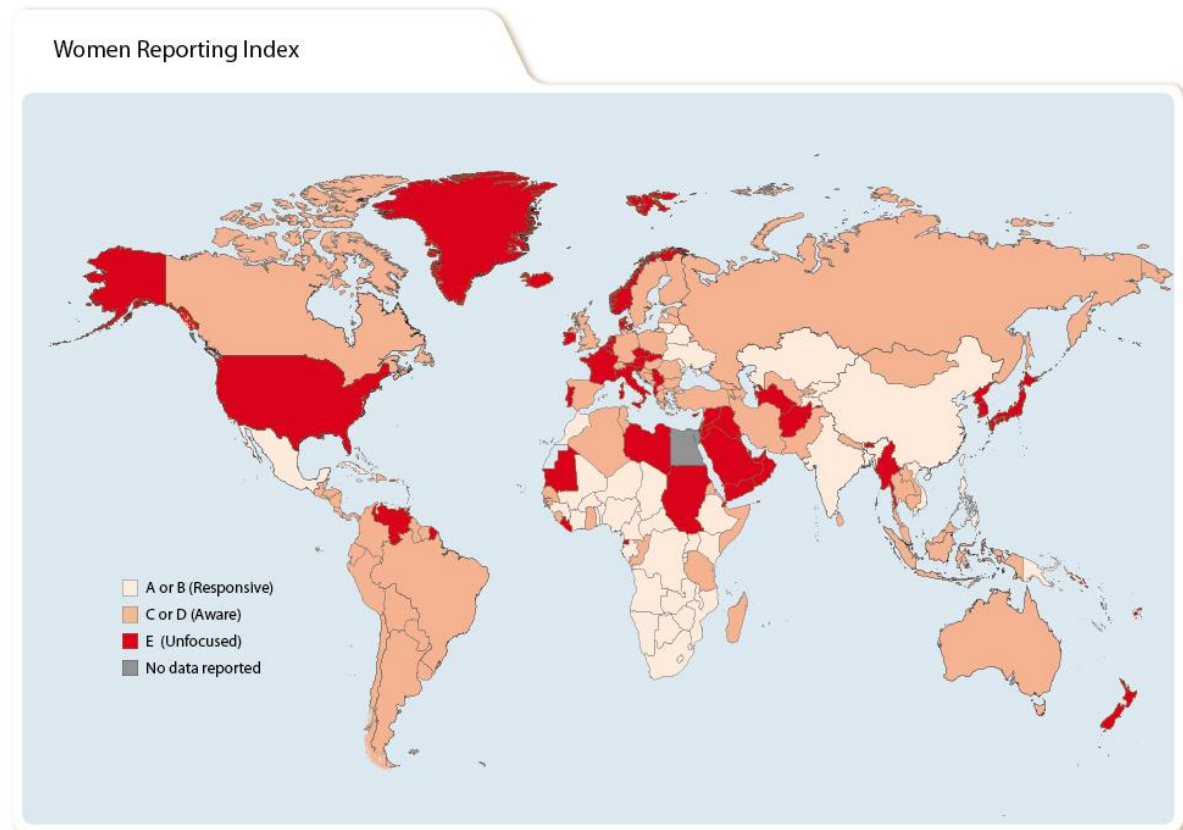
Country overall performance in this Scorecard analysis is communicated in three ways. The Women Reporting Index is based on a numerical score that is the average of the numbers that correspond with country grades on each of the six elements and the narrative analysis. A full score of 5 on each of the elements plus the narrative analysis would give a total score of 35. When this total is divided by 7 it gives the Women Reporting Index score of 5, the highest possible score. In contrast, an E score on one of the elements and 'no data' on all others would result in the lowest possible of score of 0.14 for a country that reported some data. A number of countries reported no data at all; they are the worst of all performers.

This numerical average score was then translated into a letter-grade (from A to E) according to the following formula:

4.1-5.0	A
3.1-4.0	B
2.1-3.0	C
1.1-2.0	D
0.0-1.0	E

In a final step, the letter grades were collapsed into the three broad categories. Countries that receive an E are characterized as **unfocused** on women's needs and vulnerabilities in the context of AIDS. Countries that received a D or a C grade were classified as **aware** of the need to monitor and report women-specific data, although they did so in an incomplete fashion. Countries that received a B or an A qualify as **responsive** since they report a sufficient amount of the data needed for an effective response to the needs of women in the context of AIDS, as specified by the UNGASS monitoring system.

Results



Ten countries submitted no data at all on progress towards the targets set out in the *Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS*. Fifty-two countries (or 28%) were categorized as **unfocused** on women's needs because they either submitted data with no specific reference to women or gender issues (21 countries or 11%), or they submitted very little such data (34 countries or 17%).

The largest group of countries (82 countries or 43%) was classified as **aware** of the need to monitor and report women-specific data, although many did not in fact report this data systematically across all elements. Only 47 countries (25%) qualified as **responsive**, reporting the quality of data needed for an effective response to the needs of women in the context of AIDS. A full 67% of the high-burden countries fell into this 'responsive' category, as did all seven countries with hyperendemic epidemics. These hard-hit countries have collected the information they need to start reversing the feminization of AIDS.



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