

Millennium Challenge Corporation
2008

Country Scorebook



REDUCING POVERTY THROUGH GROWTH

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Introduction To The Millennium Challenge Account

Established by Congress and the President in 2004, the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) is an innovative foreign assistance program designed to reduce poverty through sustainable economic growth in developing countries. As an independent U.S. Government agency, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) administers MCA funds provided annually by Congress. MCC is managed by a Chief Executive Officer with oversight from a Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of five public sector members—the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, U.S. Trade Representative, Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development and MCC’s CEO—and four private-sector appointed by the President and

Eligible & Threshold Countries

Currently, twenty five countries are eligible for MCA Compact assistance: Armenia; Benin; Burkina Faso; Bolivia; Cape Verde; Timor-Leste; El Salvador; Georgia; Ghana; Honduras; Jordan; Lesotho; Madagascar; Mali; Moldova; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; Namibia; Nicaragua; Senegal; Sri Lanka; Tanzania; Ukraine; and Vanuatu.

Among these eligible countries, MCC has approved 16 Compacts worth over \$5.5 billion with Armenia, Benin, Cape Verde, El Salvador, Georgia, Ghana, Honduras, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Tanzania and Vanuatu. MCC is actively working toward finalizing Compacts with the remaining countries.

To provide a further incentive for policy reform, Congress also established the Threshold Program for countries that demonstrate a significant commitment to meeting the eligibility criteria but fall short in some policy areas. Threshold assistance

helps countries address specific areas of policy weakness identified in the MCA selection indicators. Twenty countries are currently eligible for Threshold Program assistance: Albania; Burkina Faso; Timor-Leste; Guyana; Indonesia; Kenya; Kyrgyz Republic; Jordan; Malawi; Moldova; Niger; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Rwanda; Saõ Tomé and Príncipe; Tanzania; Uganda; Ukraine; and Zambia.

To date, MCC has approved 17 Threshold agreements totaling more than \$360 million with Burkina Faso, Malawi, Tanzania, Albania, Paraguay, Zambia, Philippines, Ukraine, Jordan, Indonesia, Moldova, Kenya, Uganda, Guyana, Kyrgyz Republic, Yemen and Saõ Tomé and Príncipe. Additional Threshold agreements are pending and are expected to be reviewed by the Board in 2007.

confirmed by the U.S. Senate. MCC draws its diverse staff from various U.S. Government agencies, the private sector, universities, international development agencies, and non-government organizations.

Every year, the MCC Board of Directors meets to select countries eligible to develop a proposal for MCA assistance. This Scorebook, produced by MCC, includes information about how the low income countries around the world have performed on 17 independent and transparent indicators of policy performance. These indicators measure countries' demonstrated commitment to policies that promote political and economic freedom, investments in education and health care, control of corruption, and respect for civil liberties and the rule of law.

Recognizing that development is achieved by a country's own efforts, policies, and people, MCC's assistance offers selected countries an opportunity to identify their own priorities for achieving sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. Once selected as eligible, a country undertakes the process of developing a proposal for funding in broad consultation with its own citizens. Working in partnership to with countries, MCC teams help countries refine their Compact proposals to ensure the programs will reduce poverty through sustainable economic growth. Proposed Compacts also describe how the country plans to manage and implement its MCA program including how it will ensure financial accountability, transparency, and fair and open procurement, as well as how it will measure results.

What investments are being made?

Countries partnering with MCC begin a consultation process with their citizens and the private sector to discuss how MCC funding can best be used to overcome barriers to poverty reduction and to stimulate economic growth. Countries have identified improvements to roads, ports, and railroads as vital to improving access to markets, schools, and health clinics for their people. Other countries have proposed building industrial parks, trade schools, small business centers, and improvements to water and sanitation services. Land tenure and agriculture projects, micro-lending credit programs, and improvements to irrigation systems are priorities to reduce rural poverty.

About This Scorebook

The 2008 Country Performance Scorebook is the fifth publication of country performance data since the establishment of MCC. The Scorebook draws on data from numerous independent third-party sources to inform the Board of Directors, MCC staff, Congress, and the Administration of the progress that candidate countries are making in adopting policies designed to encourage poverty reduction through economic growth. We hope this can also be a tool for citizens, civil society organizations, journalists, the private sector, and governments around the world to monitor performance and advocate for continued policy reform.

This year's Scorebook includes data on 108 countries (95 candidates and 13 countries that meet the income parameters for candidate countries but are statutorily prohibited from receiving assistance). The list includes all candidate countries, including countries that were eligible in previous years for Compact or Threshold assistance. A country is determined to be a candidate for MCA funding if its per capita income falls within predetermined parameters set by Congress and if it is not subject to certain restrictions on U.S. foreign assistance. For Fiscal Year 2008, a country with a per capita income level equal to or less than \$1,735 is included in this Scorebook as a low-income country (LIC). A country with a per capita income between \$1,736 and \$3,595 (inclusive) is considered to be a lower middle-income country (LMIC).

A maximum of 25 percent of MCA Compact assistance in any given year may be invested in Compacts for LMIC countries. This limit was stipulated in the law establishing MCA because Congress sought to ensure that a majority of MCA assistance would be reserved for the world's poorest countries.

In selecting Compact and Threshold eligible countries, MCC's Board evaluates: 1) candidate countries' performance on the policy indicators, 2) the opportunity for economic growth and poverty reduction, and 3) the availability for funds. To judge performance, it determines whether countries score above the median on at least half of the indicators in the Ruling Justly and Economic Freedom categories, above the median on at least three of the five indicators in the Investing in People category, and above the median on the Control of Corruption indicator. One exception to this methodology is that the median is not used for the *Inflation* indicator. Instead, to pass the

Inflation indicator a country's inflation rate must be under a fixed ceiling of 15 percent. The Board also takes into consideration whether a country performs substantially below the median on any indicator (i.e. in the bottom 25th percentile) and has not taken appropriate measures to address this shortcoming. While the indicator methodology is the predominant basis for determining which countries will be eligible for MCA assistance, the Board may also consider supplemental information and take into account factors such as time lags and gaps in the data used to determine indicator scores.

For Fiscal Year 2008, the Scorecard reflects three changes: 1) the addition of a *Natural Resource Management* index to the Investing in People category, 2) the addition of a *Land Rights and Access* index to the Economic Freedom category, and 3) the combination of two existing indicators – *Days to Start a Business* and *Cost of Starting a Business* – into a single *Business Start-Up* index.

Indicators—What They Measure

The 2008 Country Performance Scorebook measures performance on the policy criteria mandated in the law establishing the MCA. By using information collected from independent third-party sources, MCC's country selection process allows for an objective, comparable analysis across candidate countries. Data sources relied upon to produce this Scorebook are determined by the Board of Directors and are subject to change annually. Candidate countries regularly consult with the indicator institutions regarding their performance, to identify opportunities for reform and to raise questions about the data.

As a rule, MCC relies on indicators that:

- are developed by an independent third party;
- use an analytically-rigorous methodology;
- utilize objective and high quality data;
- are publicly available;

- have broad country coverage among MCC candidate countries and are comparable across countries;
- have a clear theoretical or empirical link to economic growth and poverty reduction;
- are policy-linked, i.e. measures factors that governments can influence within a two to three year horizon; and
- have broad consistency in results from year to year.

The following indicators are measured by MCC in the three categories of *Ruling Justly*, *Investing in People*, and *Encouraging Economic Freedom*.

Ruling Justly

Six indicators measure just and democratic governance, including a country's demonstrated commitment to promote political pluralism, equality and the rule of law; respect human and civil rights, including the rights of people with disabilities; protect private property rights; encourage transparency and accountability of government; and combat corruption.

- **Civil Liberties**—A panel of experts rates countries on freedom of expression, association and organizational rights, rule of law and human rights, and personal autonomy and economic rights. *Source: Freedom House*
- **Political Rights**—A panel of experts rates countries on the prevalence of free and fair elections; the ability of citizens to form political parties that may compete fairly in elections; freedom from domination by the military, foreign powers, totalitarian parties, religious hierarchies and economic oligarchies; and the political rights of minority groups. *Source: Freedom House*
- **Voice and Accountability**—An index of surveys and polls that measure the extent to which a country's citizens are able to participate in selecting their government, as well as freedom of expression, freedom of association, and media independence. *Source: World Bank Institute*

- **Government Effectiveness**—An index of surveys and polls that measure the quality of public services, the quality of the civil service and its independence from political pressures, the quality of policy formulation and implementation, and the credibility of the government’s commitment to such policies. *Source: World Bank Institute*
- **Rule of Law**—An index of surveys and polls that measure the extent to which individuals and firms have confidence in and abide by the rules of society, and in particular the quality of contract enforcement, the police, and the courts, as well as the likelihood of crime and violence. *Source: World Bank Institute*
- **Control of Corruption**—An index of surveys and polls that measure the extent to which public power is exercised for private gain, including both petty and grand forms of corruption, as well as “capture” of the state by elites and private interests. *Source: World Bank Institute*

Investing in People

Five indicators measure investments in programs that promote broad-based primary education, strengthen and build capacity to provide quality public health, and reduce child mortality.

- **Public Expenditure on Health** – Total expenditures by the government at all levels on health divided by the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). *Source: World Health Organization*
- **Immunization Rates** – The average of DPT3 and measles immunization rates. *Source: World Health Organization*
- **Public Expenditure on Primary Education** – Total expenditures by government at all levels on primary education divided by GDP. *Source: UNESCO Institute of Statistics and National Sources*
- **Girls’ Primary Completion Rate** – The number of female students completing primary education divided by the population in the relevant age cohort. *Source: UNESCO Institute of Statistics*

- **Natural Resource Management** – An index made up of four indicators: eco-region protection, access to improved water, access to improved sanitation, and child mortality within the 1-4 age cohort. *Source: The Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) and the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy (YCELP)*

Encouraging Economic Freedom

Six indicators measure the extent to which a government encourages economic freedom, including a demonstrated commitment to economic policies that encourage individuals and firms to participate in global trade and international capital markets, promote private sector growth and the sustainable management of natural resources, strengthen market forces in the economy, and respect worker rights, including the right to form labor unions.

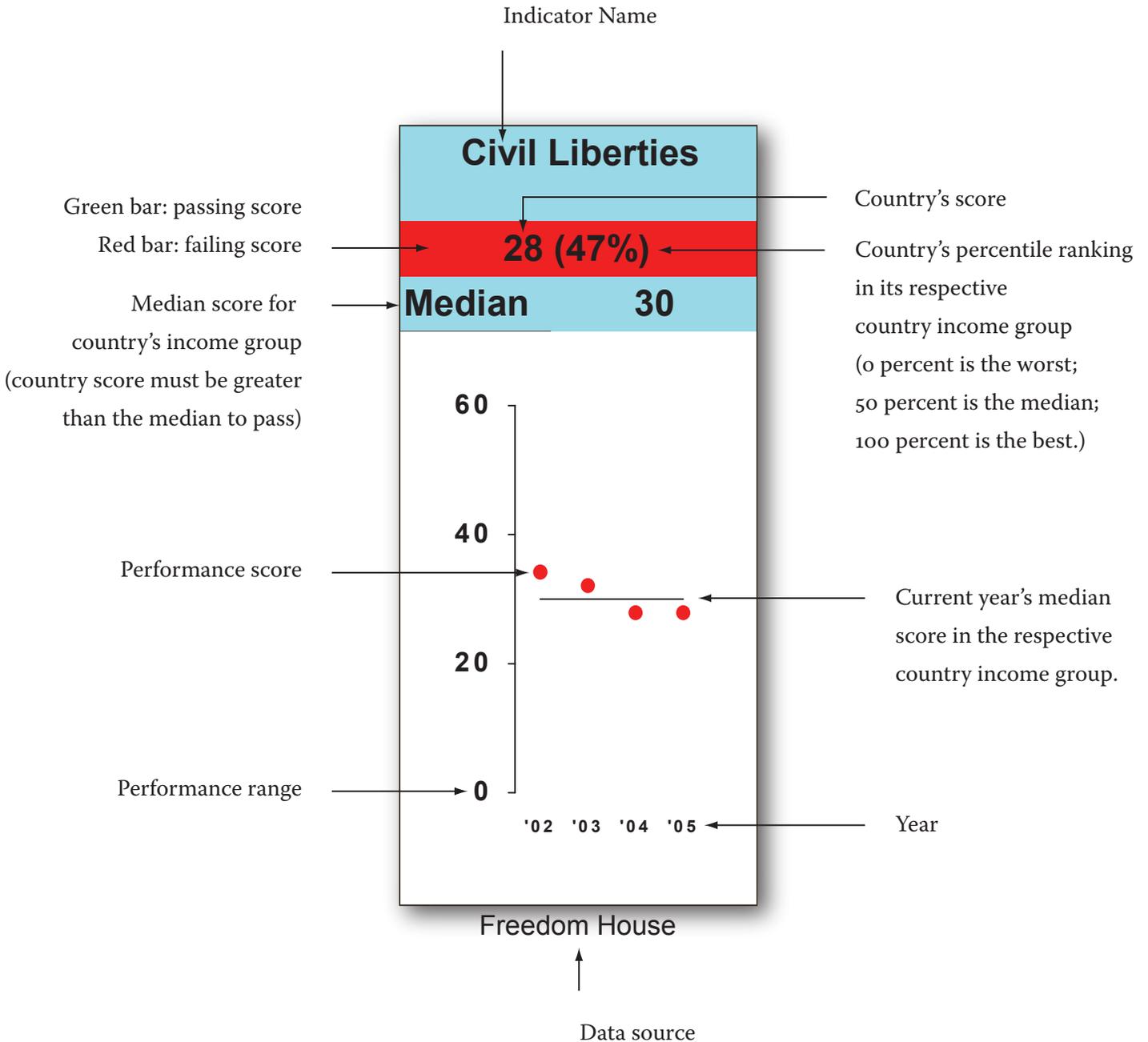
- **Inflation**—The most recent 1-year change in consumer prices as reported in the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) World Economic Outlook database. *Source: IMF*
- **Fiscal Policy**—The overall budget deficit divided by GDP, averaged over a three-year period. The data for this measure is provided directly by the recipient government and cross-checked the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) World Economic Outlook database. *Source: National Governments and IMF*
- **Business Start-Up**— An index that rates countries on the time and cost of complying with all procedures officially required for an entrepreneur to start up and formally operate an industrial or commercial business. *Source: International Finance Corporation*
- **Trade Policy**— A measure of a country’s openness to international trade based on weighted average tariff rates and non-tariff barriers to trade. *Source: The Heritage Foundation’s Index of Economic Freedom*

- **Regulatory Quality**—An index of surveys and polls that measure the ability of the government to formulate and implement sound policies and regulations that permit and promote private sector development. *Source: World Bank Institute*
- **Land Rights and Access**—An index that measures the time and cost of property registration in urban and peri-urban areas, and the extent to which the institutional, legal, and market framework provides secure land tenure and equitable access to land in rural areas. *Source: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and International Finance Corporation (IFC)*

Reading The Scores—A Reference Guide

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Chapter 2: Low Income Category

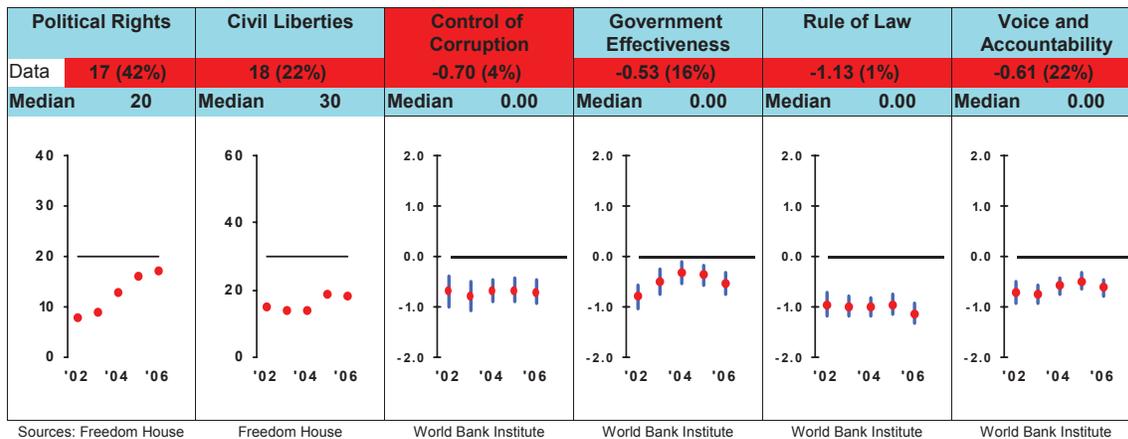


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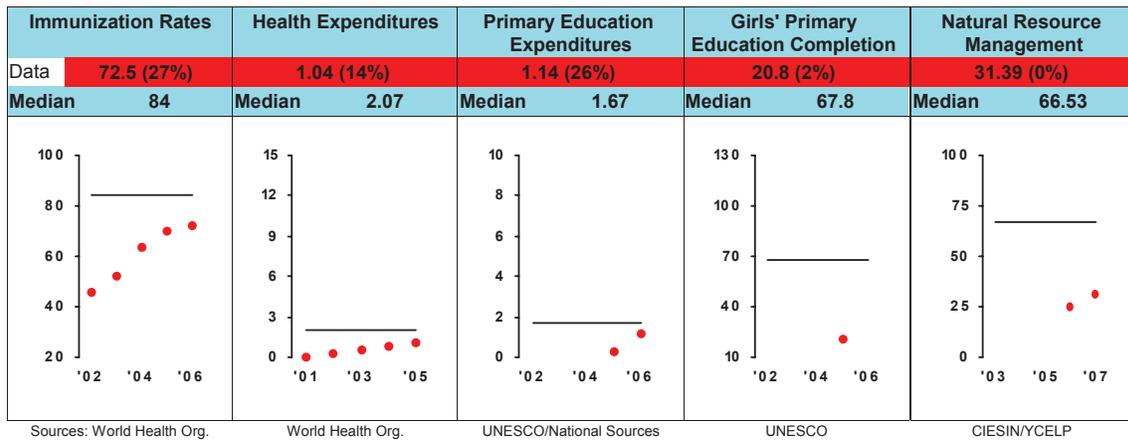
Afghanistan FY08

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GNI/Cap: LIC

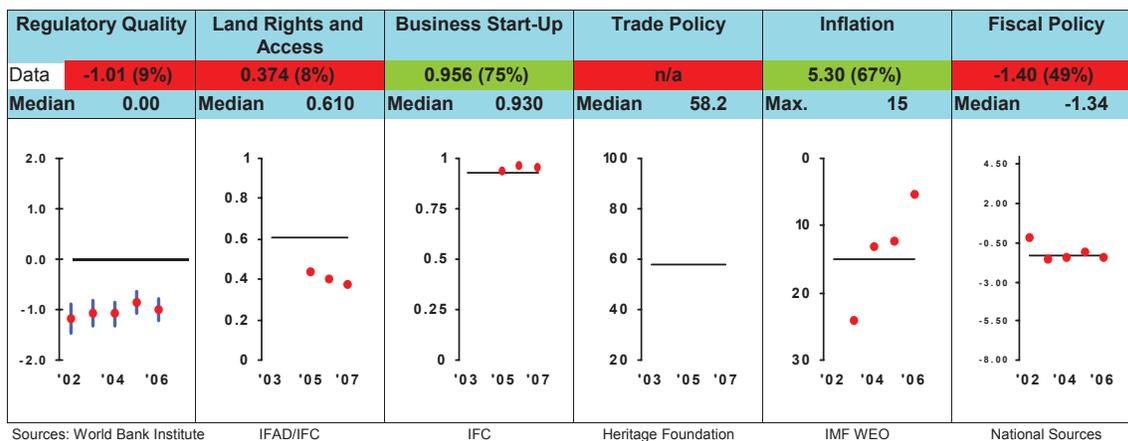
Ruling Justly



Investing In People



Economic Freedom



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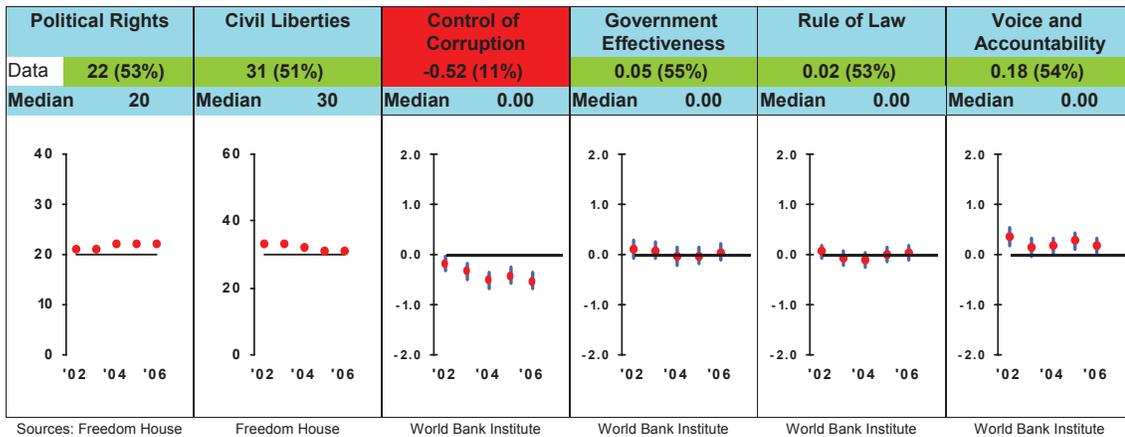
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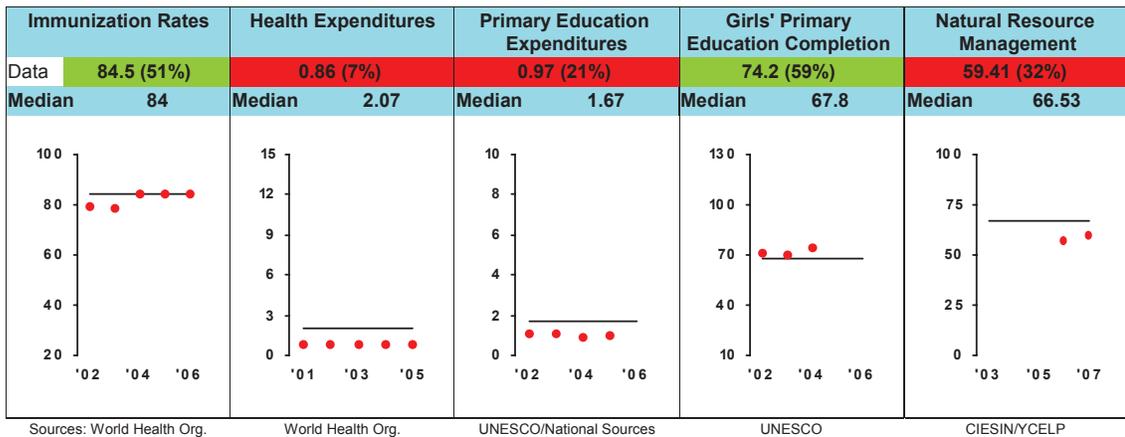
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GNI/Cap: \$480 LIC

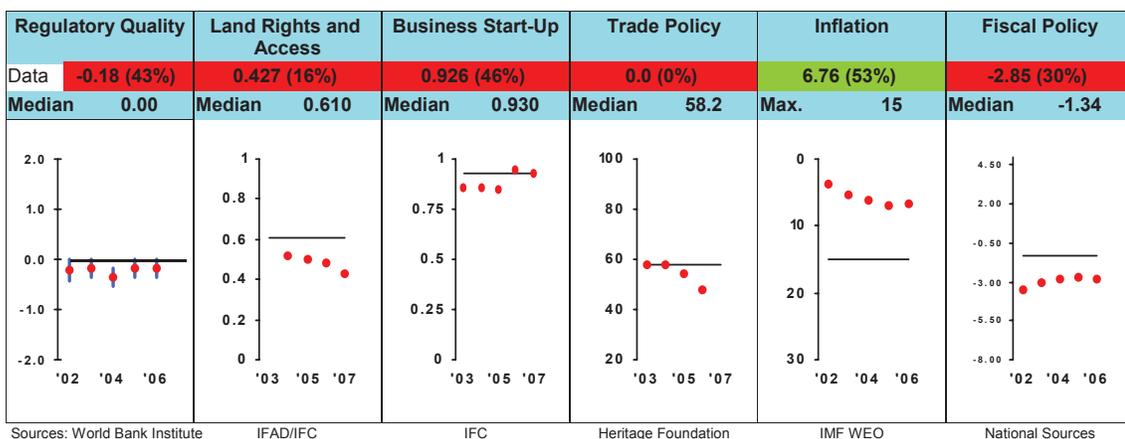
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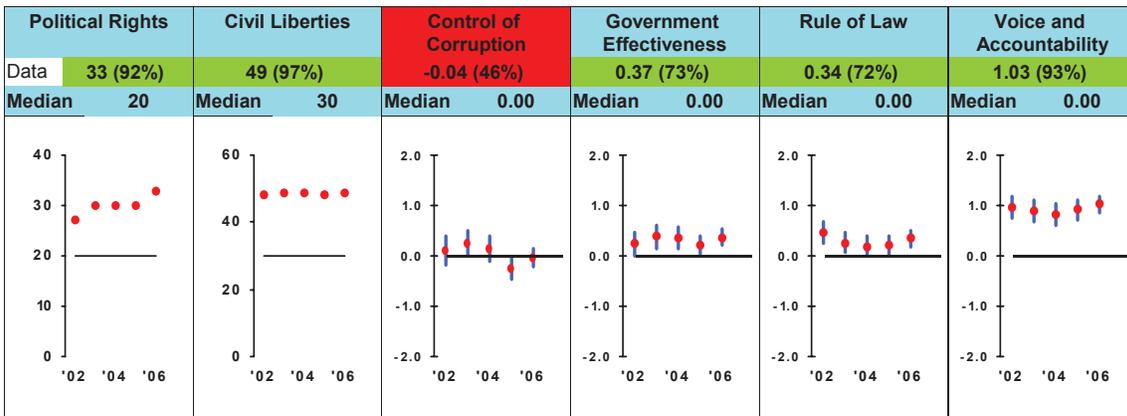
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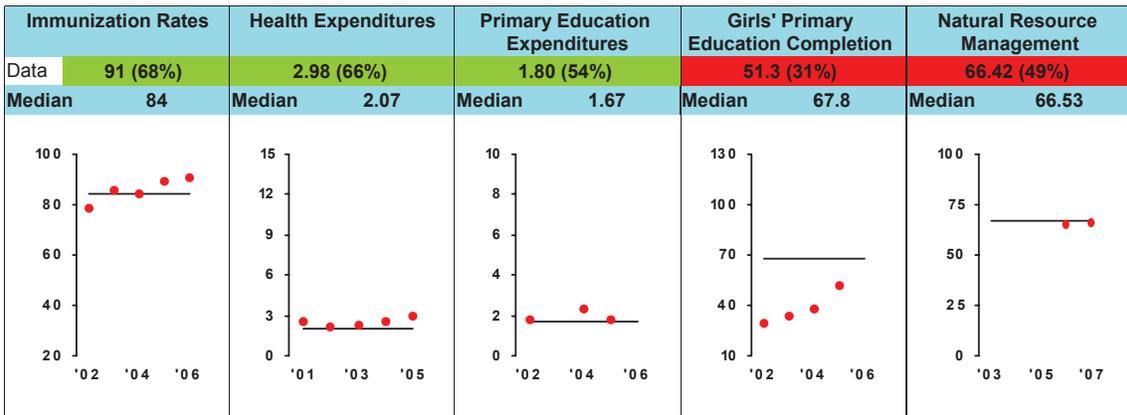
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GNI/Cap: \$540 LIC

Ruling Justly



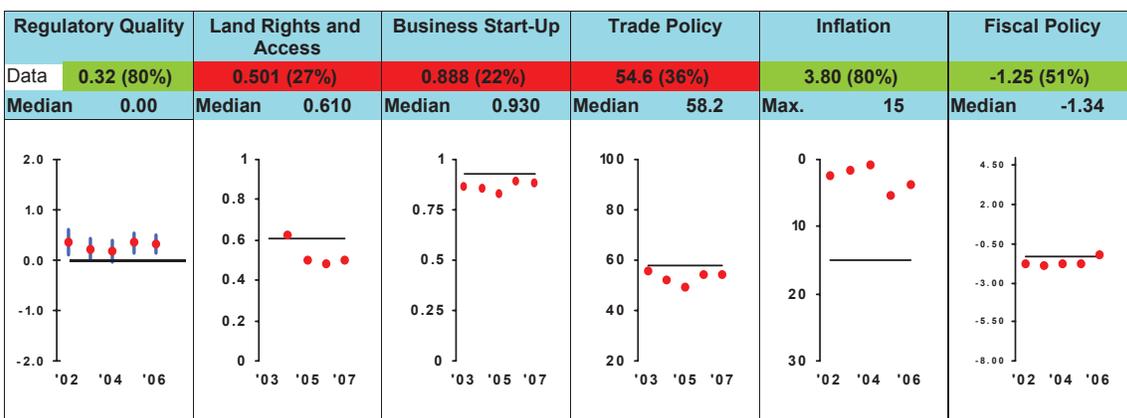
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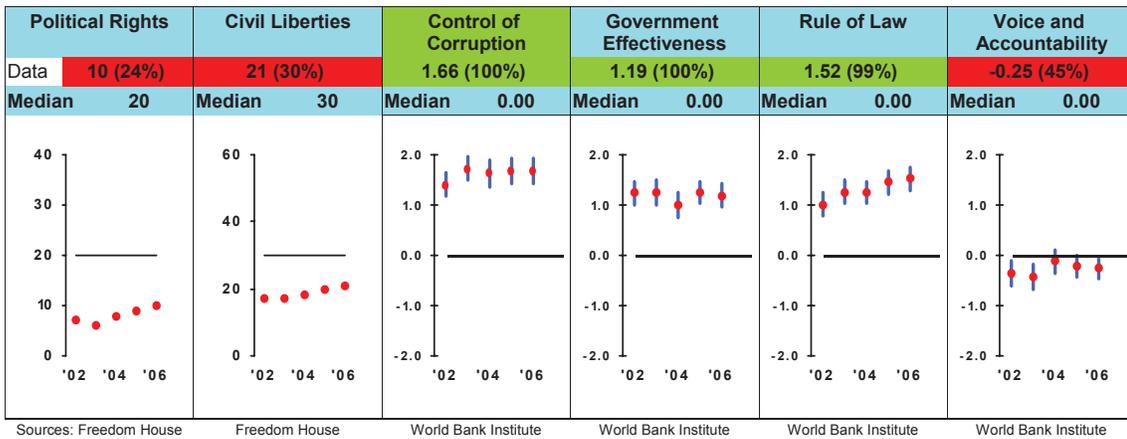
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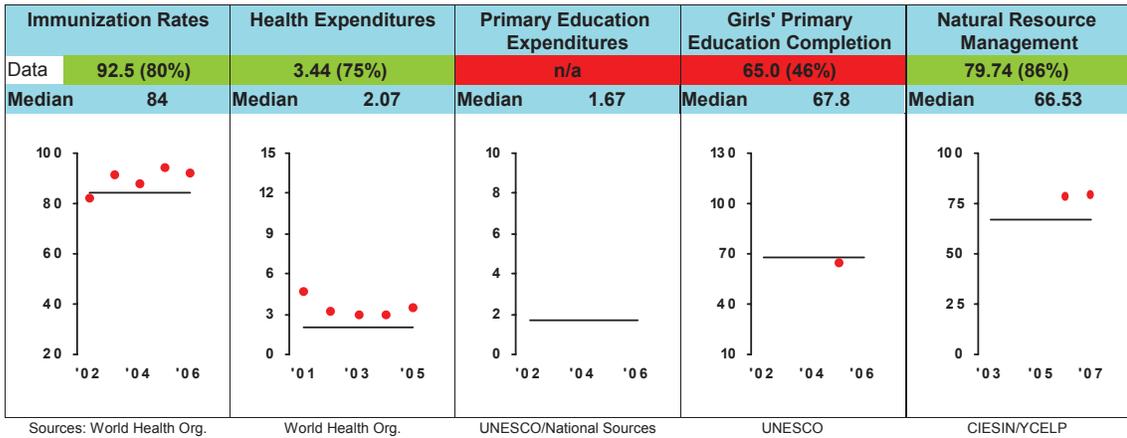
Bhutan FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$1,410 LIC

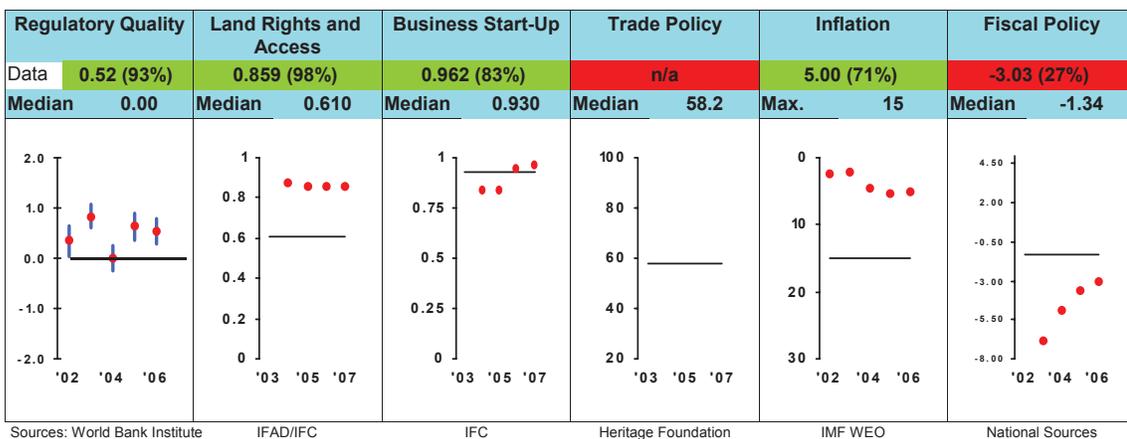
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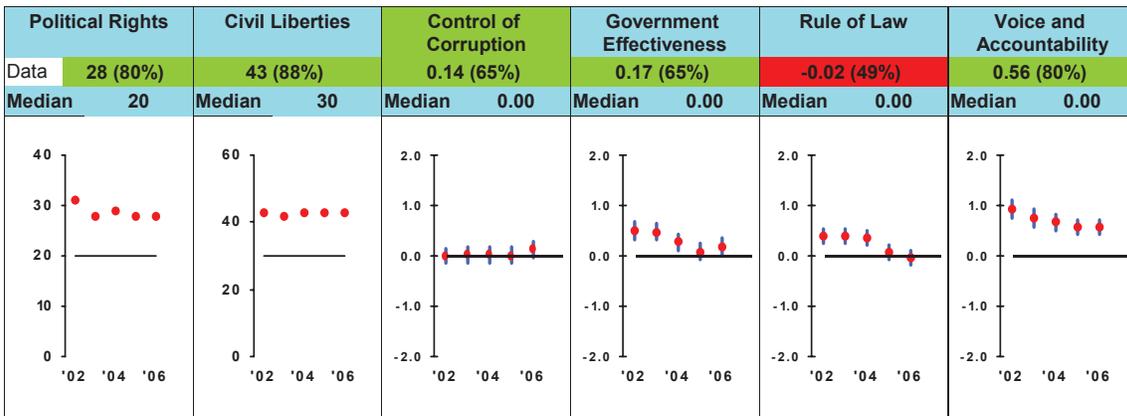
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Bolivia FY08

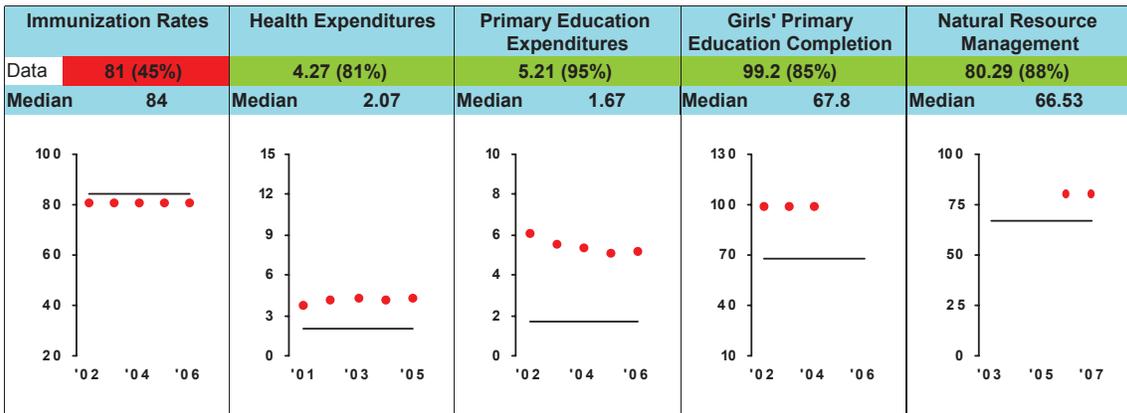
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GNI/Cap: \$1,100 LIC

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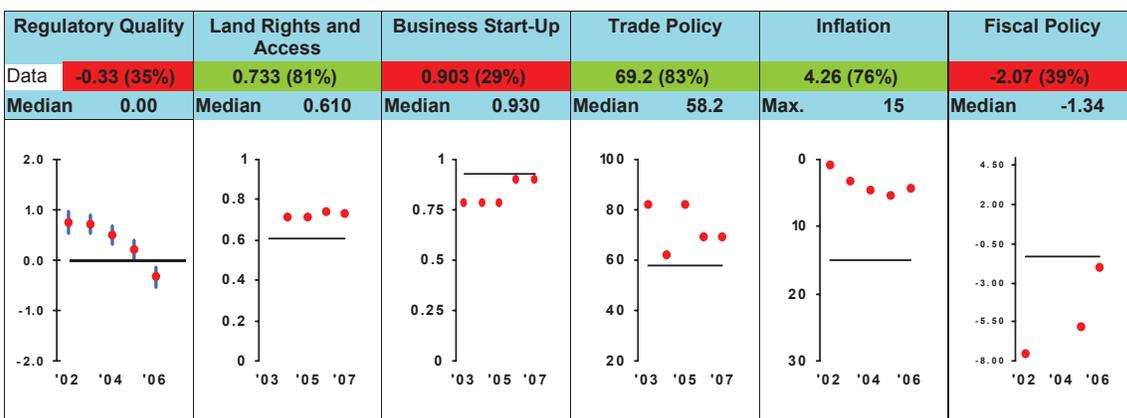
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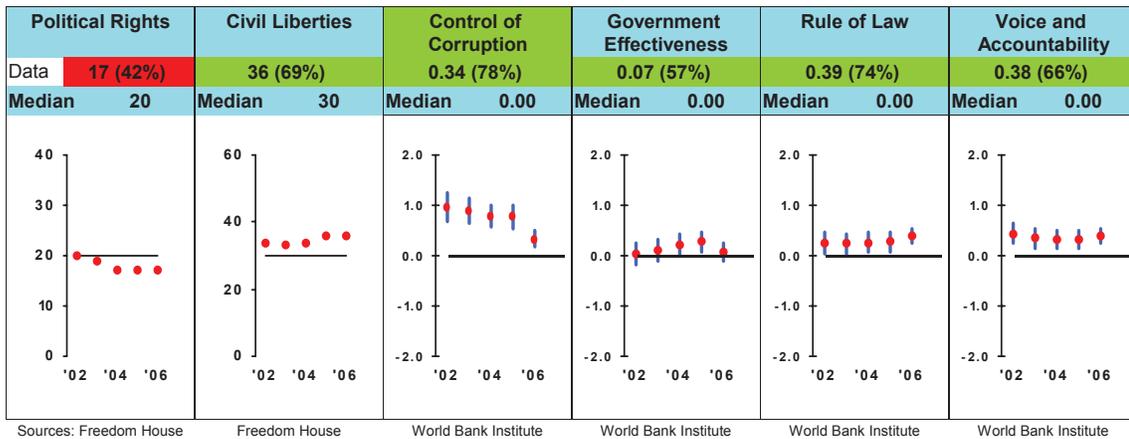
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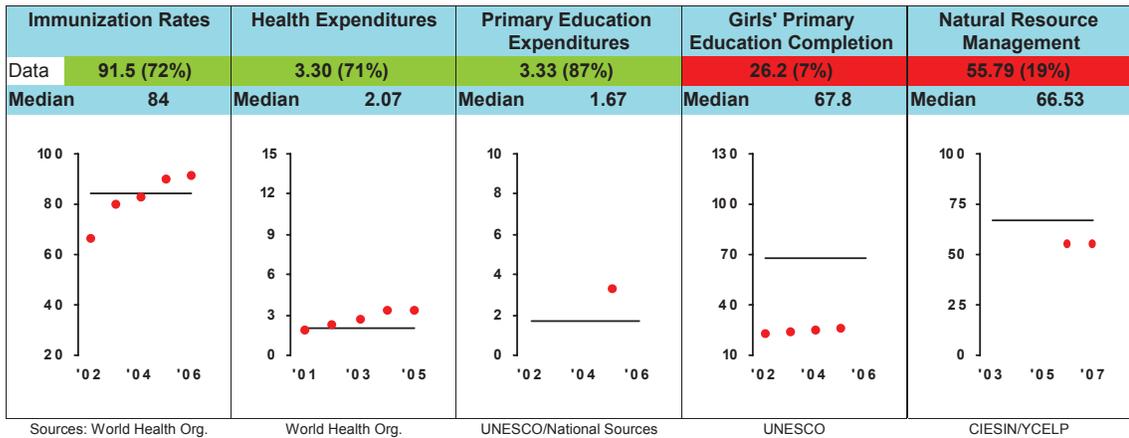
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GNI/Cap: \$460 LIC

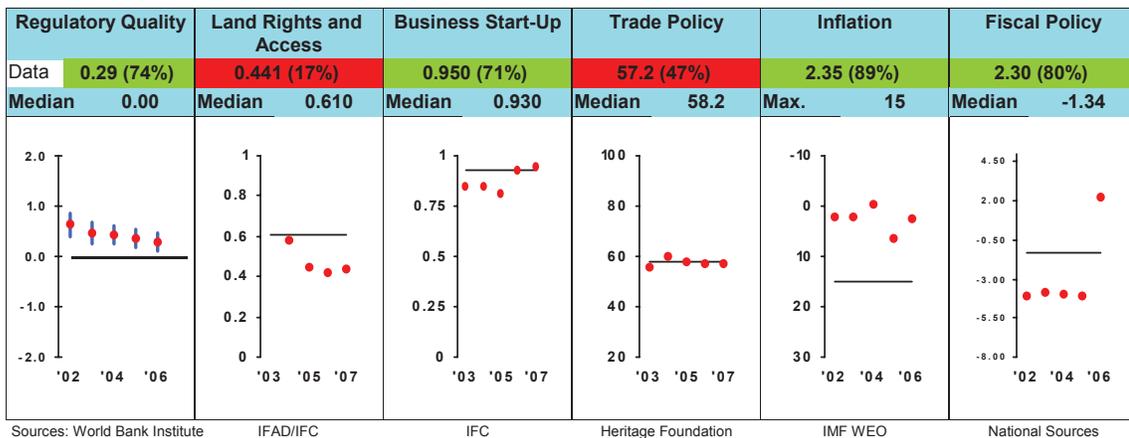
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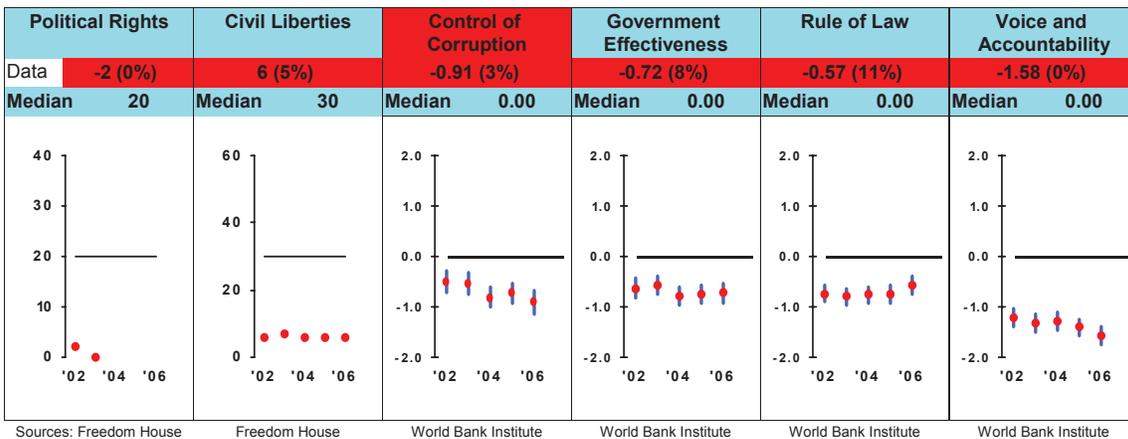
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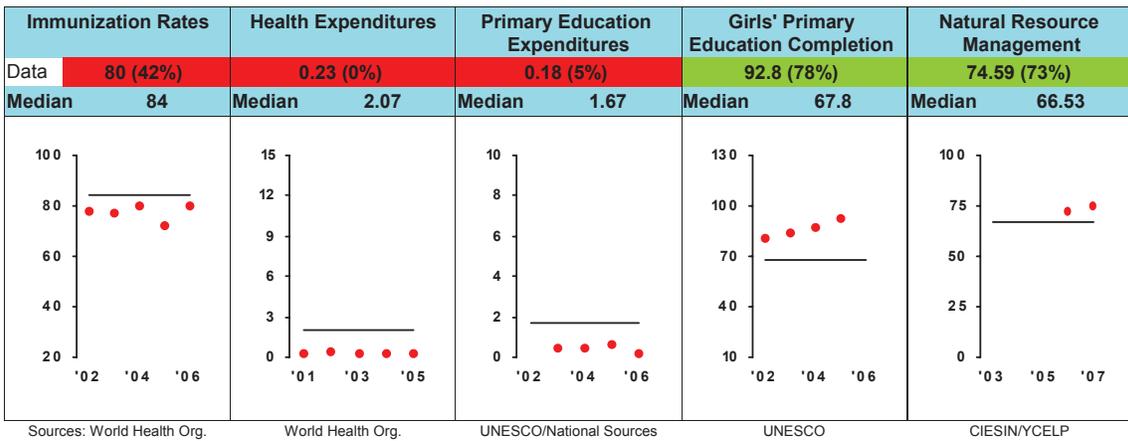
Burma FY08

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GNI/Cap: LIC

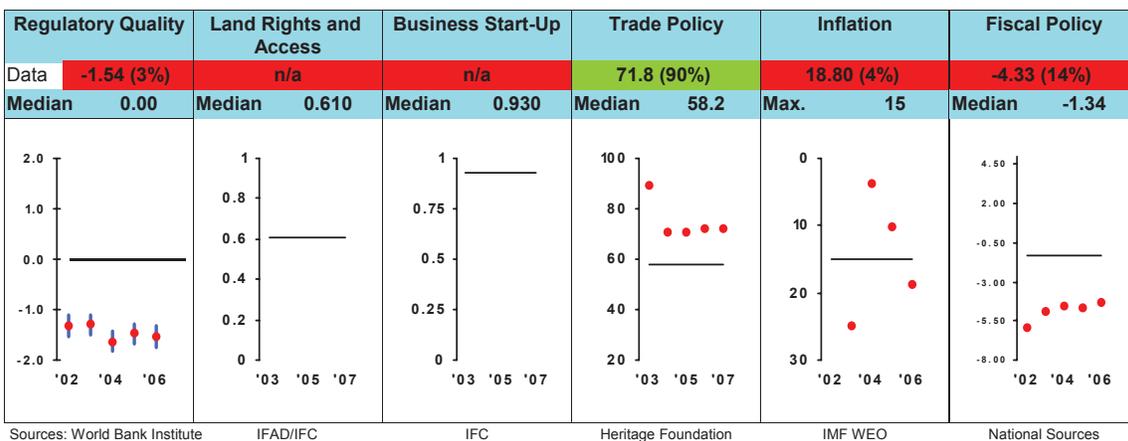
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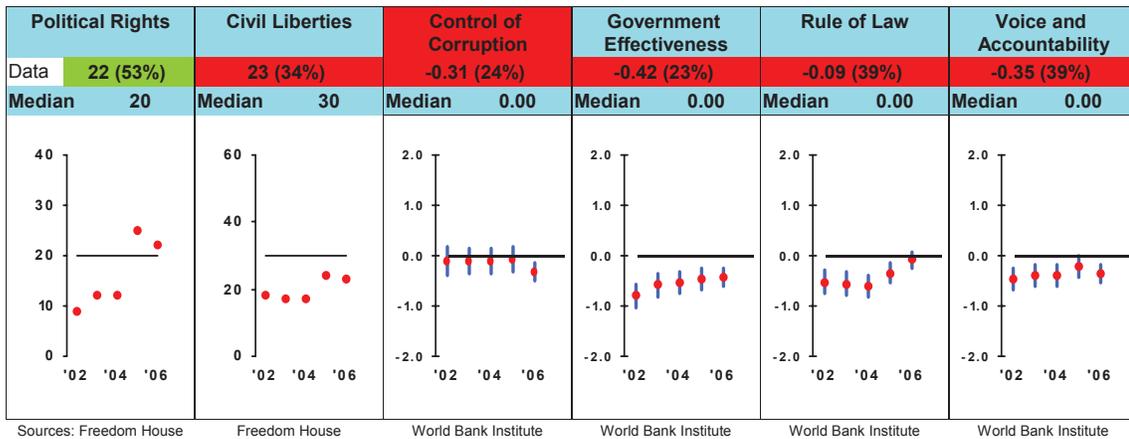
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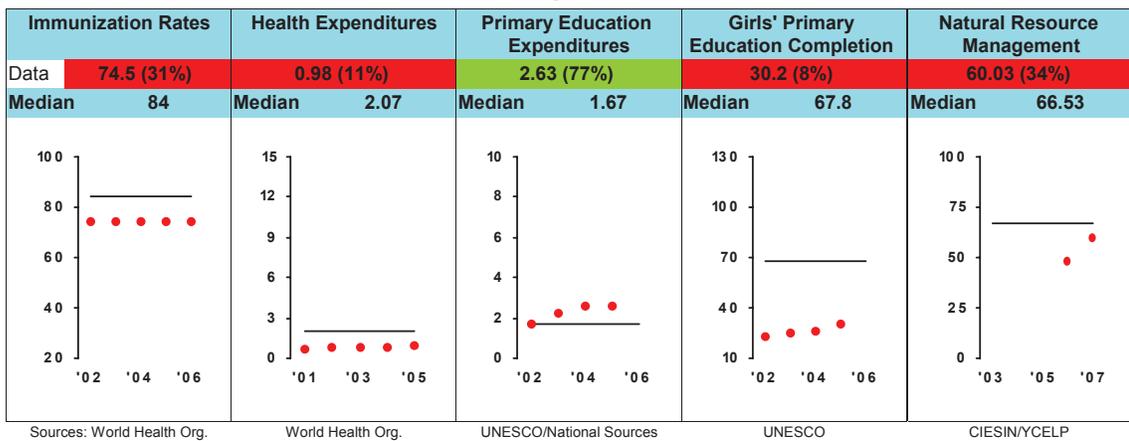
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GNI/Cap: \$100 LIC

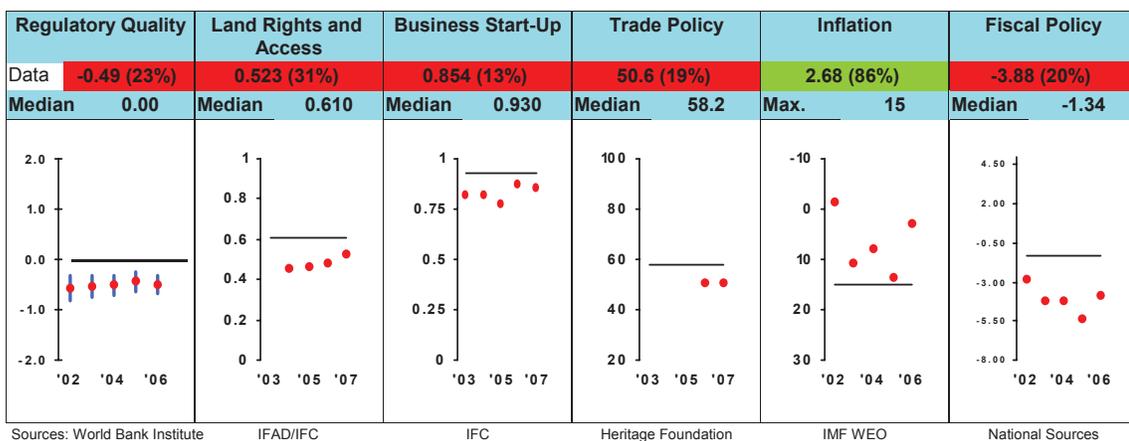
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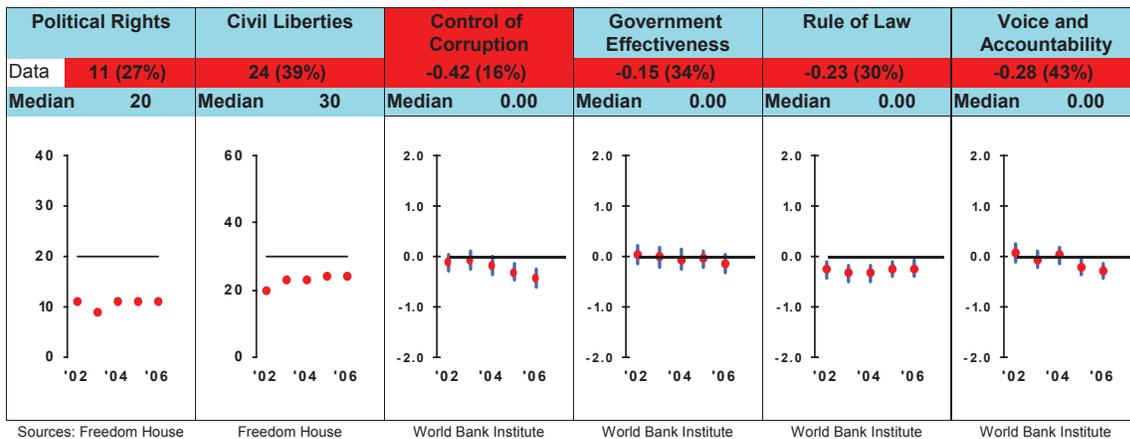
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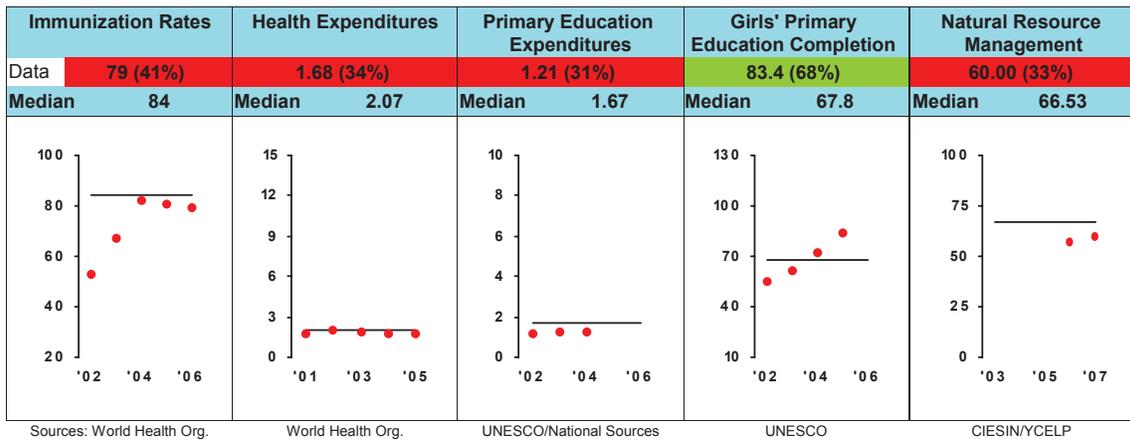
Cambodia FY08

Population: 14,071,010
GNI/Cap: \$480 LIC

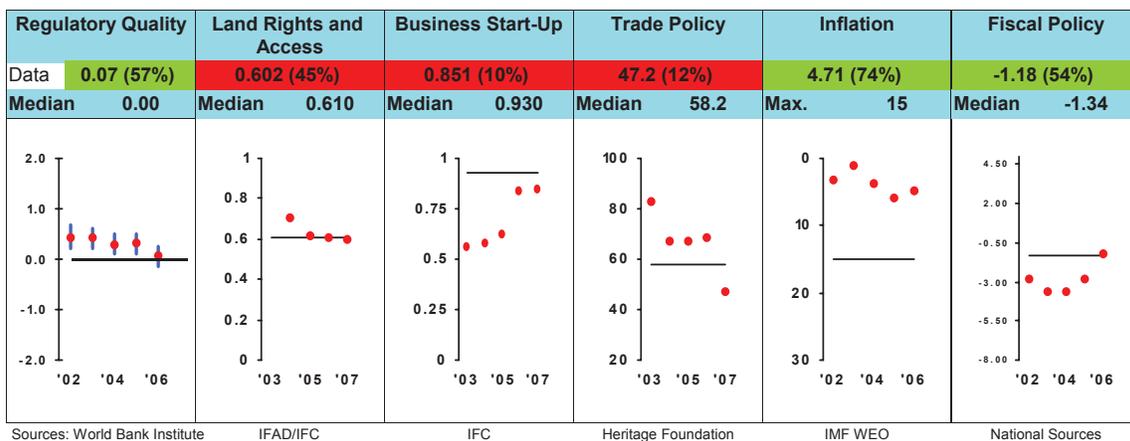
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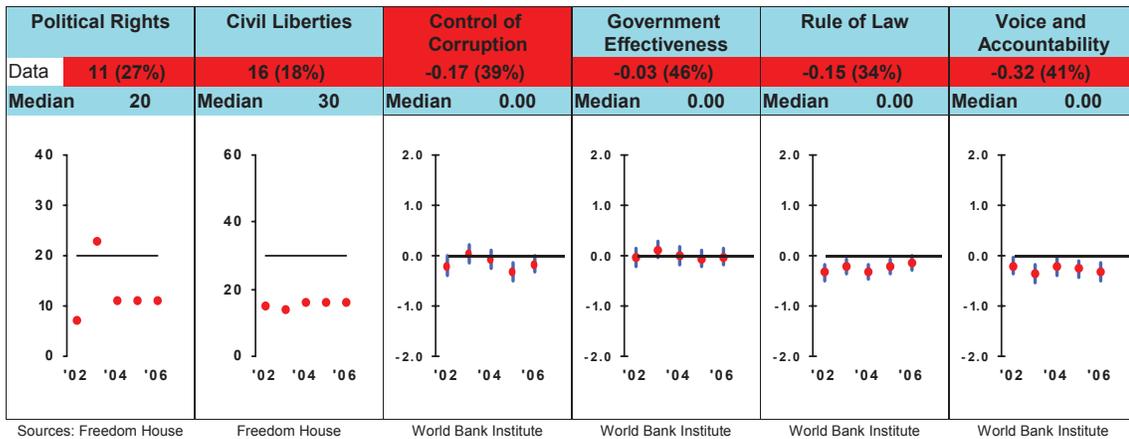
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Cameroon FY08

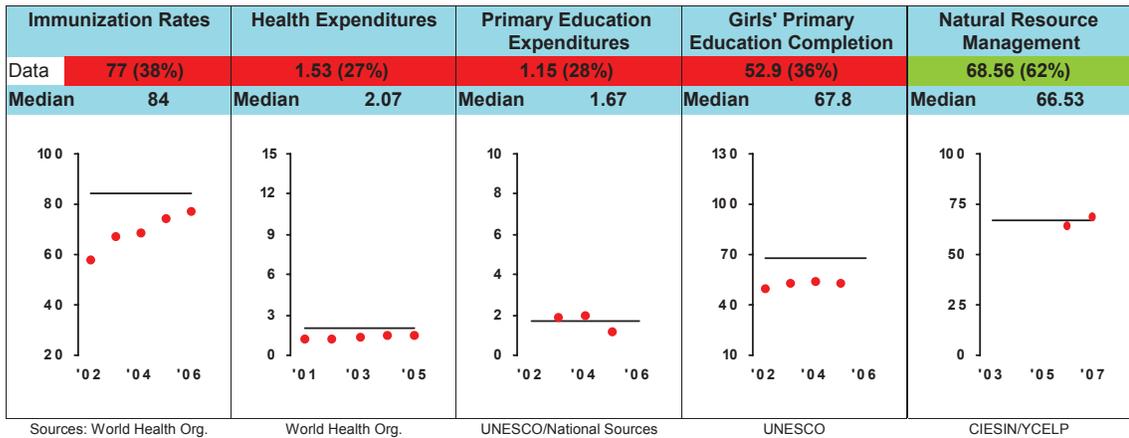
Population: 16,321,860

GNI/Cap: \$1,080 LIC

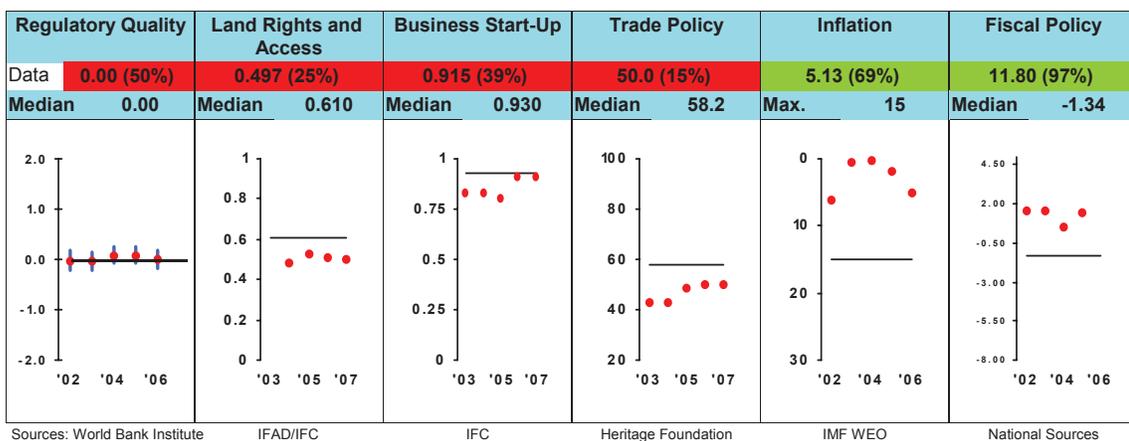
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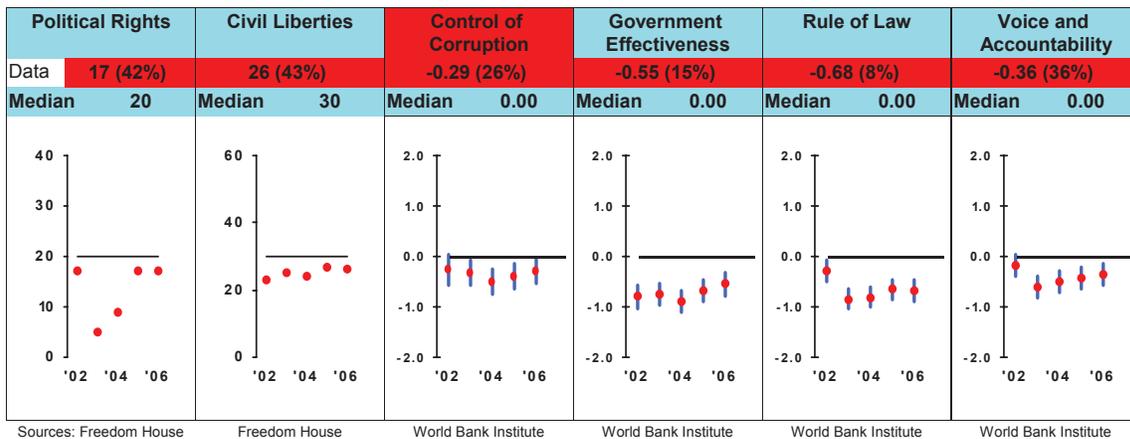
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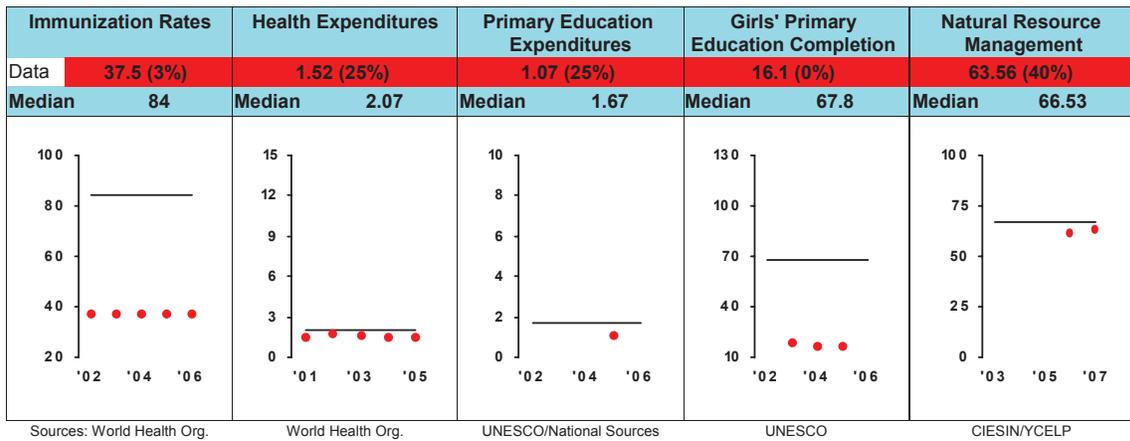
Central African Republic FY08

Population: 4,037,747
 GNI/Cap: \$360 LIC

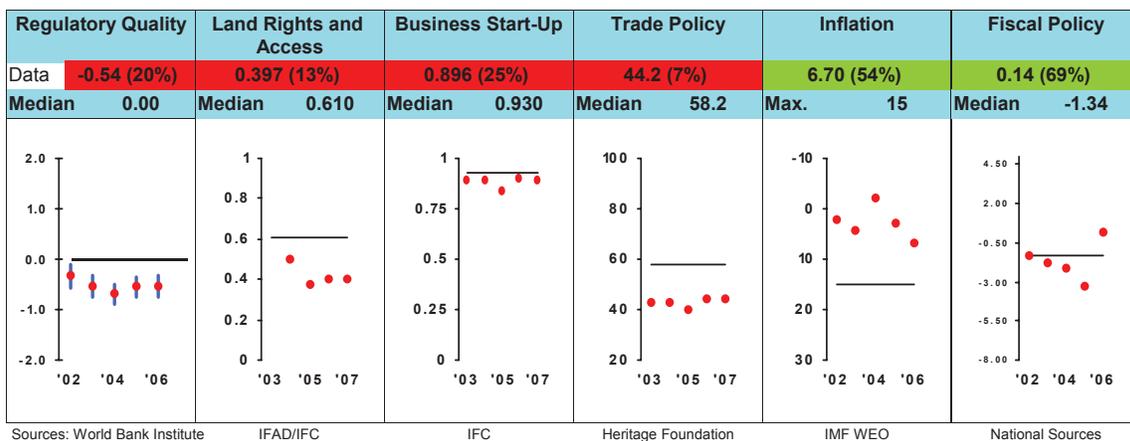
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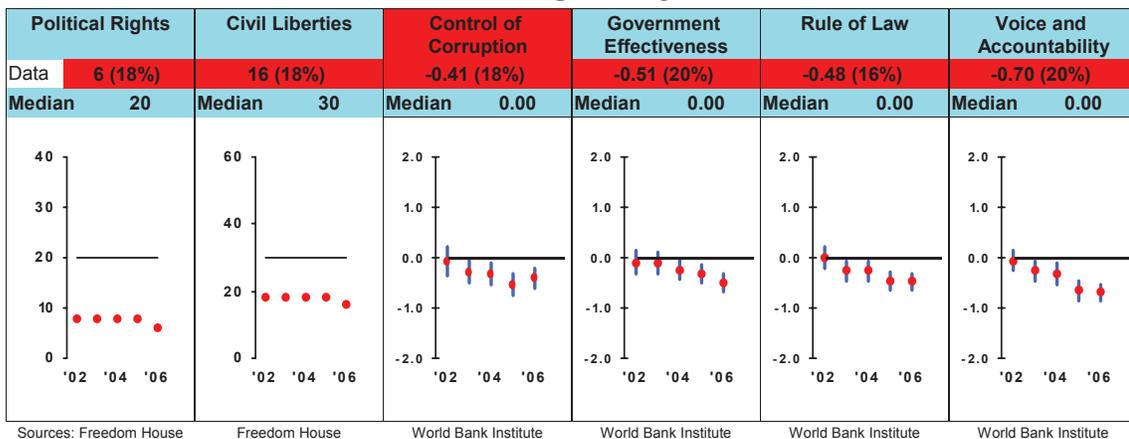
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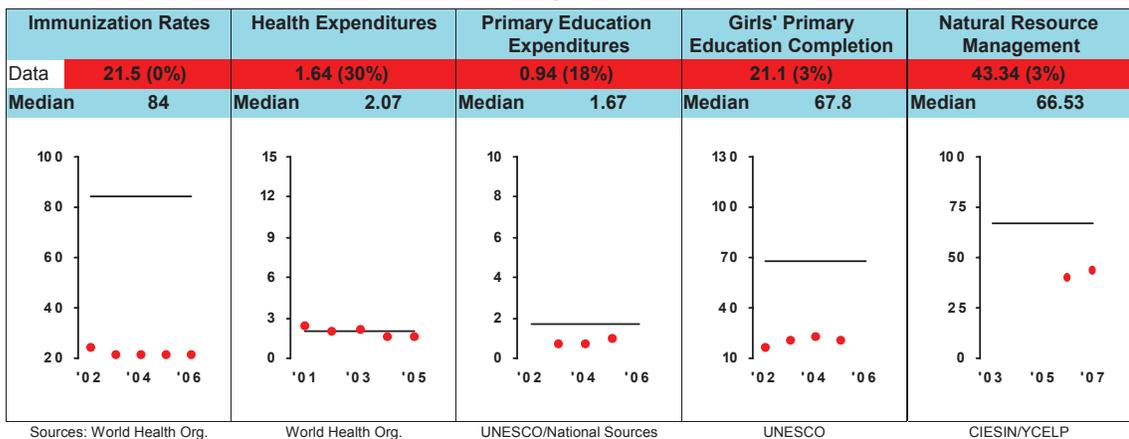
Chad FY08

Population: 9,748,931
GNI/Cap: \$480 LIC

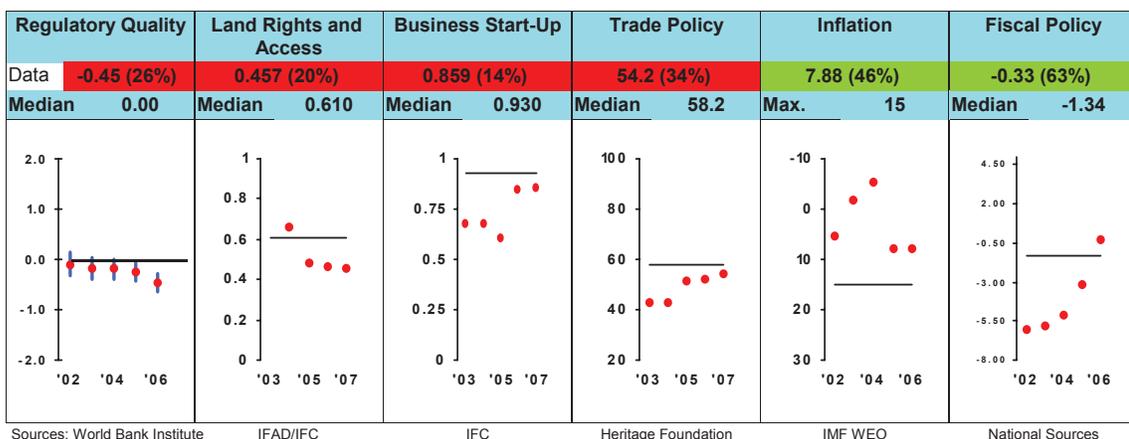
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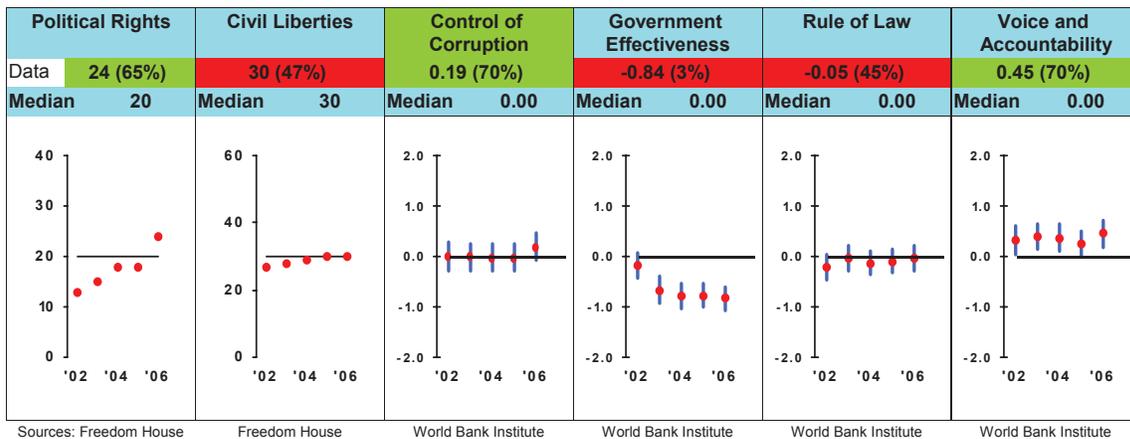
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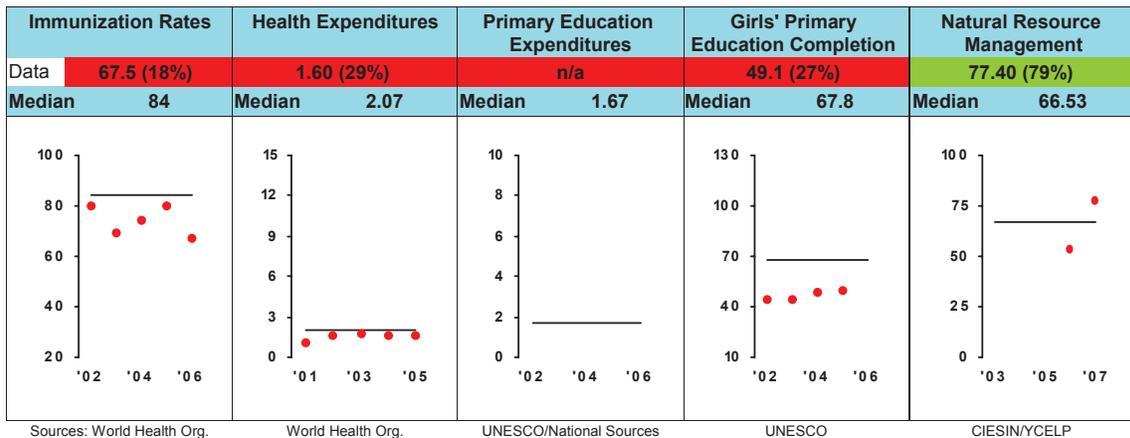
Comoros FY08

Population: 600,490
GNI/Cap: \$660 LIC

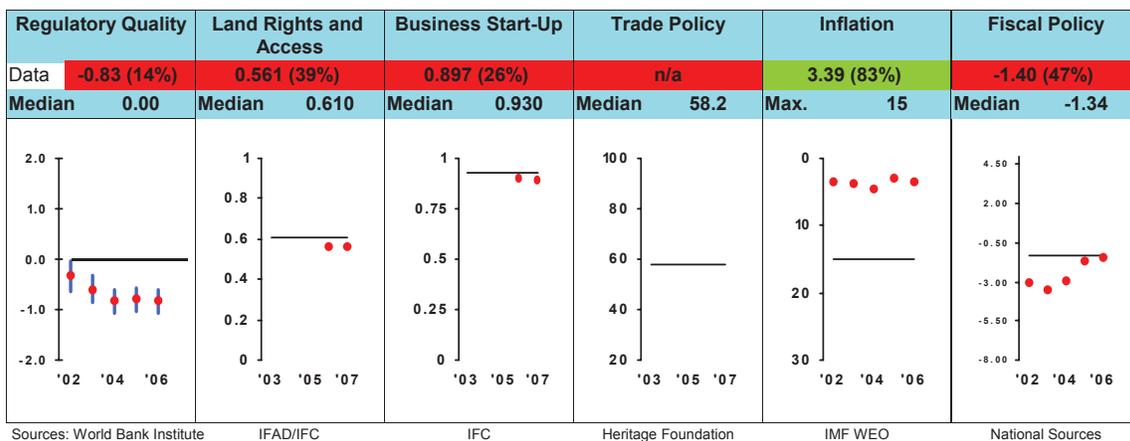
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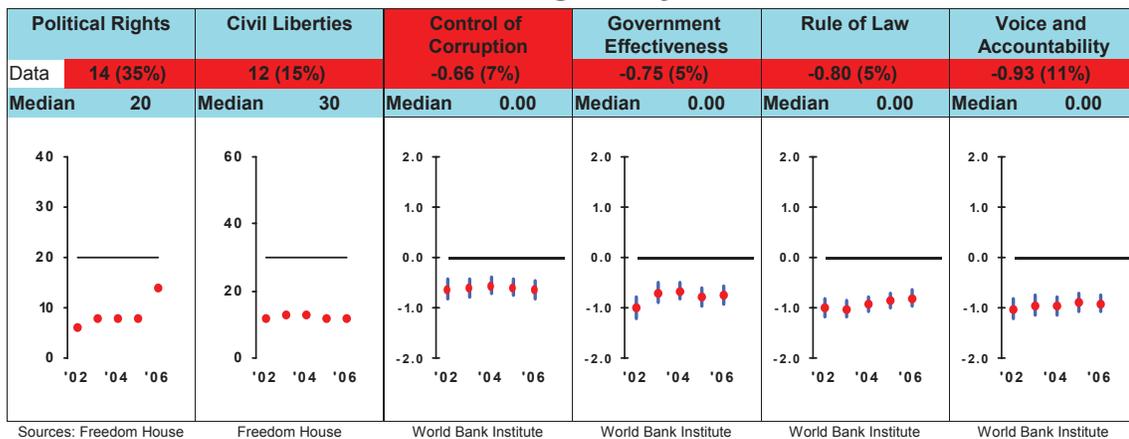
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Congo, Dem. Rep. FY08

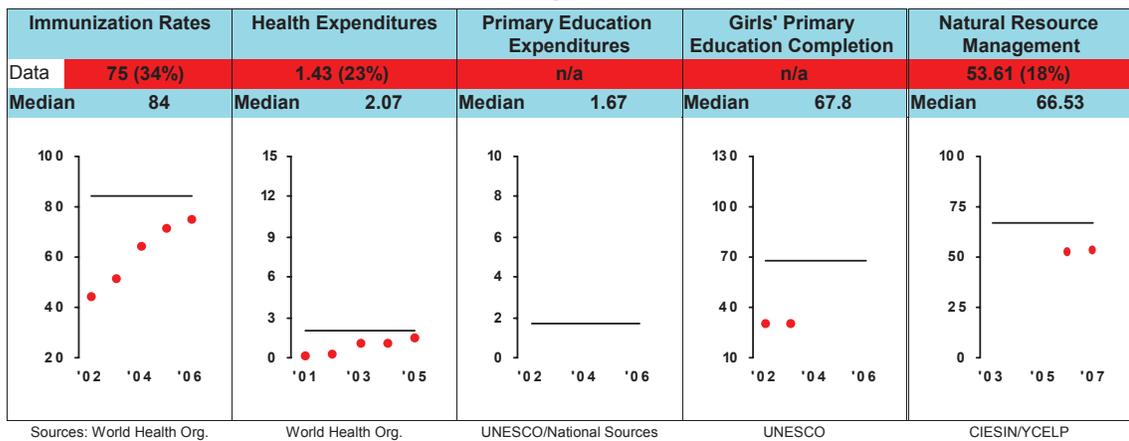
Population: 57,548,740

GNI/Cap: \$130 LIC

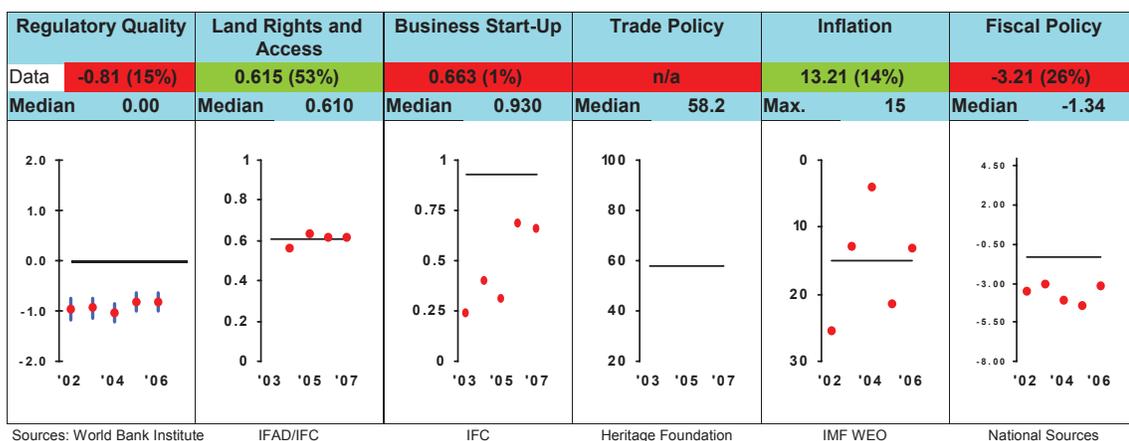
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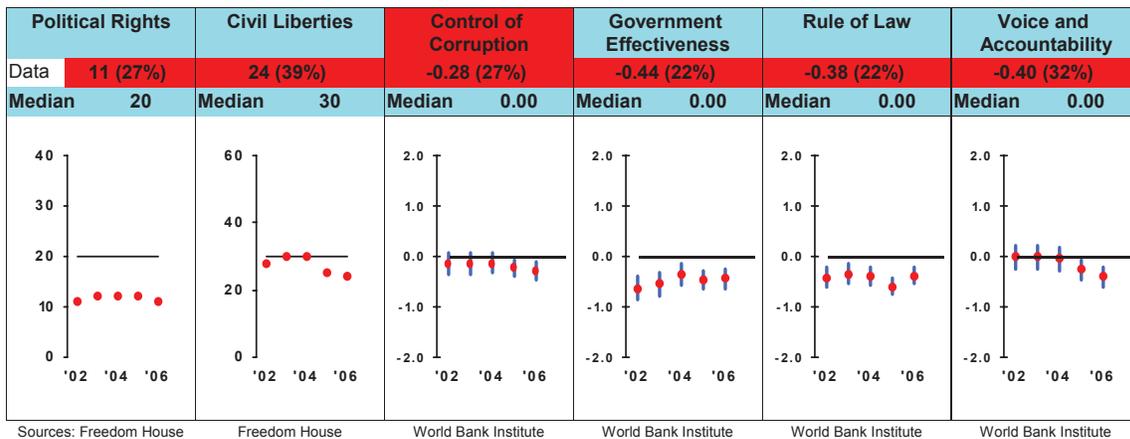
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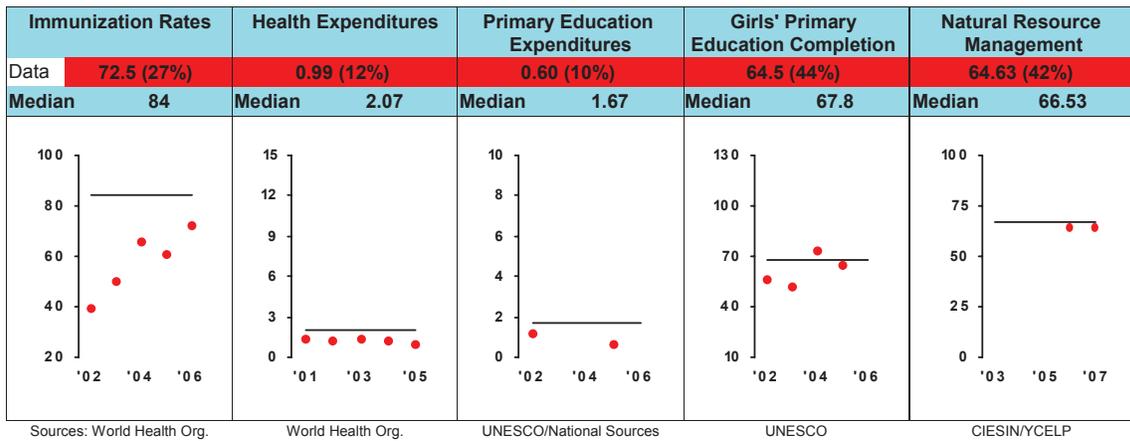
Congo, Rep. FY08

Population: 3,998,904
GNI/Cap: \$950 LIC

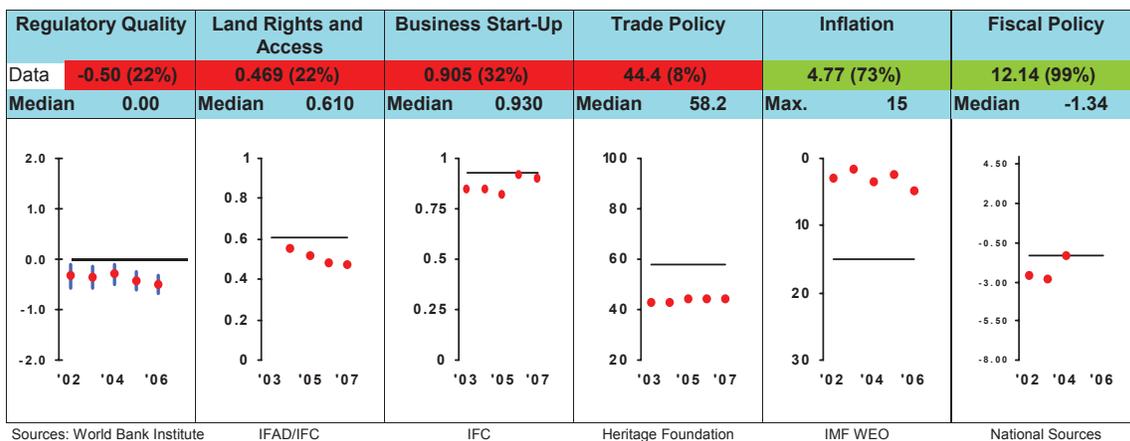
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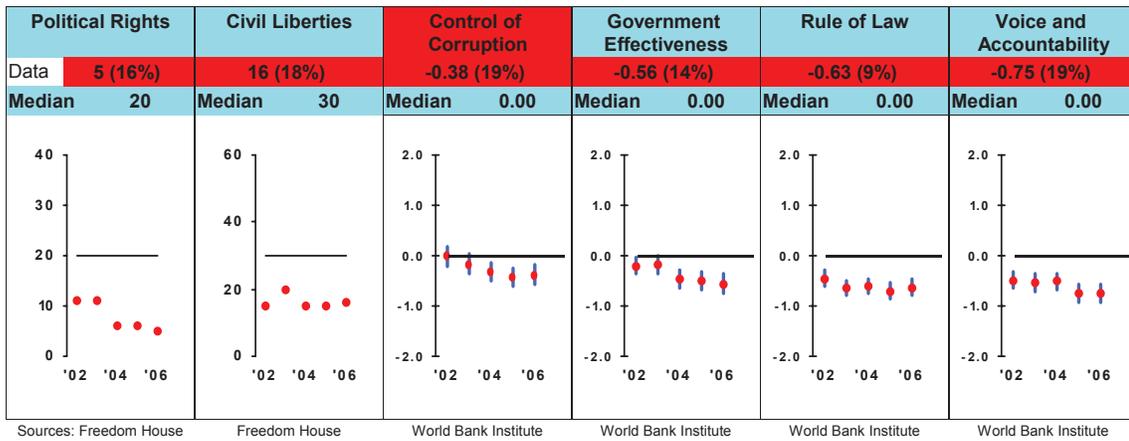
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Cote d'Ivoire FY08

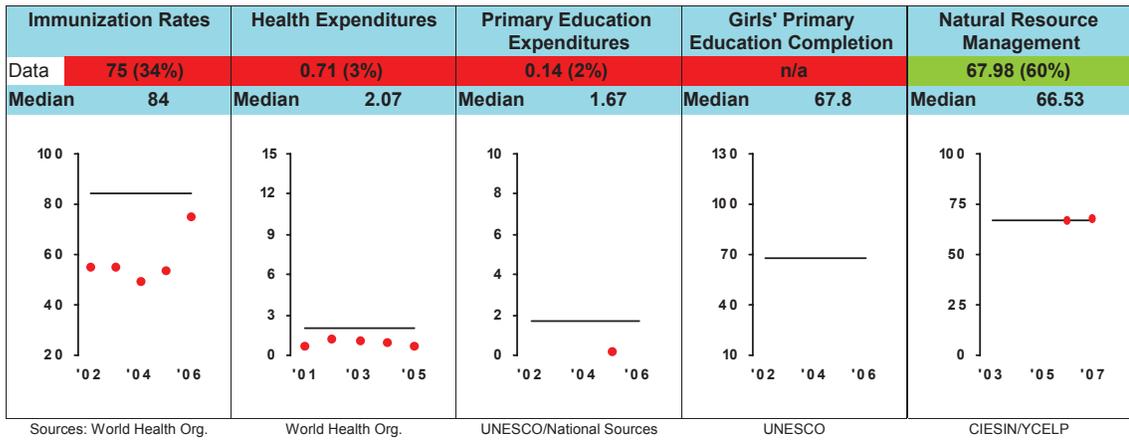
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GNI/Cap: \$870 LIC

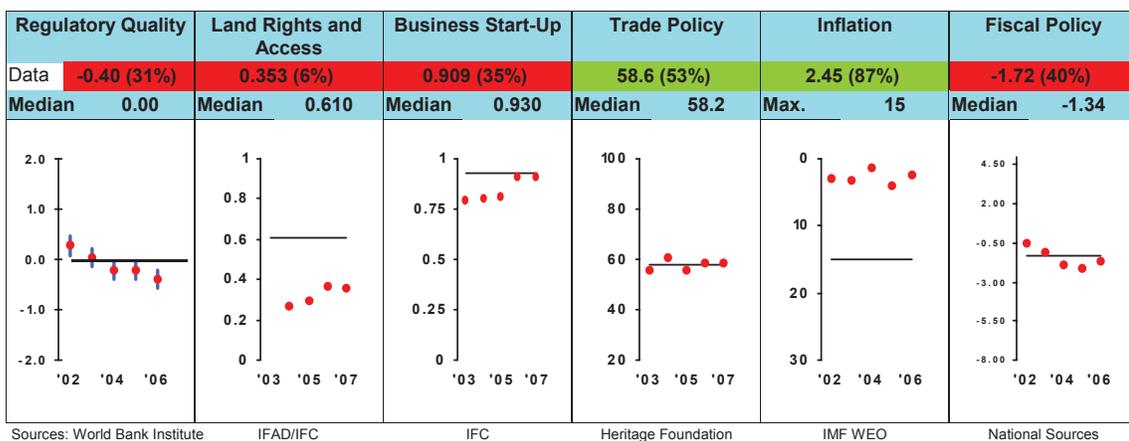
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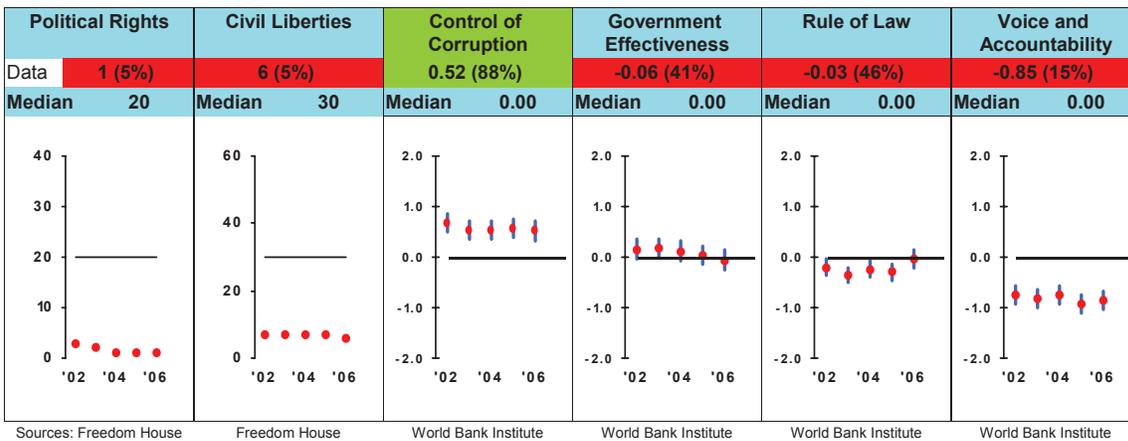
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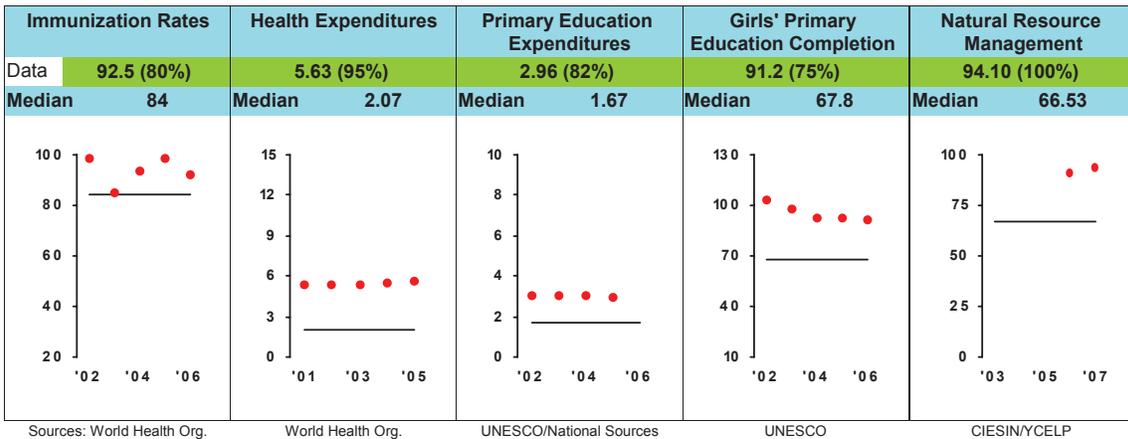
Cuba FY08

Population: 11,269,400
GNI/Cap: LIC

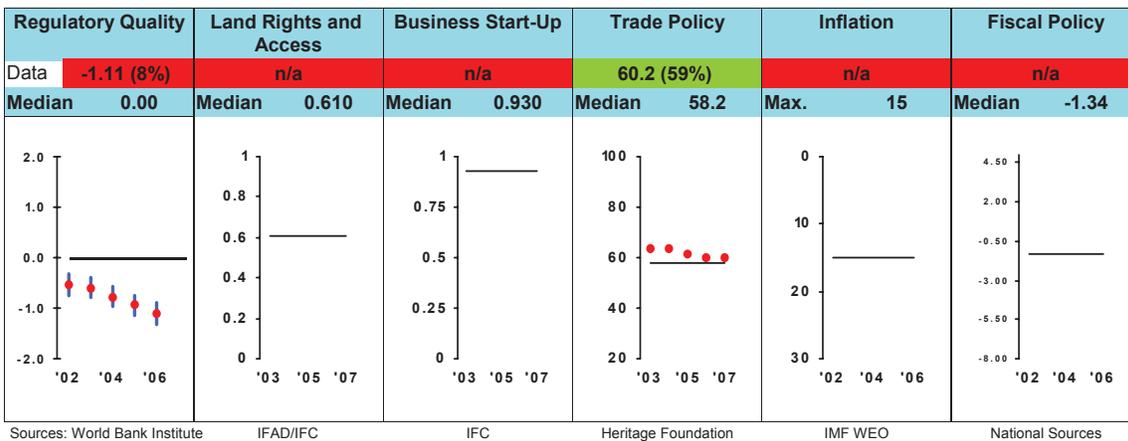
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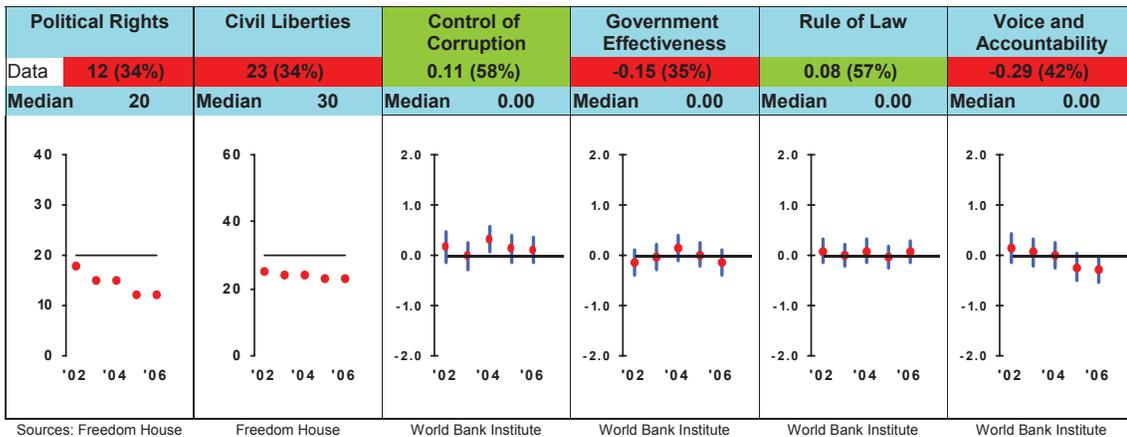
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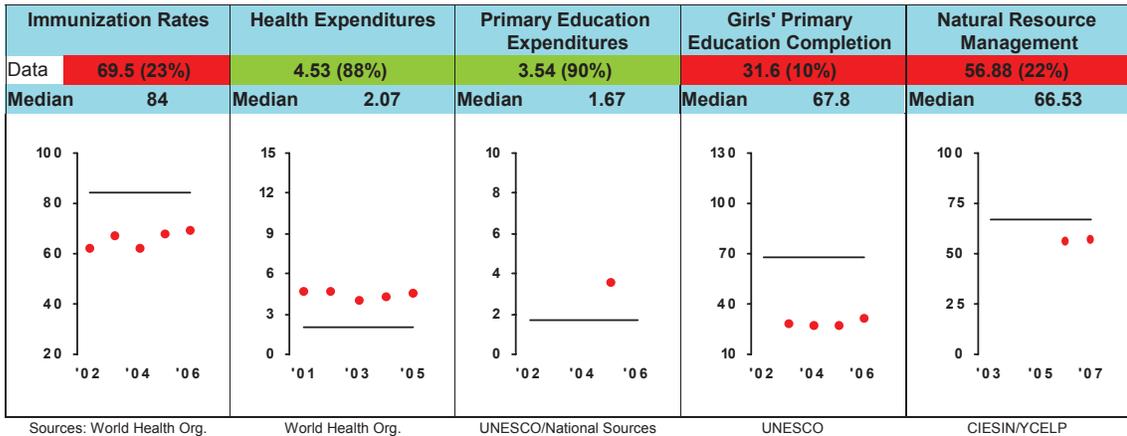
Djibouti FY08

Population: 793,078
GNI/Cap: \$1,060 LIC

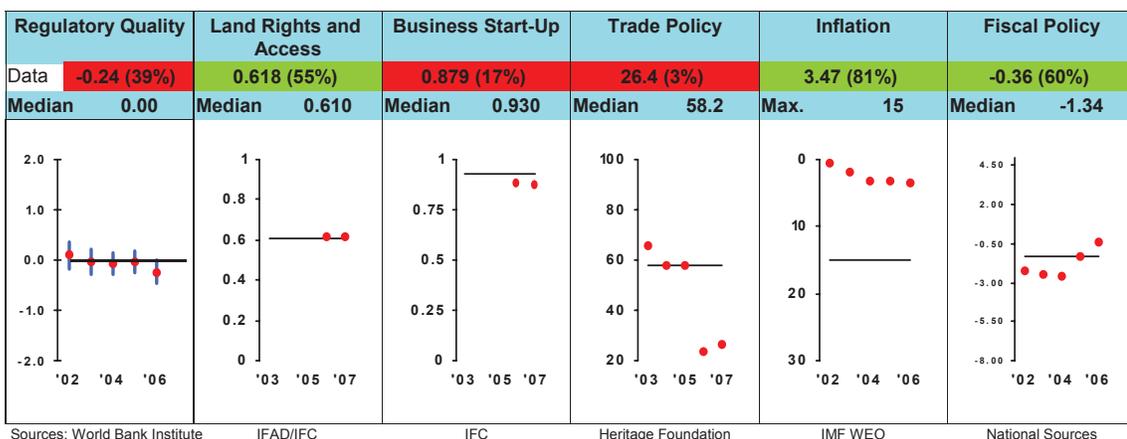
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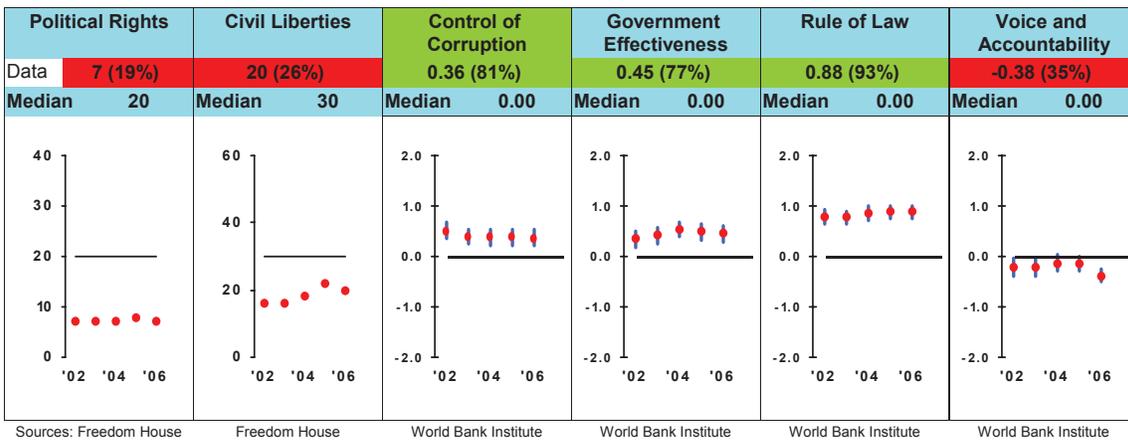
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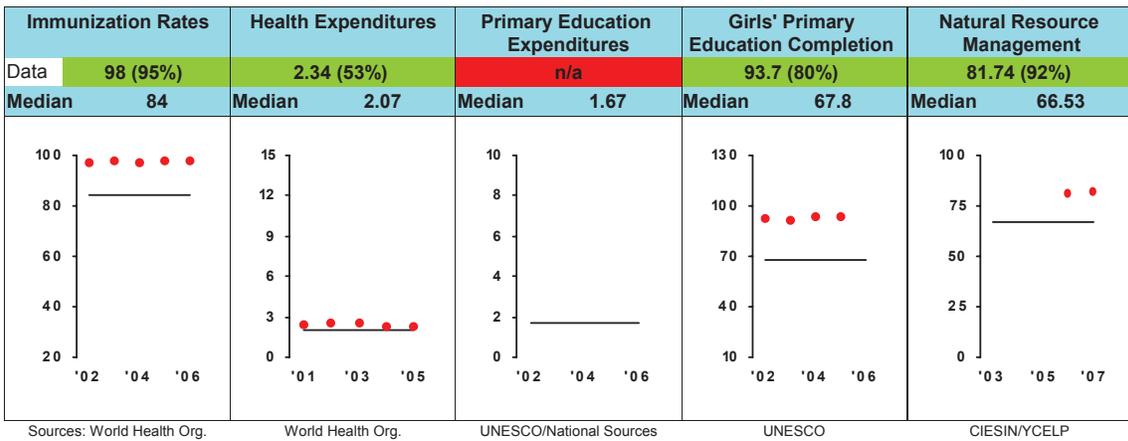
Egypt, Arab Rep. FY08

Population: 74,032,880
 GNI/Cap: \$1,350 LIC

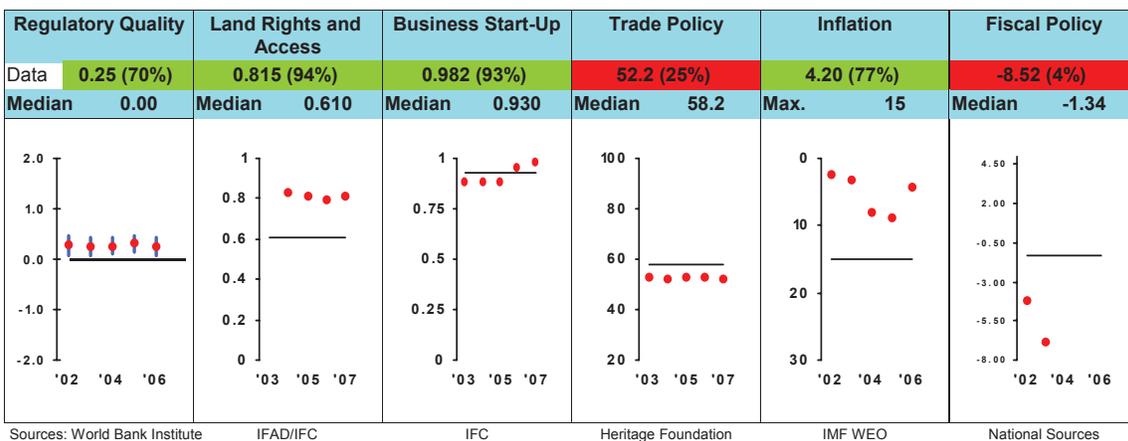
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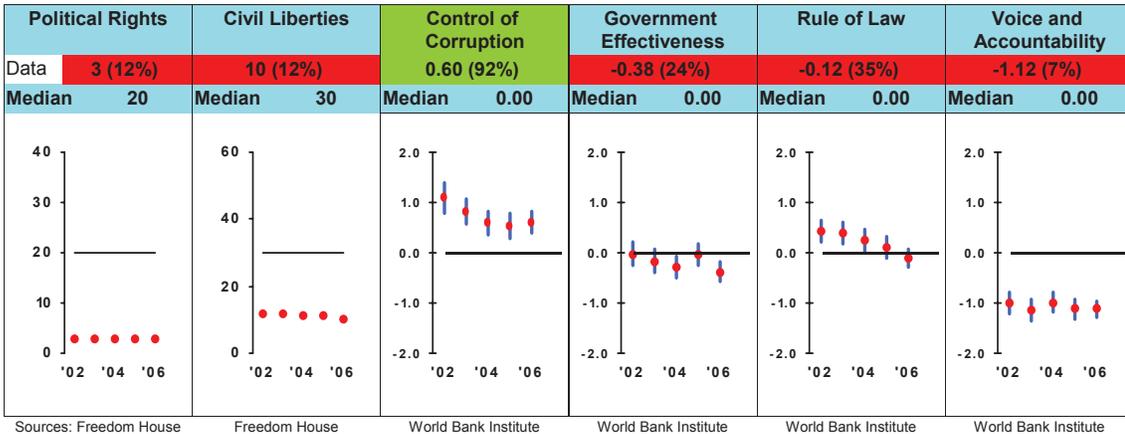
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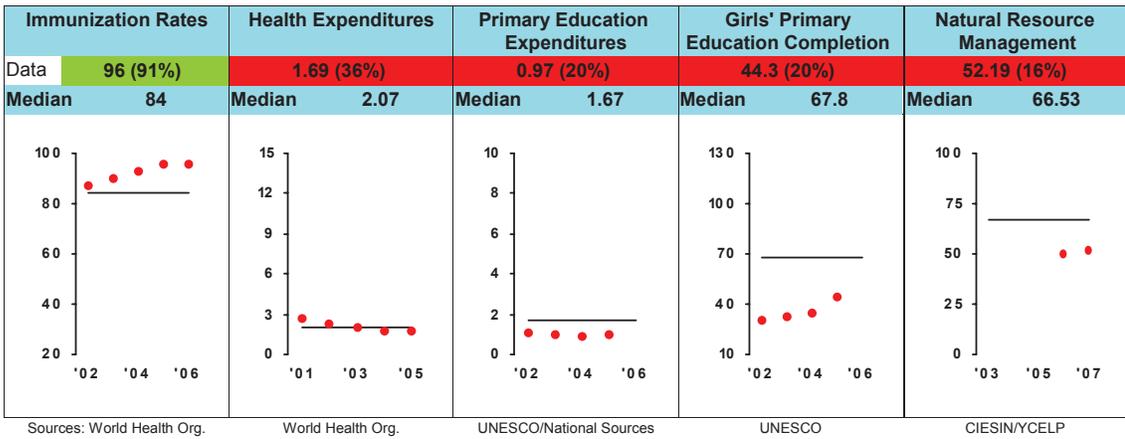
Eritrea FY08

Population: 4,401,357
 GNI/Cap: \$200 LIC

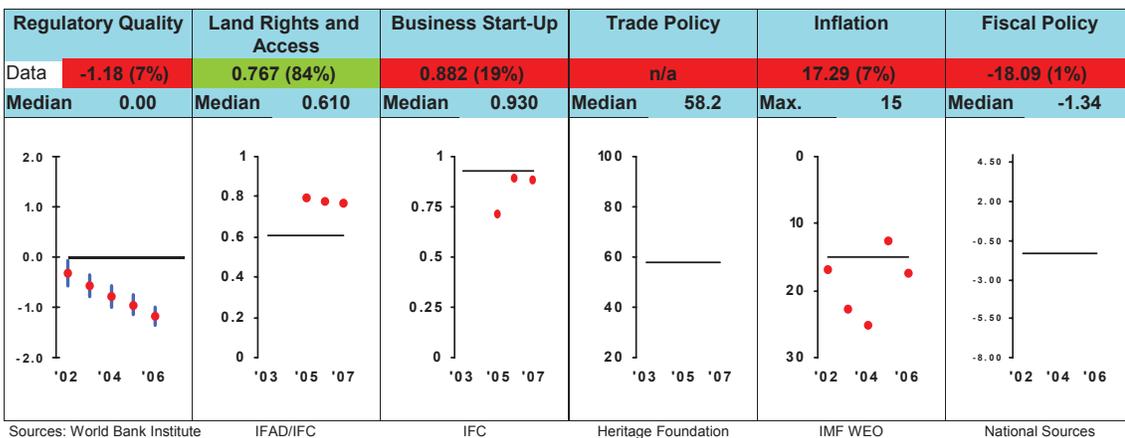
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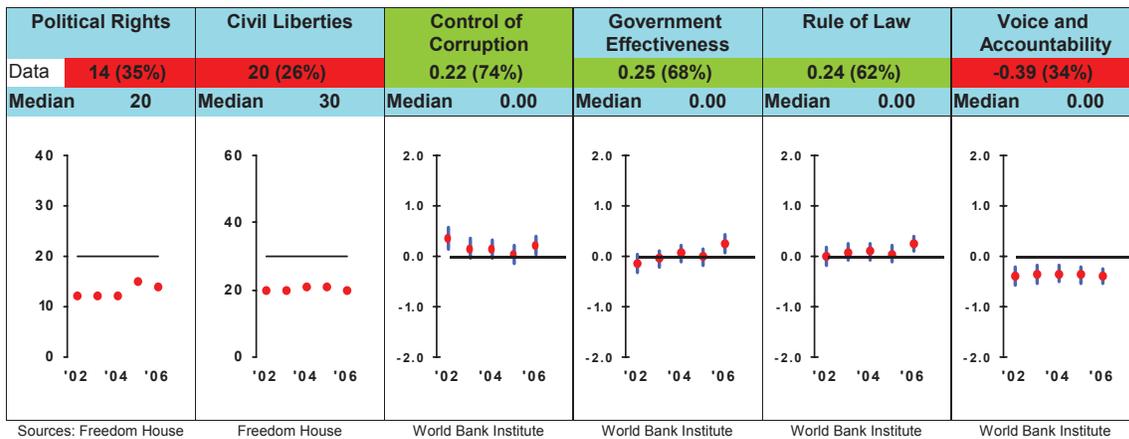
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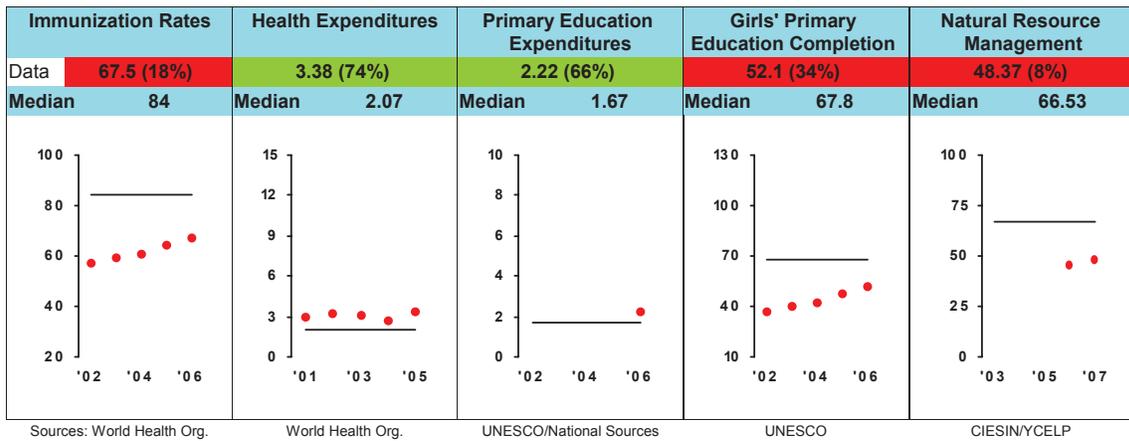
Ethiopia FY08

Population: 71,256,000
GNI/Cap: \$180 LIC

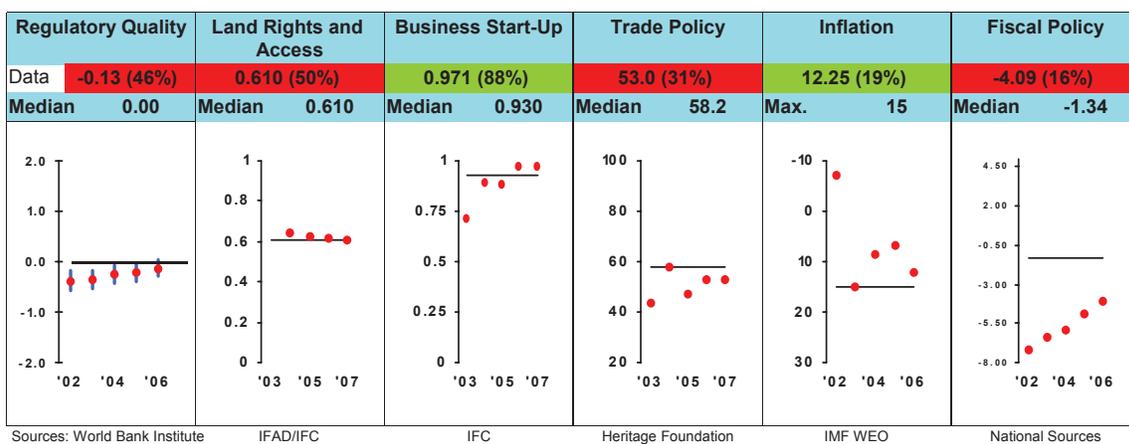
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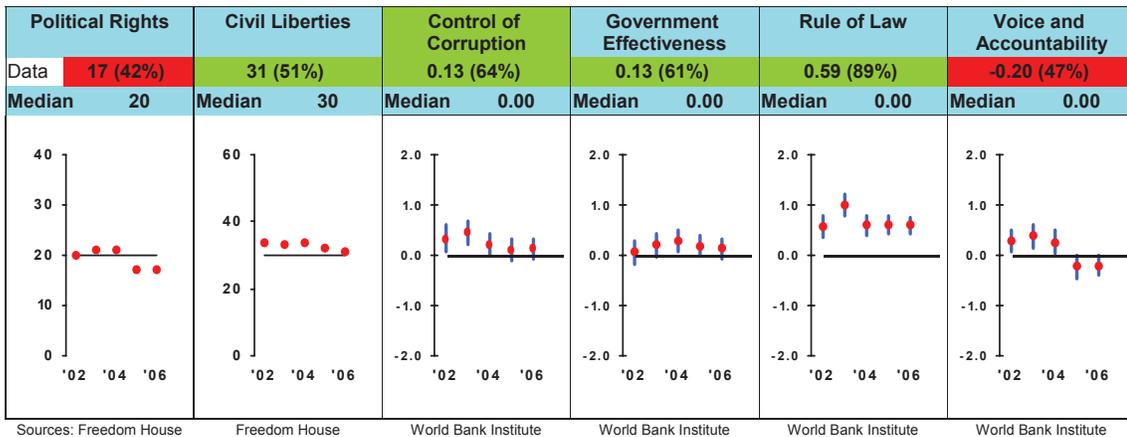
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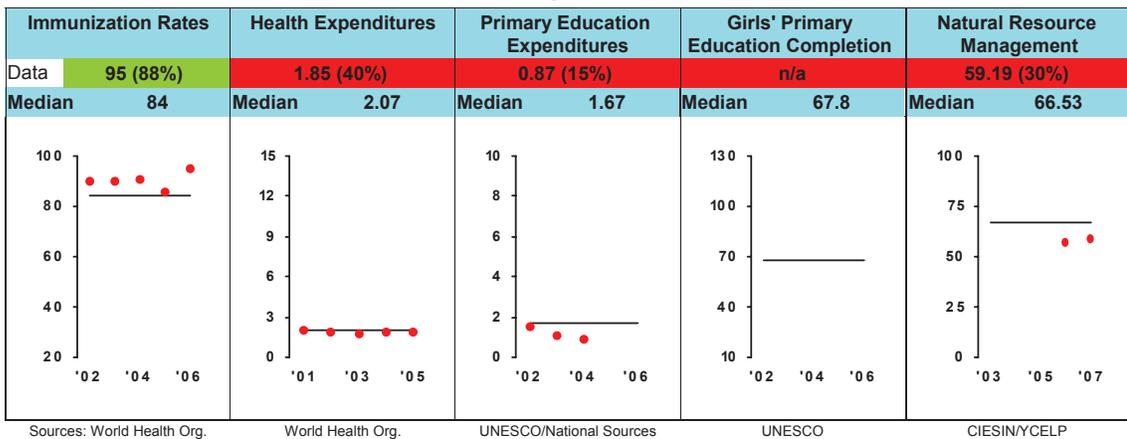
Gambia FY08

Population: 1,517,079
 GNI/Cap: \$310 LIC

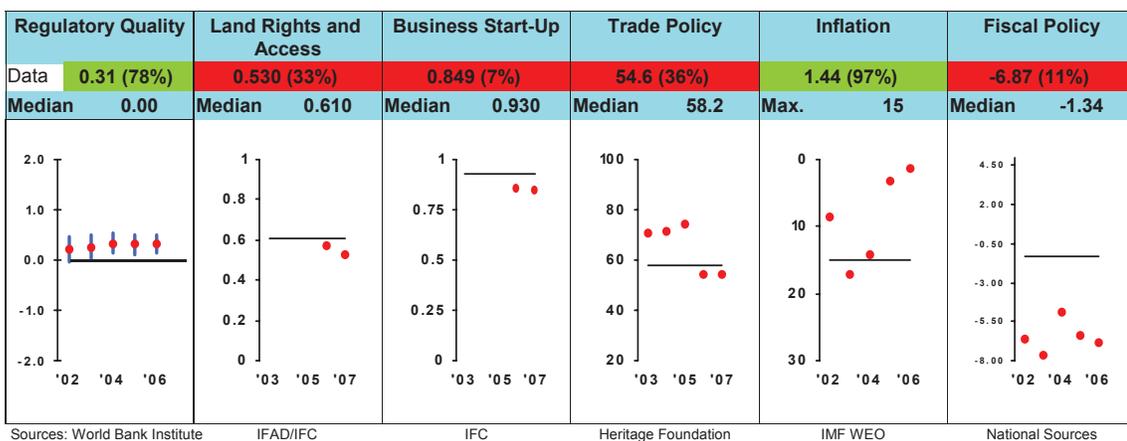
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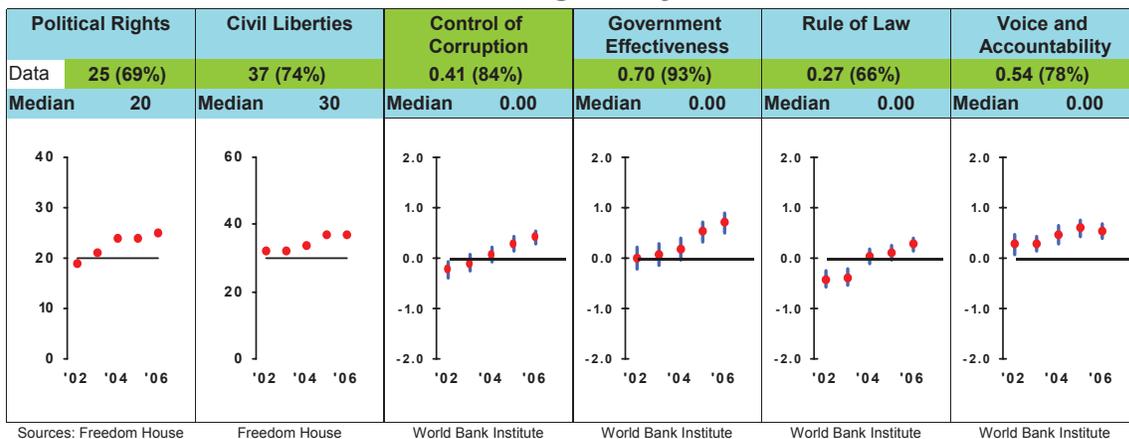
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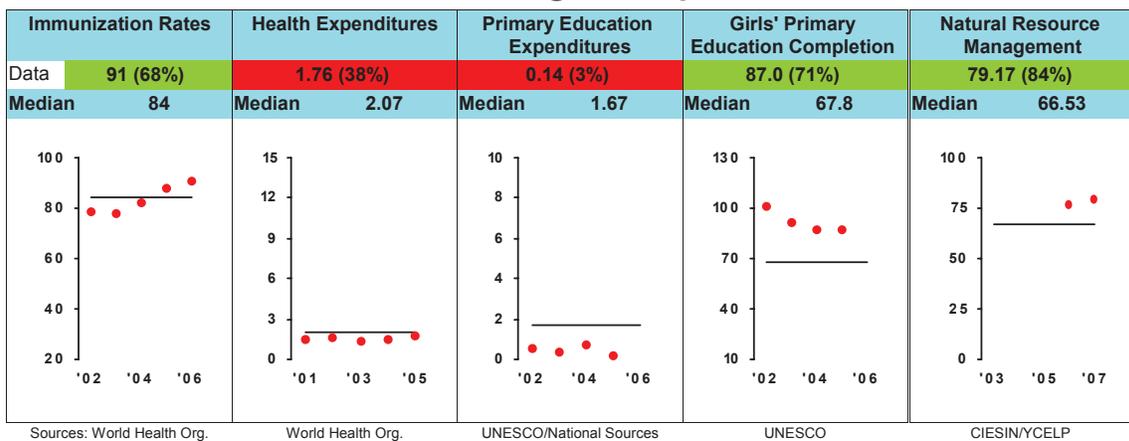
Georgia FY08

Population: 4,474,404
GNI/Cap: \$1,560 LIC

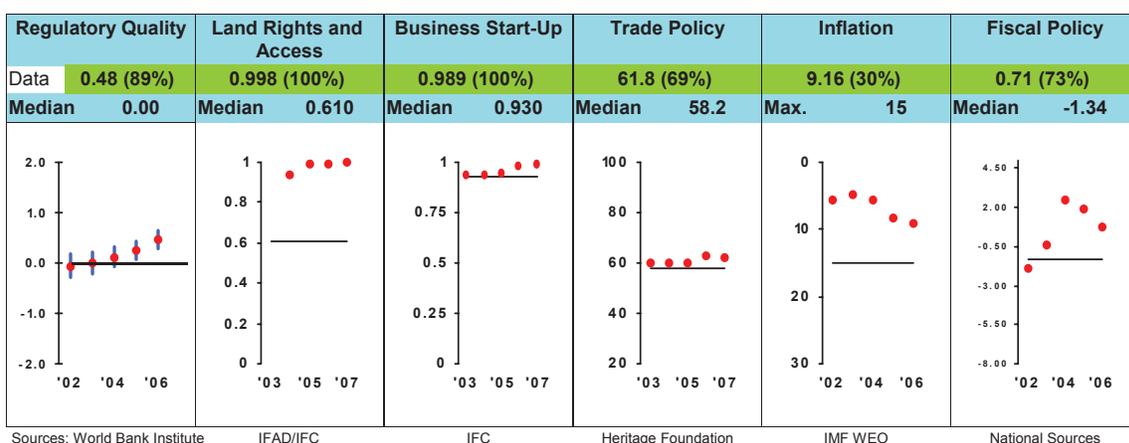
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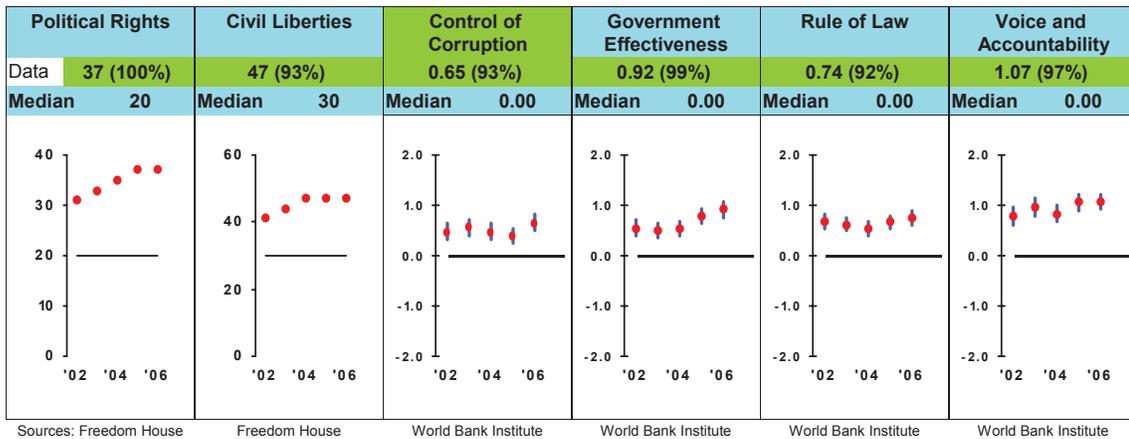
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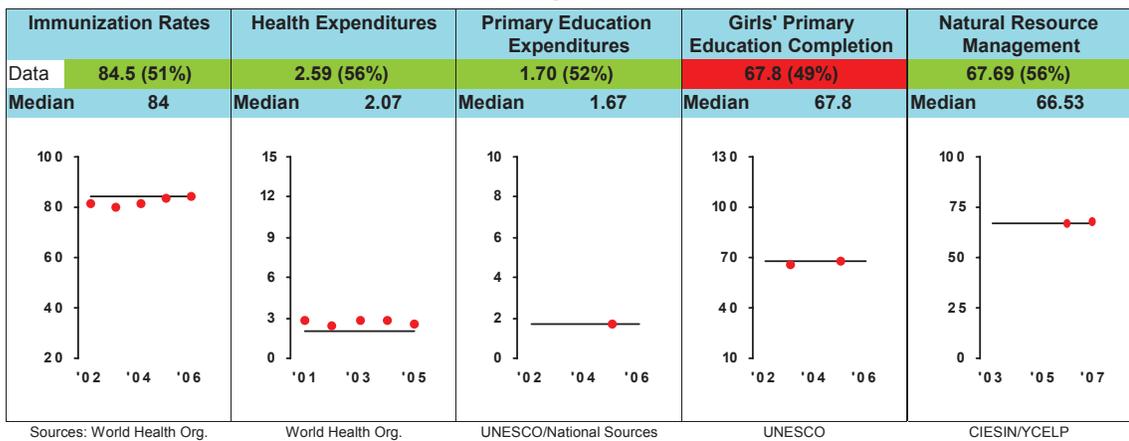
Population: 22,112,800

GNI/Cap: \$520 LIC

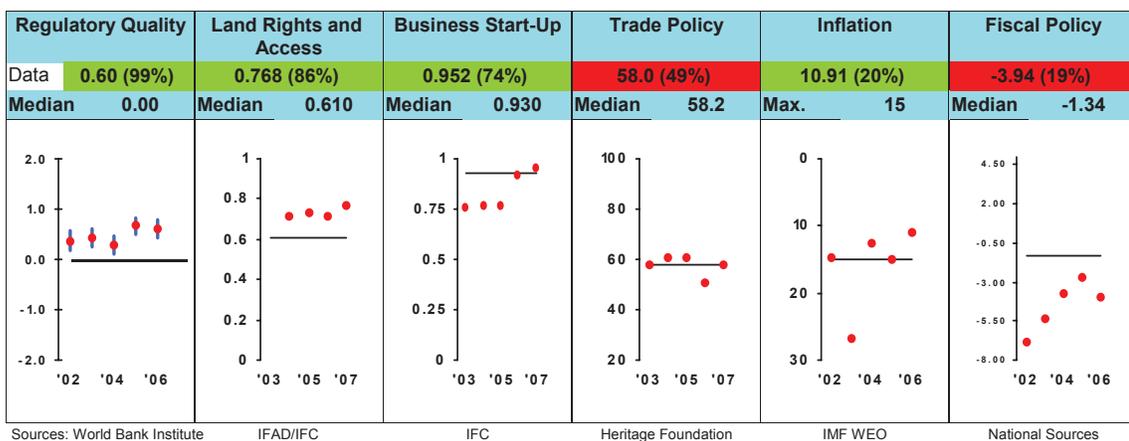
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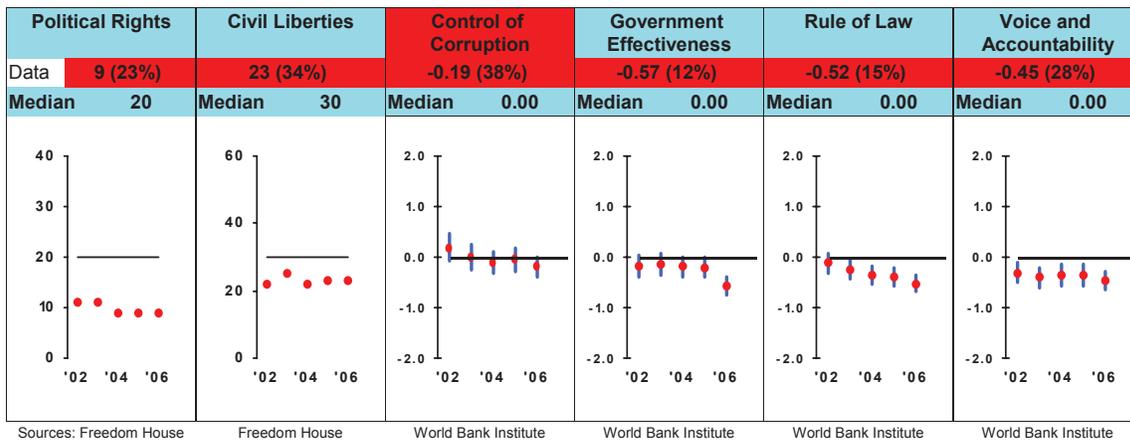
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Guinea FY08

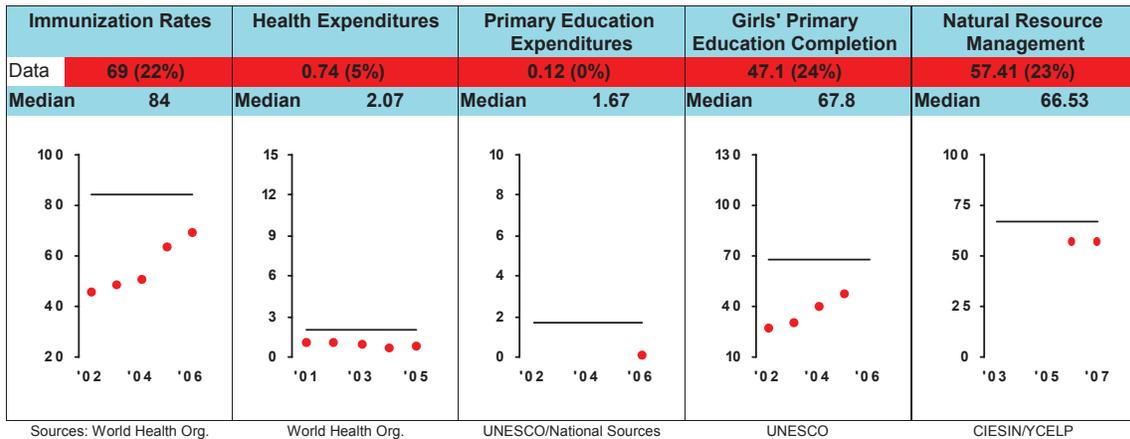
Population: 9,402,098

GNI/Cap: \$410 LIC

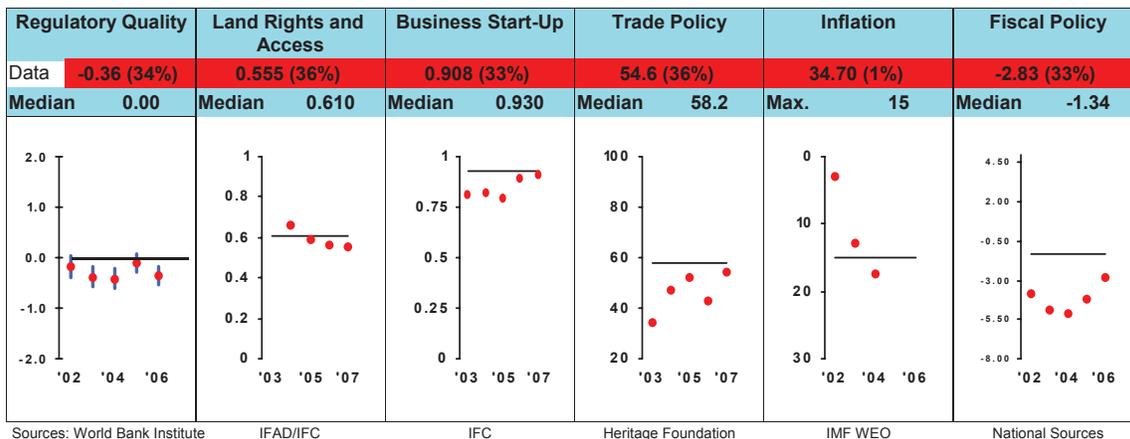
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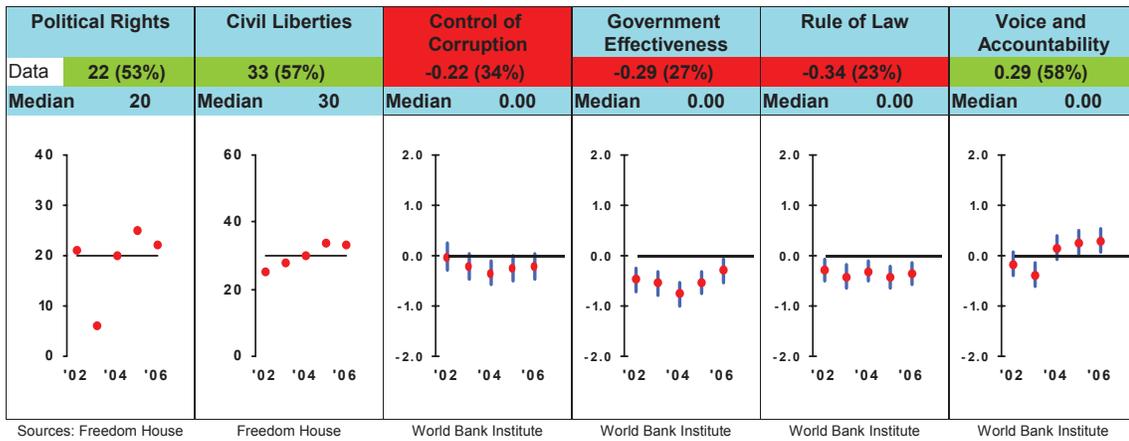
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Guinea-Bissau FY08

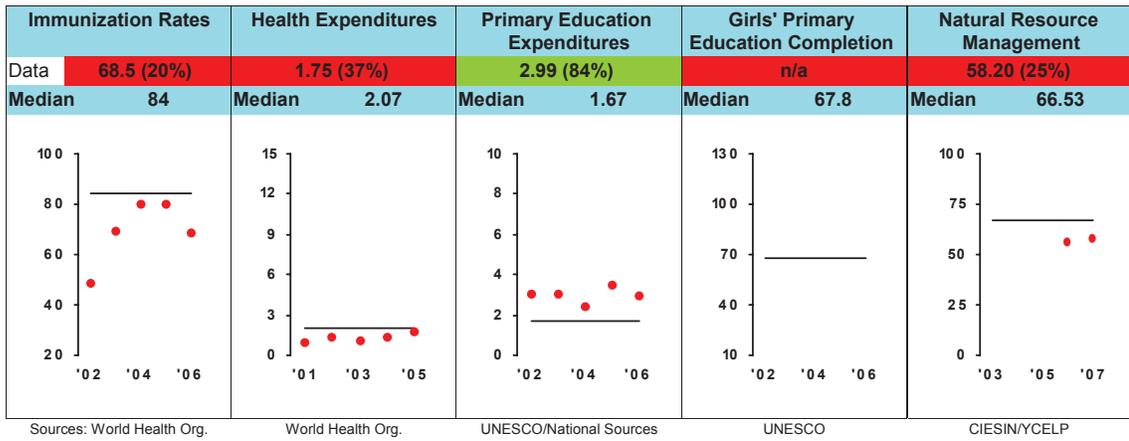
Population: 1,586,344

GNI/Cap: \$190 LIC

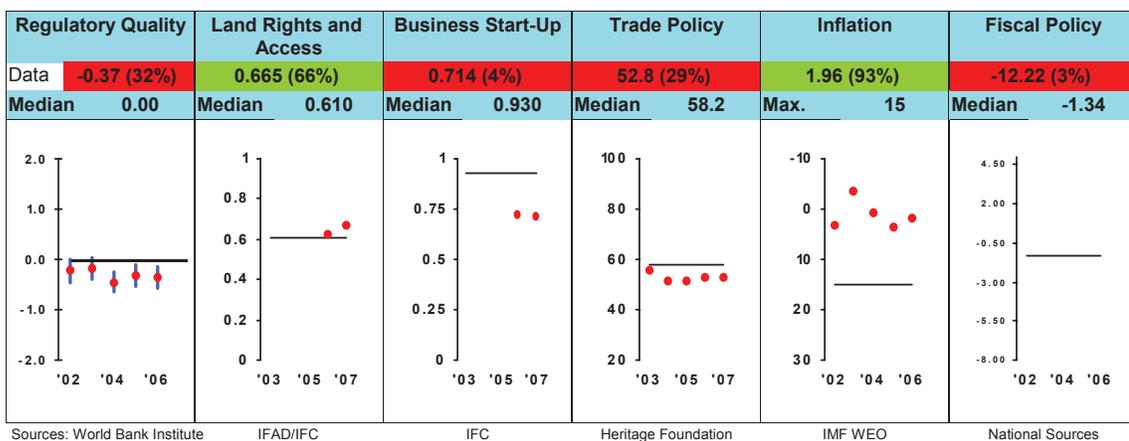
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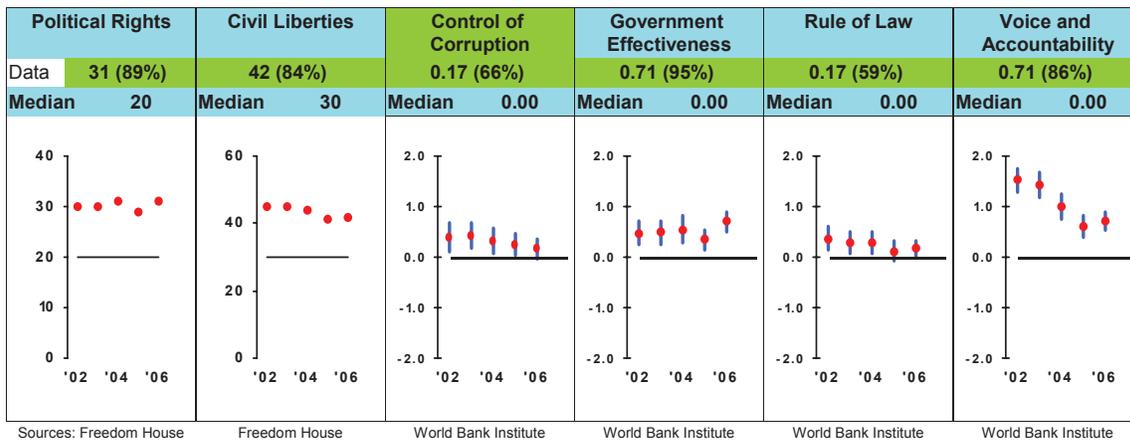
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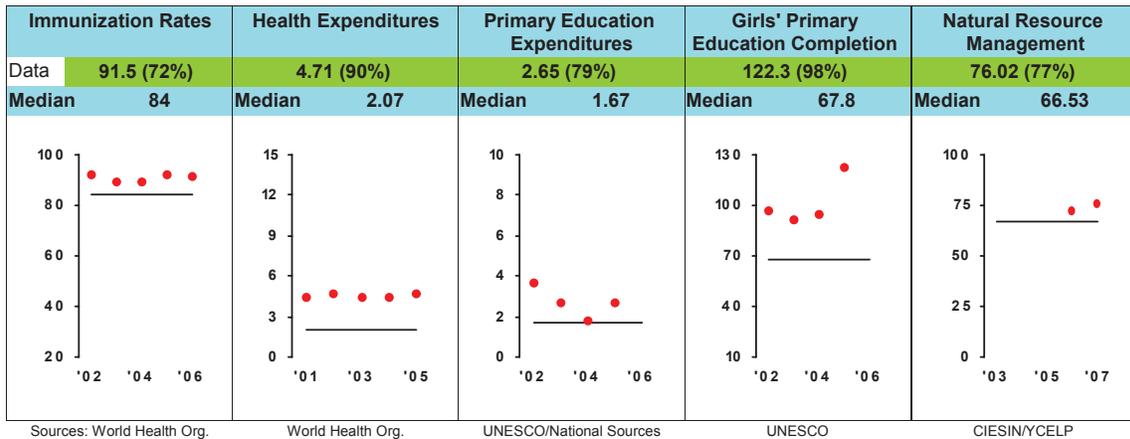
Guyana FY08

Population: 751,218
GNI/Cap: \$1,130 LIC

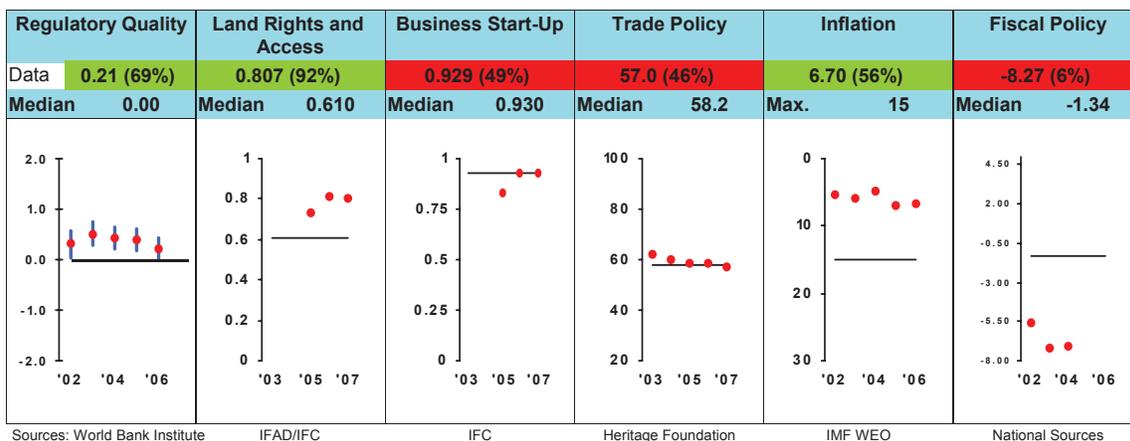
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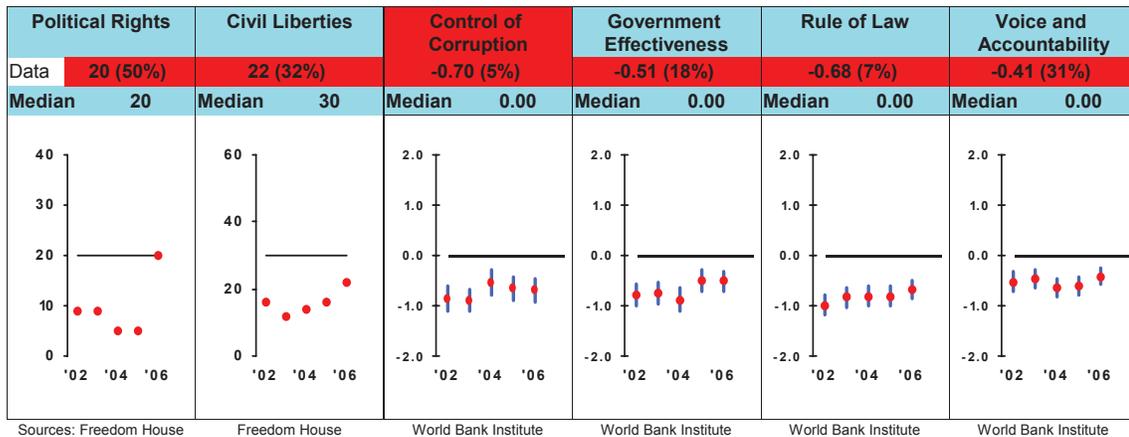
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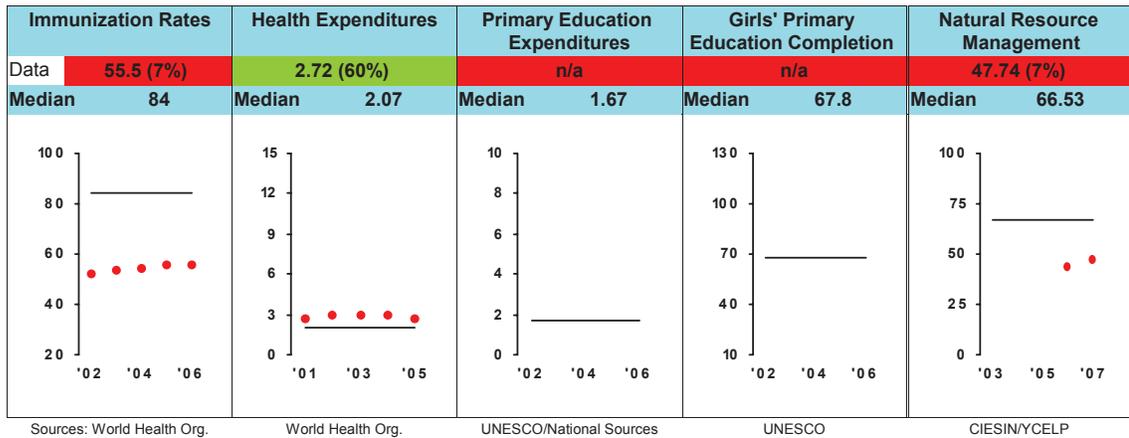
Haiti FY08

Population: 8,527,777
GNI/Cap: \$480 LIC

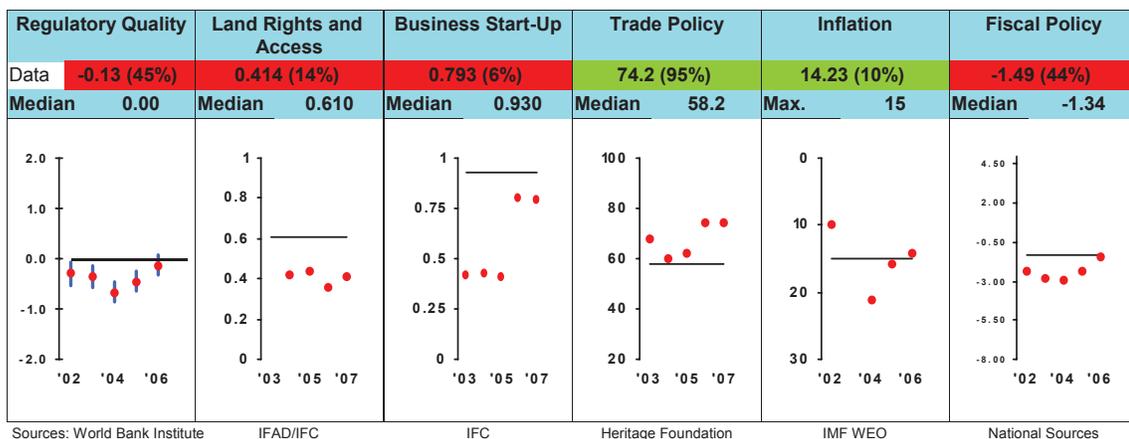
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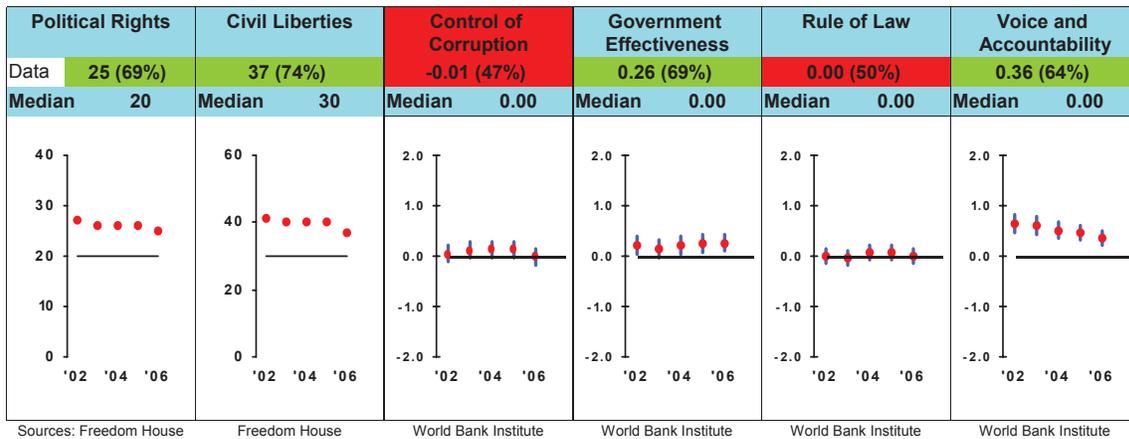
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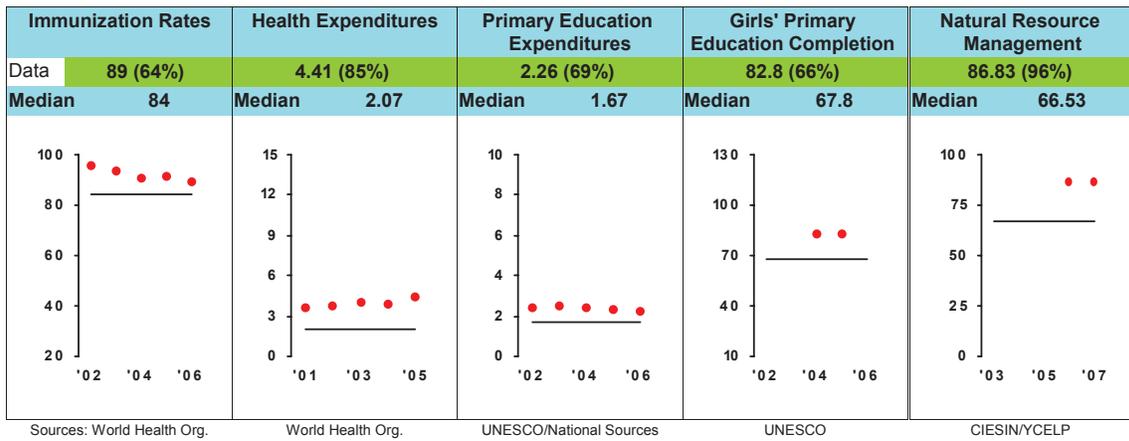
Honduras FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$1,200 LIC

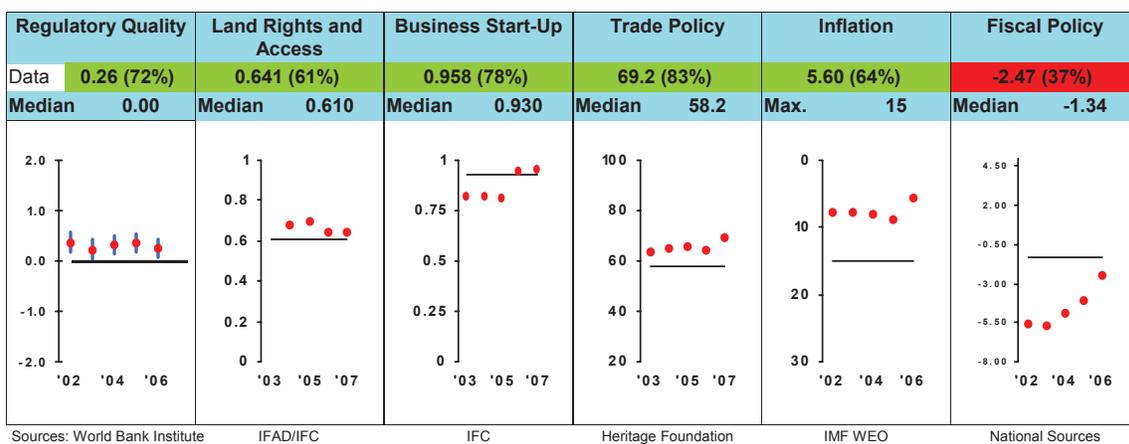
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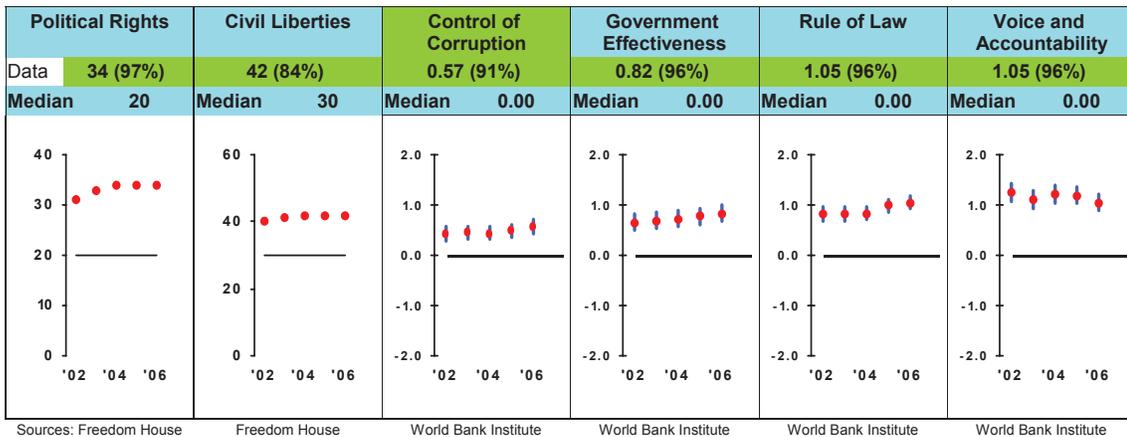
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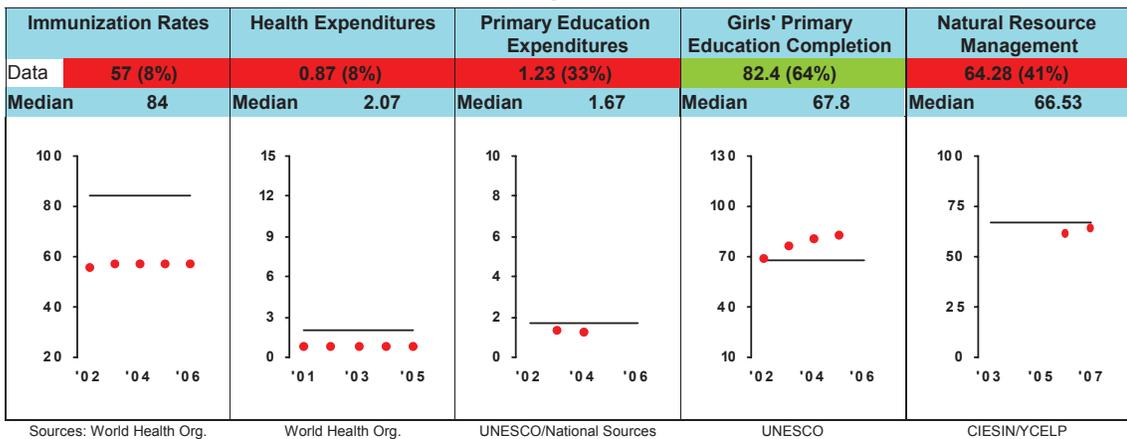
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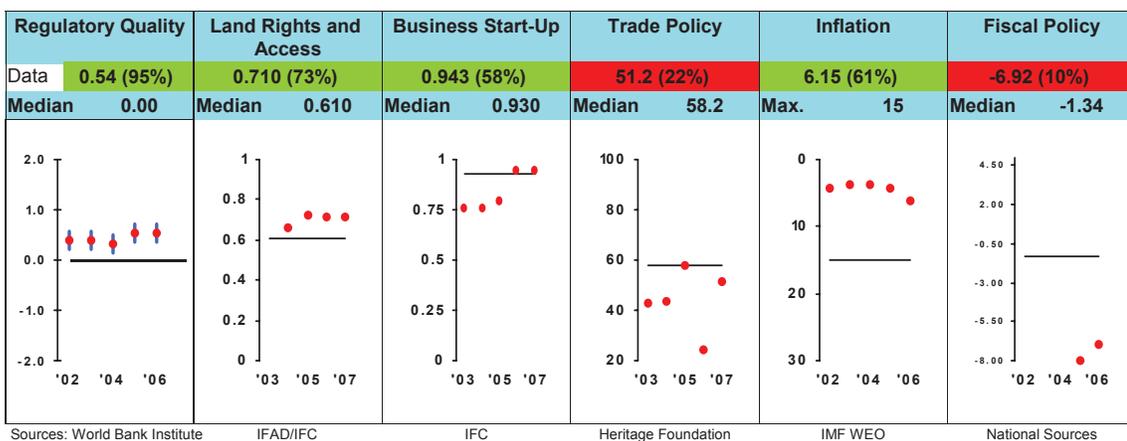
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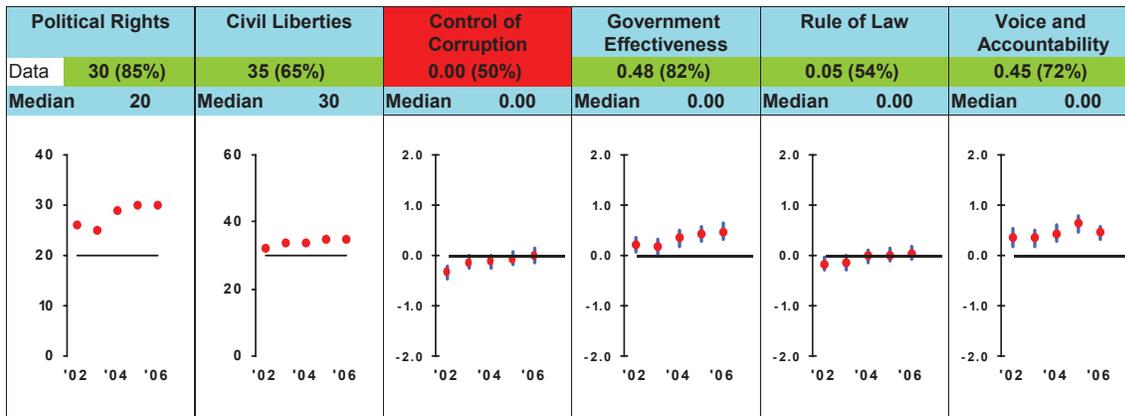
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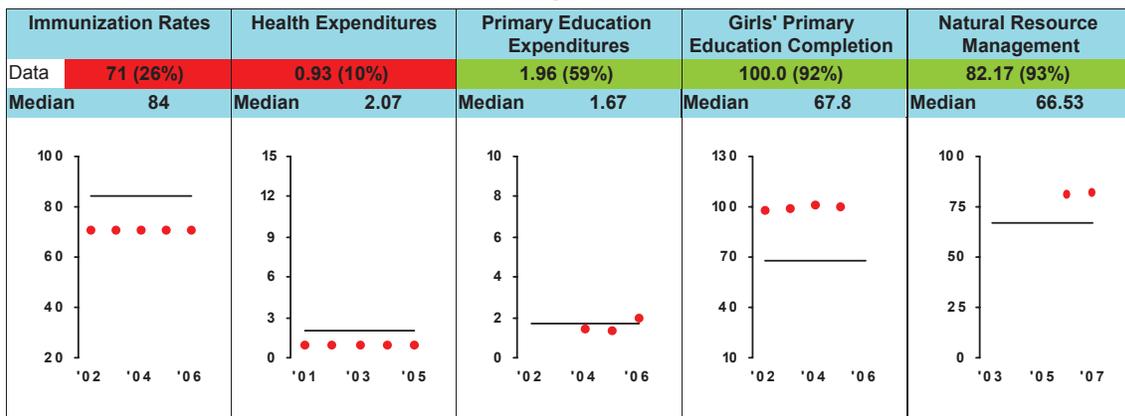
Population: 220,558,000
 GNI/Cap: \$1,420 LIC

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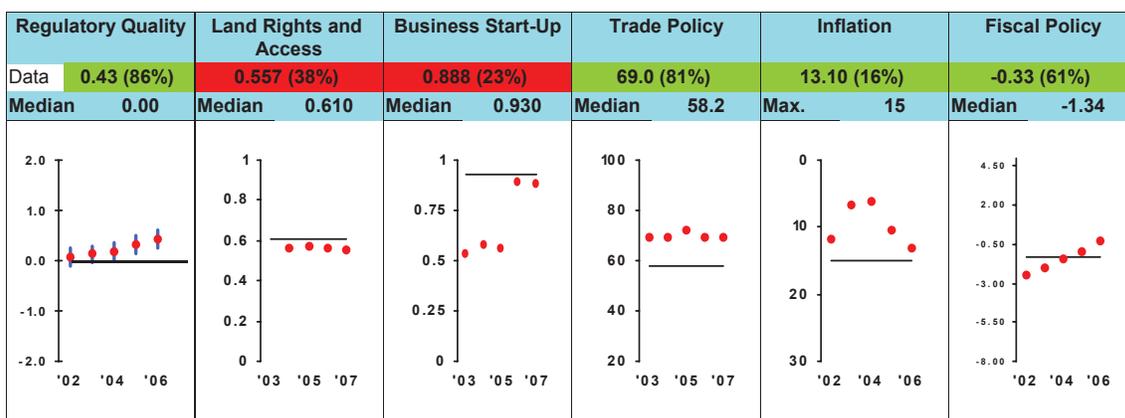
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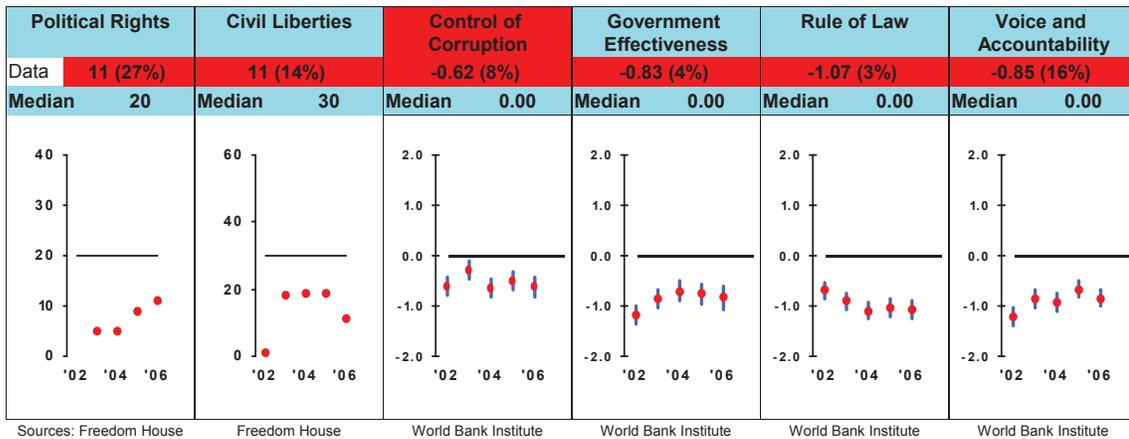
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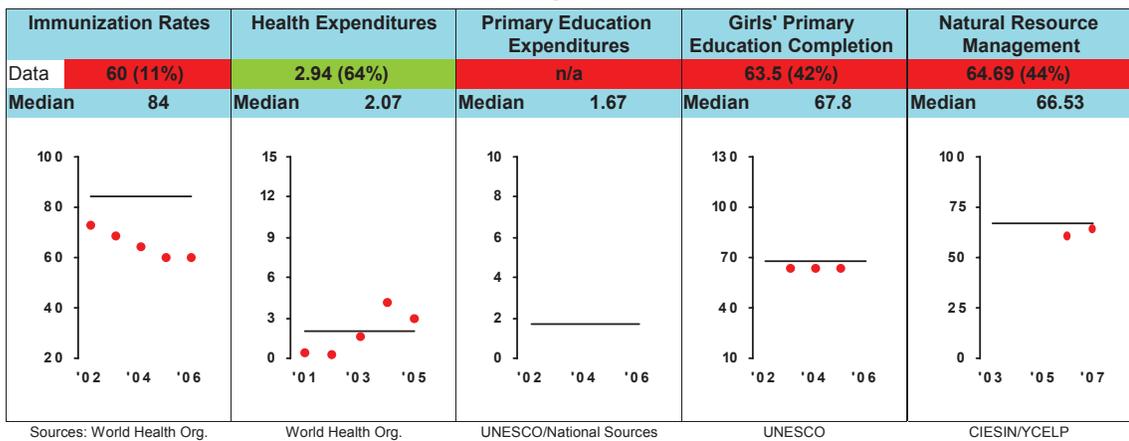
Iraq FY08

Population:
GNI/Cap: LIC

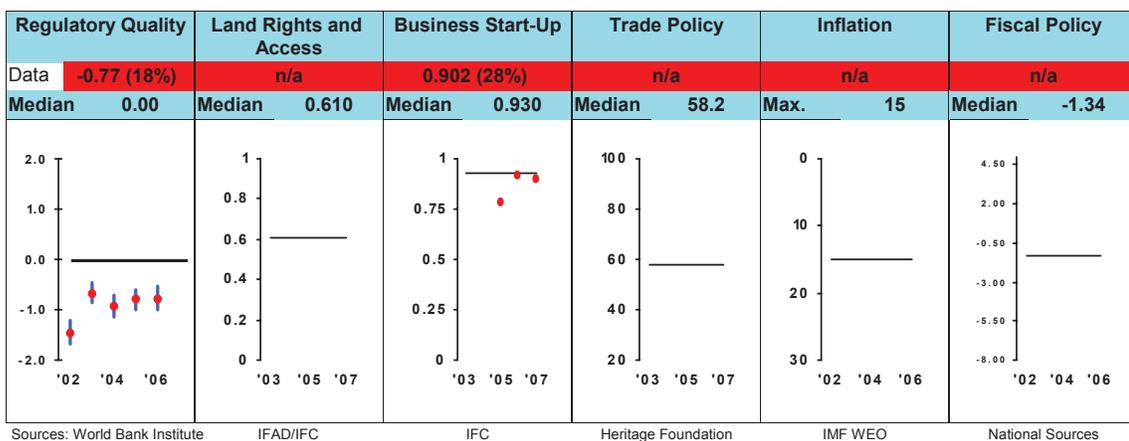
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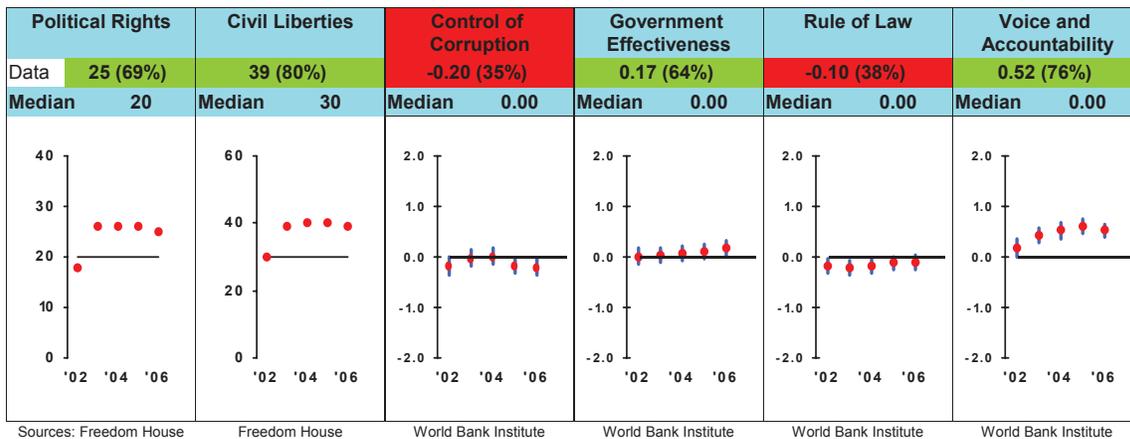
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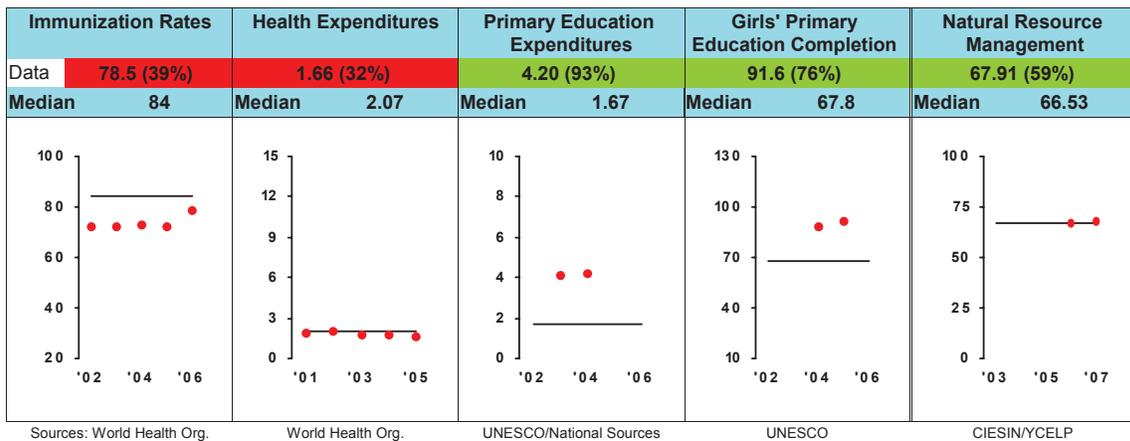
Kenya FY08

Population: 34,255,720
 GNI/Cap: \$580 LIC

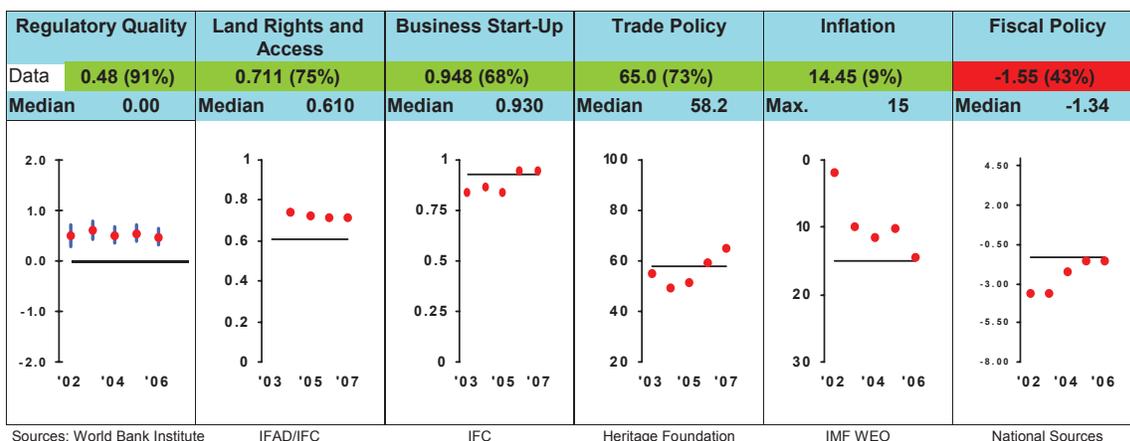
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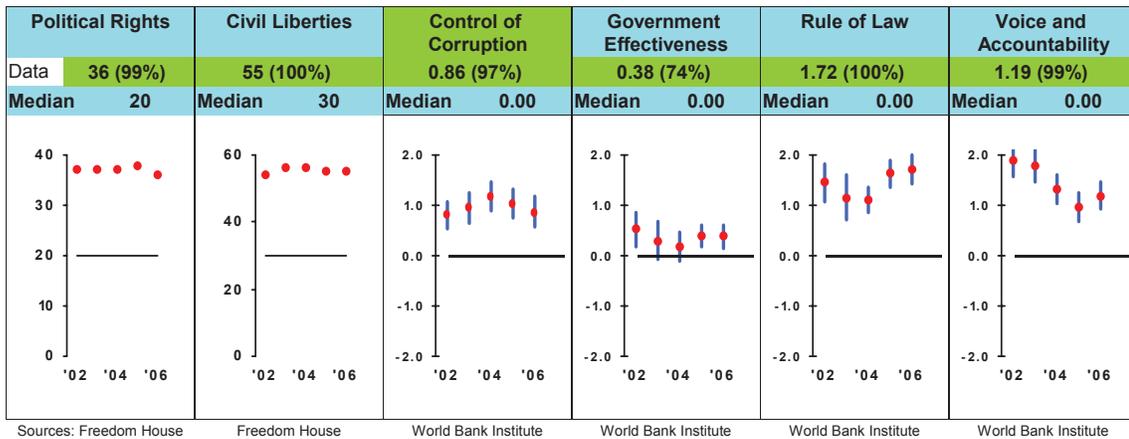
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Kiribati FY08

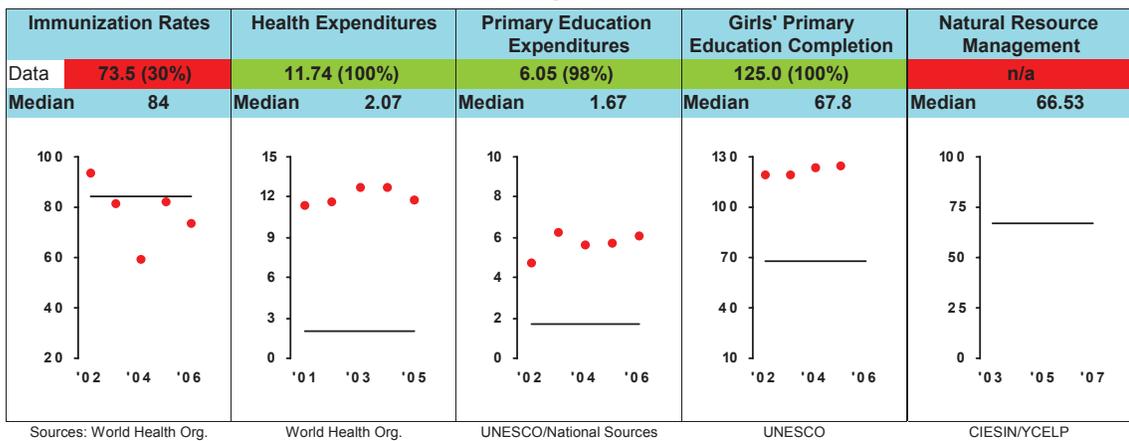
Population: 99,000

GNI/Cap: \$1,230 LIC

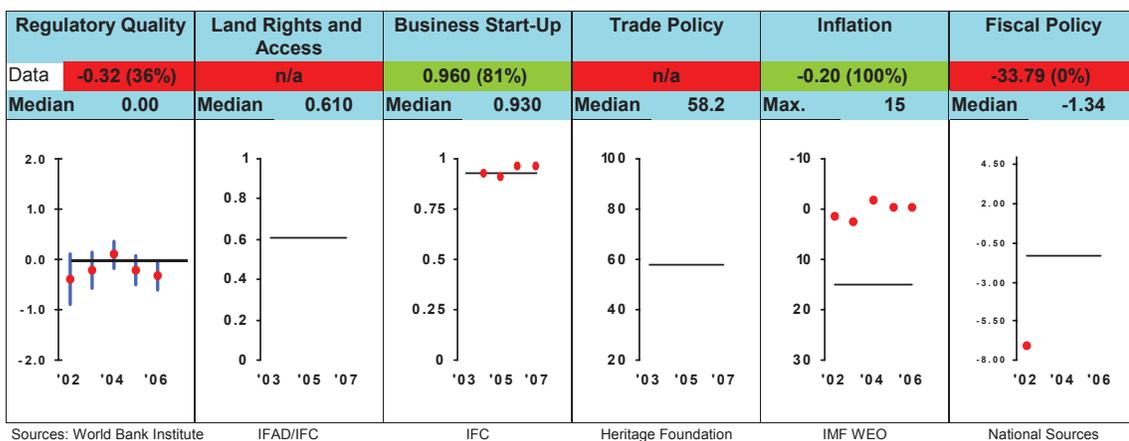
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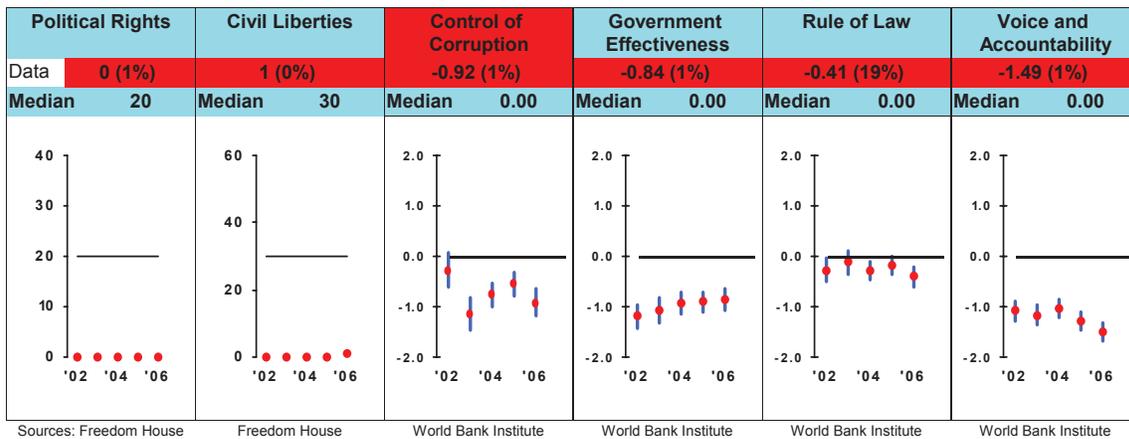
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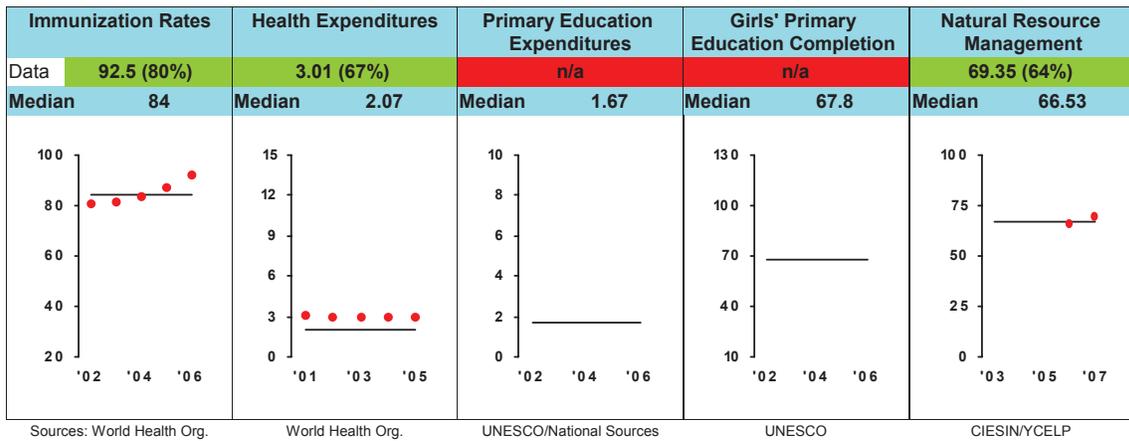
Korea, Dem. Rep. FY08

Population: 22,487,660
GNI/Cap: LIC

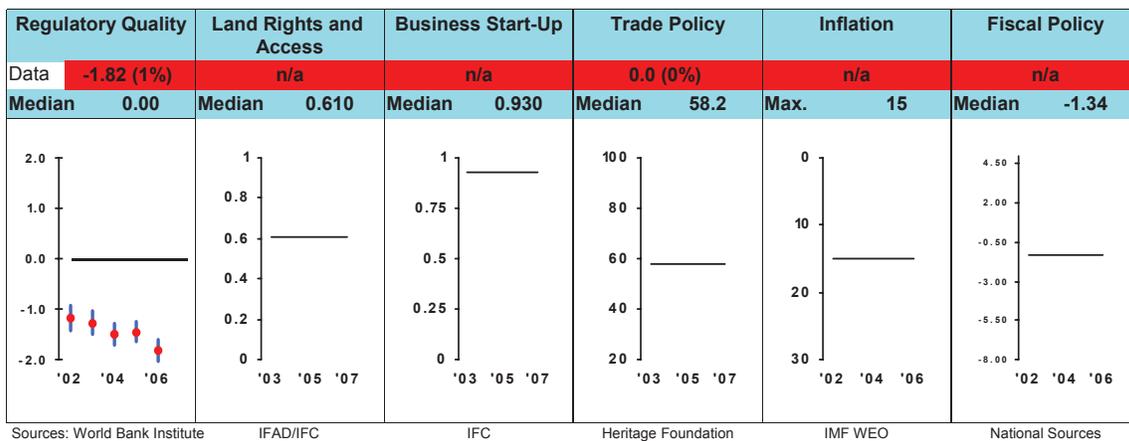
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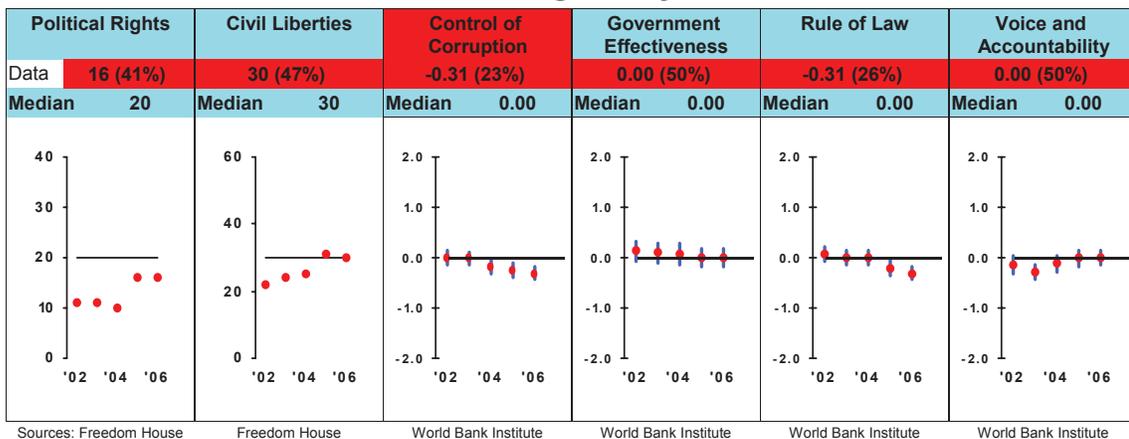
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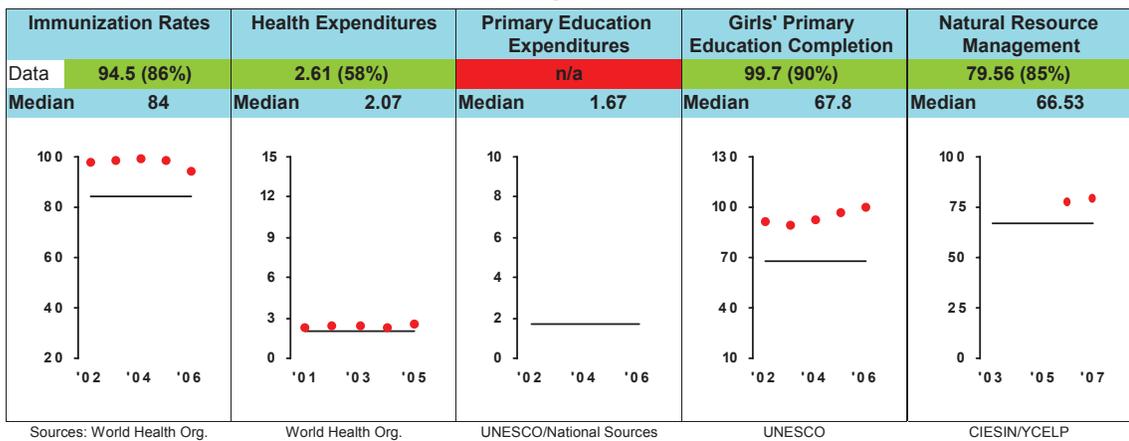
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GNI/Cap: \$490 LIC

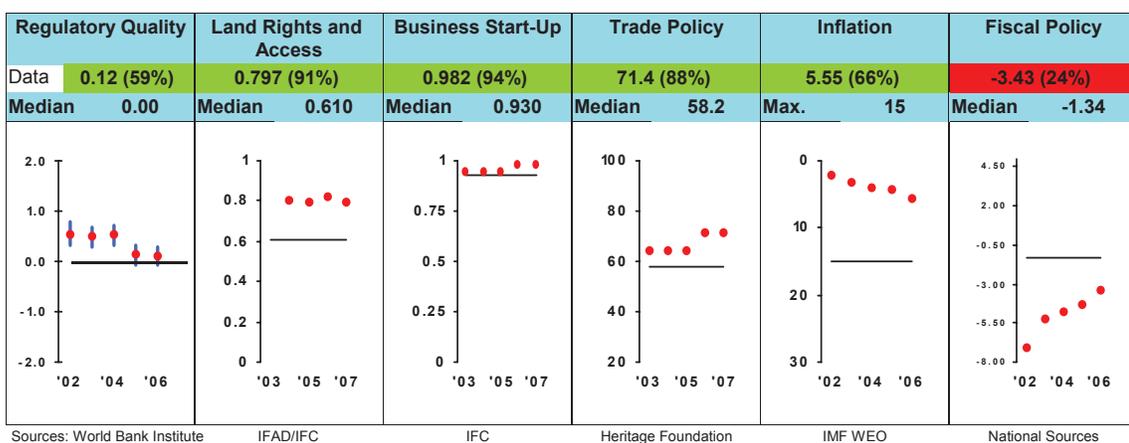
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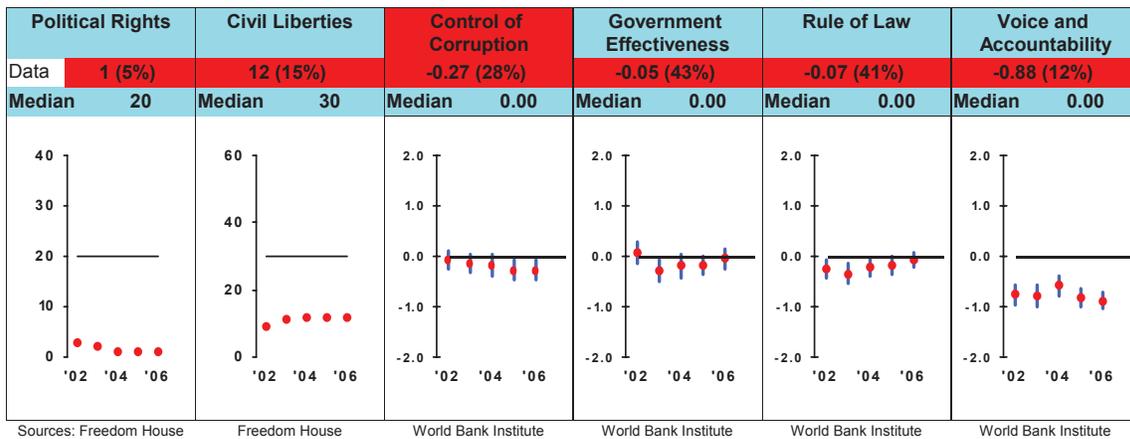
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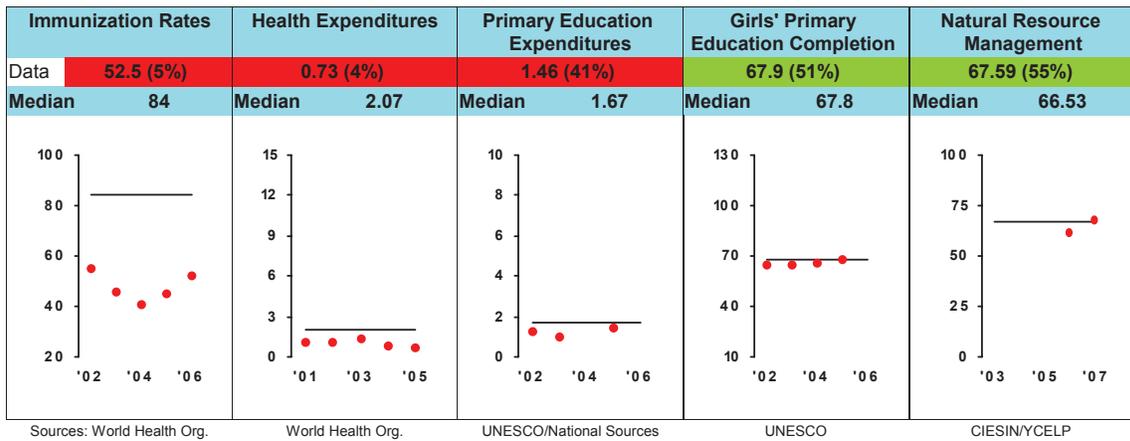
Lao PDR FY08

Population: 5,924,145
GNI/Cap: \$500 LIC

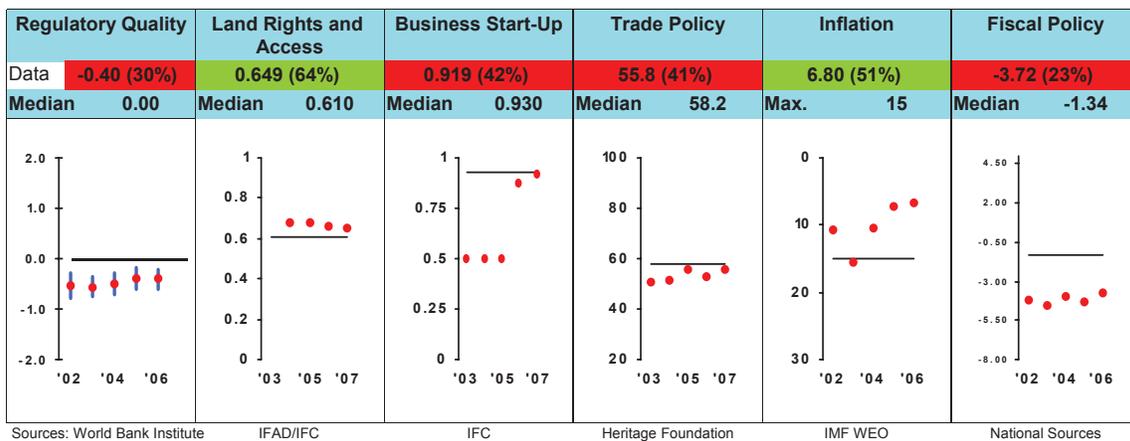
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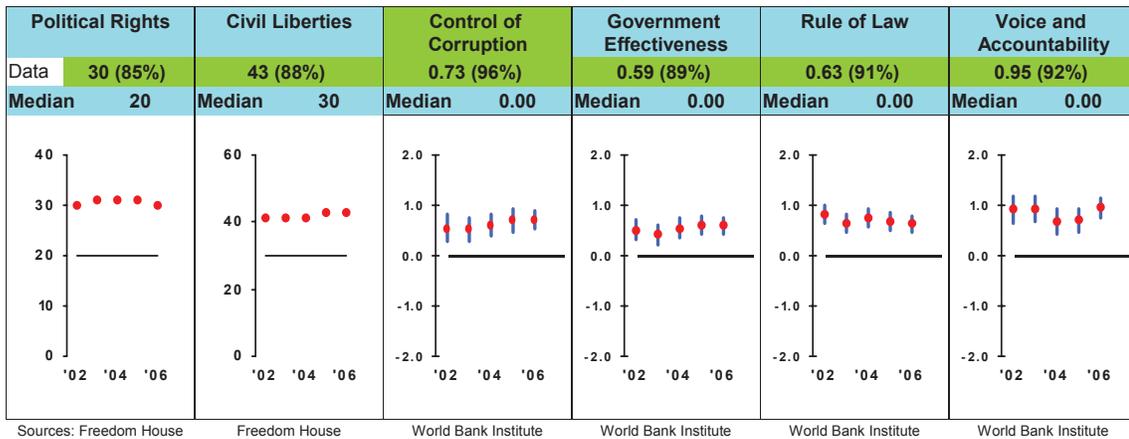
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Lesotho FY08

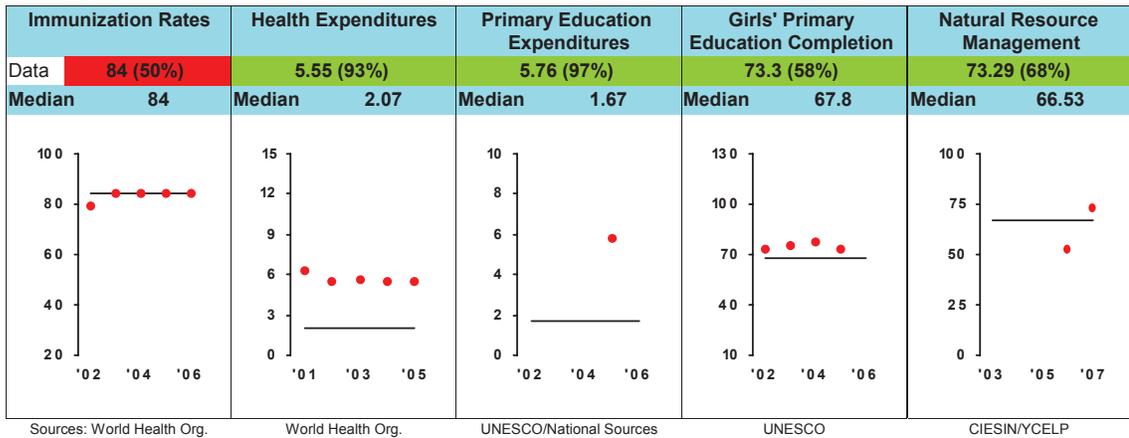
Population: 1,794,769

GNI/Cap: \$1,030 LIC

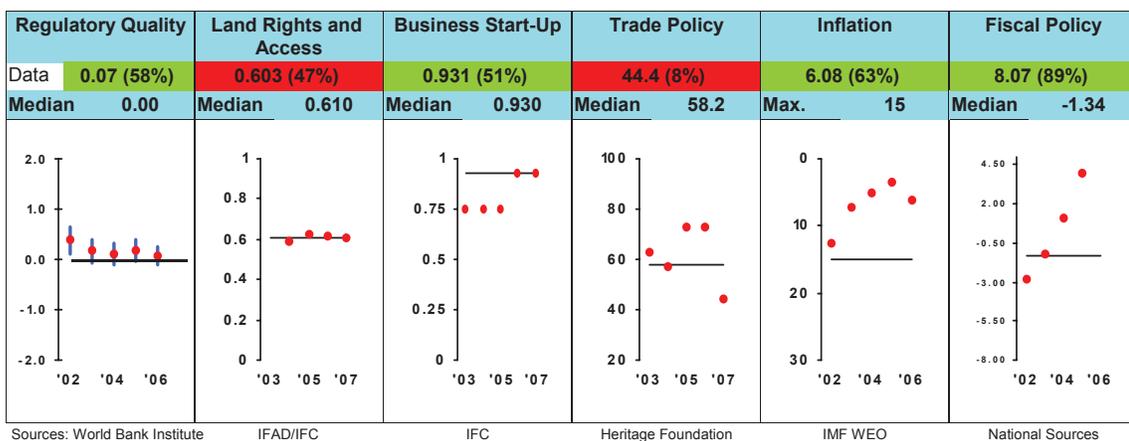
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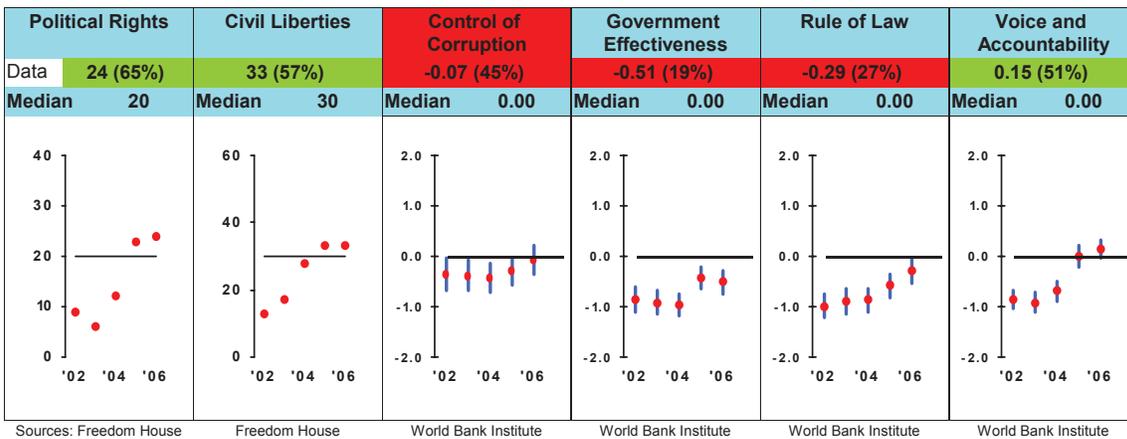
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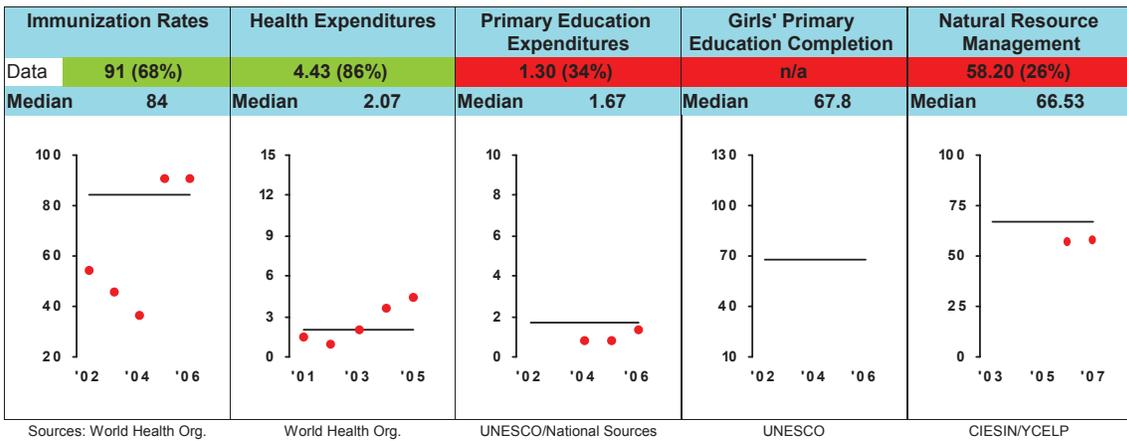
Liberia FY08

Population: 3,283,267
 GNI/Cap: \$140 LIC

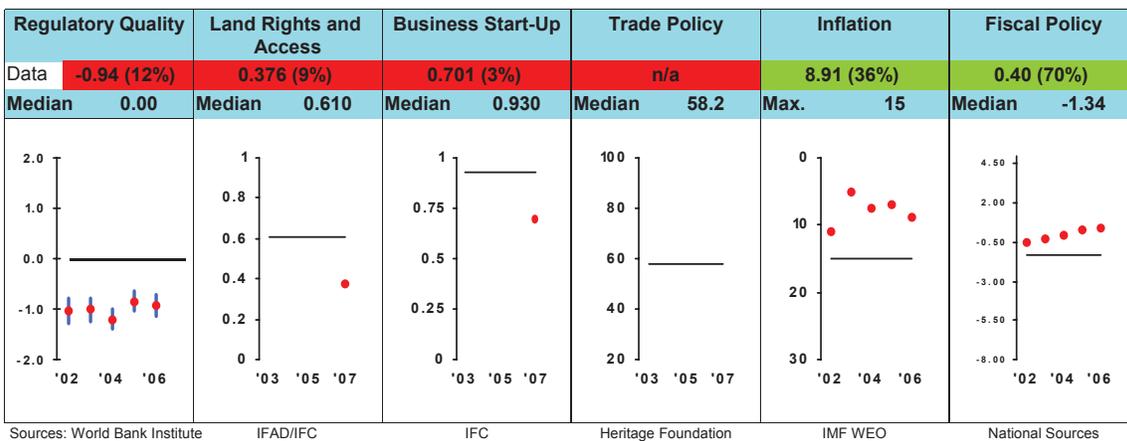
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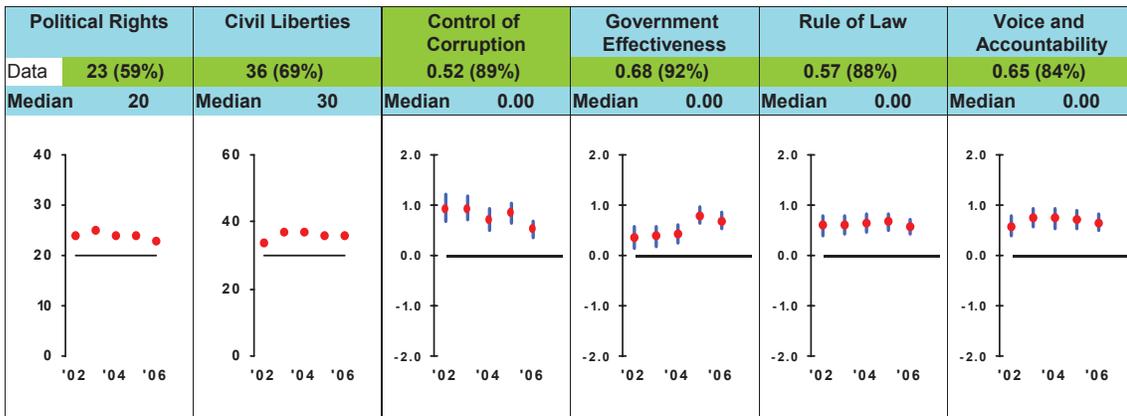
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Madagascar FY08

Population: 18,605,920

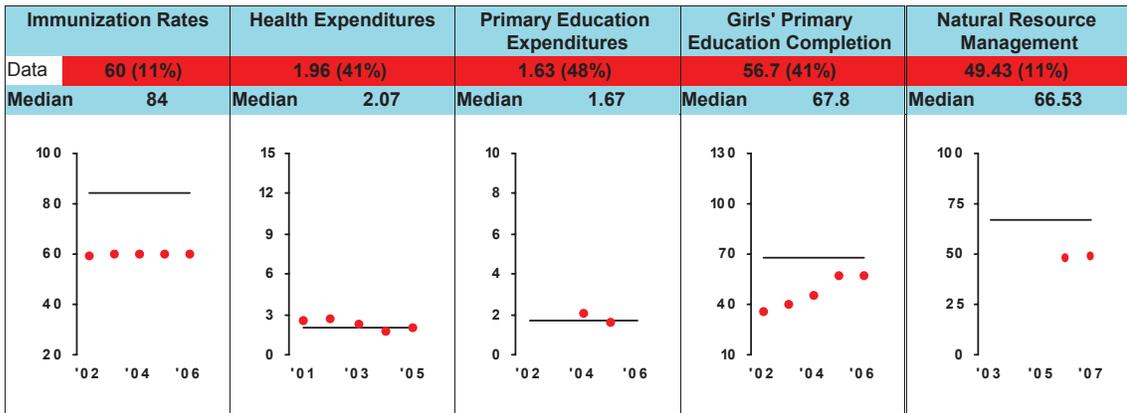
GNI/Cap: \$280 LIC

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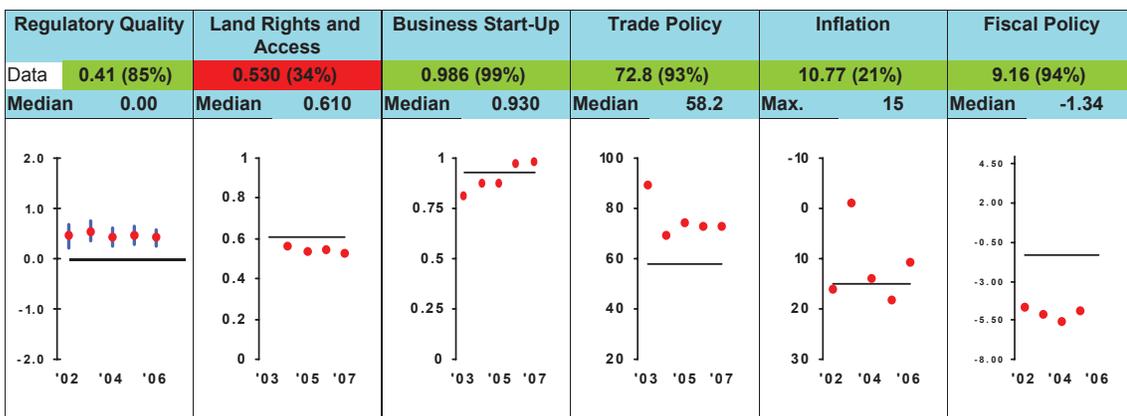
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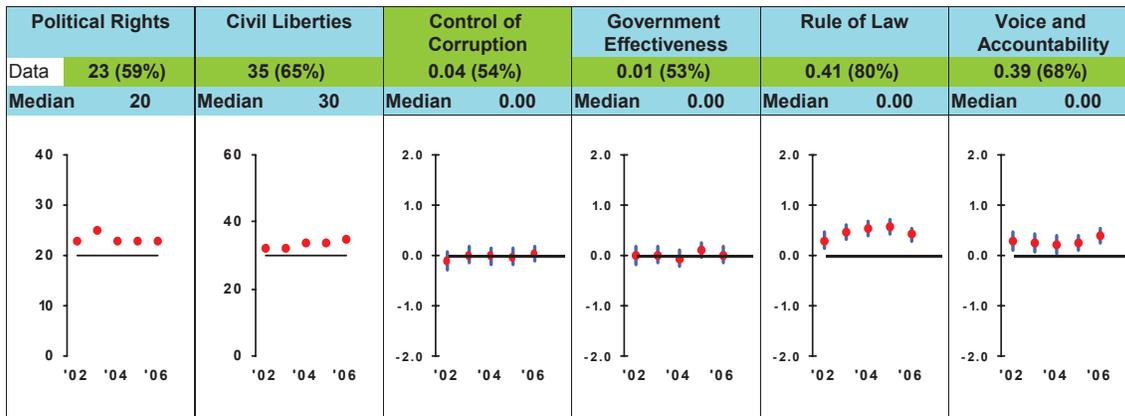
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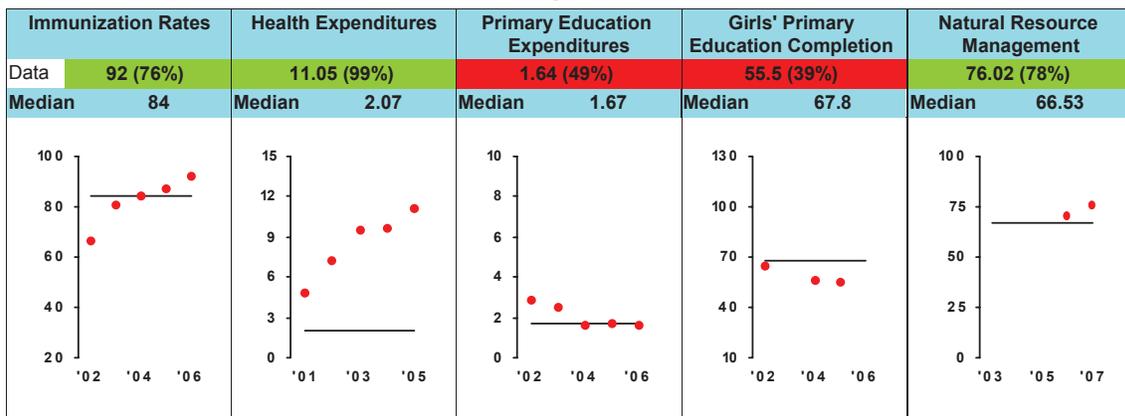
Population: 12,883,940
GNI/Cap: \$170 LIC

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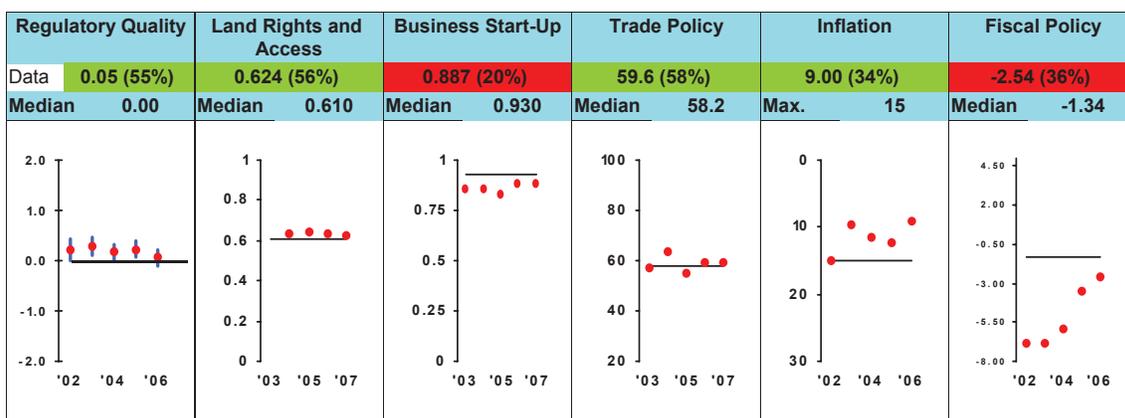
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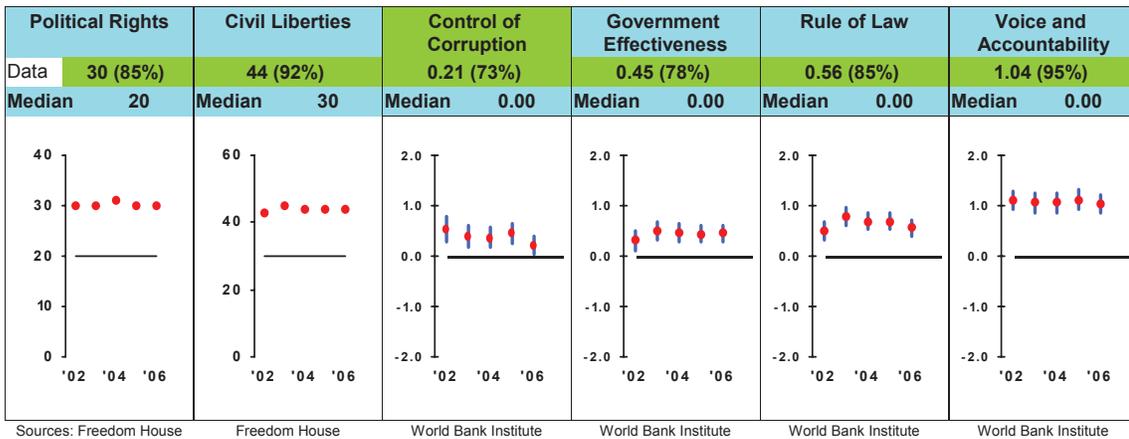
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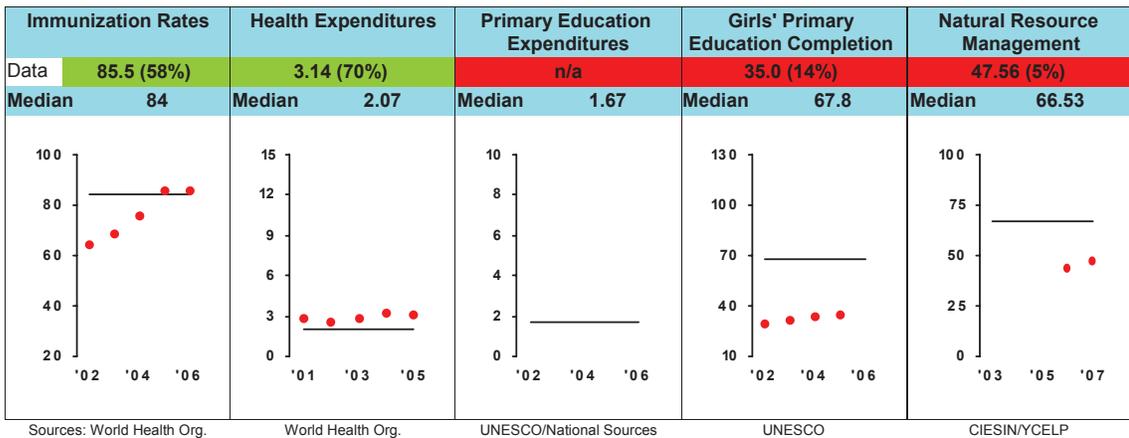
Population: 13,518,420

GNI/Cap: \$440 LIC

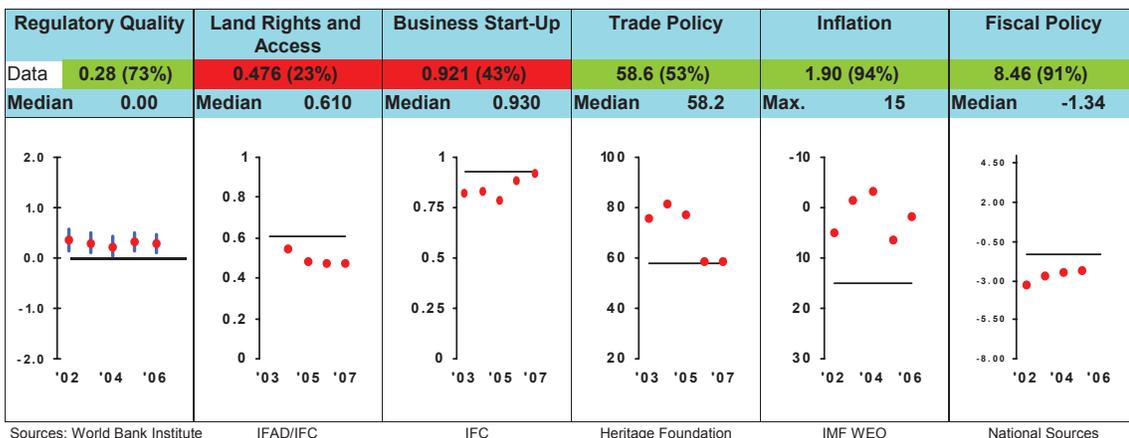
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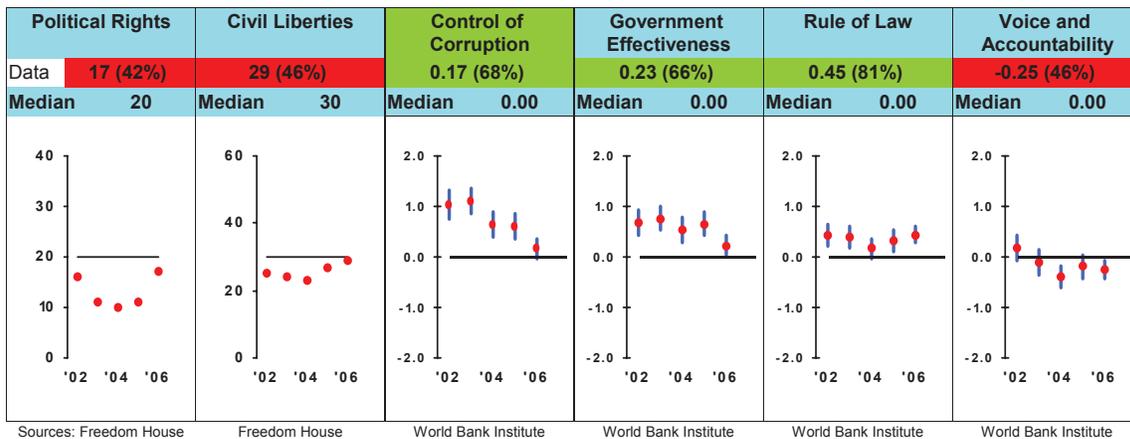
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Mauritania FY08

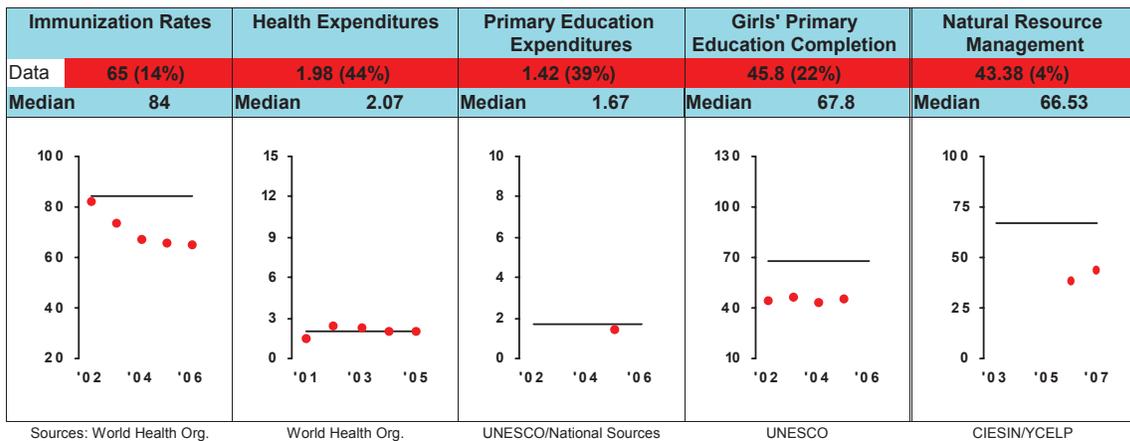
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GNI/Cap: \$740 LIC

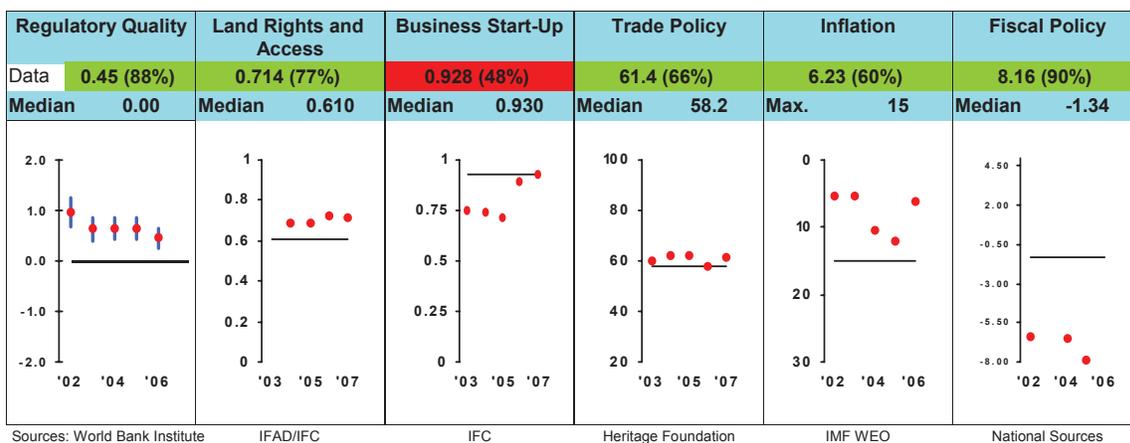
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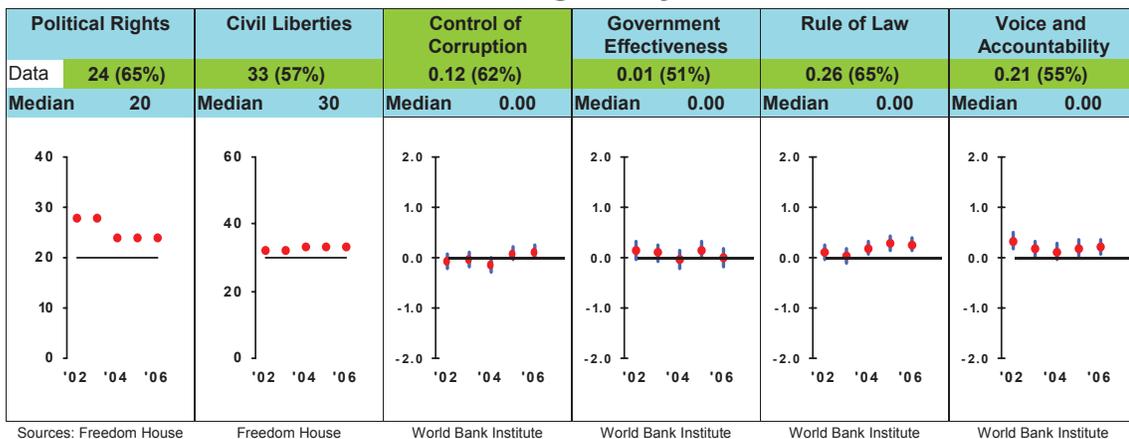


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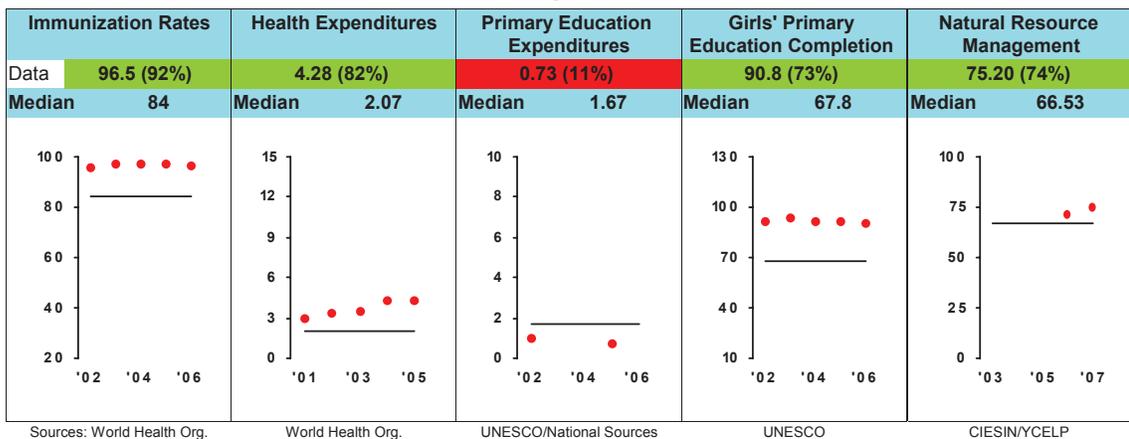
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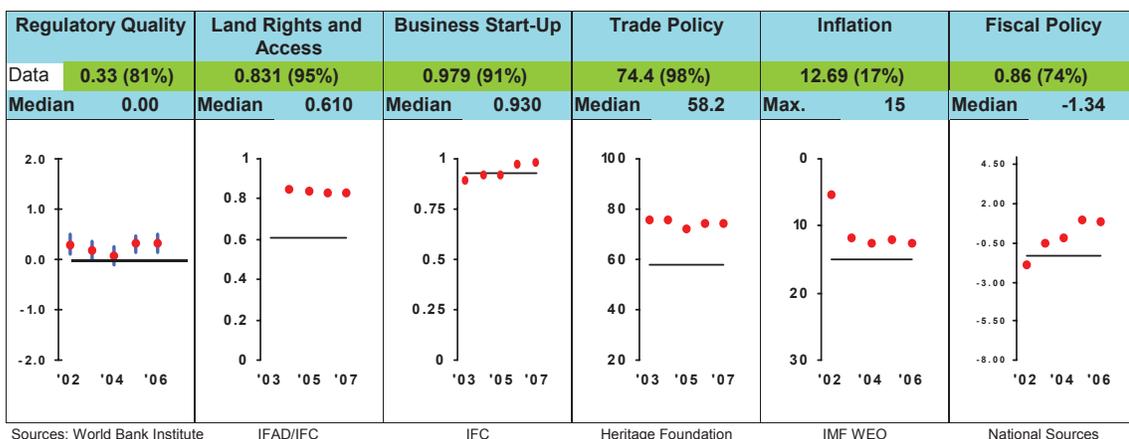
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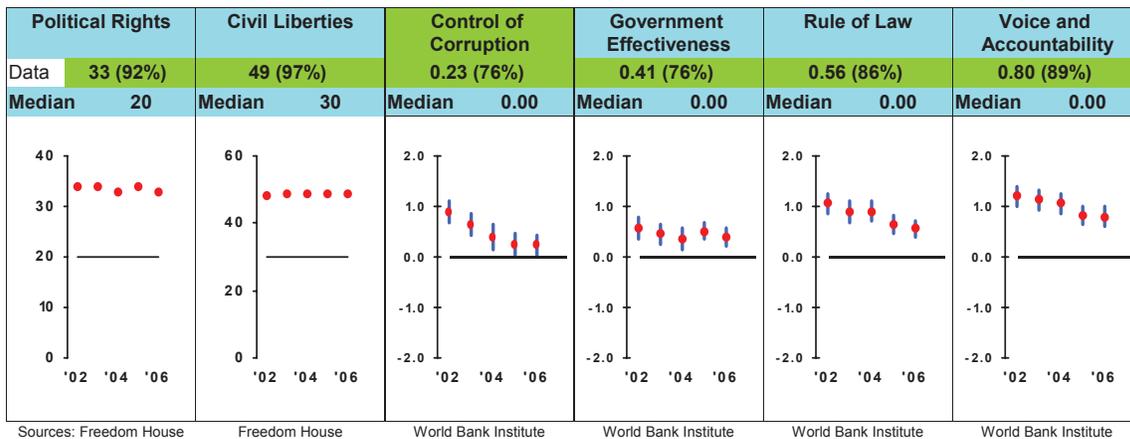
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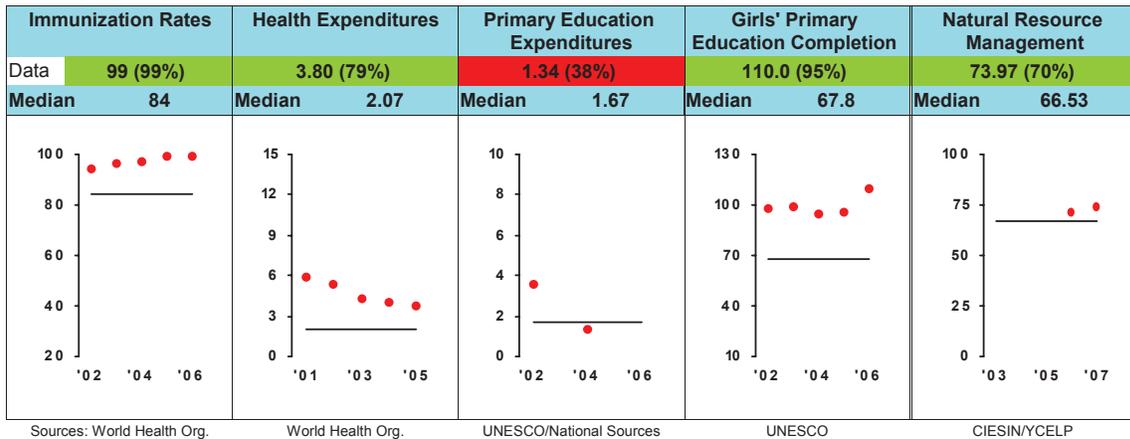
Mongolia FY08

Population: 2,554,000
GNI/Cap: \$880 LIC

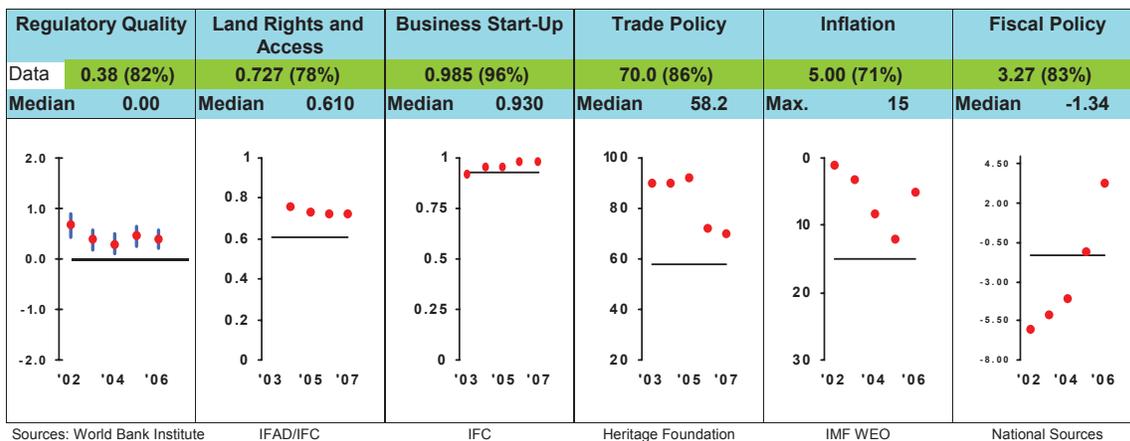
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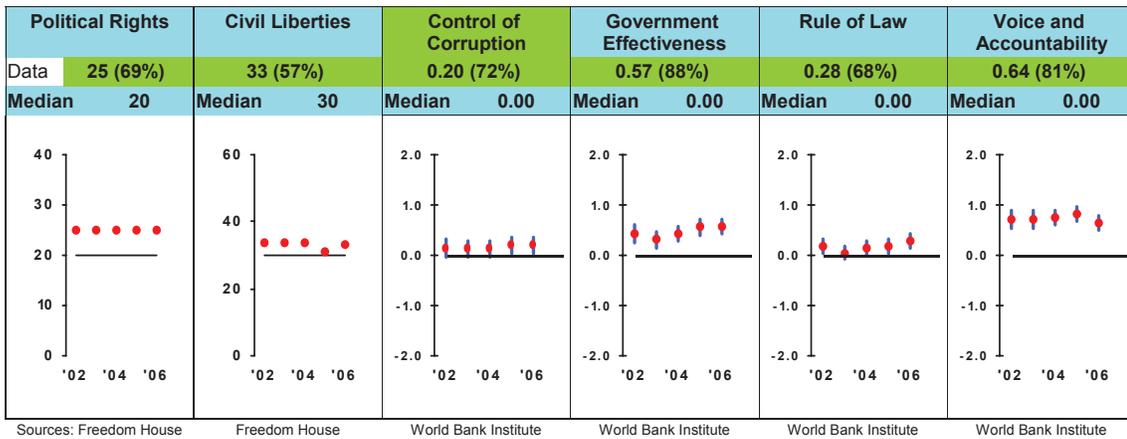
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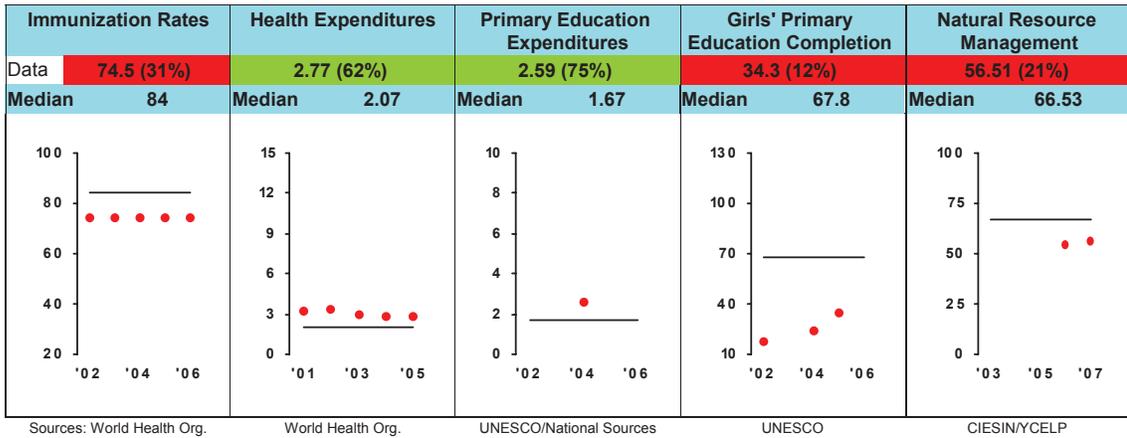
Mozambique FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$340 LIC

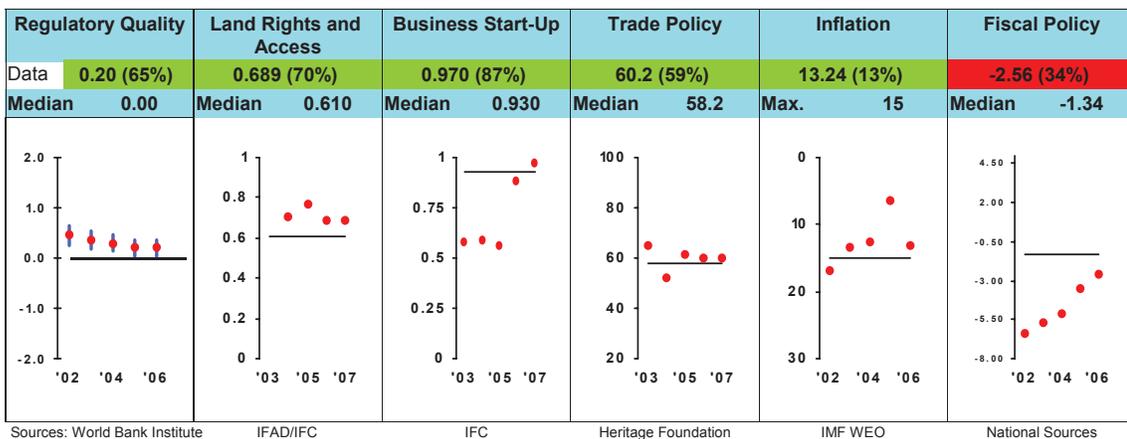
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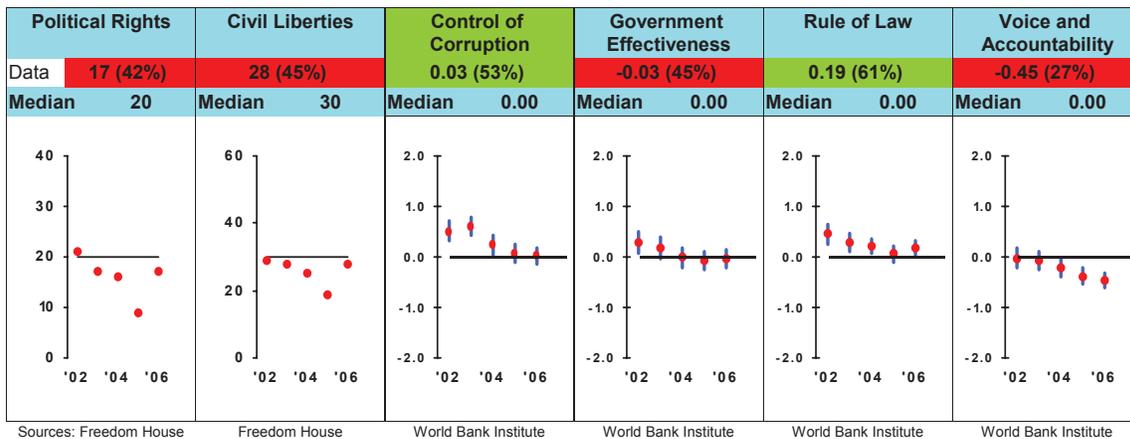
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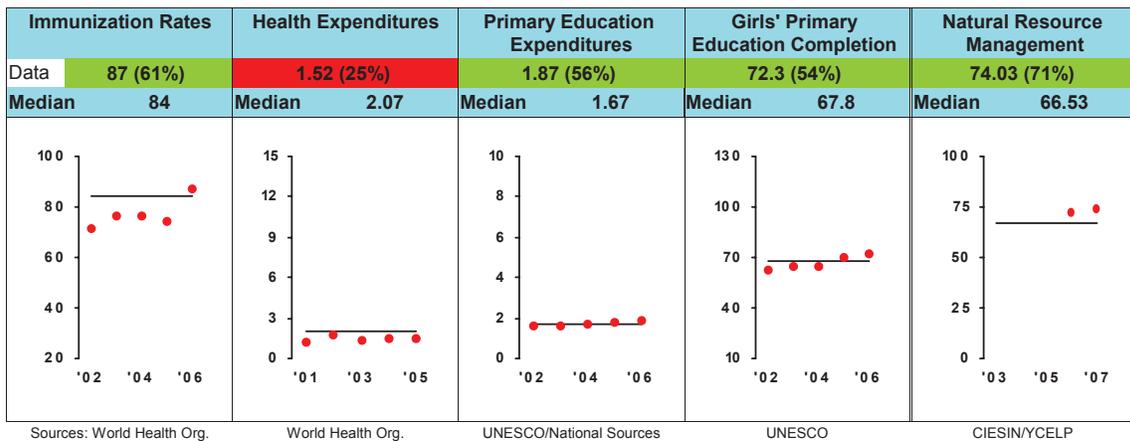
Nepal FY08

Population: 27,132,630
 GNI/Cap: \$290 LIC

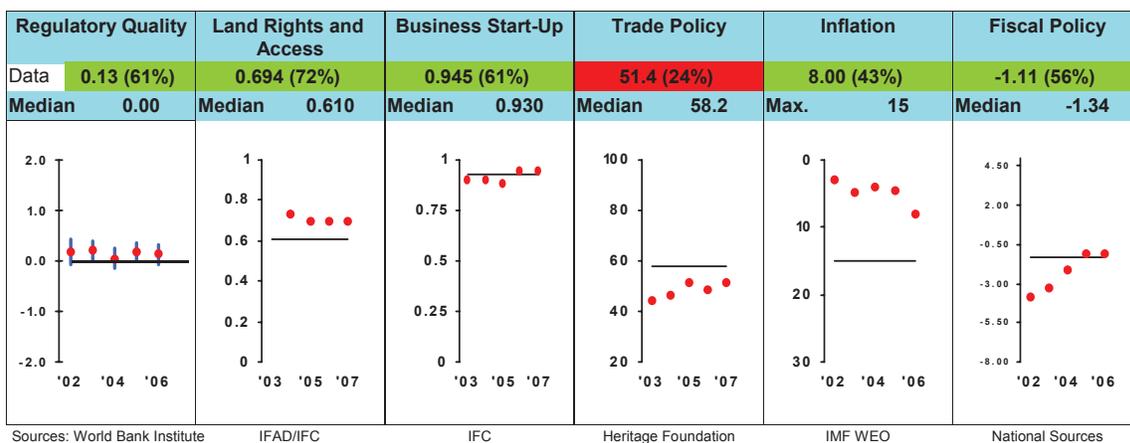
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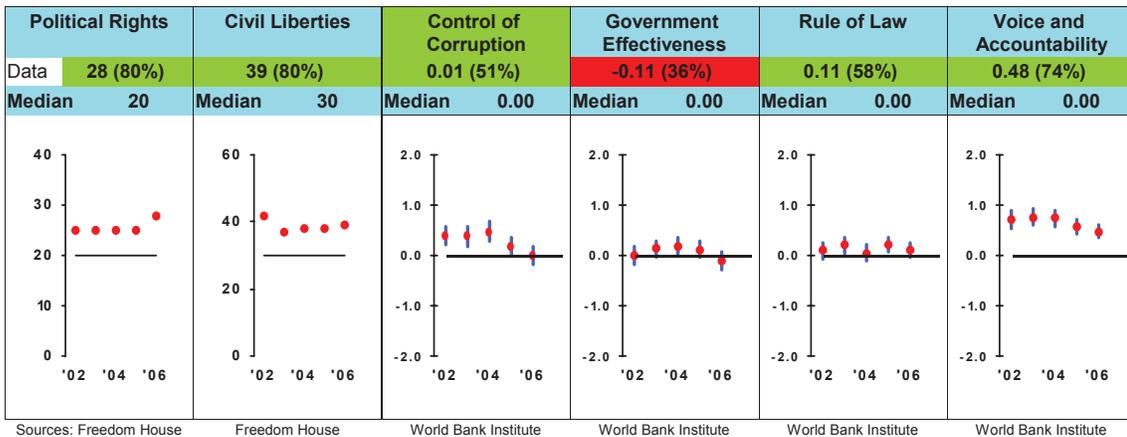
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Nicaragua FY08

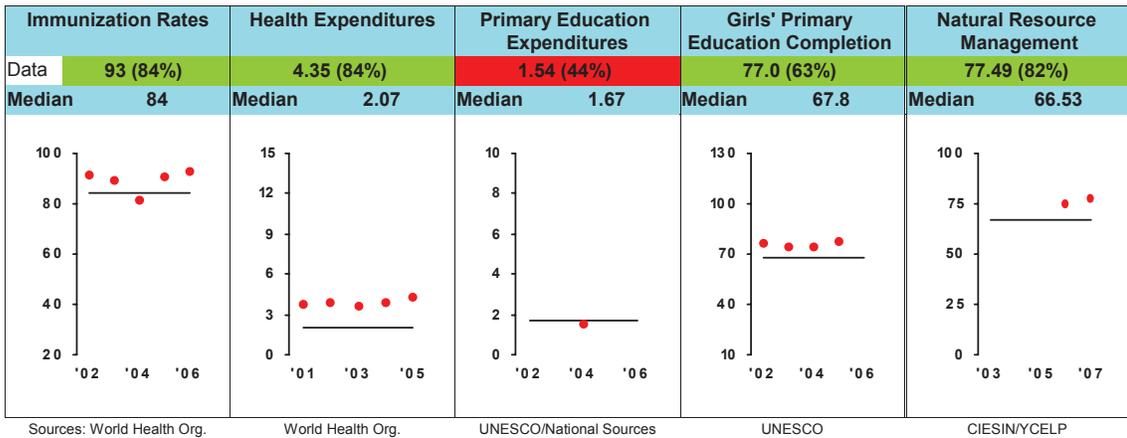
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GNI/Cap: \$1,000 LIC

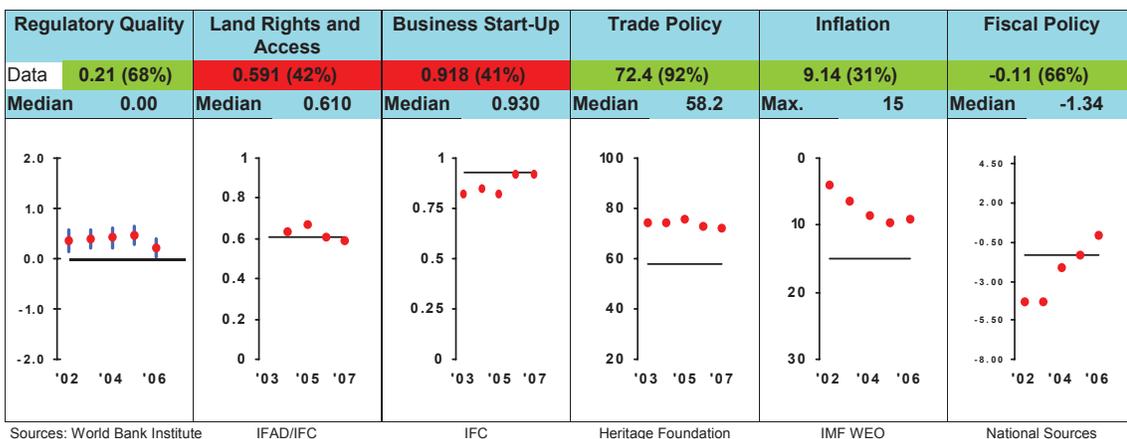
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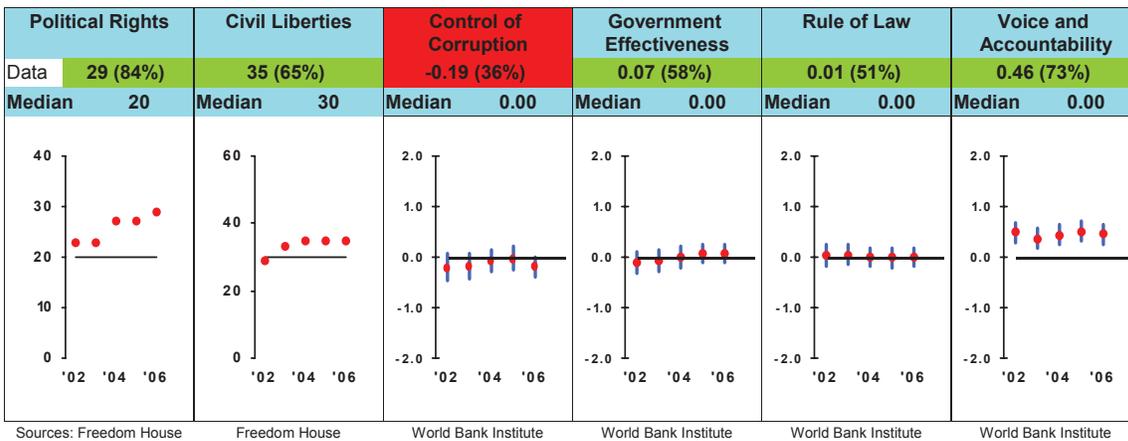
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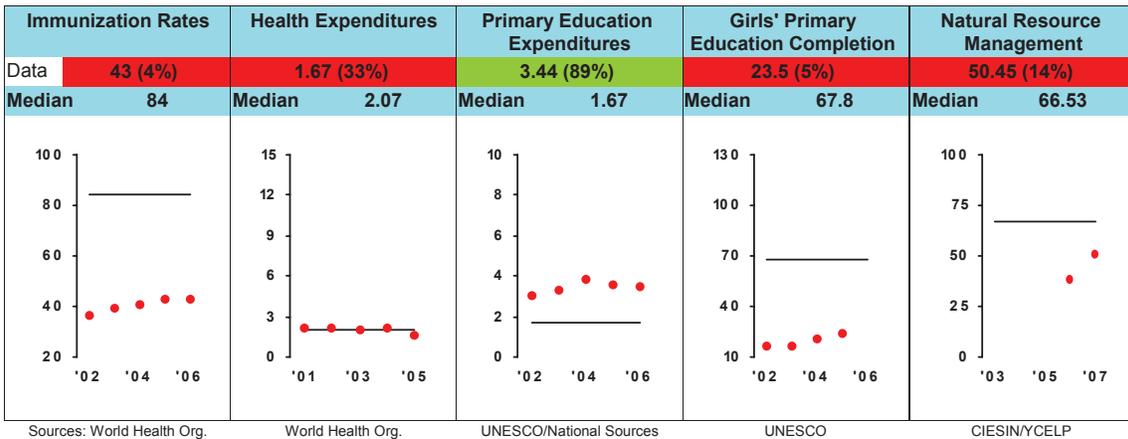
Niger FY08

Population: 13,956,980
GNI/Cap: \$260 LIC

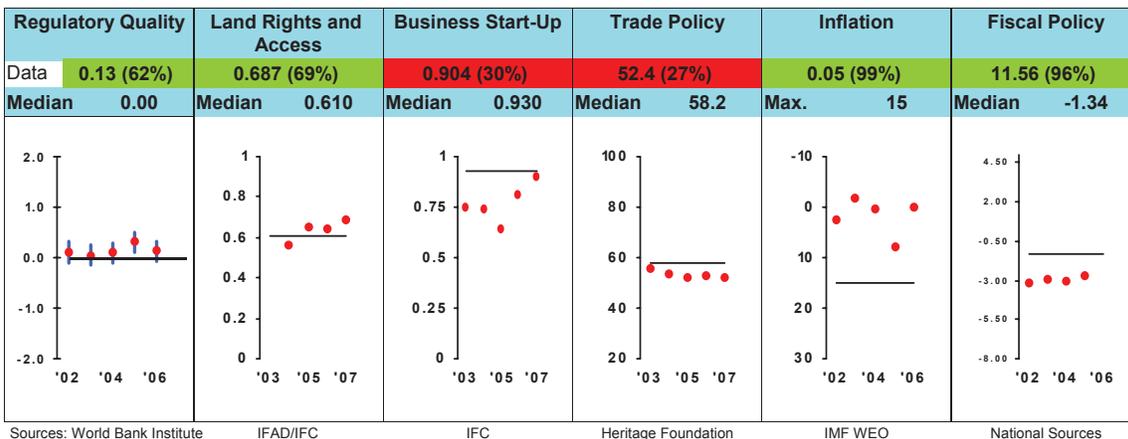
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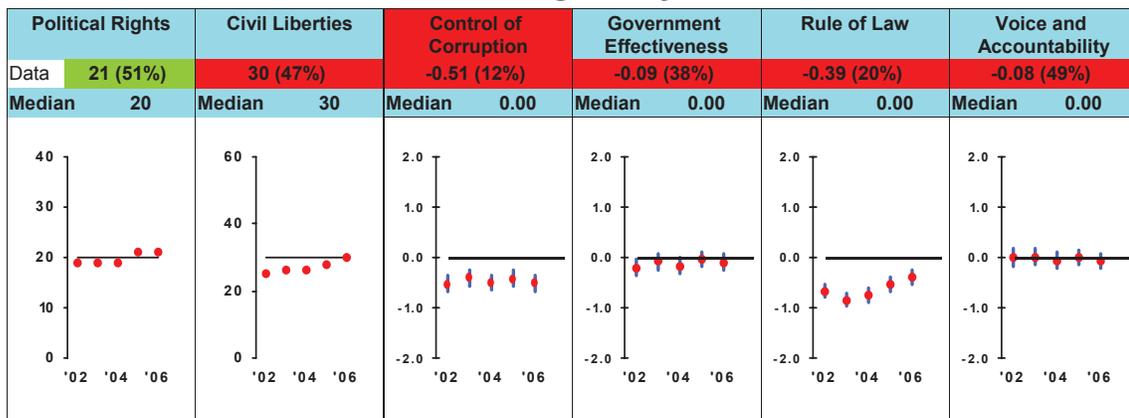
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Nigeria FY08

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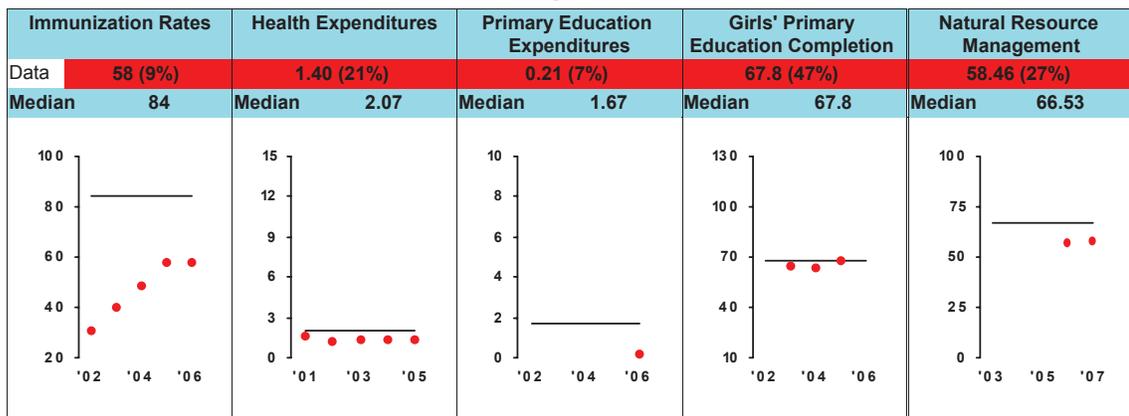
GNI/Cap: \$640 LIC

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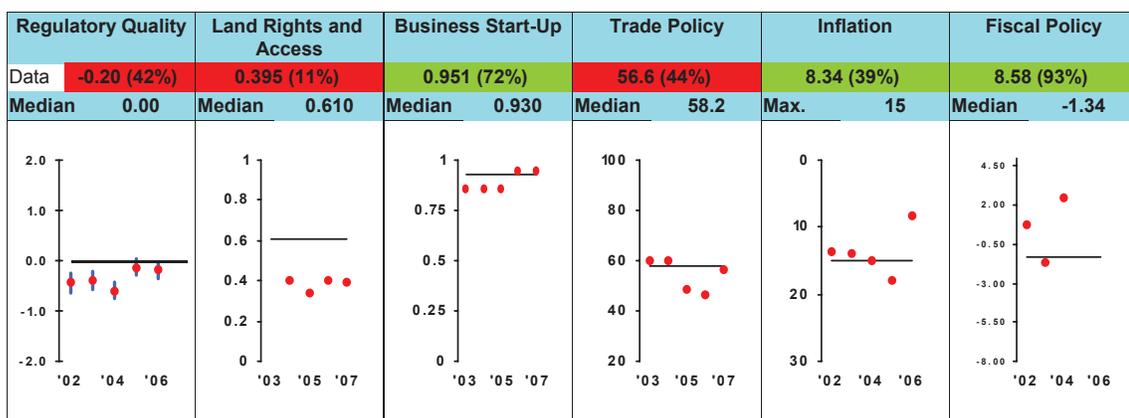
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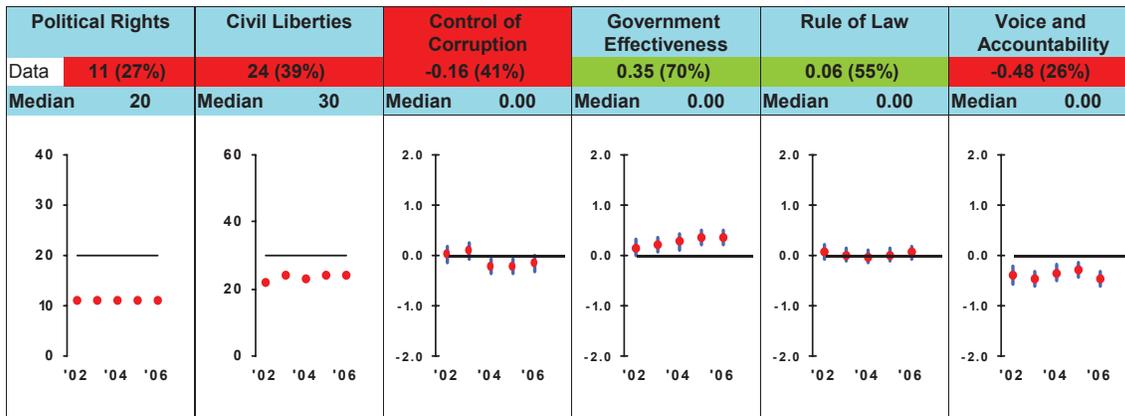
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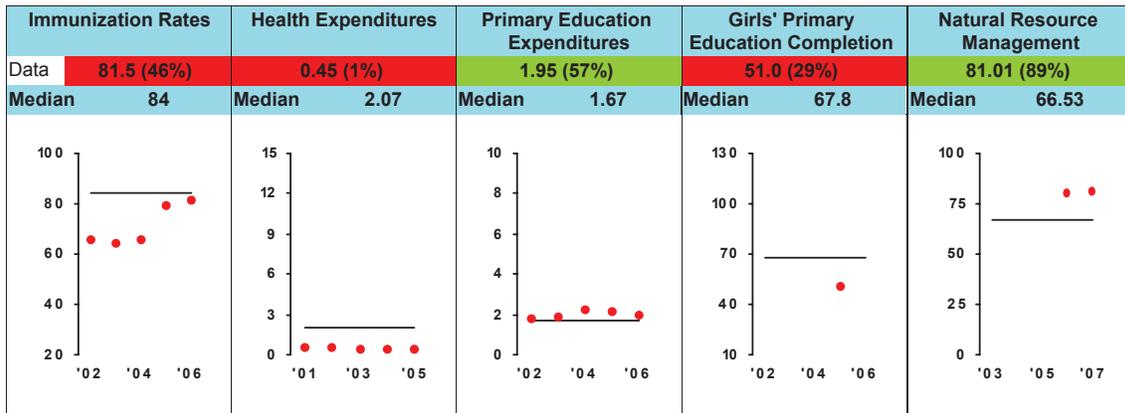
Population: 155,772,000
GNI/Cap: \$770 LIC

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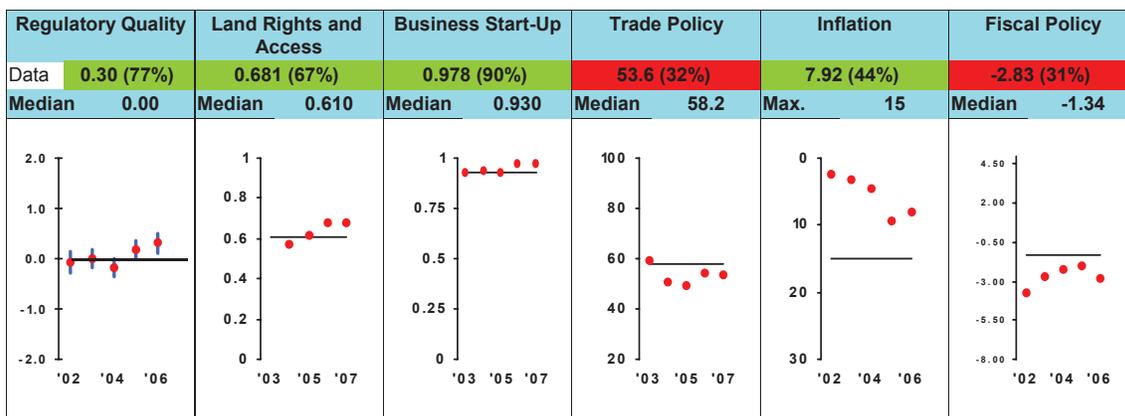
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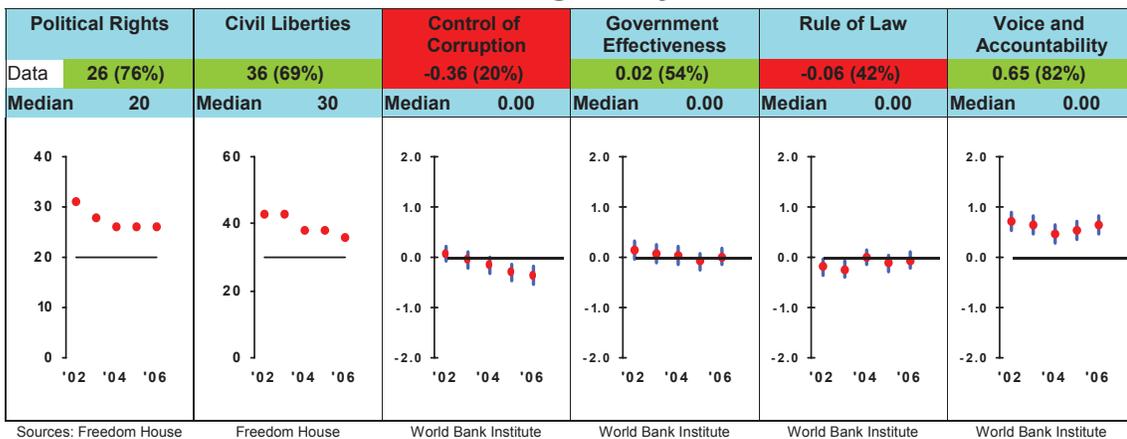
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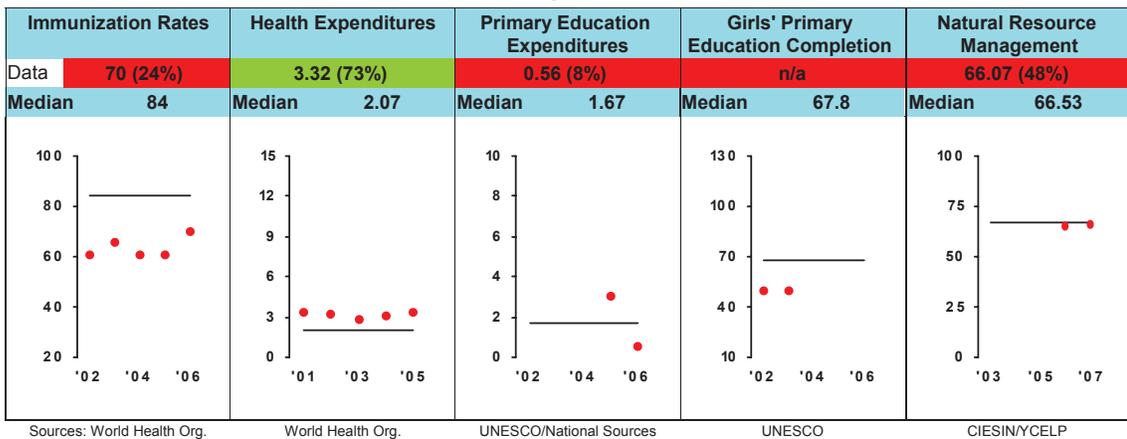
Papua New Guinea FY08

Population: 5,887,138
GNI/Cap: \$770 LIC

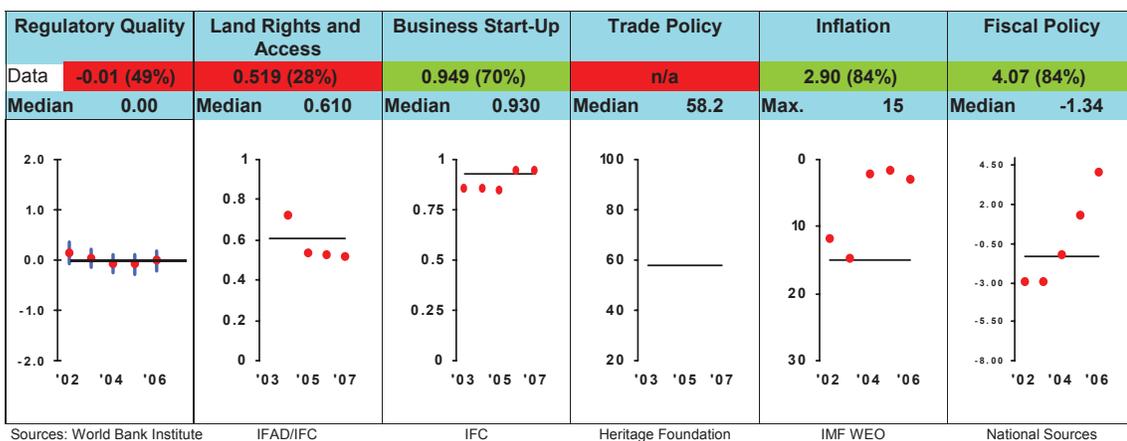
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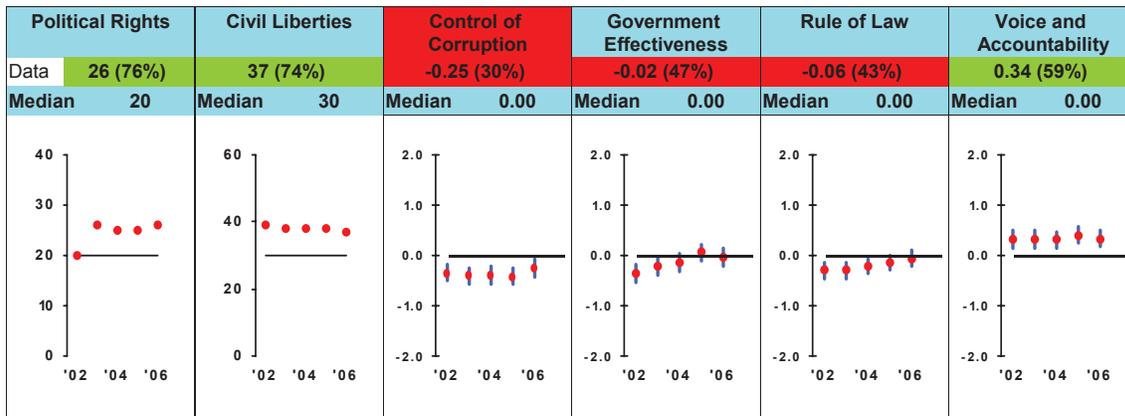
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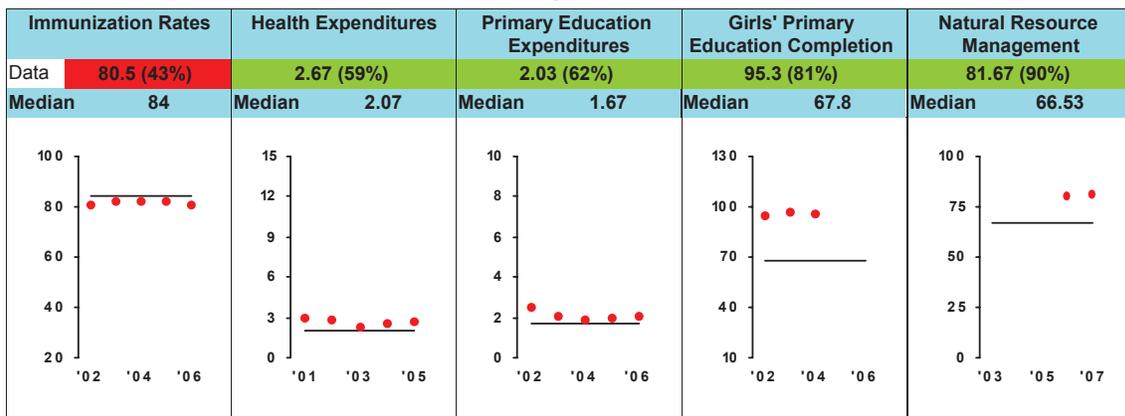
Population: 5,898,651
GNI/Cap: \$1,400 LIC

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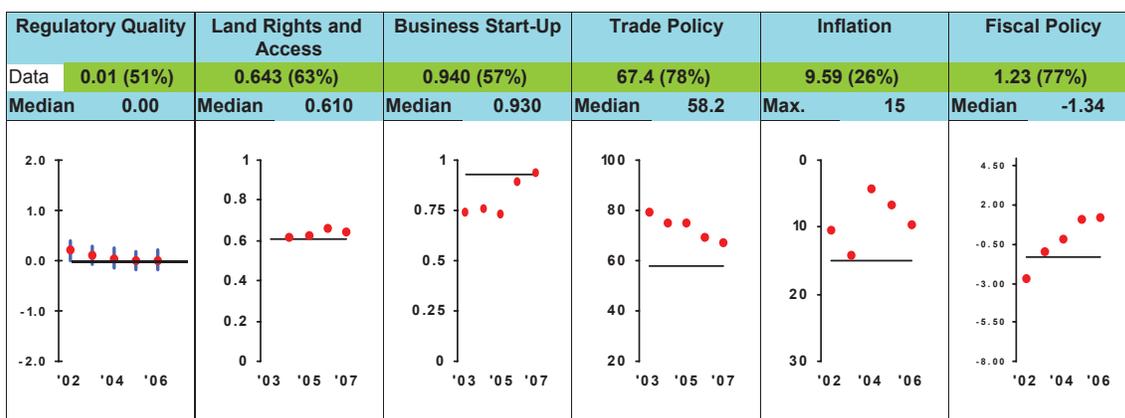
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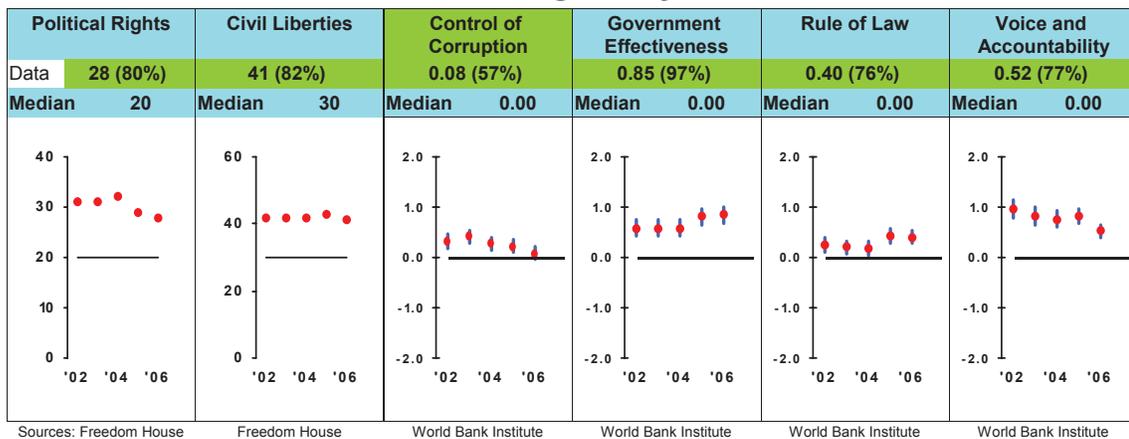
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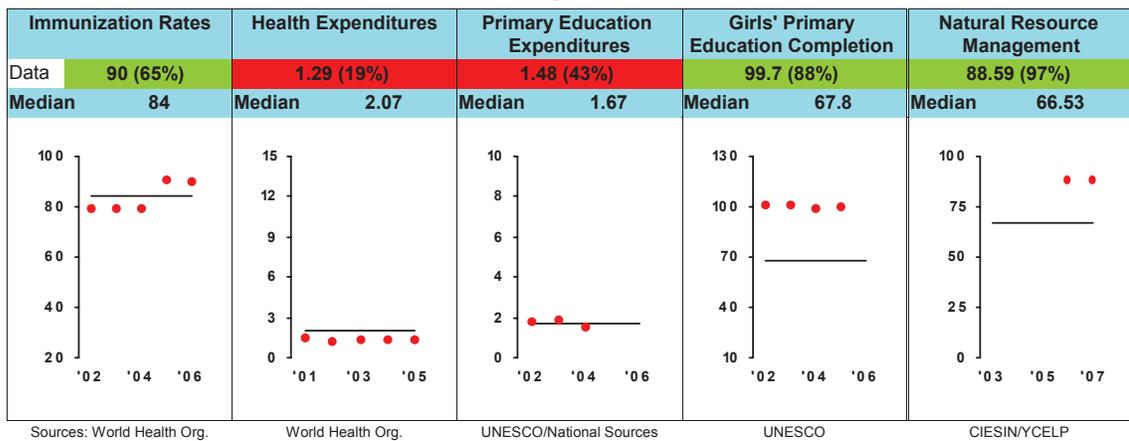
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GNI/Cap: \$1,420 LIC

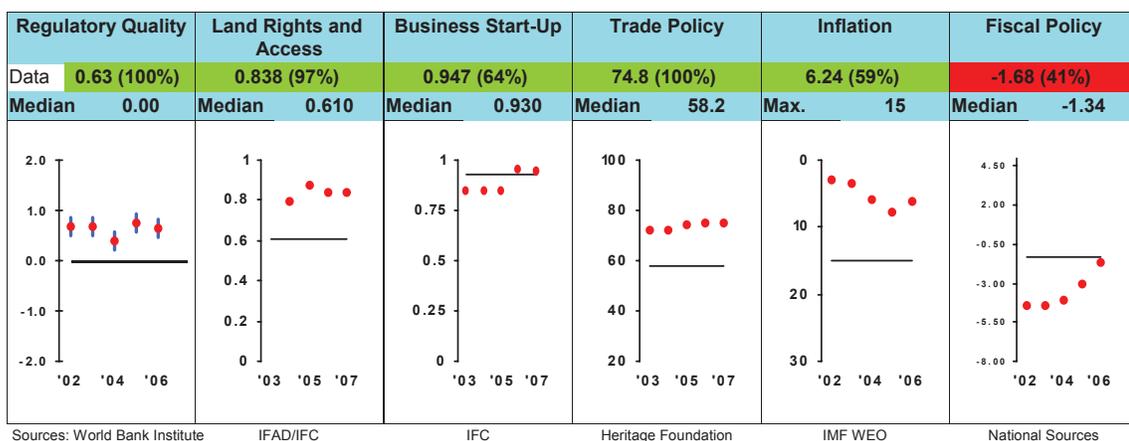
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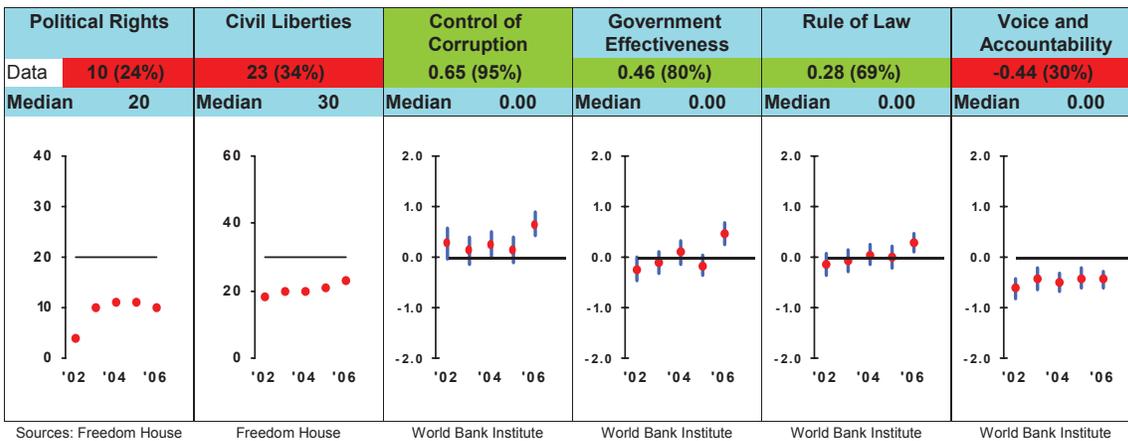
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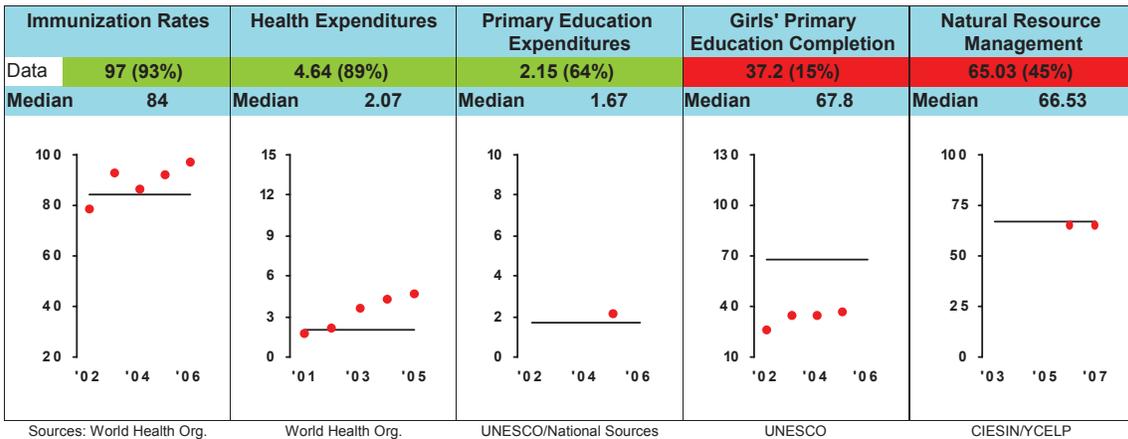
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GNI/Cap: \$250 LIC

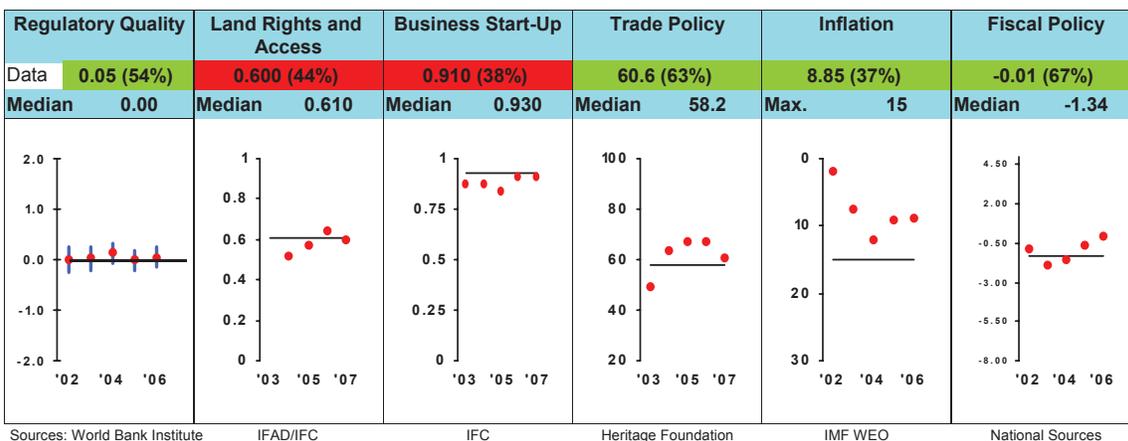
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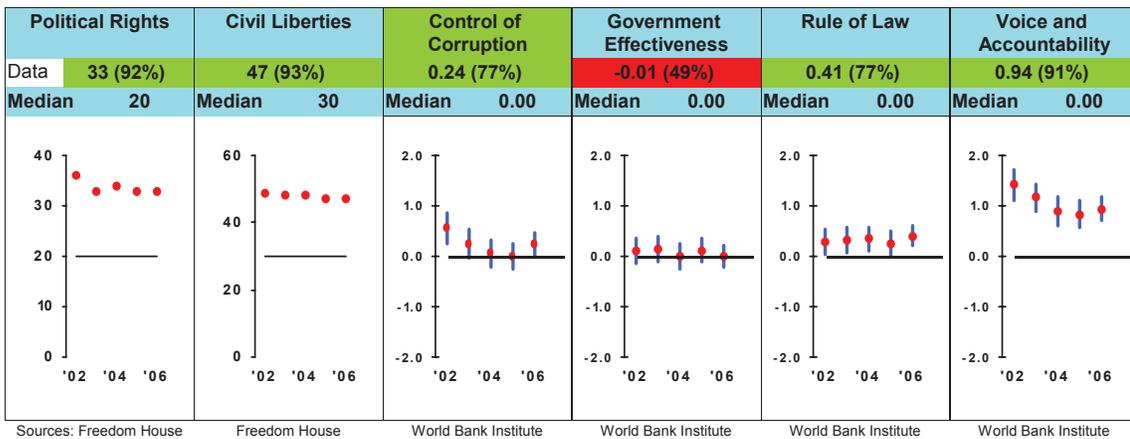
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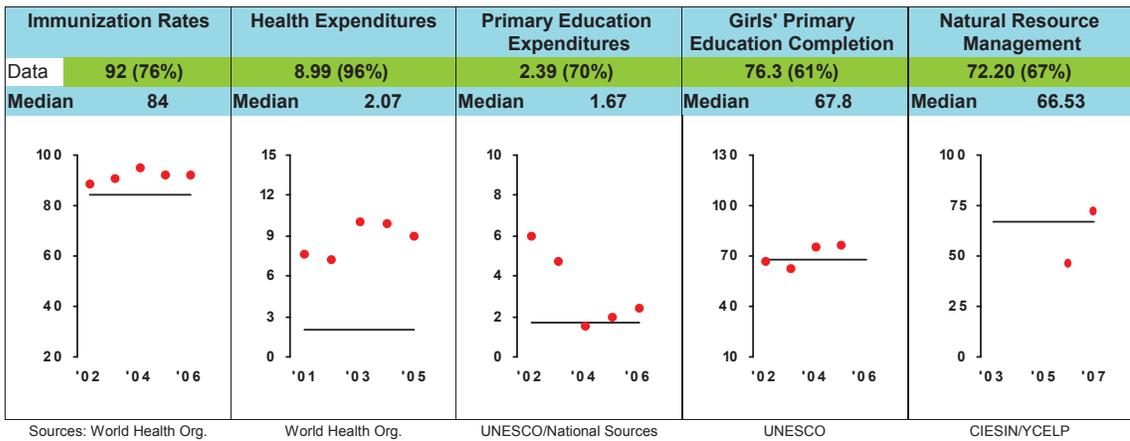
Sao Tome and Principe FY08

Population: 156,523
GNI/Cap: \$780 LIC

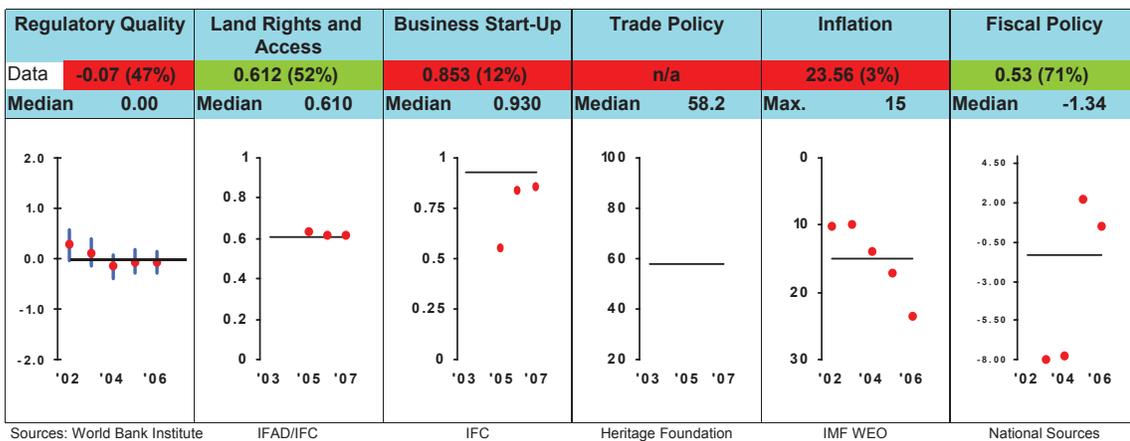
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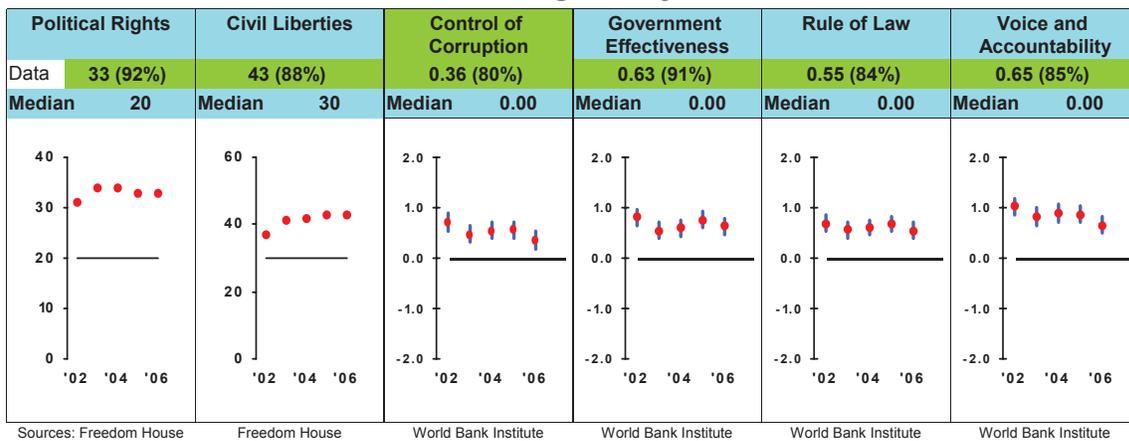
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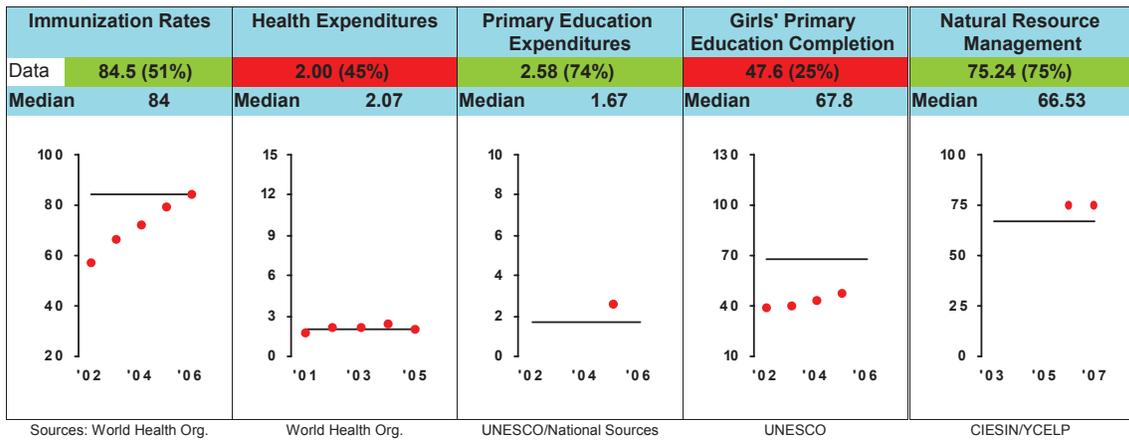
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Population: 11,658,170
GNI/Cap: \$750 LIC

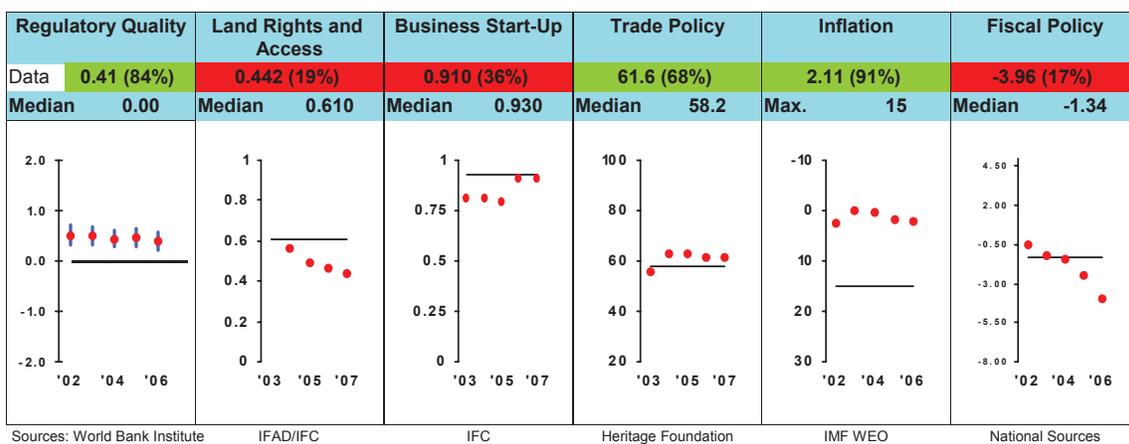
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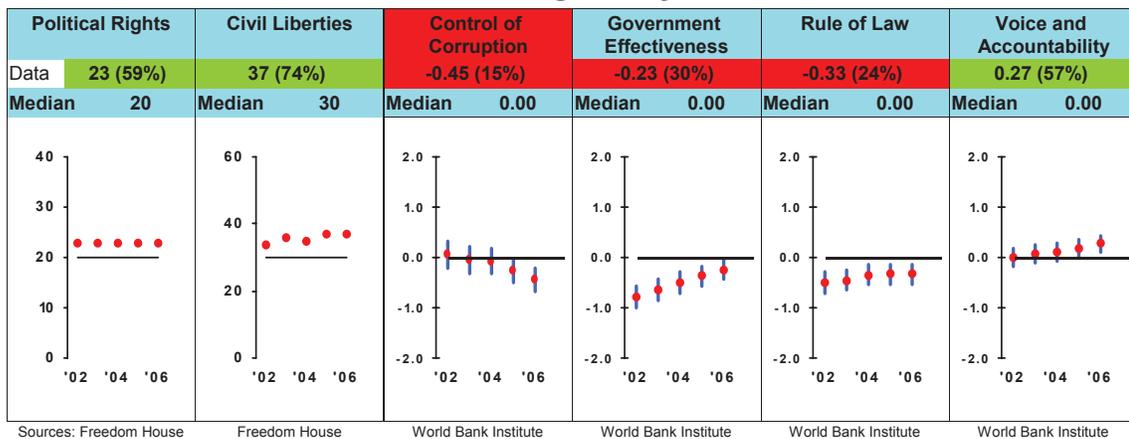
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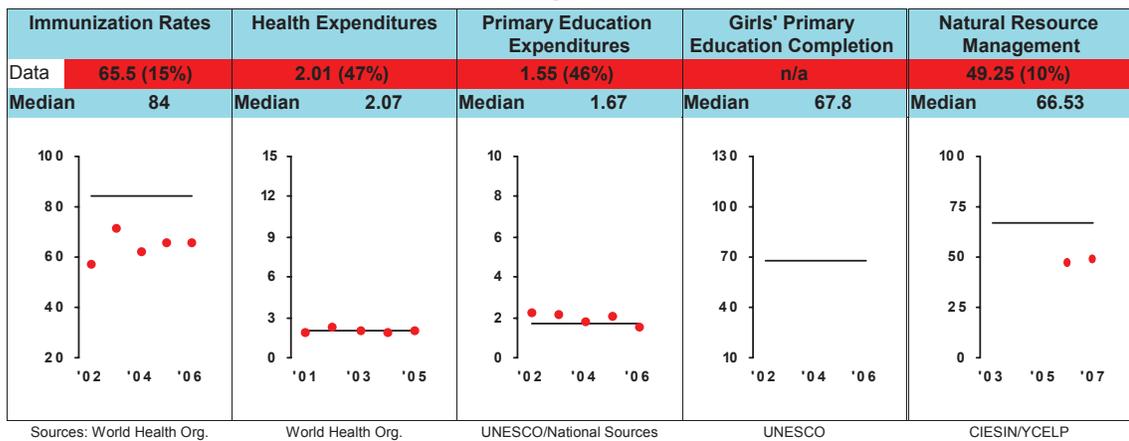
Sierra Leone FY08

Population: 5,525,478
GNI/Cap: \$240 LIC

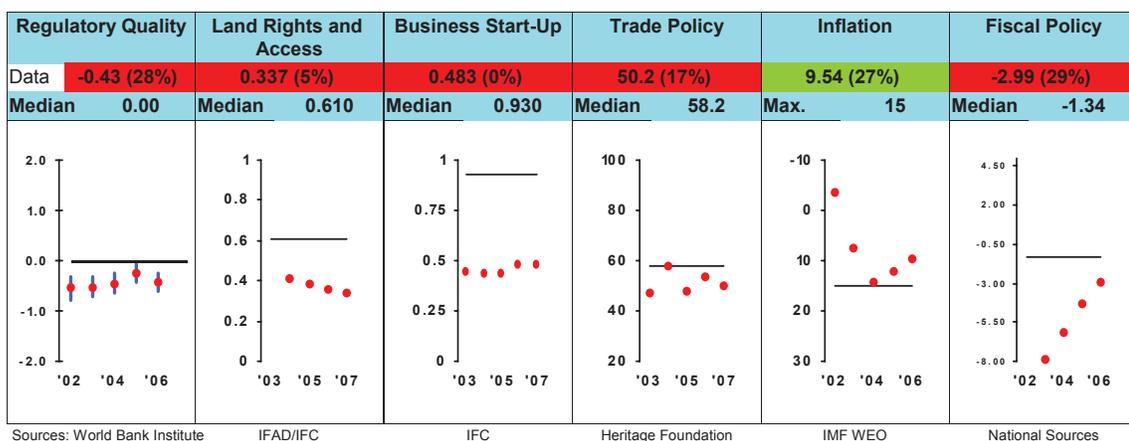
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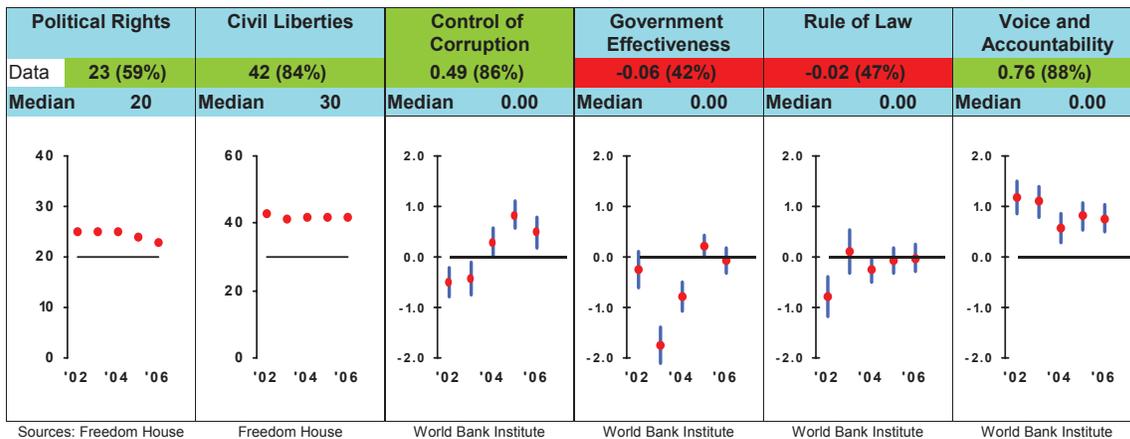
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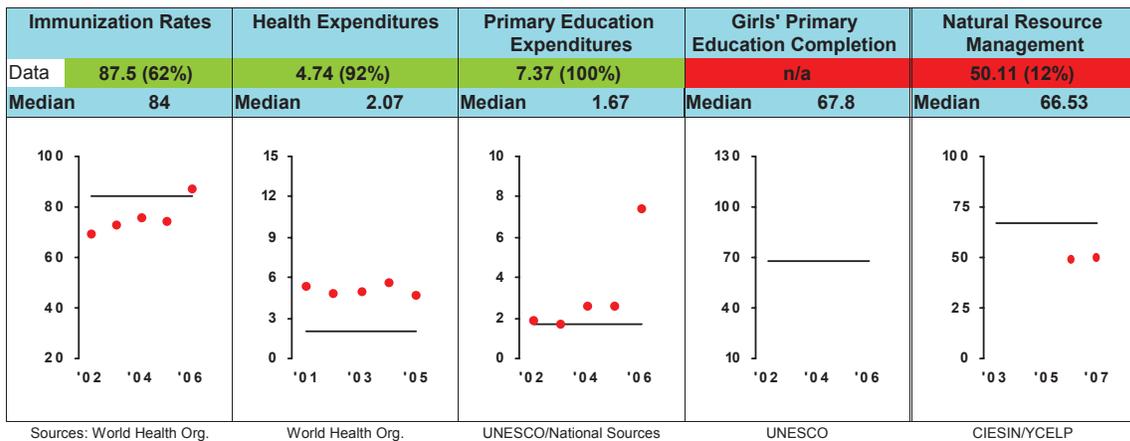
Solomon Islands FY08

Population: 477,742
GNI/Cap: \$680 LIC

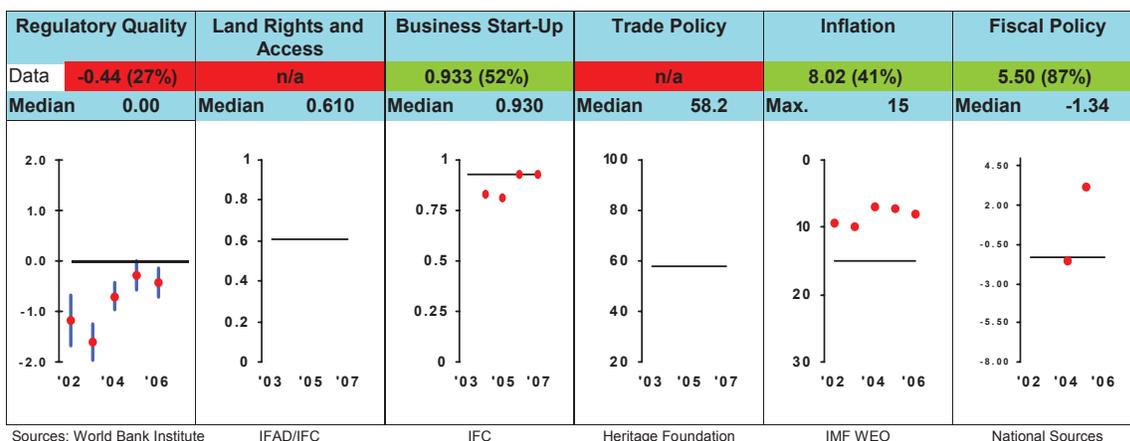
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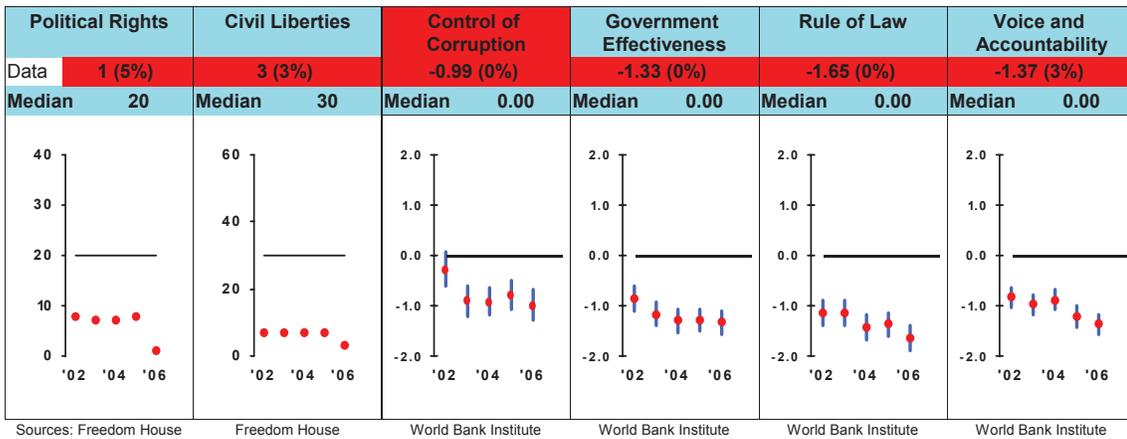
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Somalia FY08

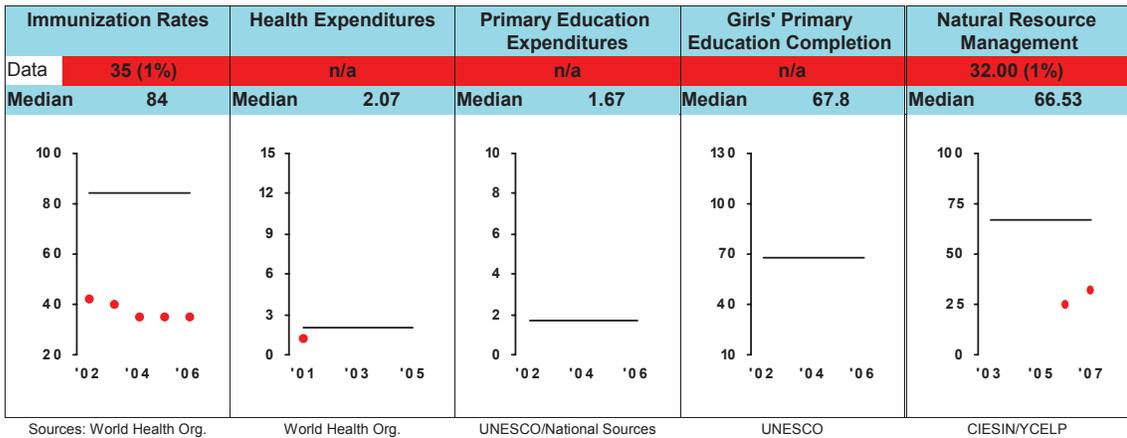
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GNI/Cap: LIC

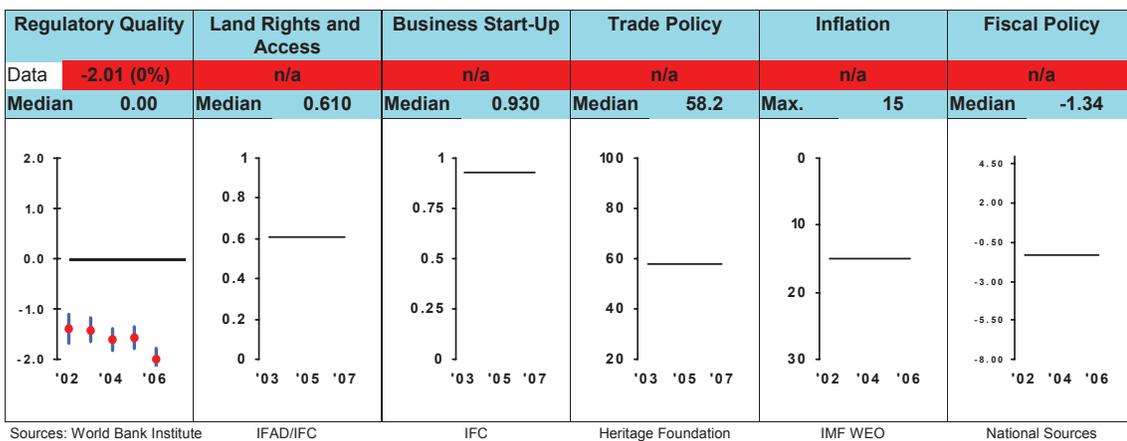
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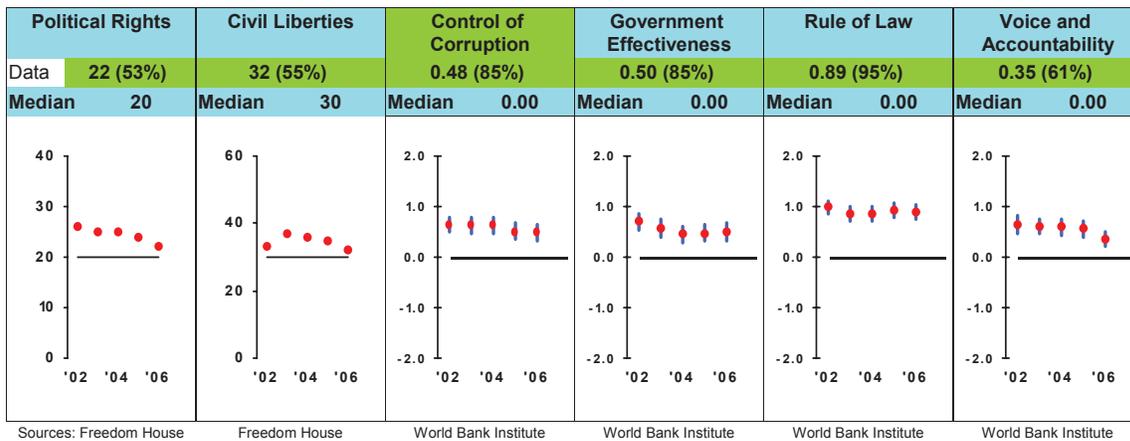
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Sri Lanka FY08

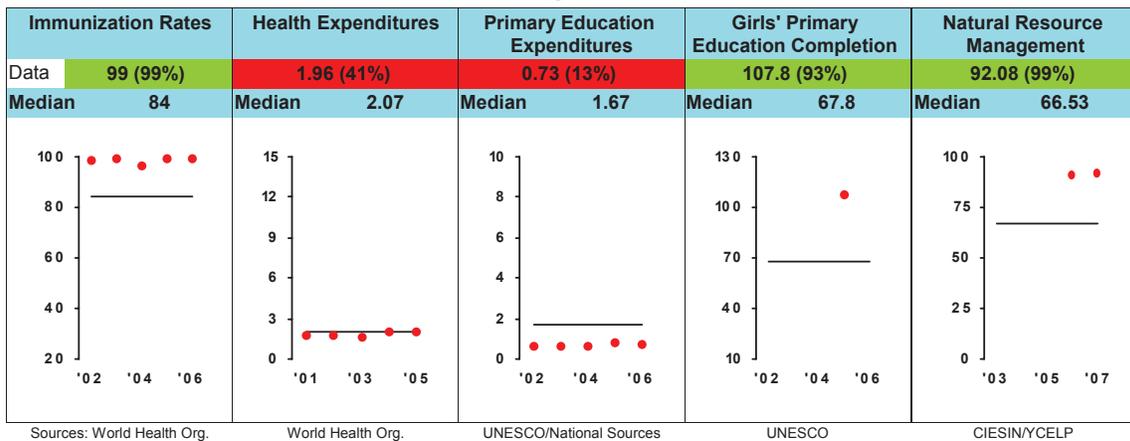
Population: 19,625,380

GNI/Cap: \$1,300 LIC

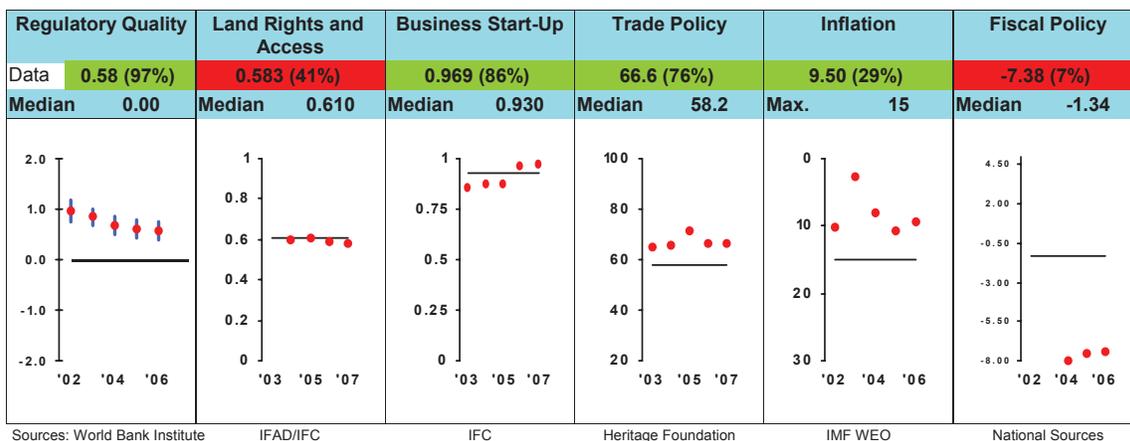
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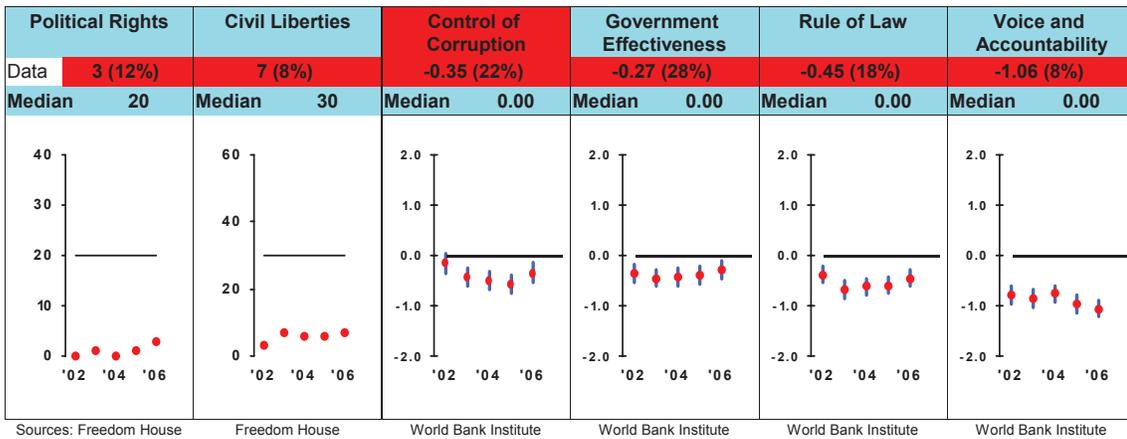
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Sudan FY08

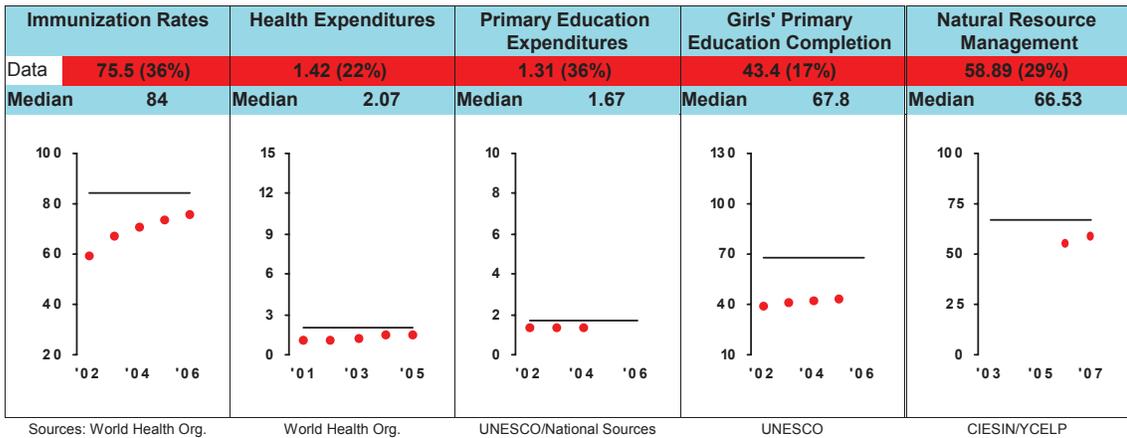
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GNI/Cap: \$810 LIC

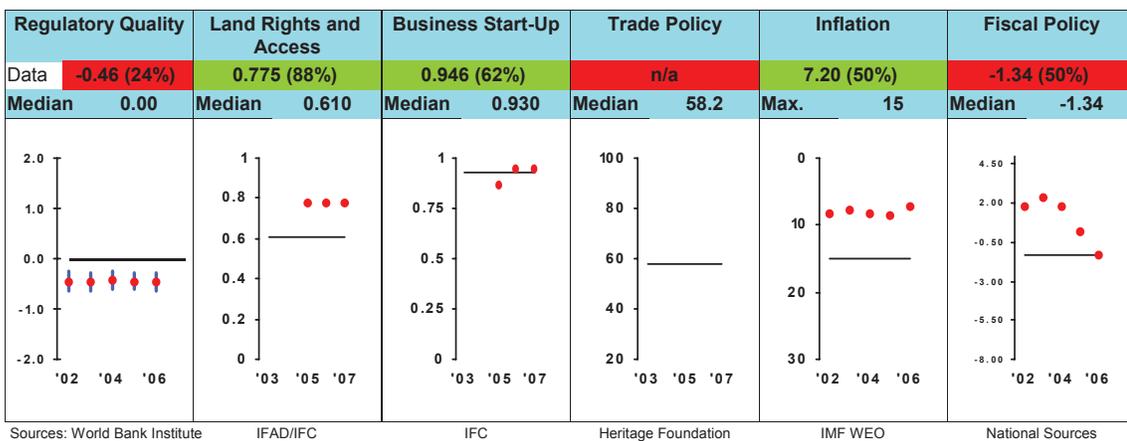
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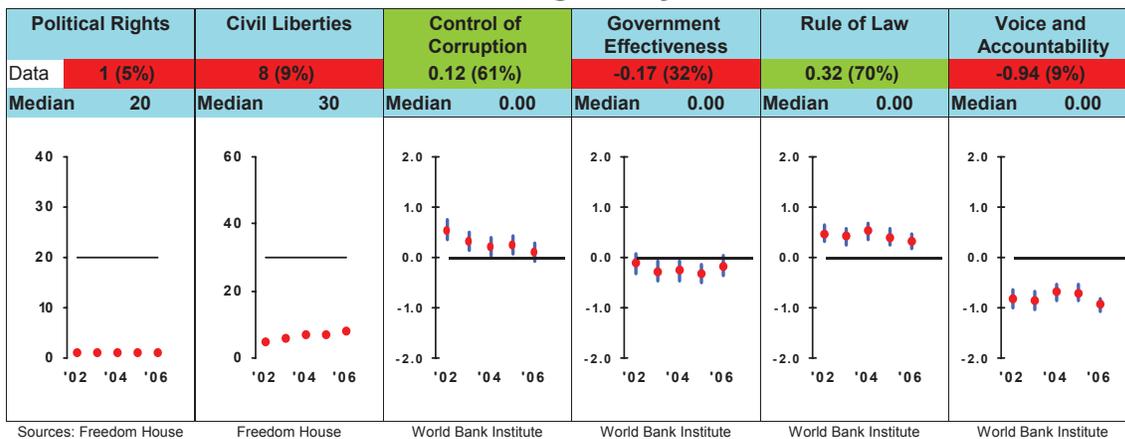
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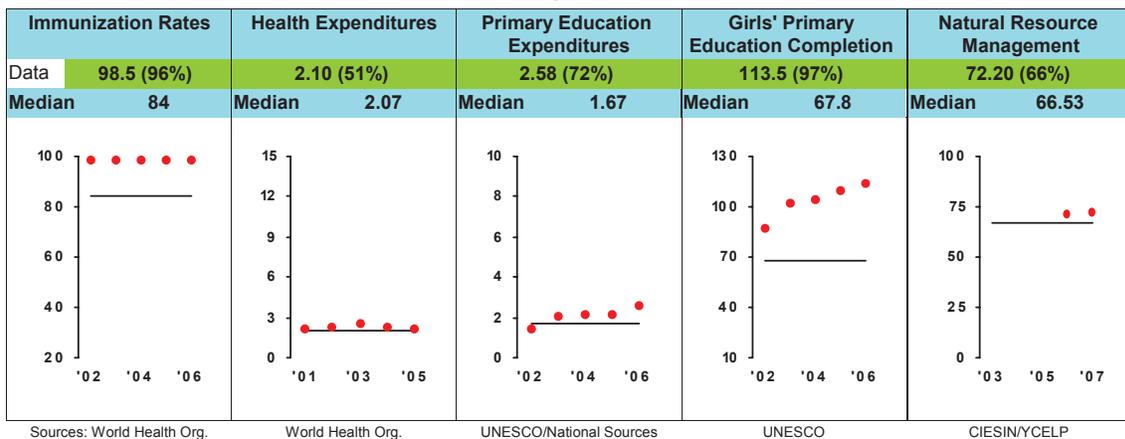
Syrian Arab Republic FY08

Population: 19,043,380
 GNI/Cap: \$1,570 LIC

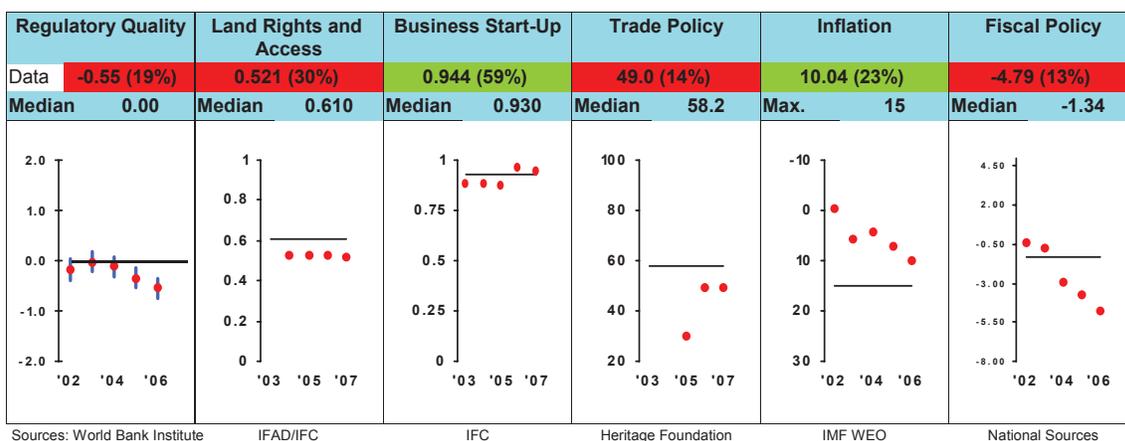
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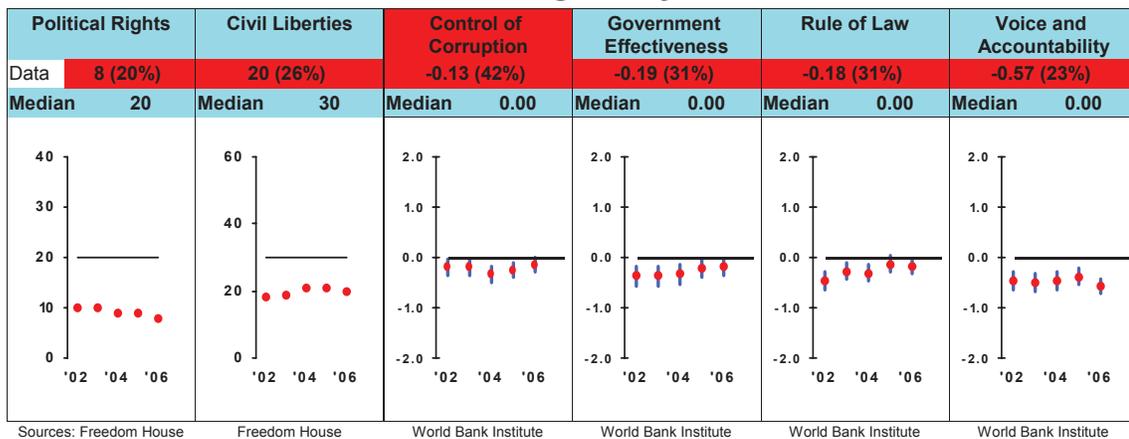
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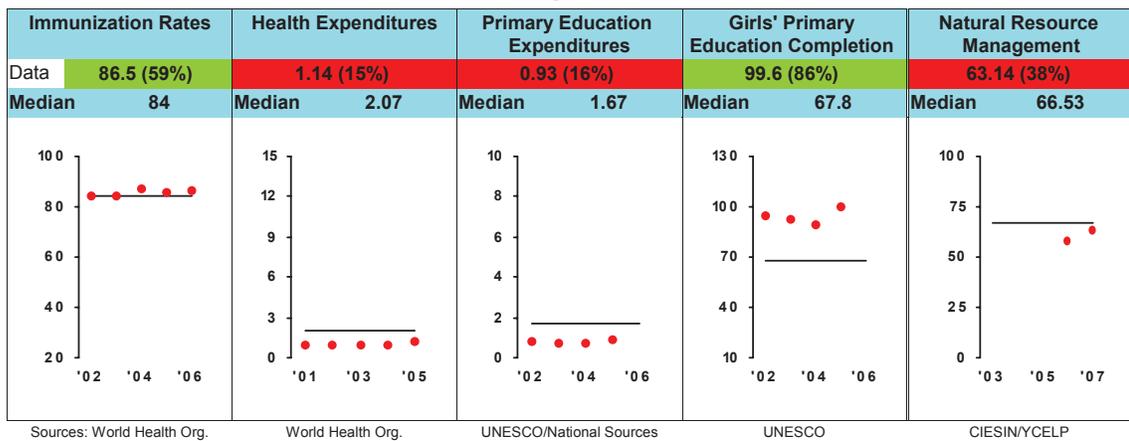
Tajikistan FY08

Population: 6,506,980
GNI/Cap: \$390 LIC

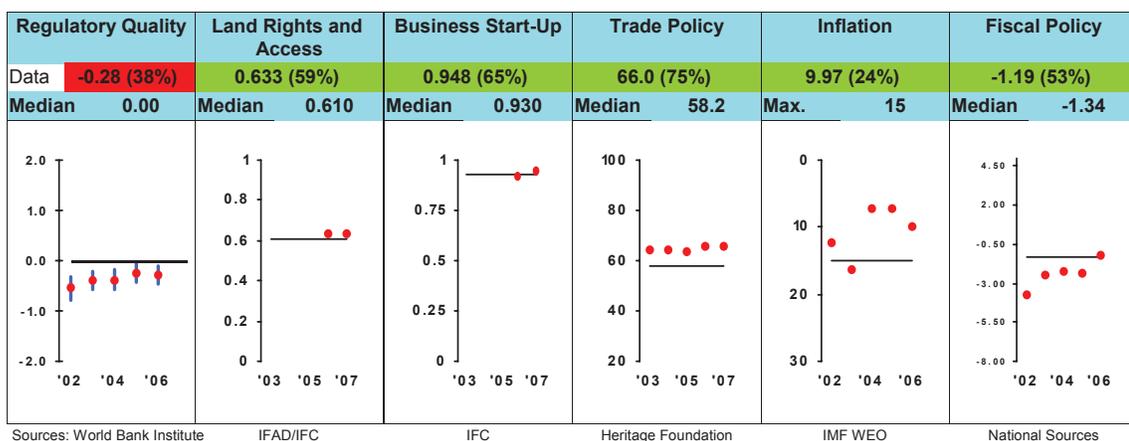
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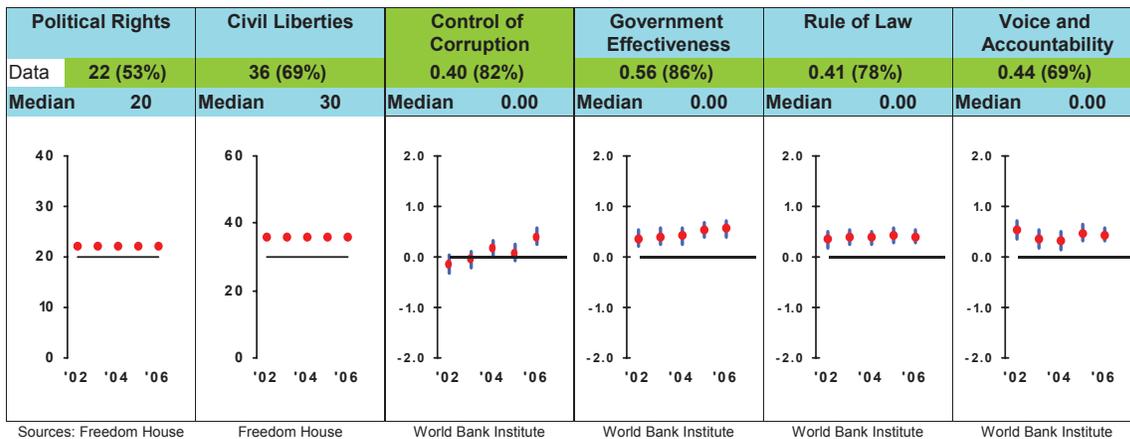
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Tanzania FY08

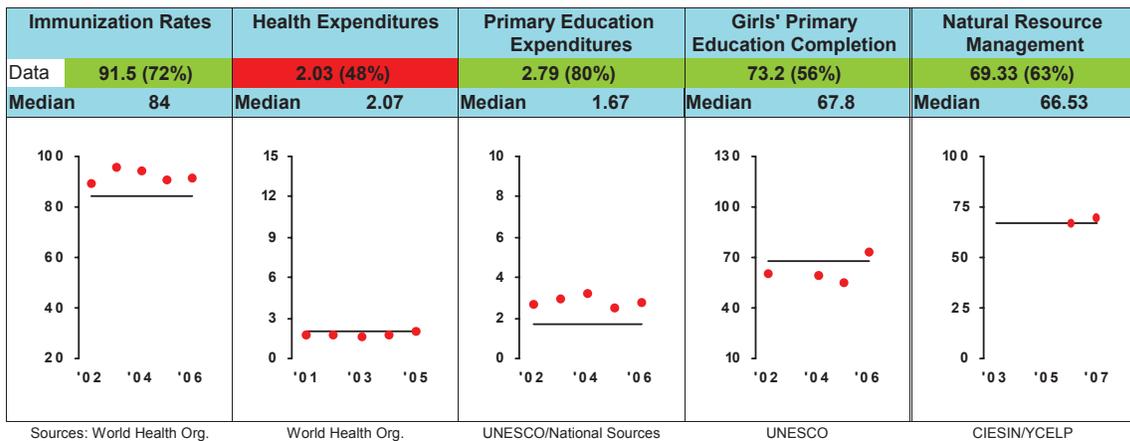
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GNI/Cap: \$350 LIC

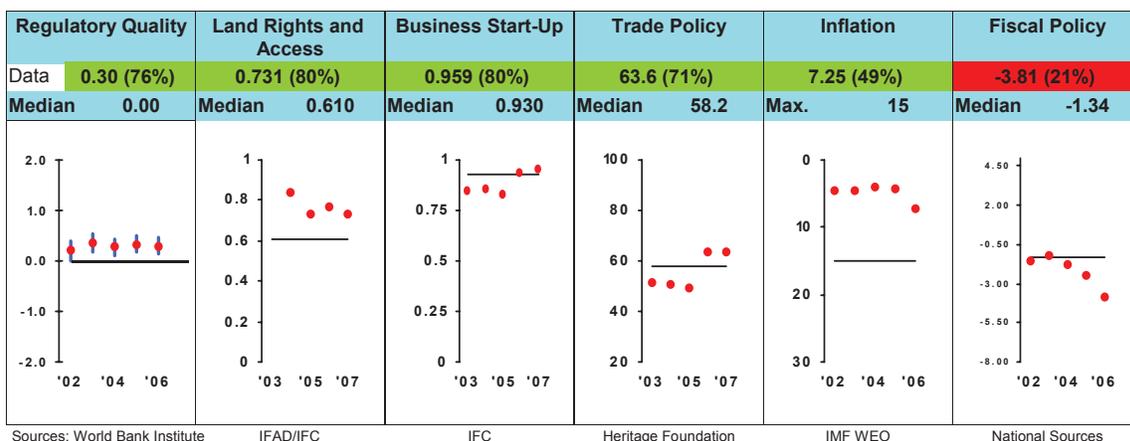
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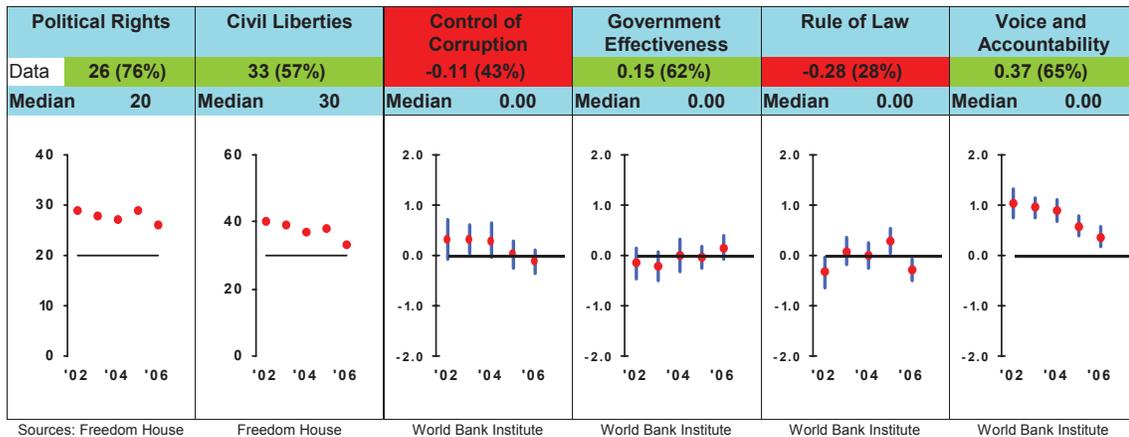
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Timor-Leste FY08

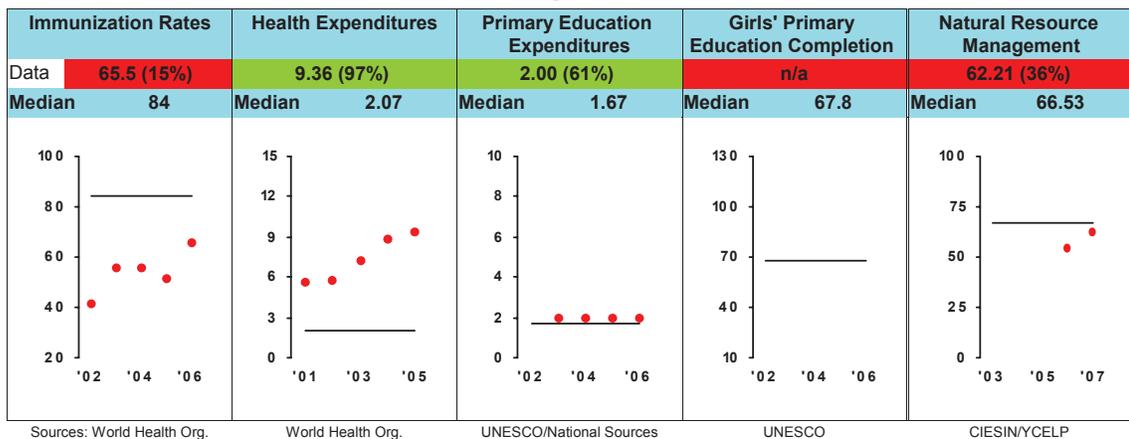
Population: 975,539

GNI/Cap: \$840 LIC

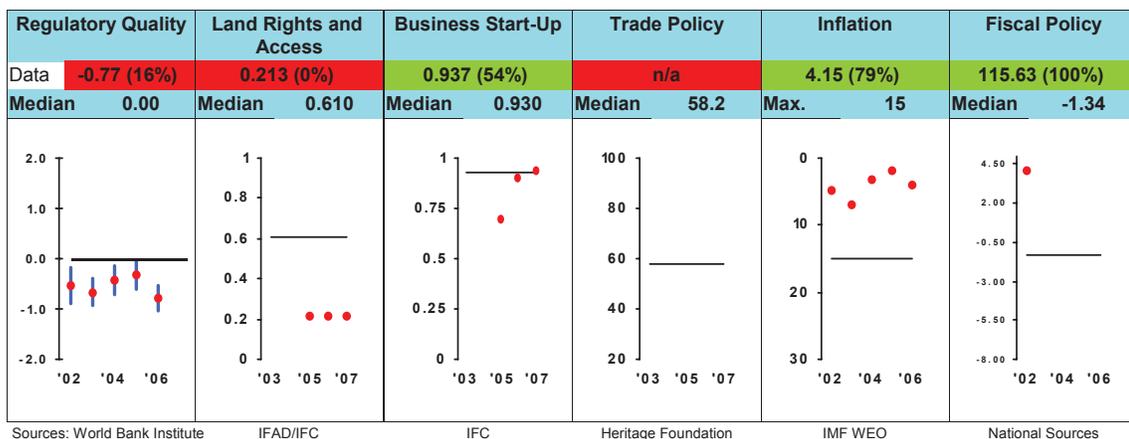
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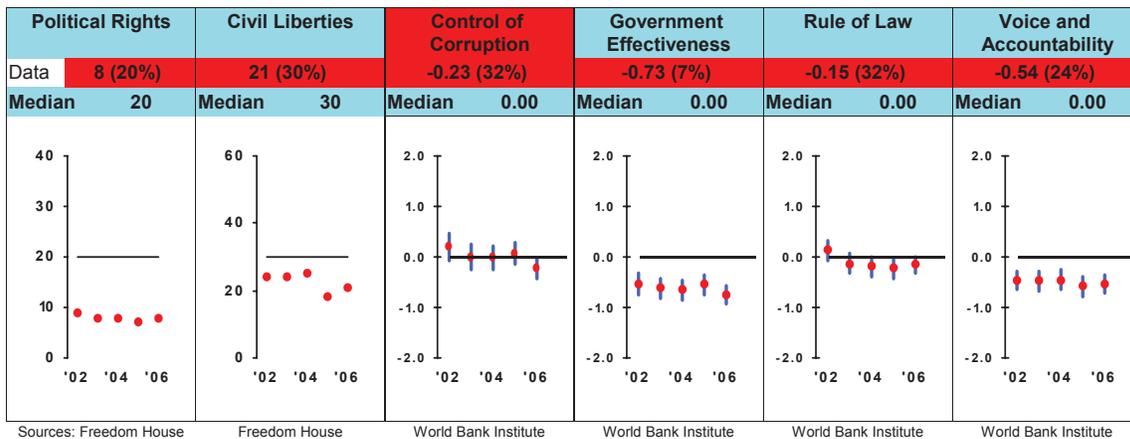
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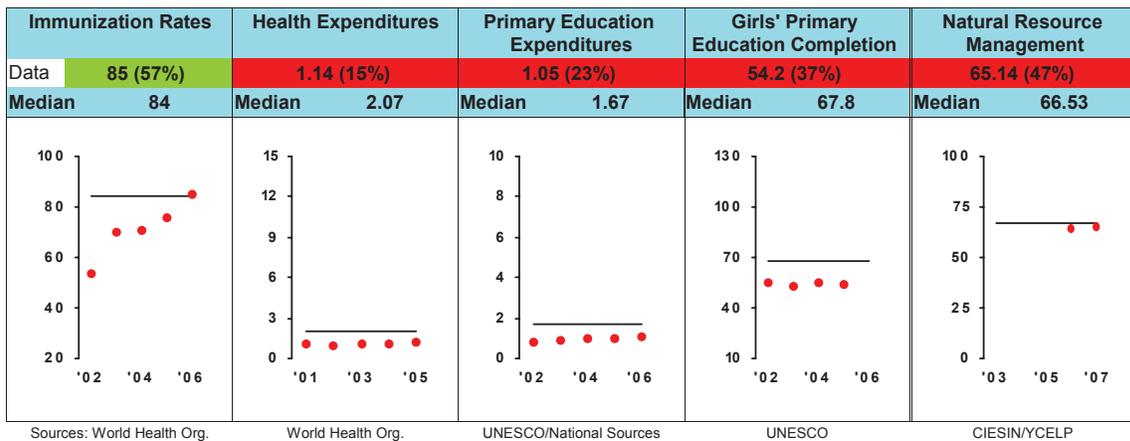
Togo FY08

Population: 6,145,004
GNI/Cap: \$350 LIC

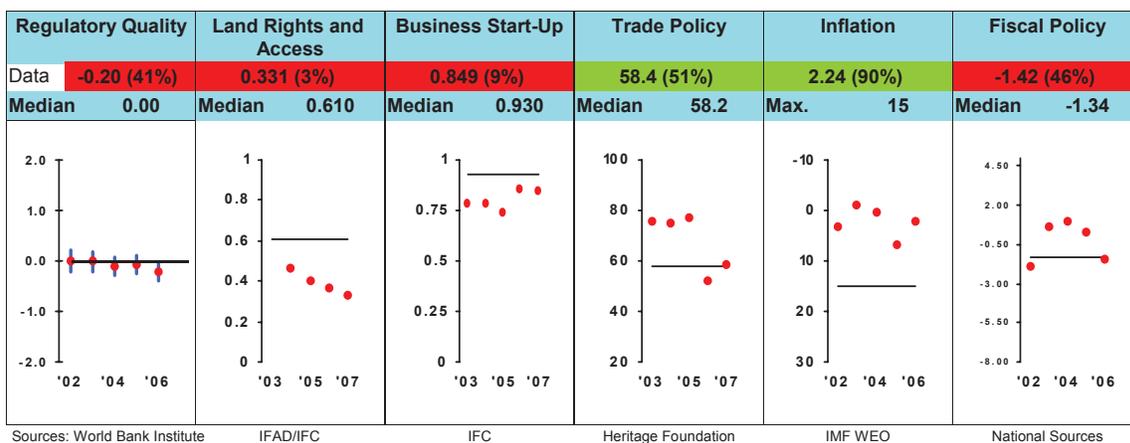
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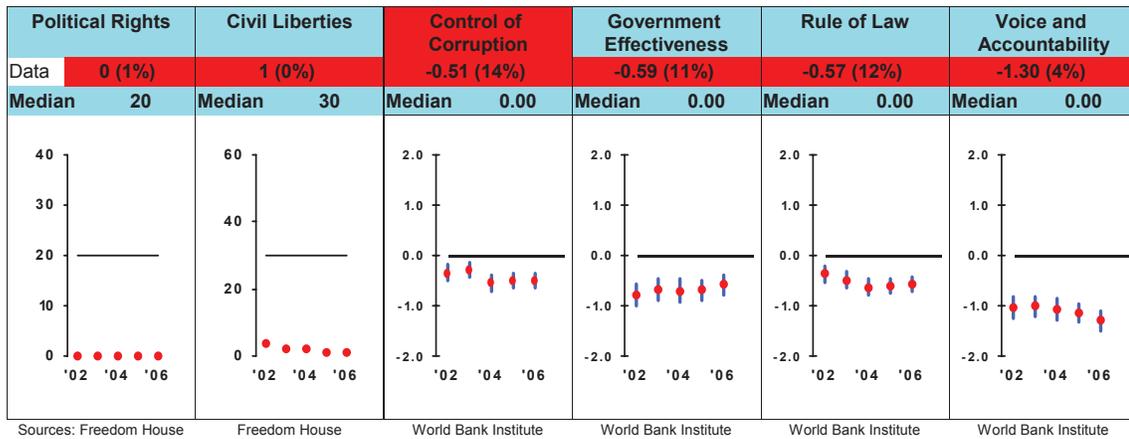
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Turkmenistan FY08

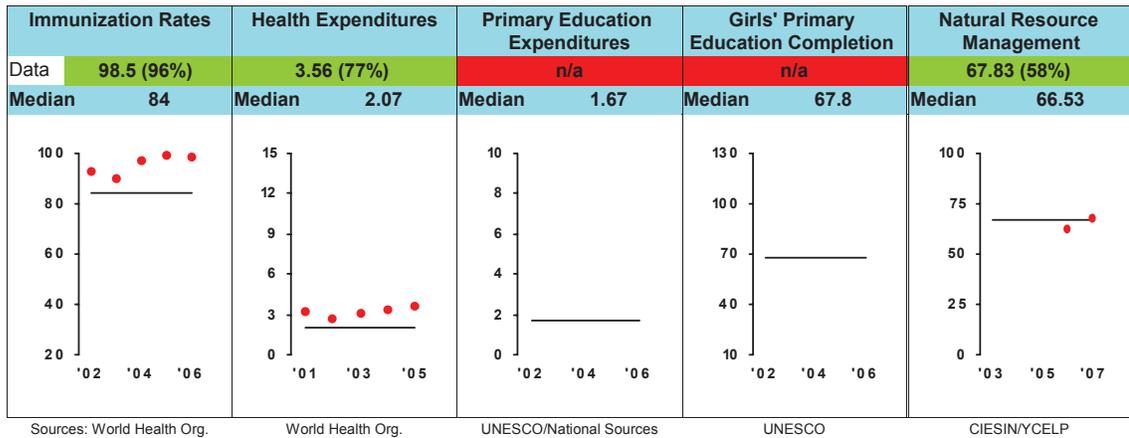
Population: 4,833,266

GNI/Cap: LIC

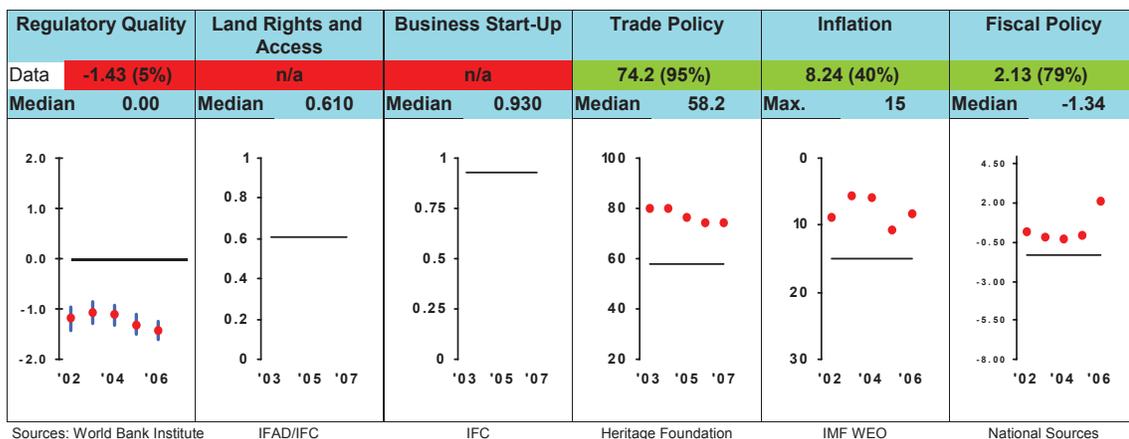
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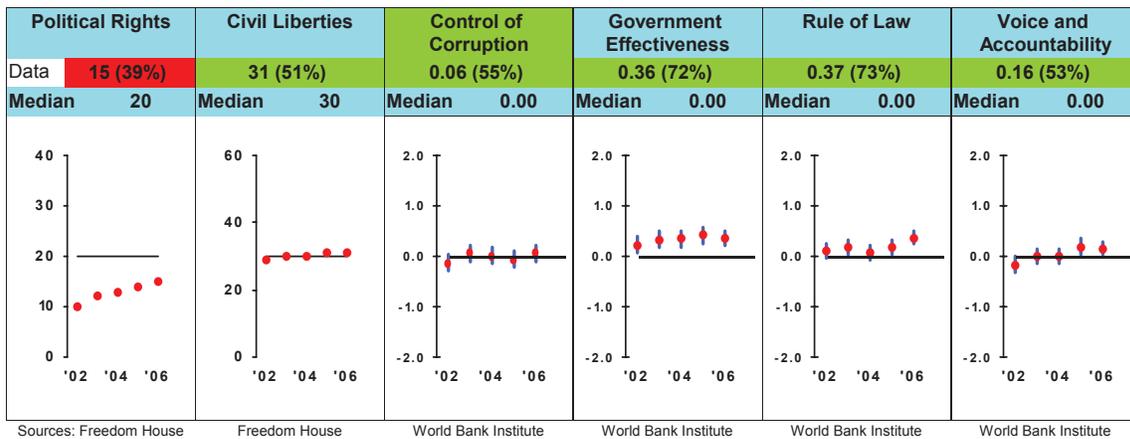
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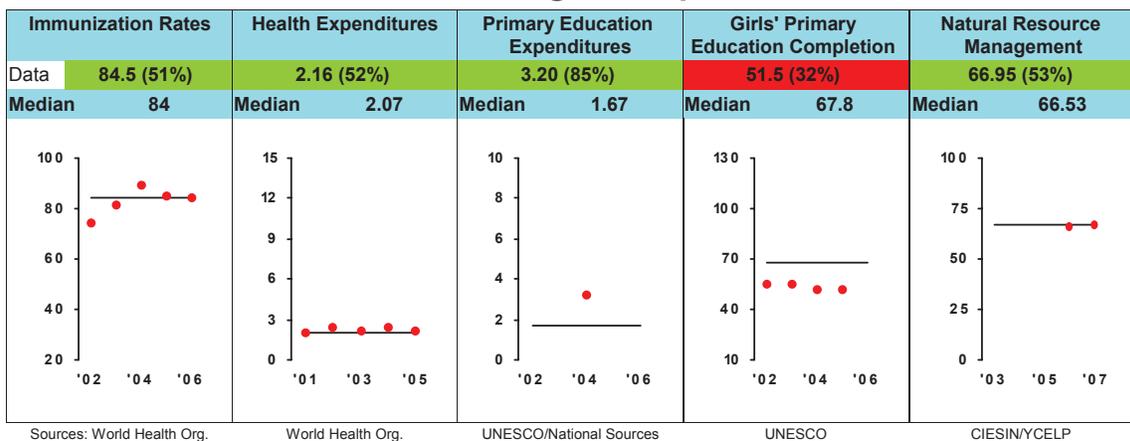
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GNI/Cap: \$300 LIC

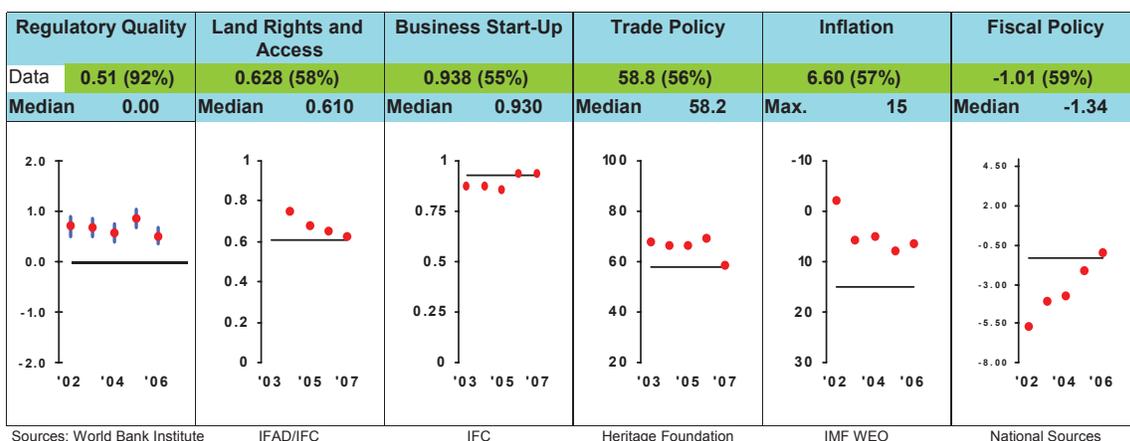
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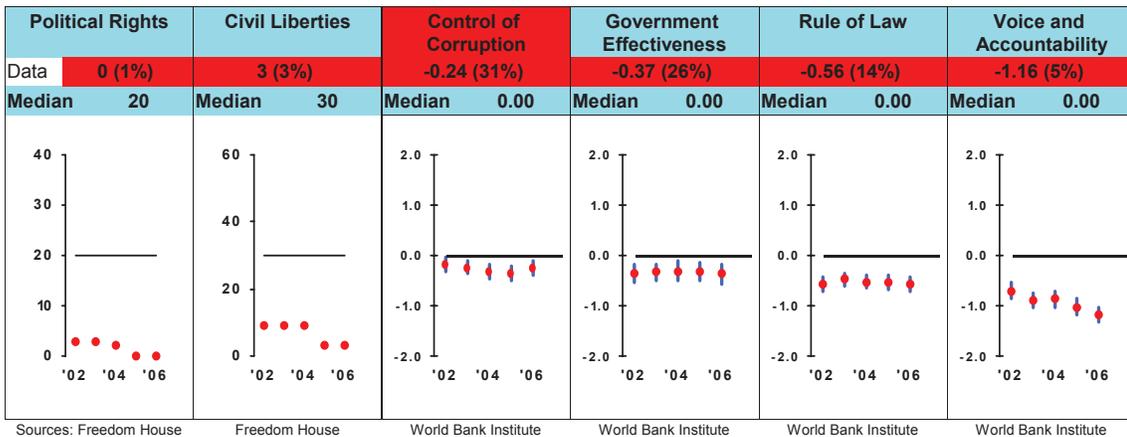
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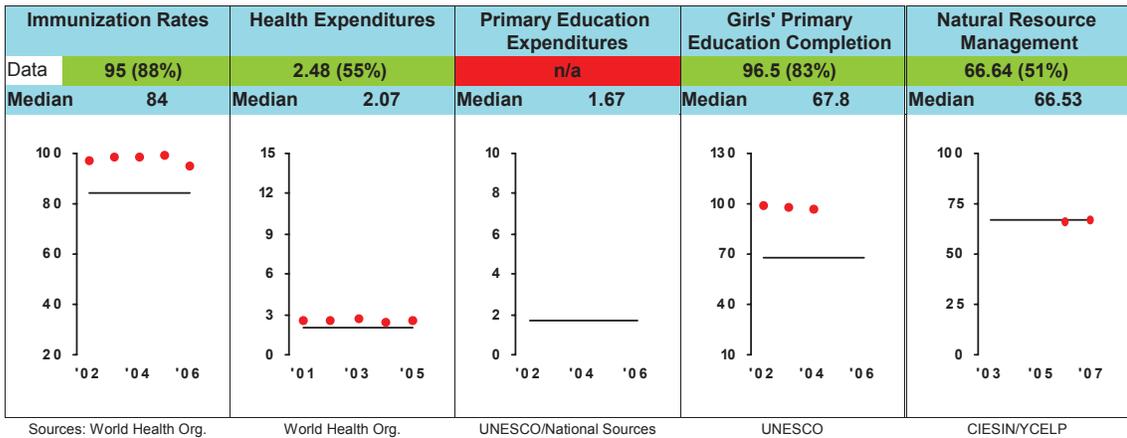
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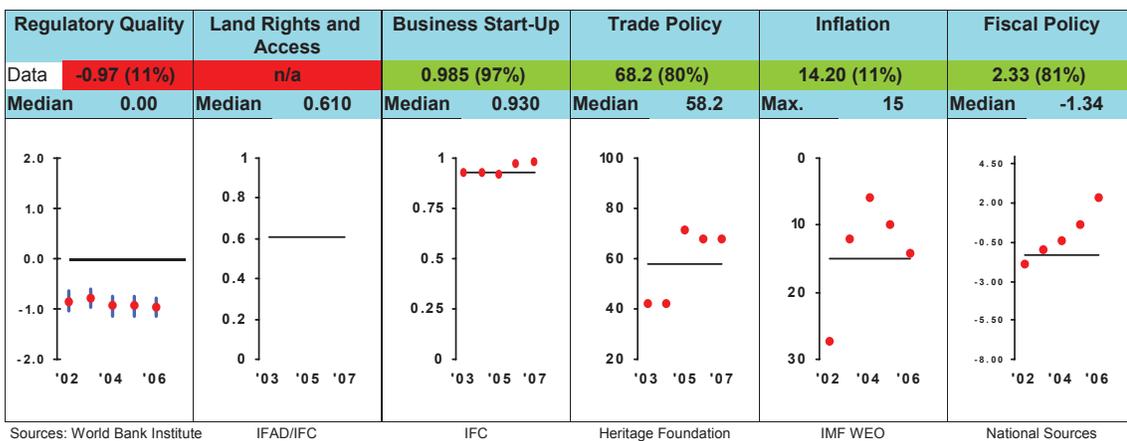
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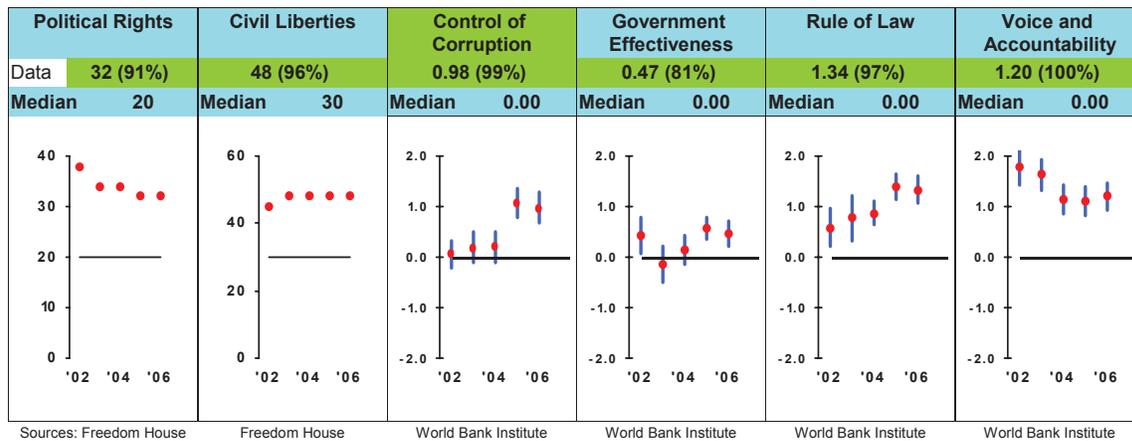
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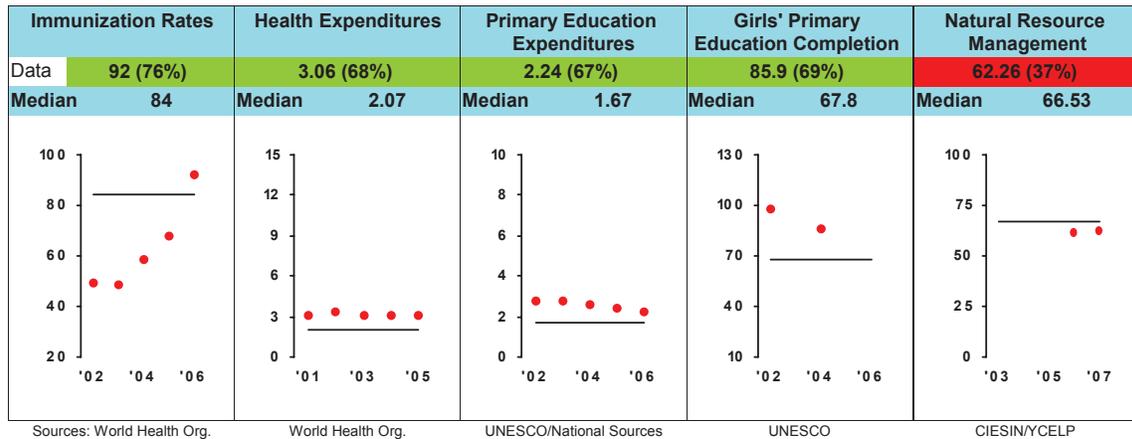
Vanuatu FY08

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 GNI/Cap: \$1,710 LIC

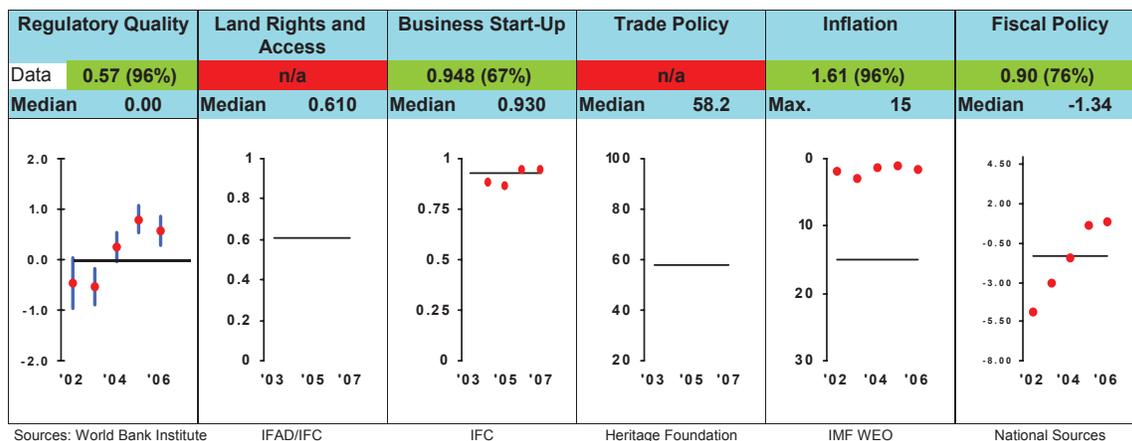
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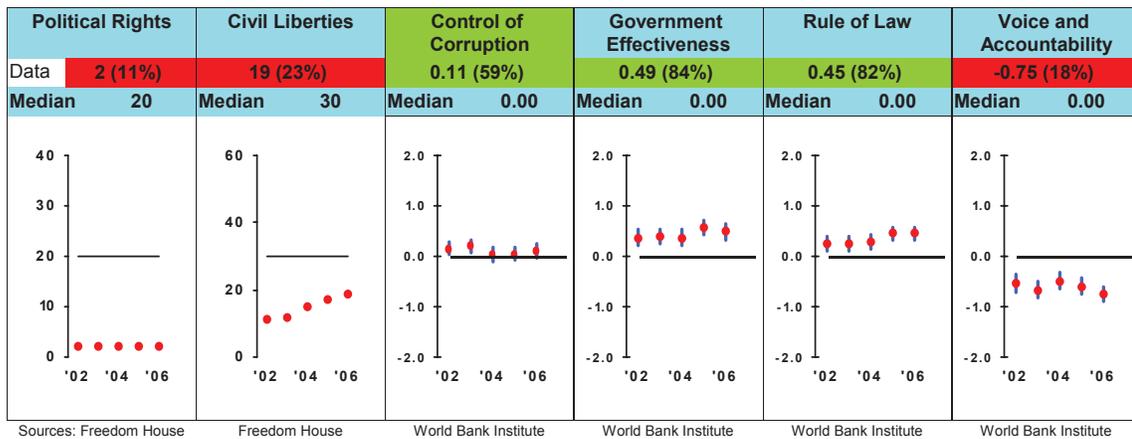
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Vietnam FY08

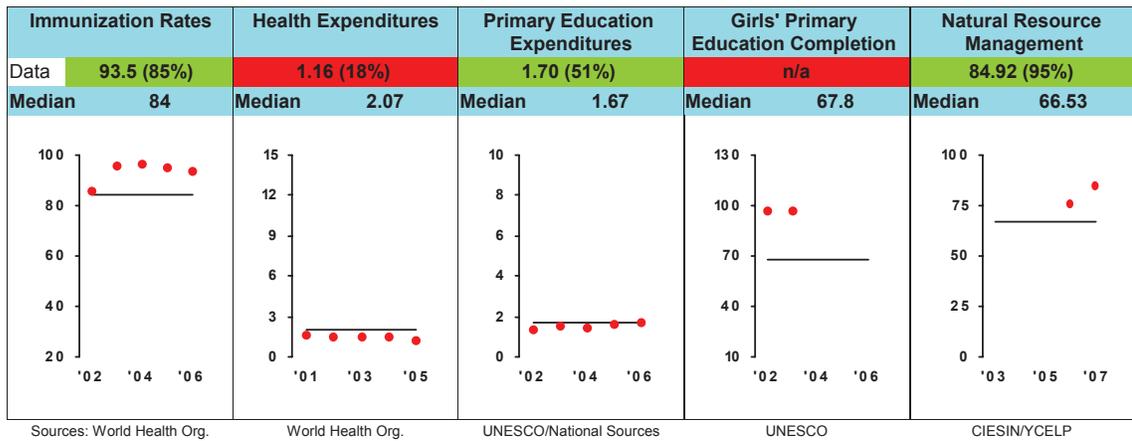
Population: 83,119,000

GNI/Cap: \$690 LIC

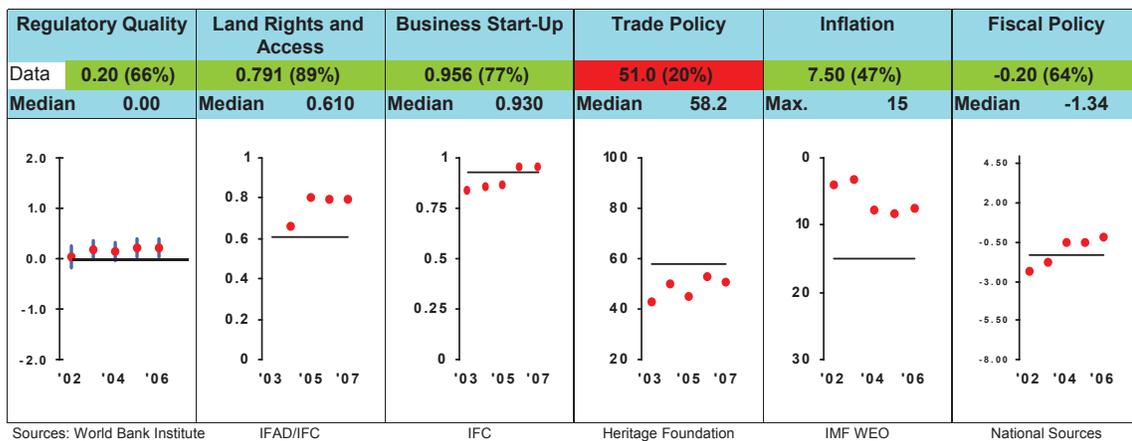
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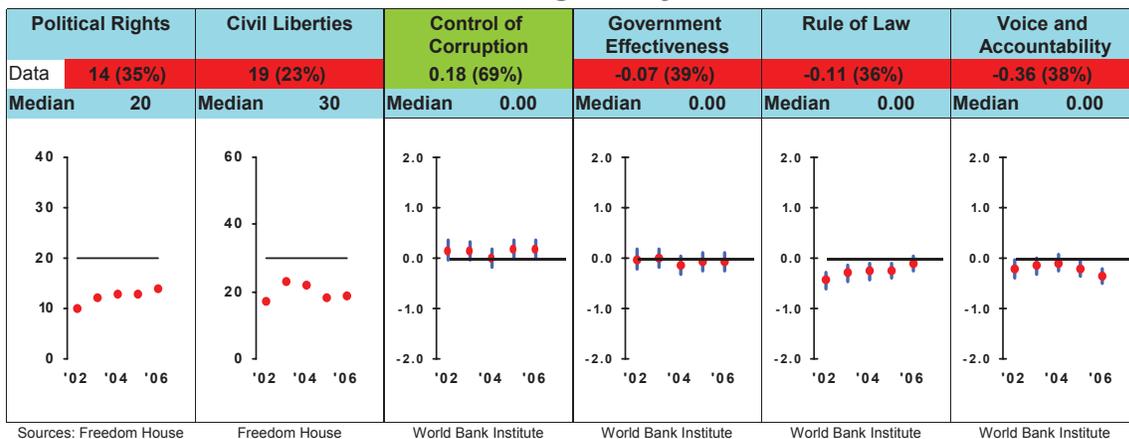
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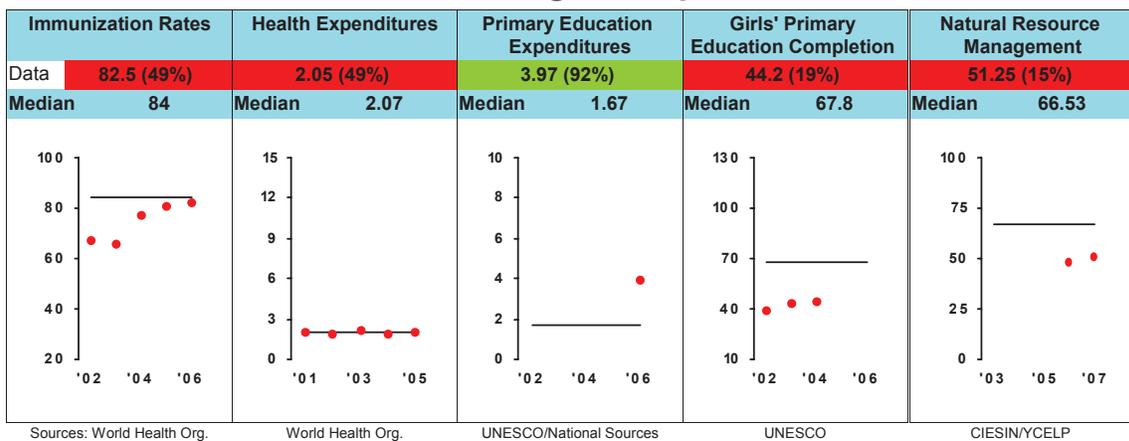
Yemen, Rep. FY08

Population: 20,974,660
GNI/Cap: \$760 LIC

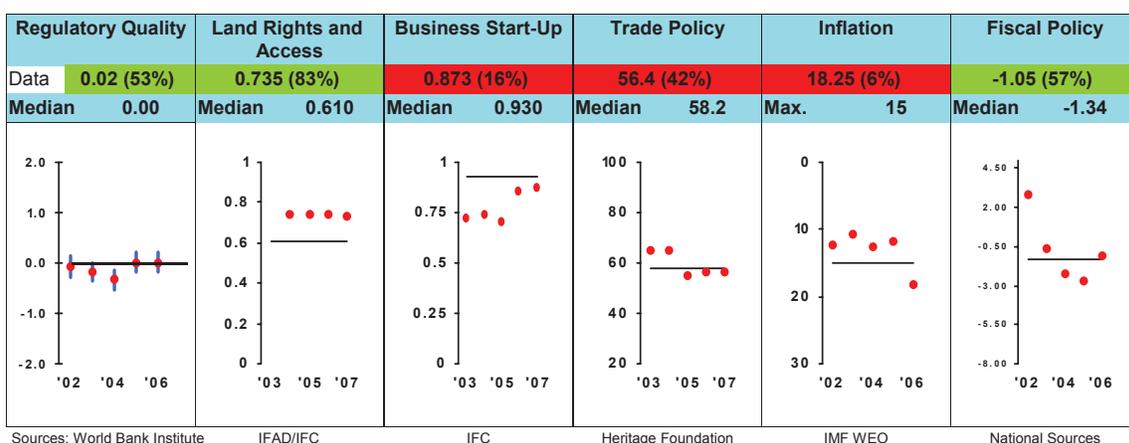
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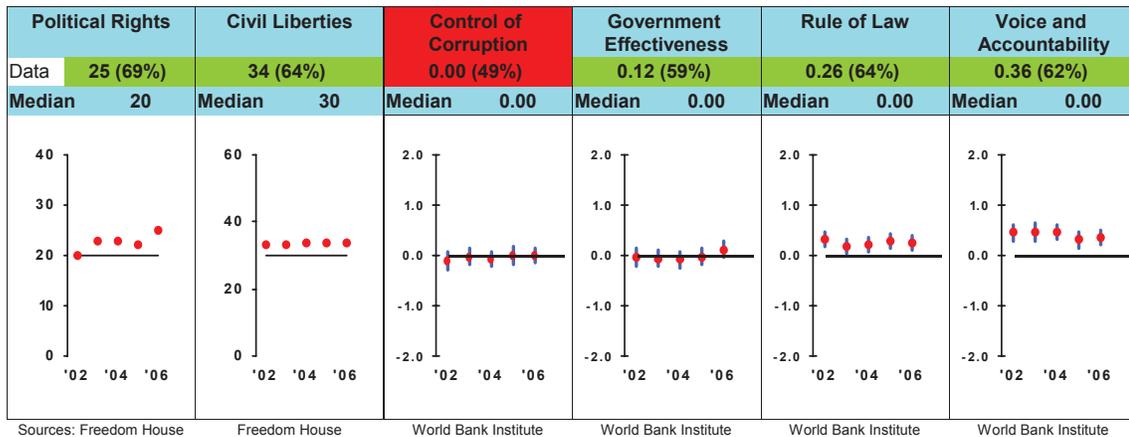
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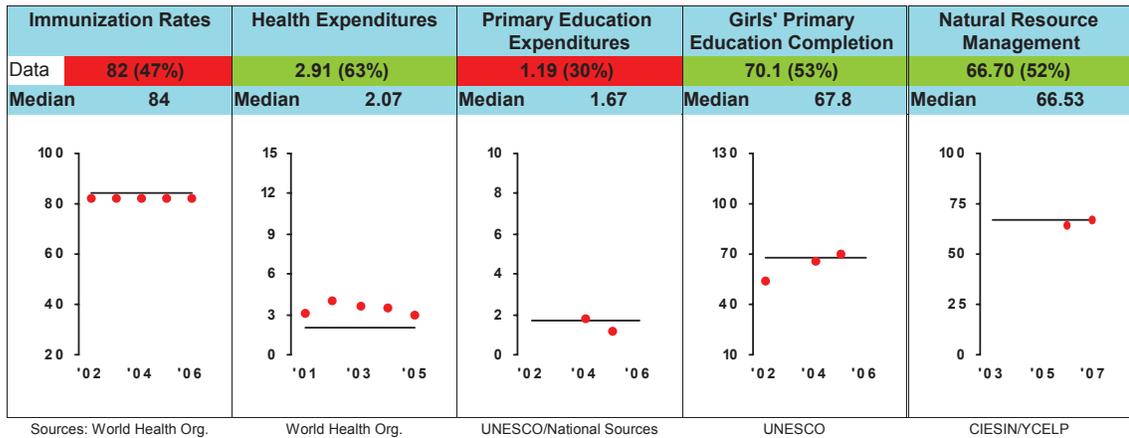
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GNI/Cap: \$630 LIC

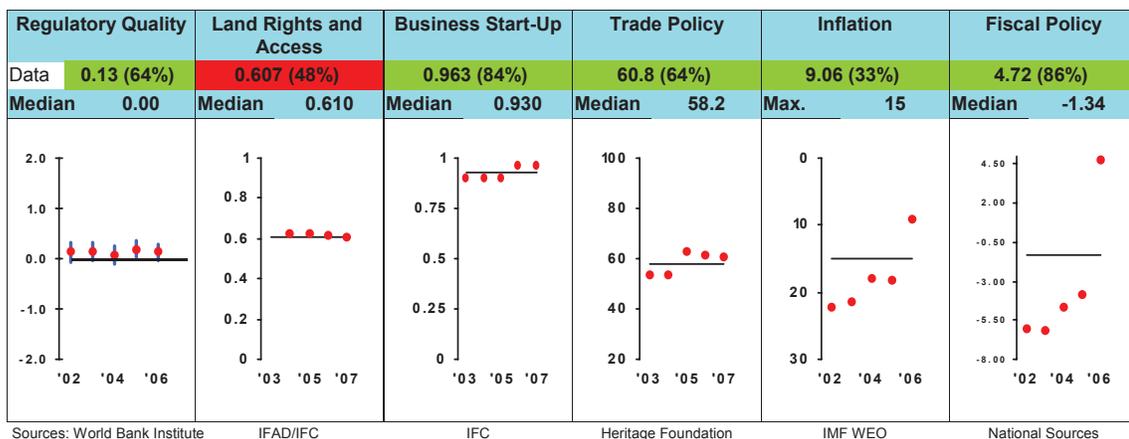
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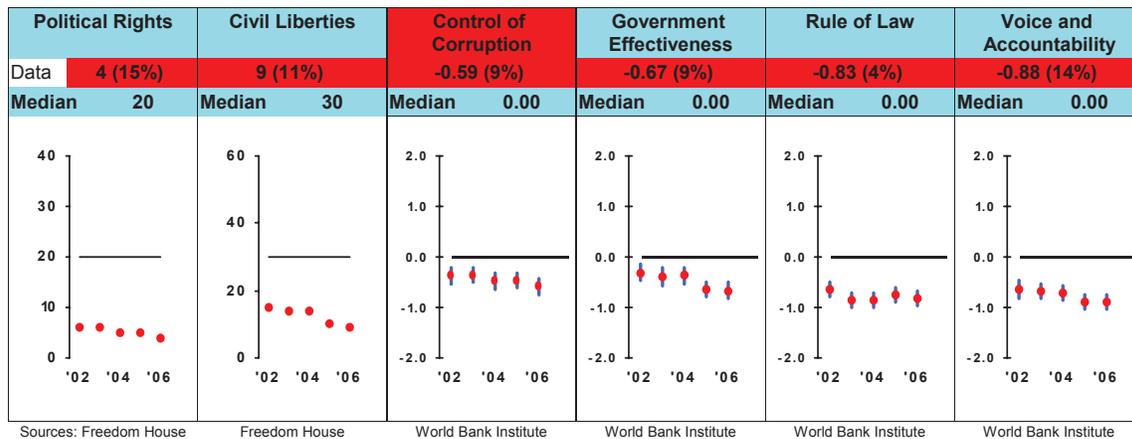
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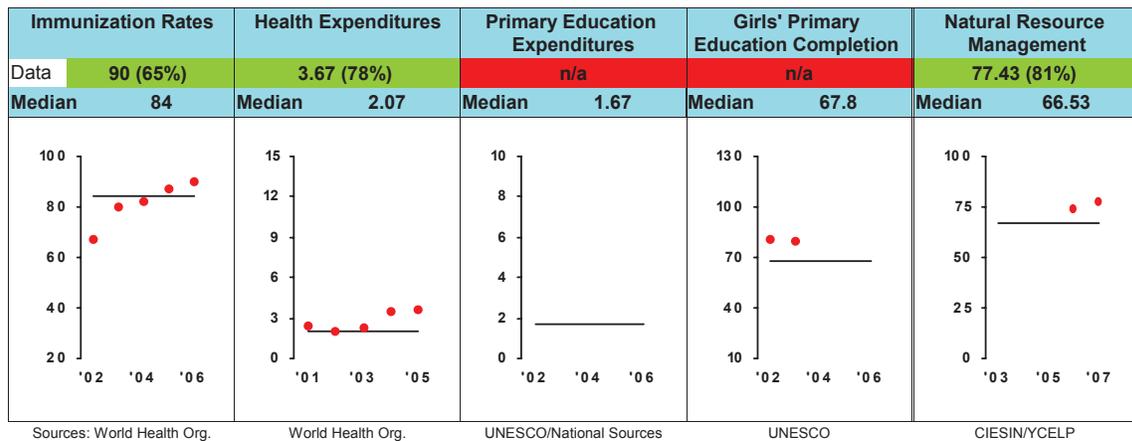
Zimbabwe FY08

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 GNI/Cap: \$340 LIC

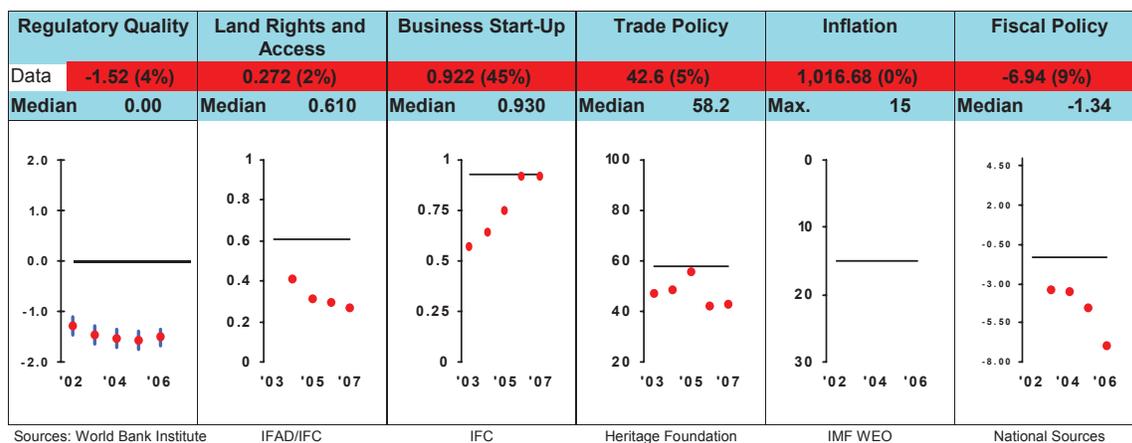
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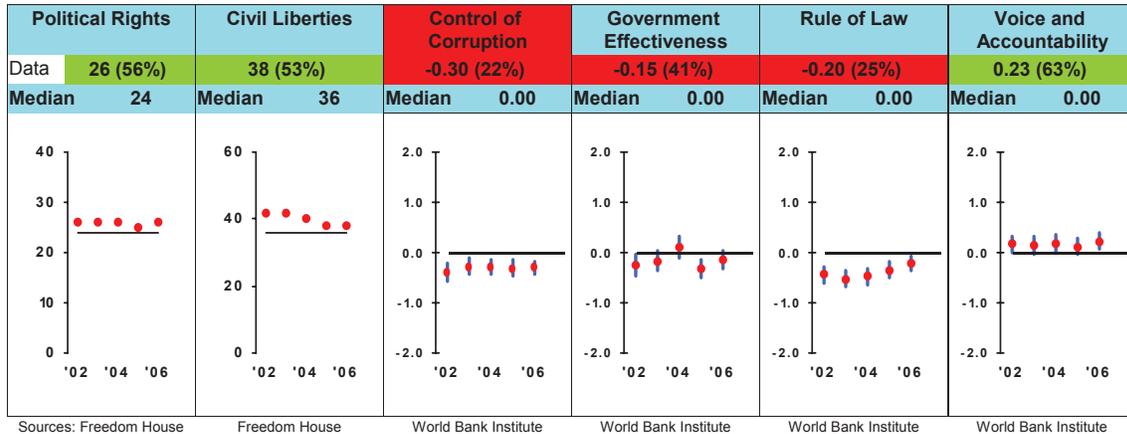


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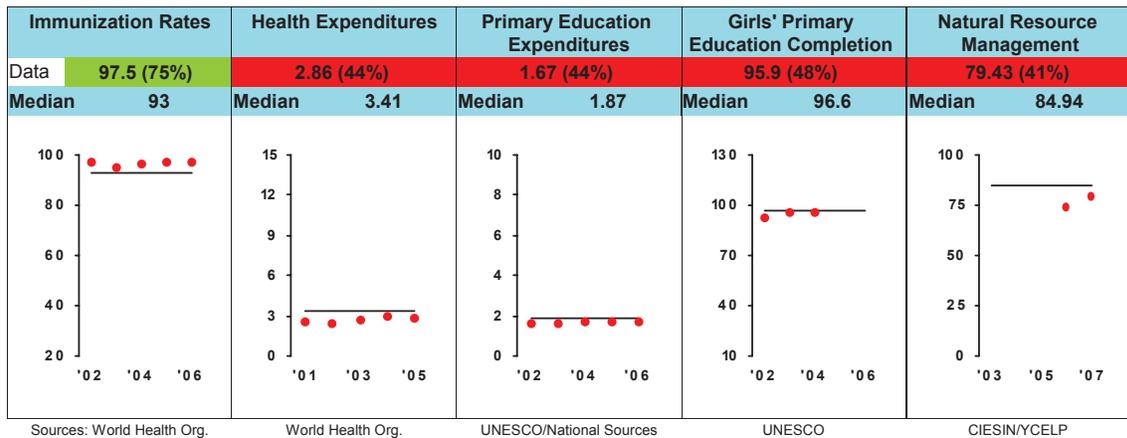
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Population: 3,129,678
 GNI/Cap: \$2,960 LMIC

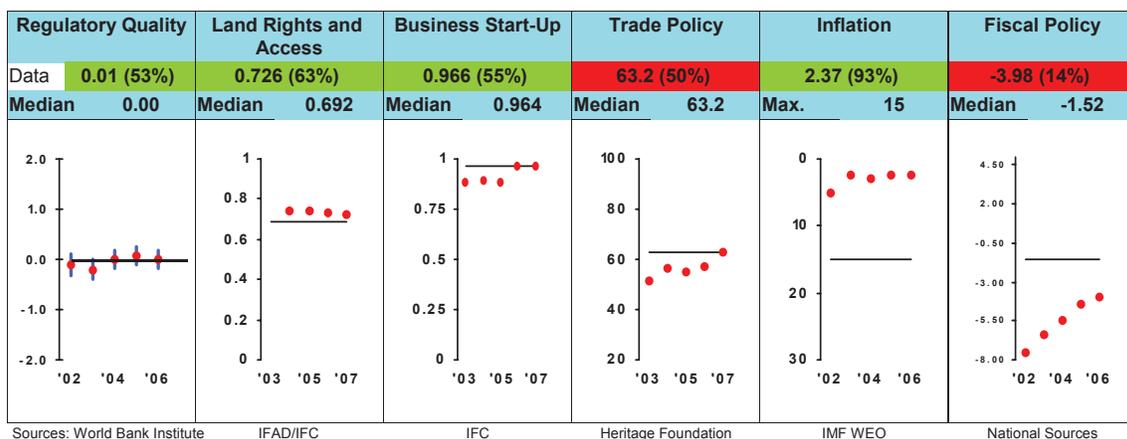
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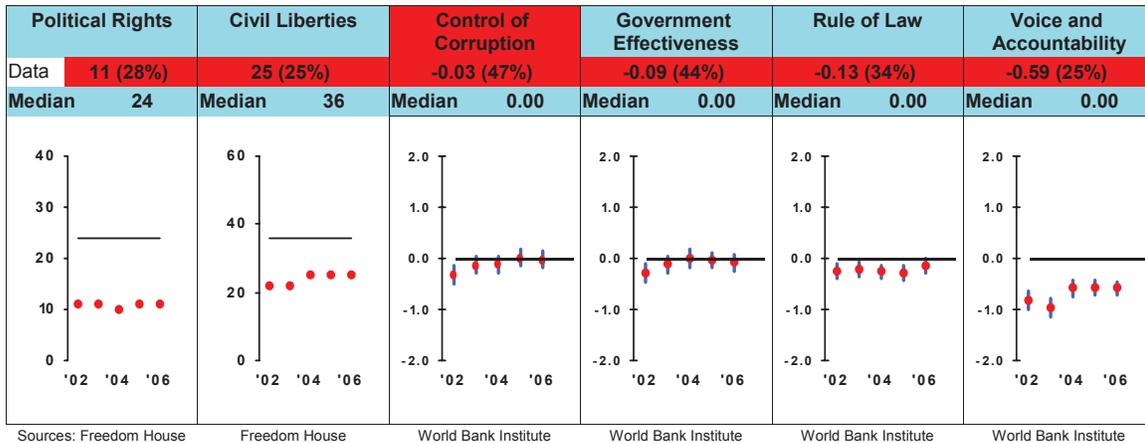
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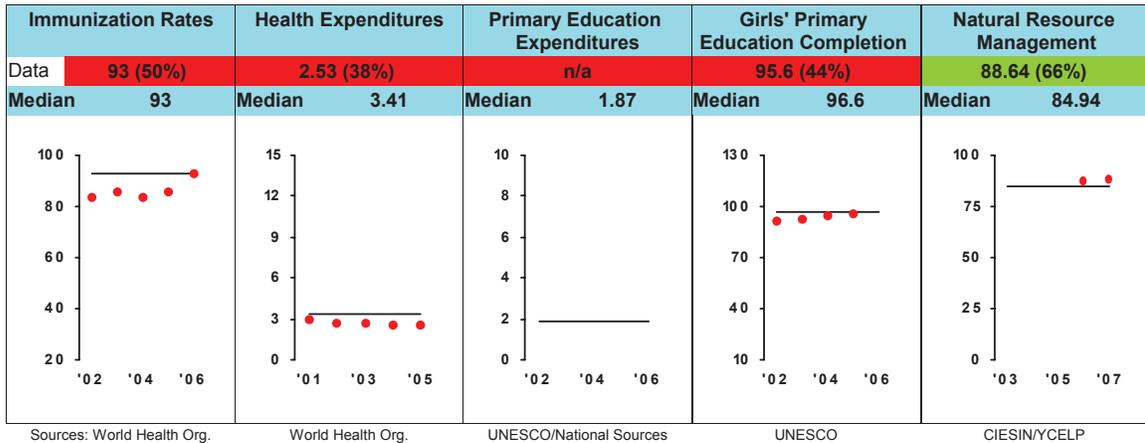
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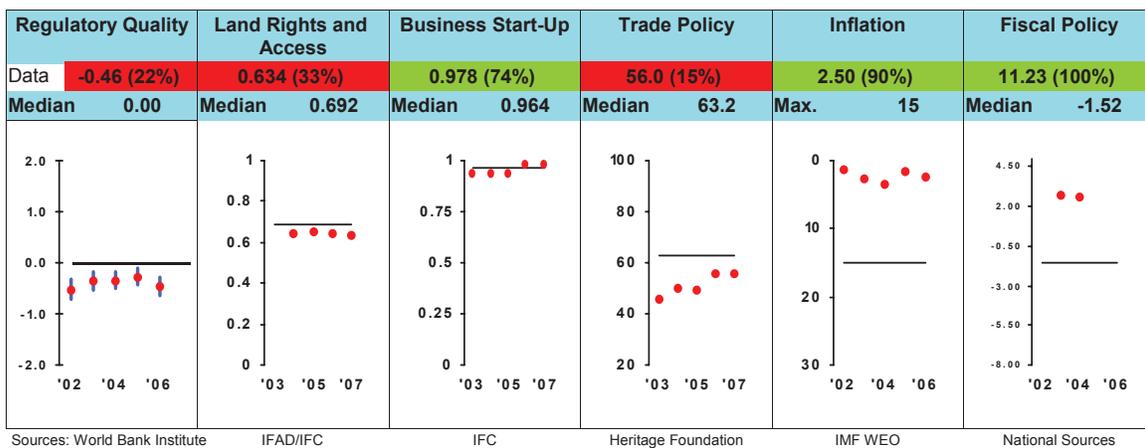
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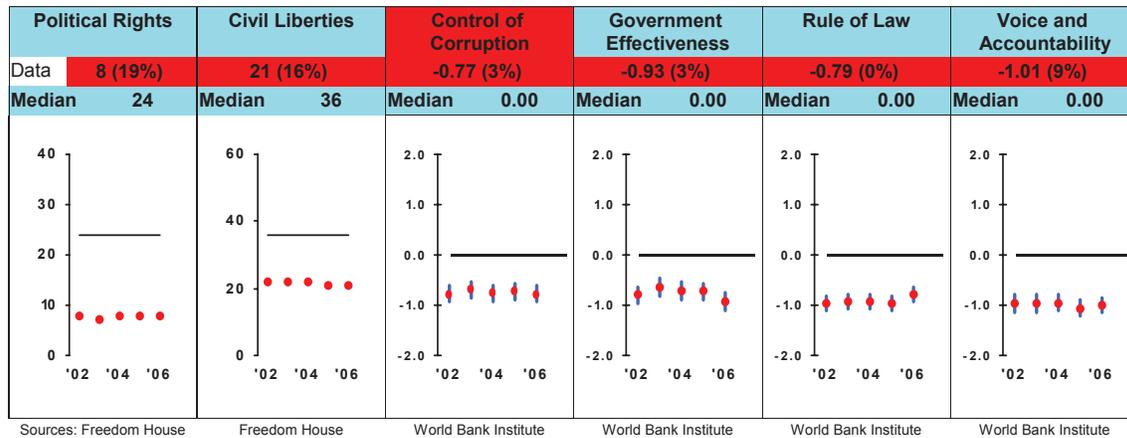
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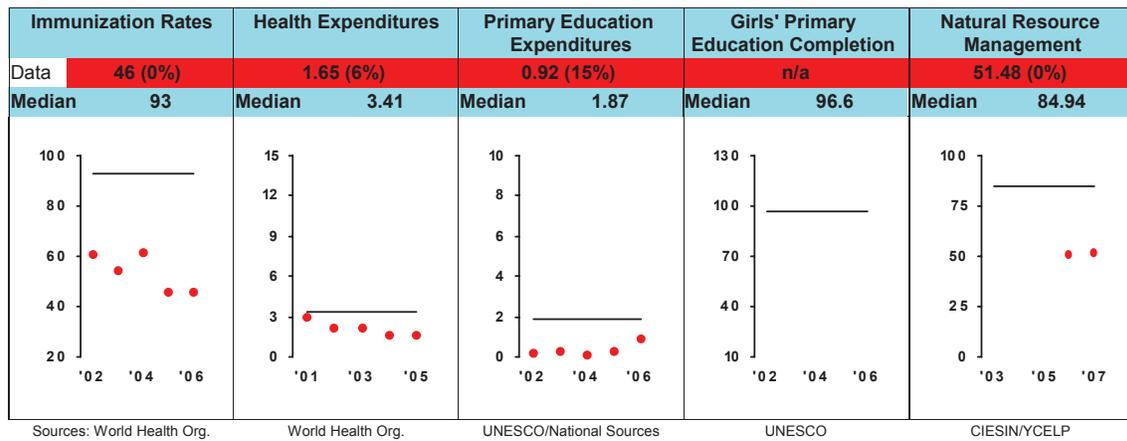
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GNI/Cap: \$1,980 LMIC

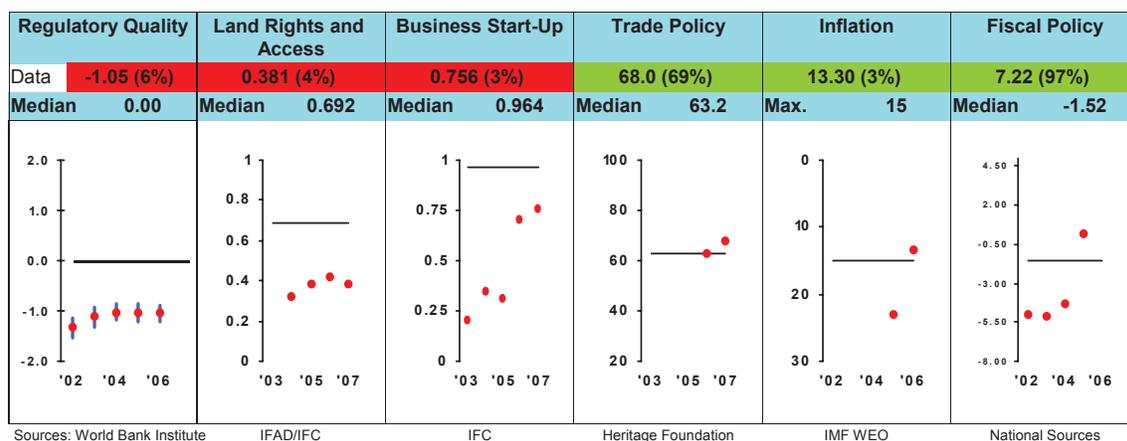
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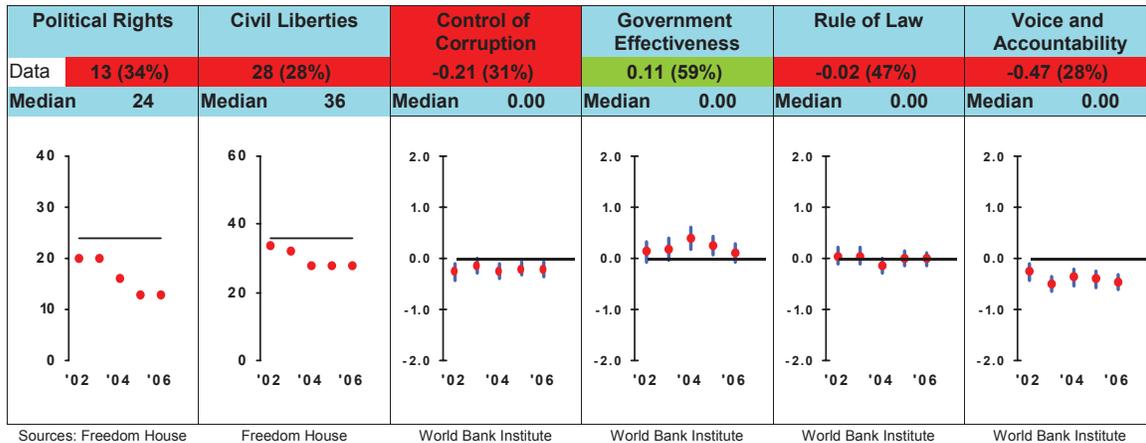
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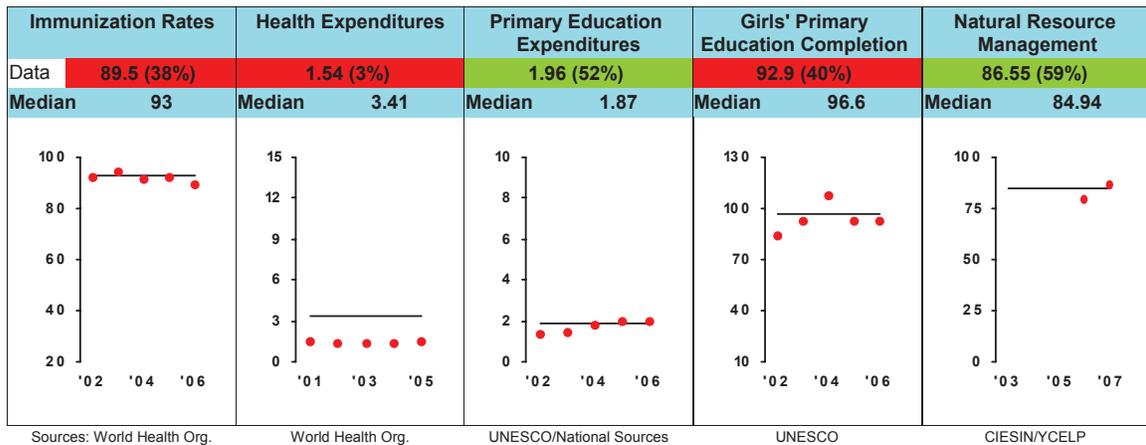
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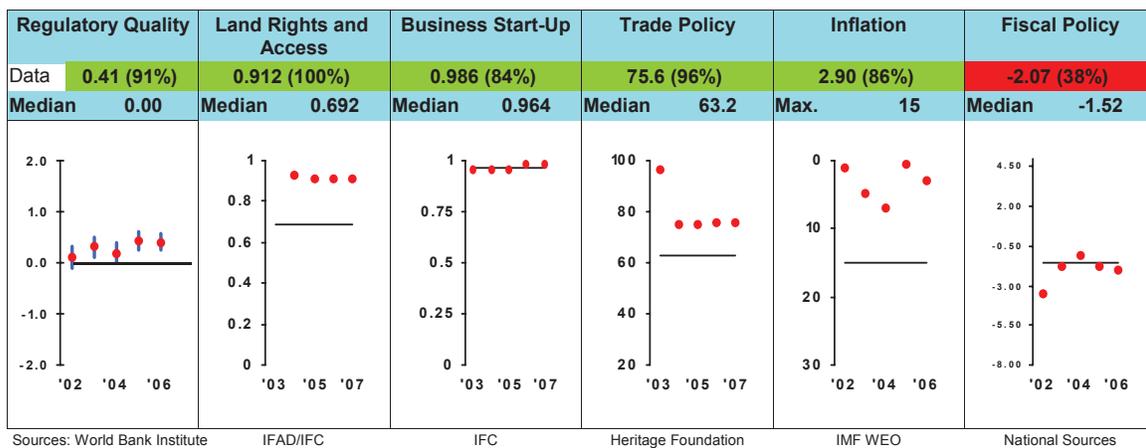
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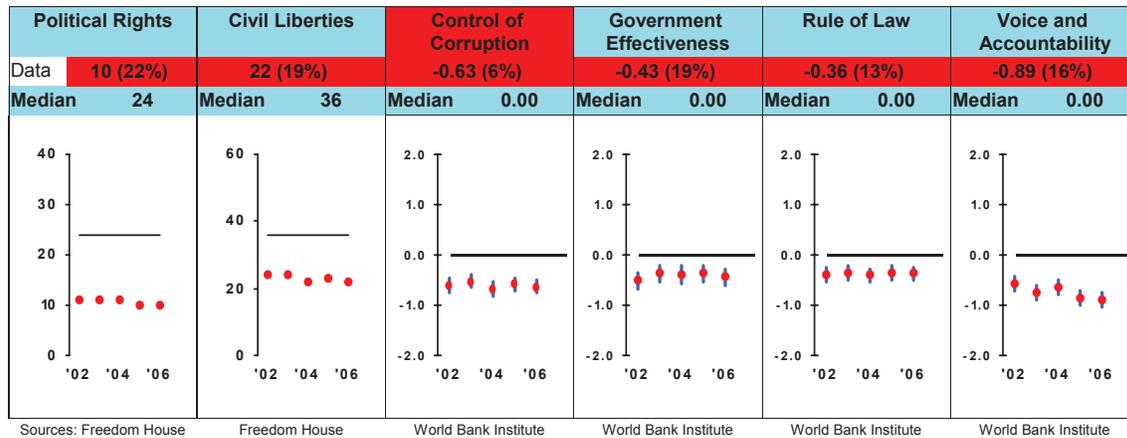
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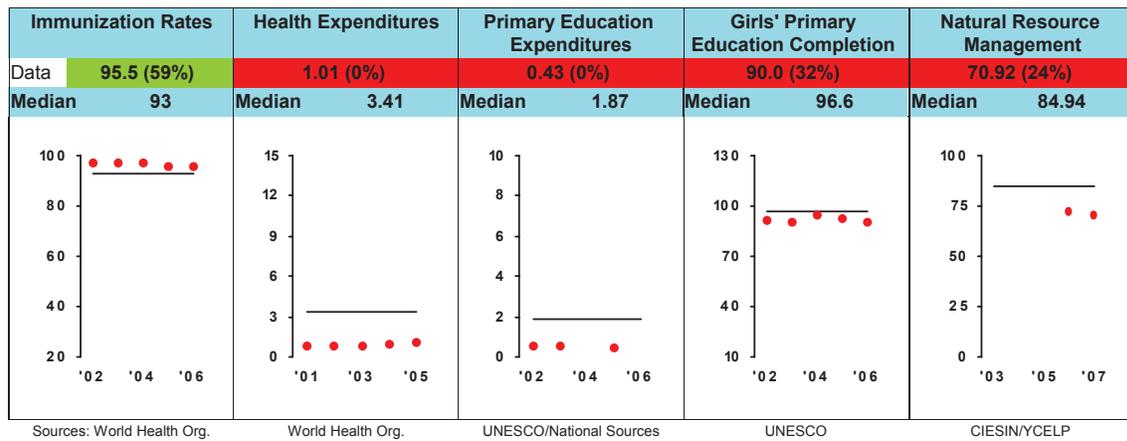
Azerbaijan FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$1,850 LMIC

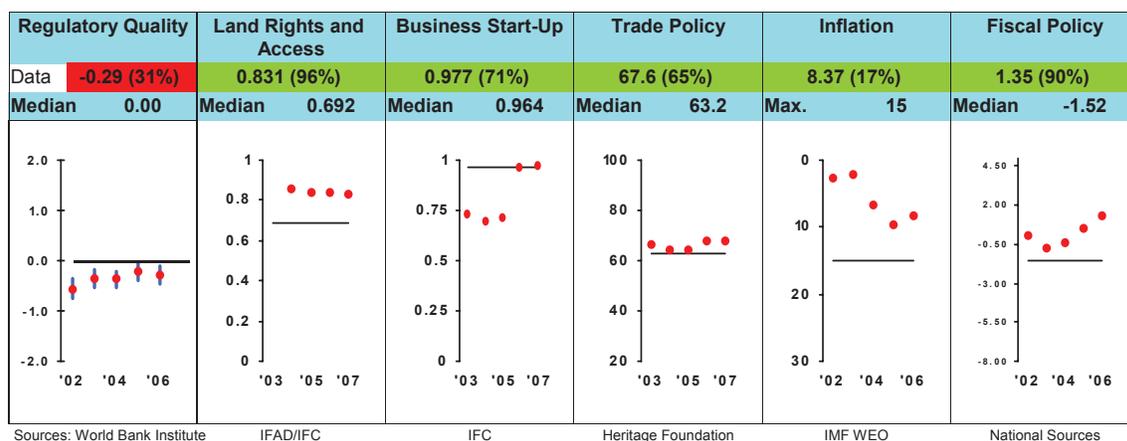
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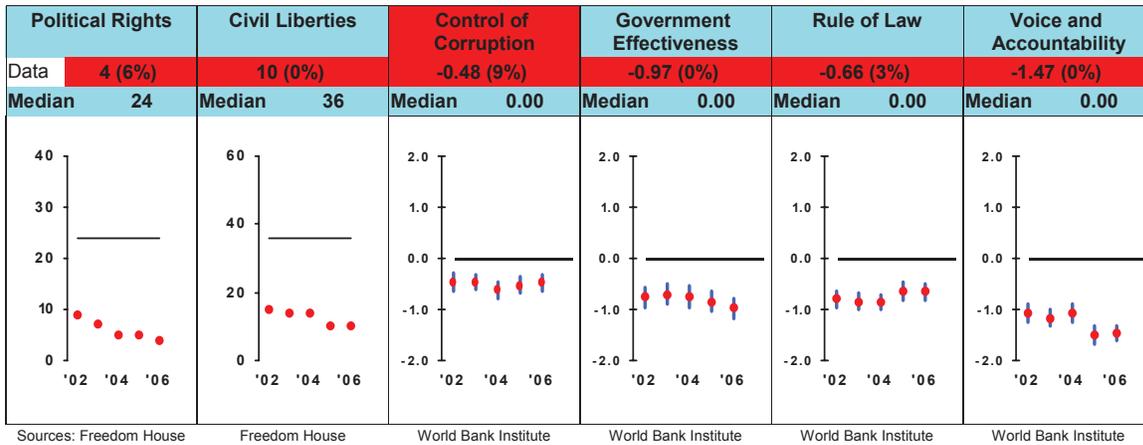
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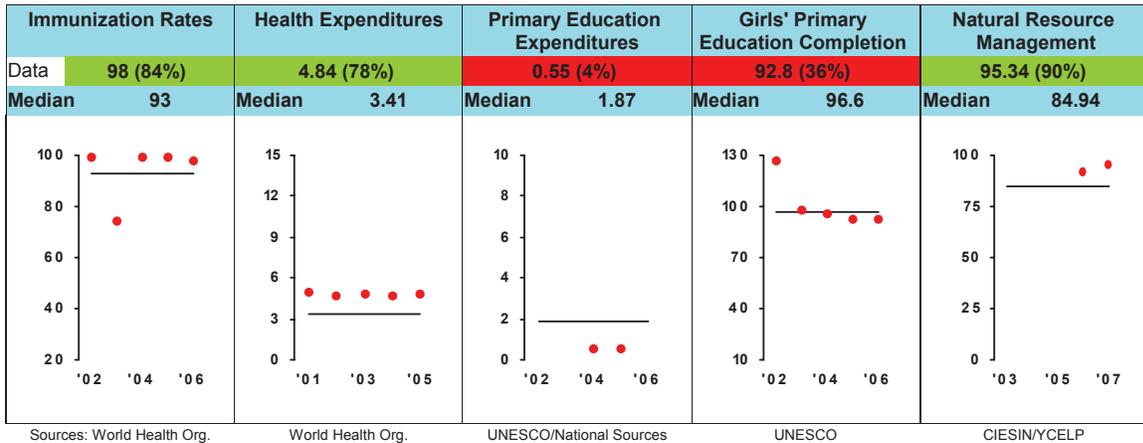
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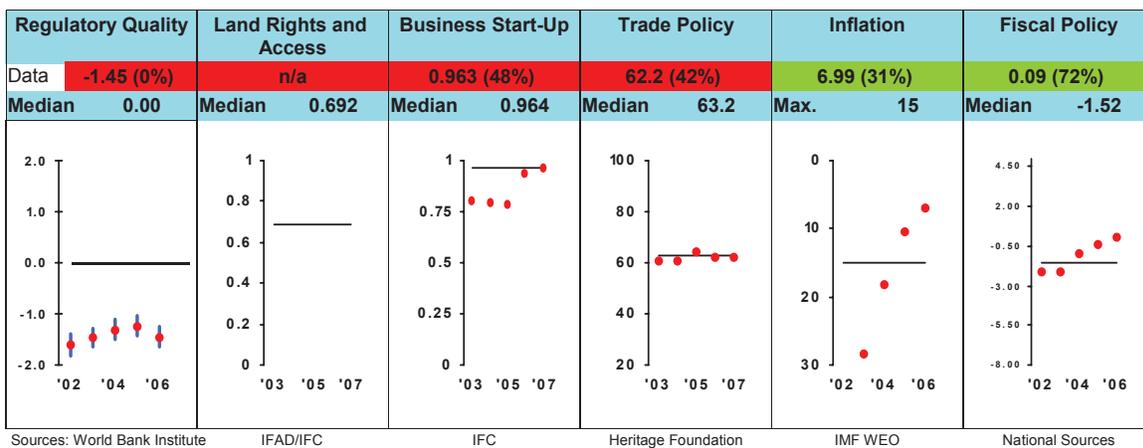
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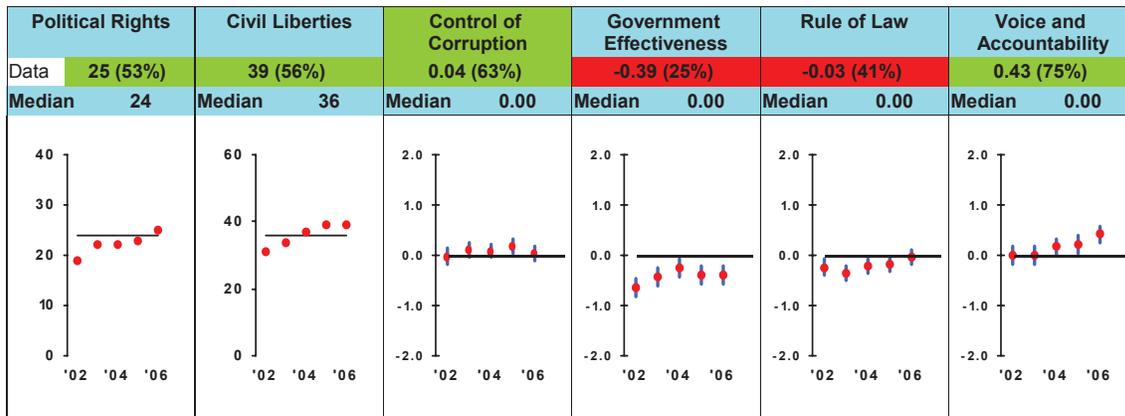
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Bosnia and Herzegovina FY08

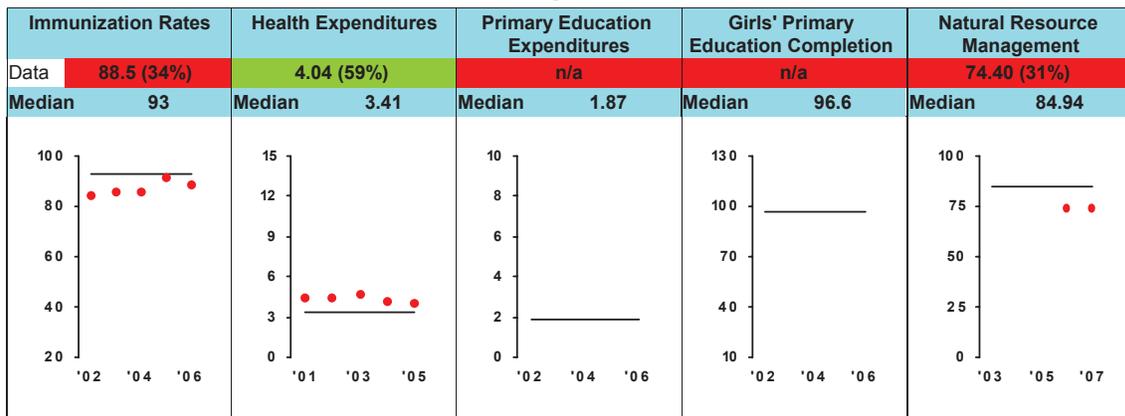
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GNI/Cap: \$2,980 LMIC

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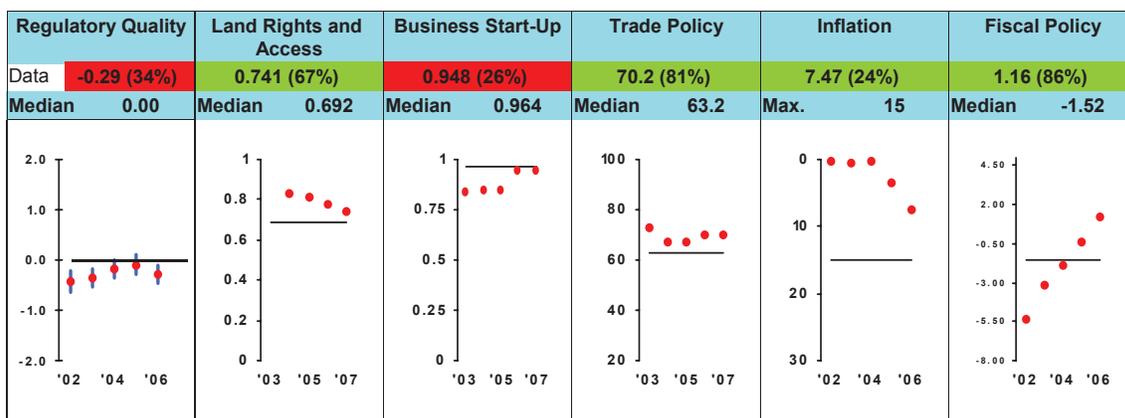
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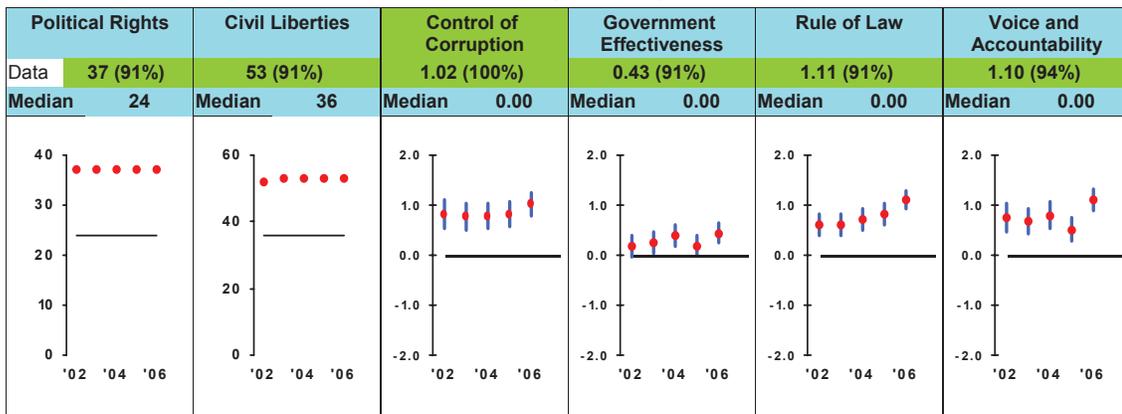
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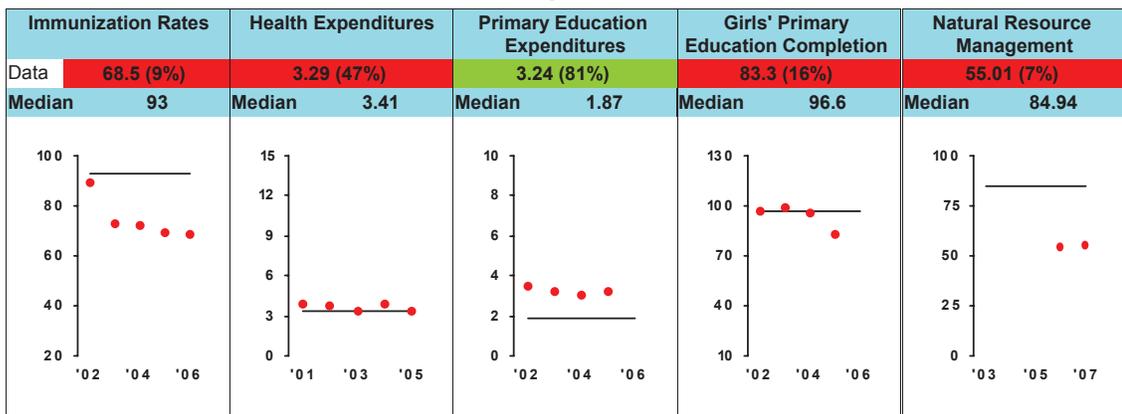
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Ruling Justly



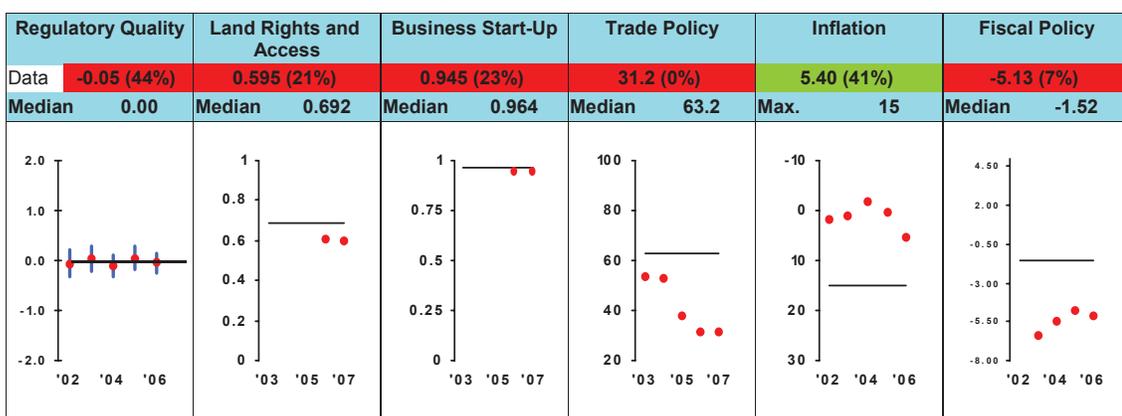
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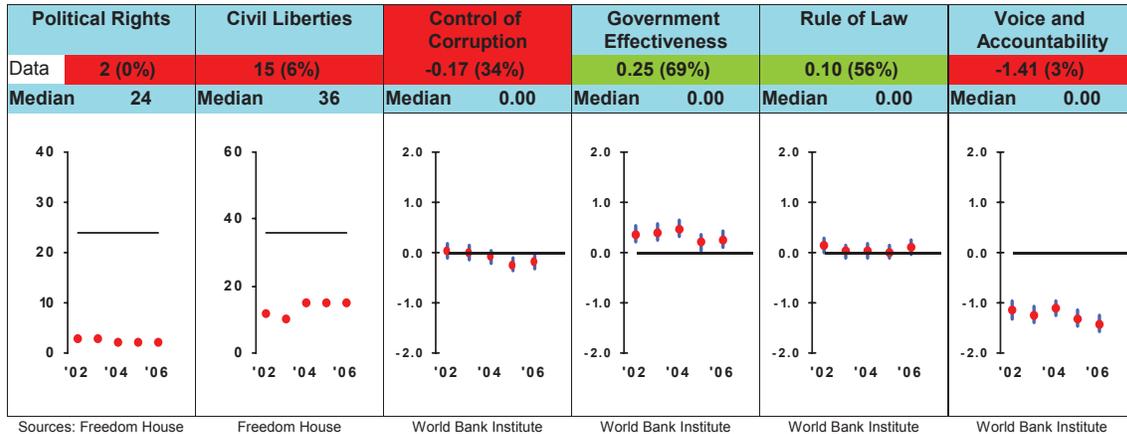
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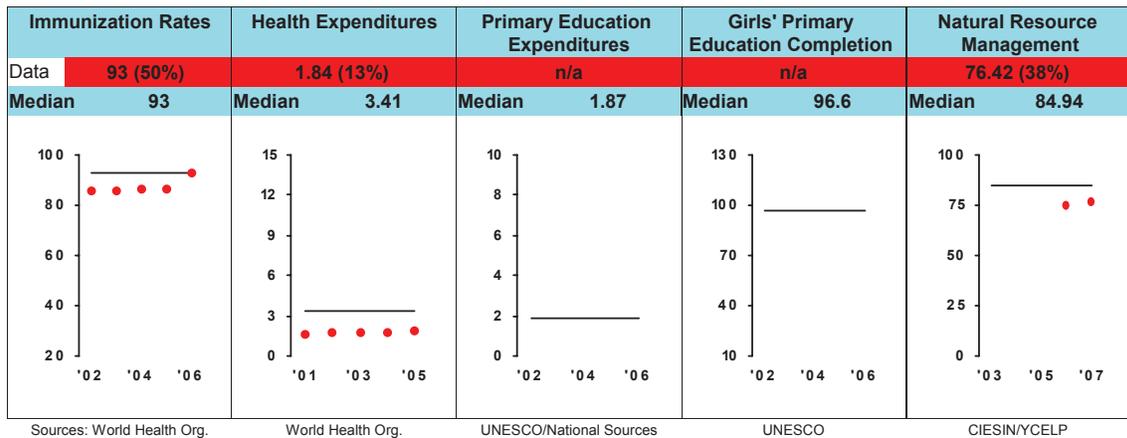
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 GNI/Cap: \$2,010 LMIC

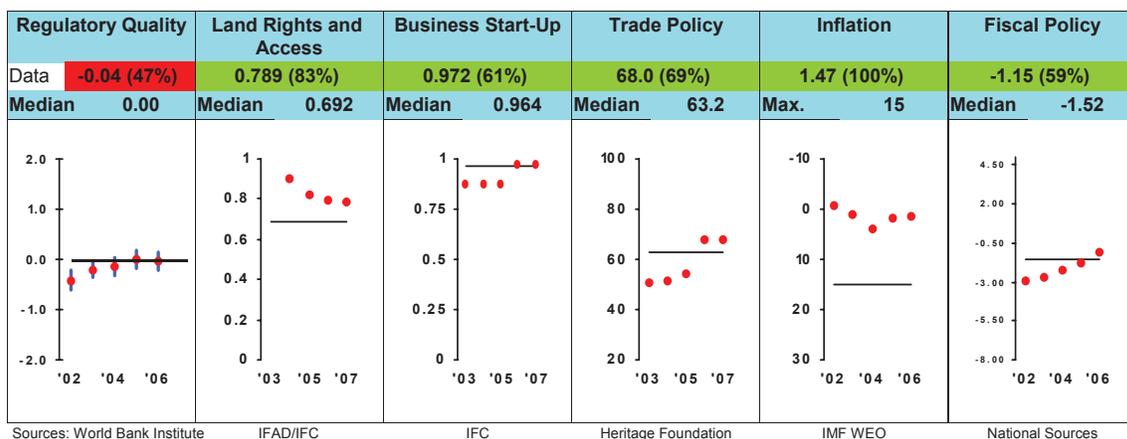
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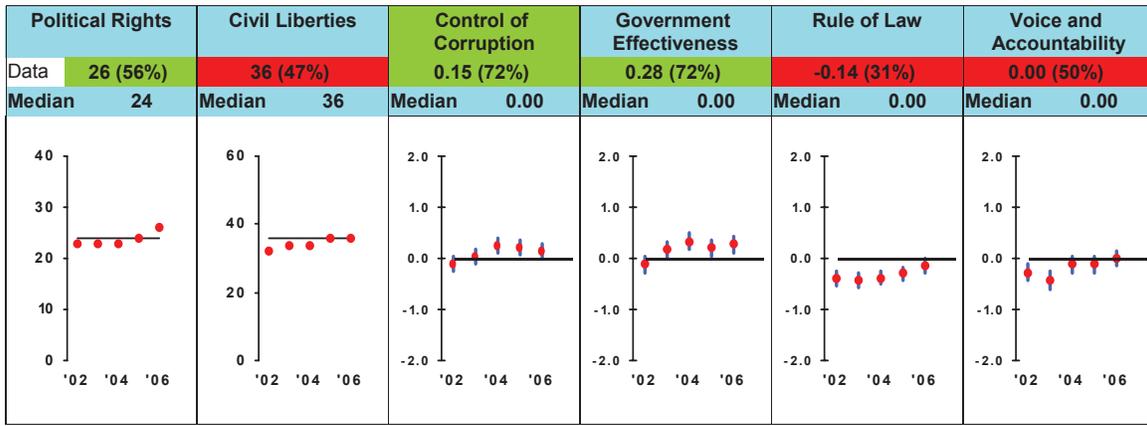
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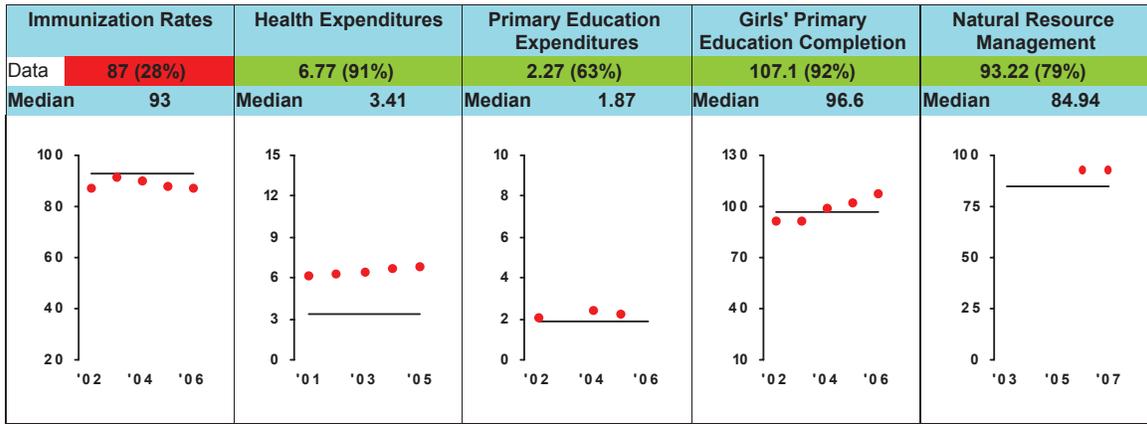
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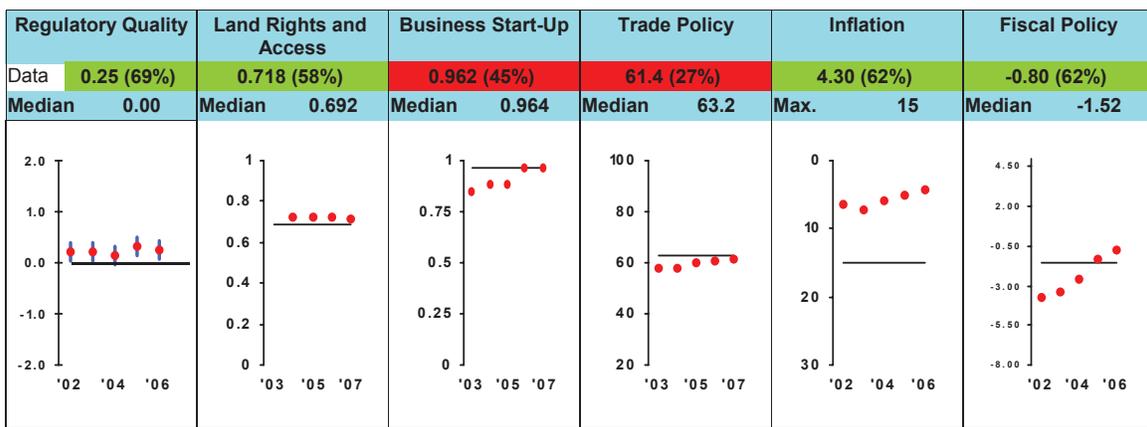
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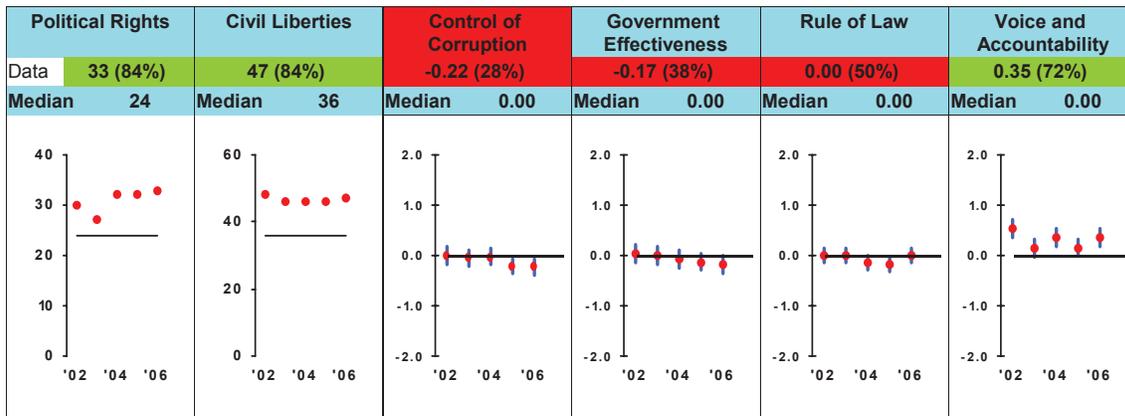
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Dominican Republic FY08

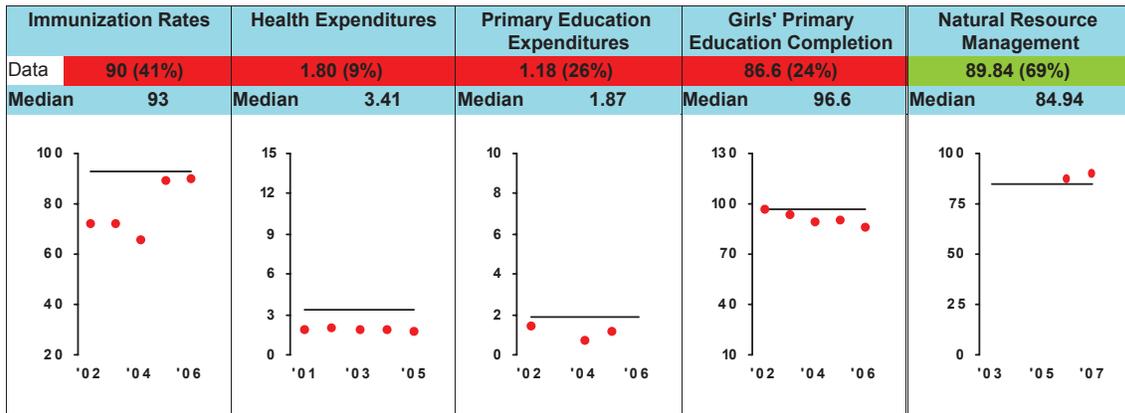
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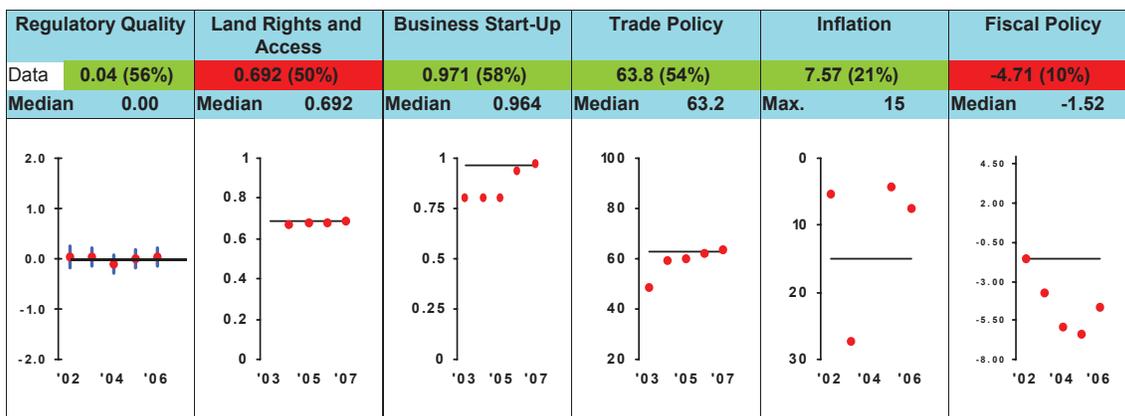
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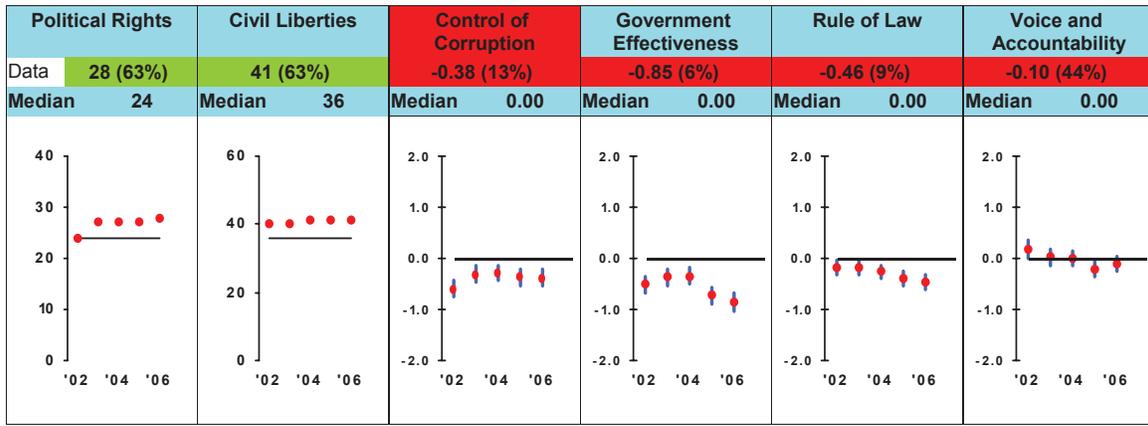
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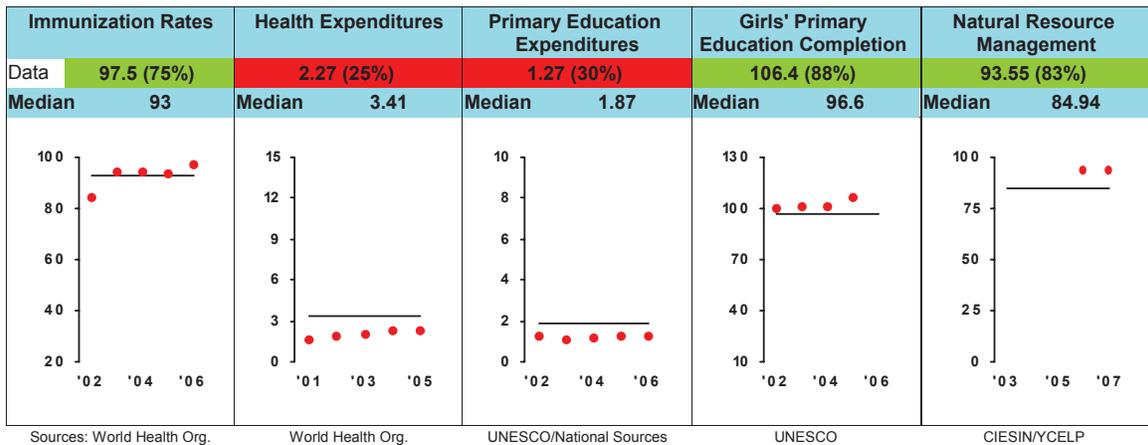
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Ecuador FY08

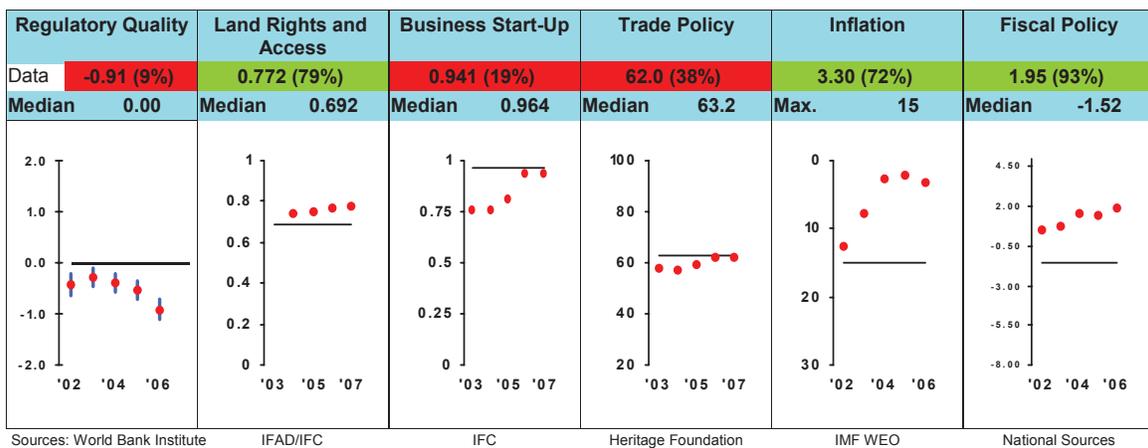
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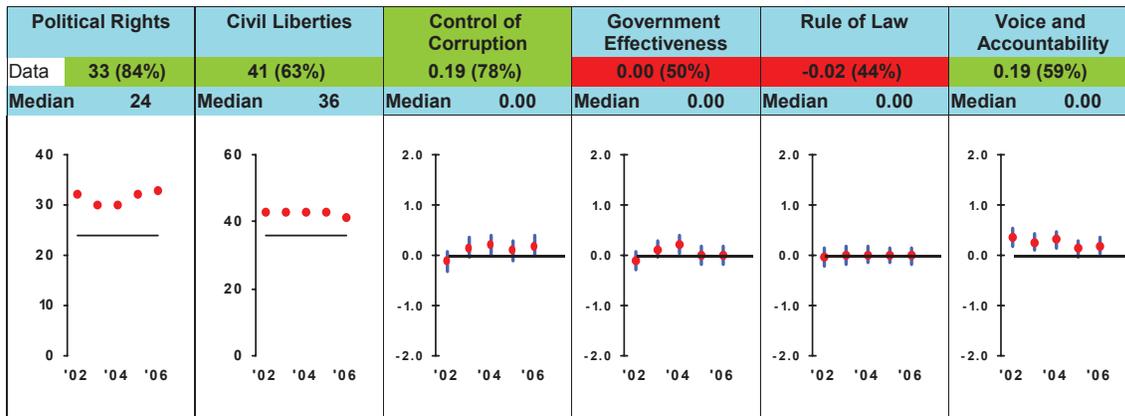
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El Salvador FY08

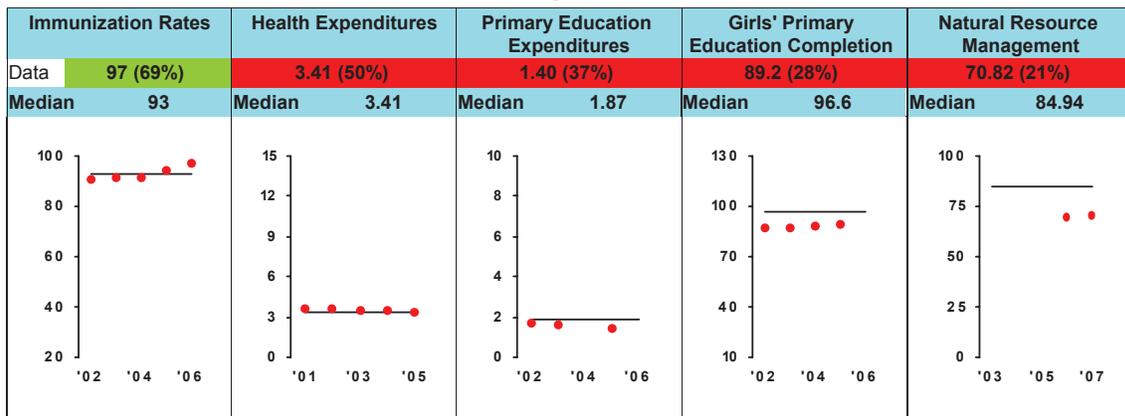
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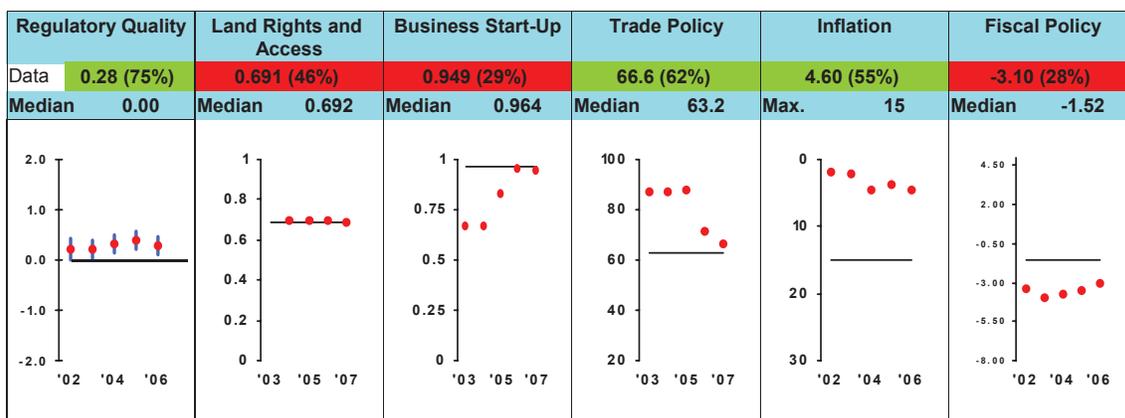
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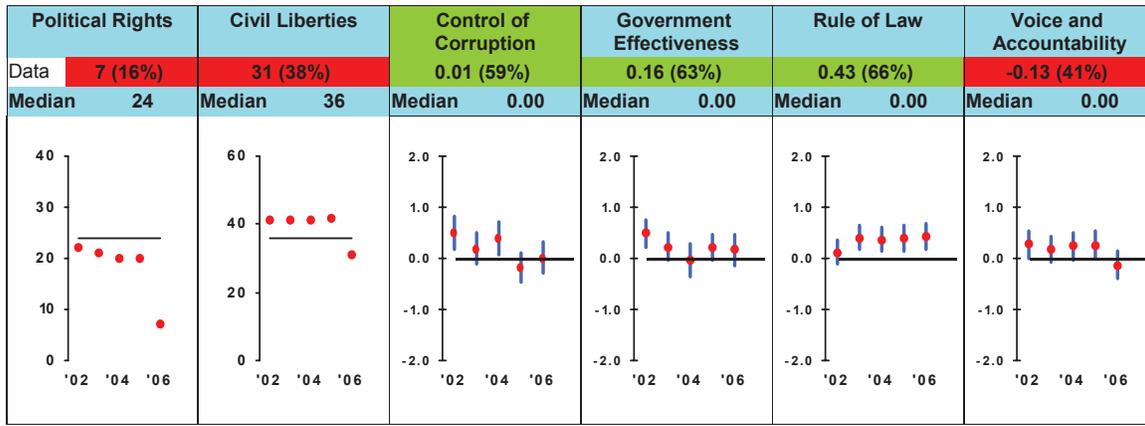
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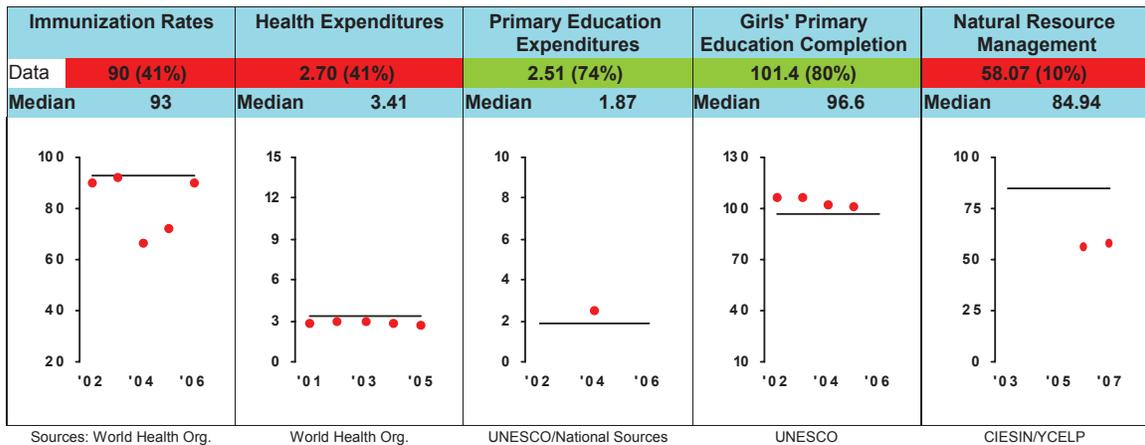
Fiji FY08

Population: 847,706
GNI/Cap: \$3,300 LMIC

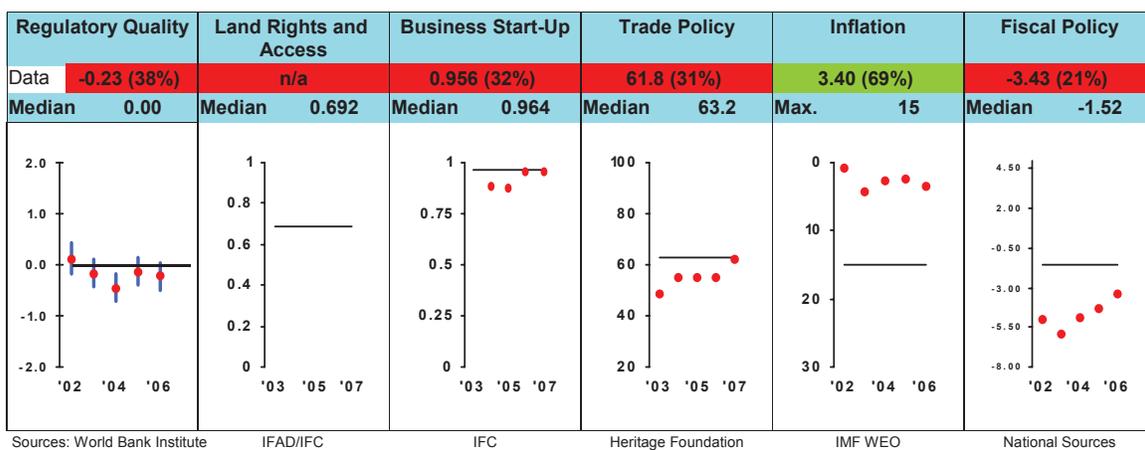
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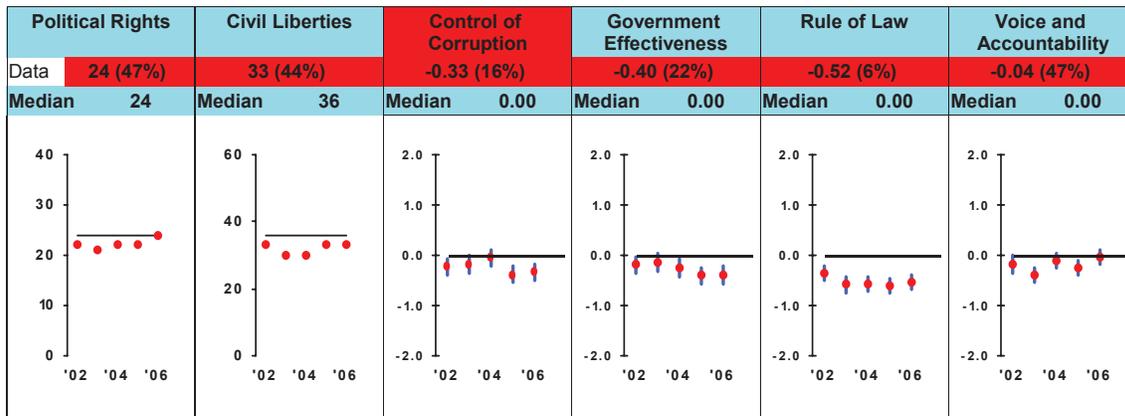
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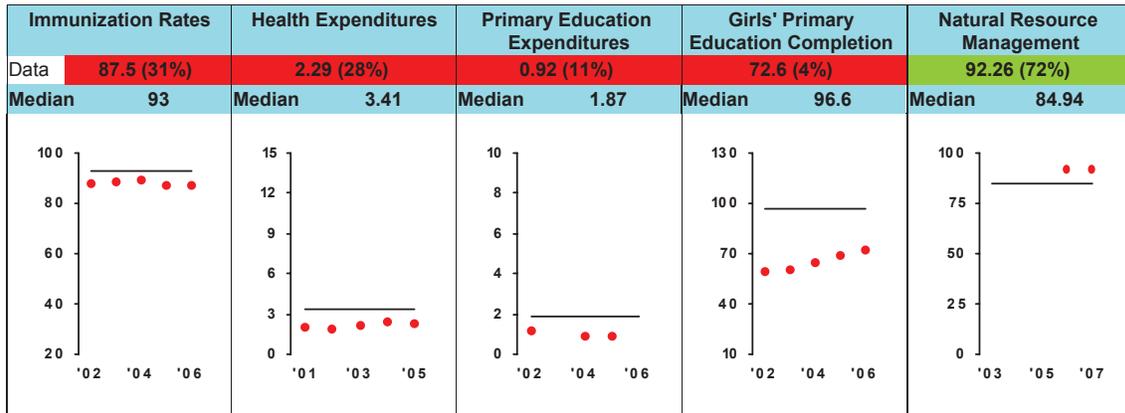
Population: 12,599,060
GNI/Cap: \$2,640 LMIC

Ruling Justly



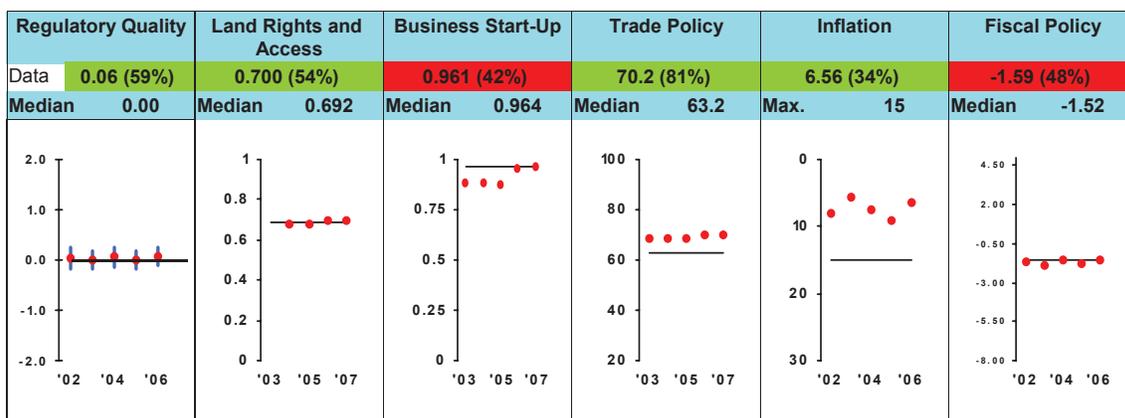
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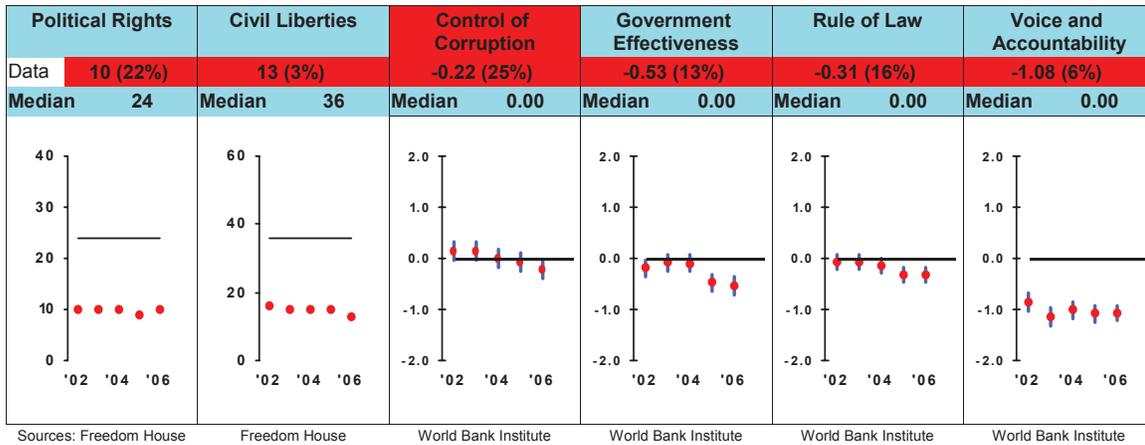
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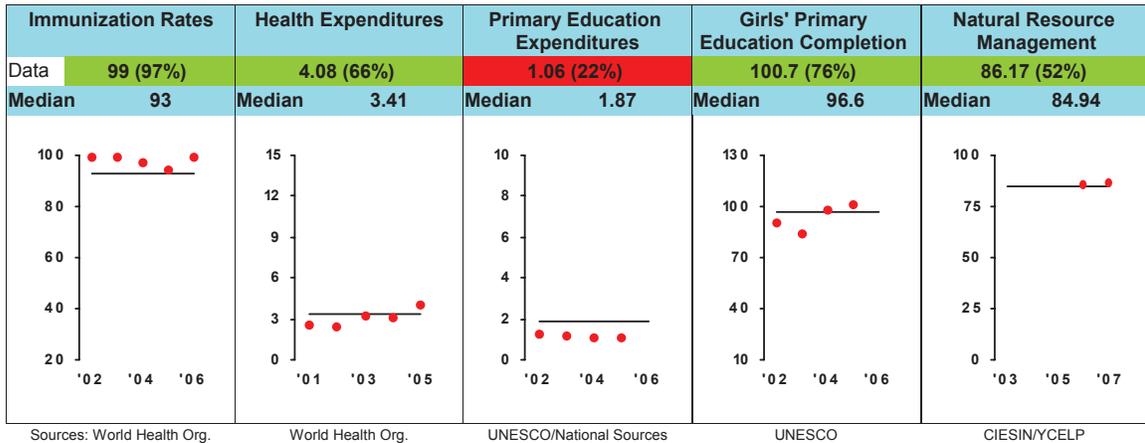
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Iran, Islamic Rep. FY08

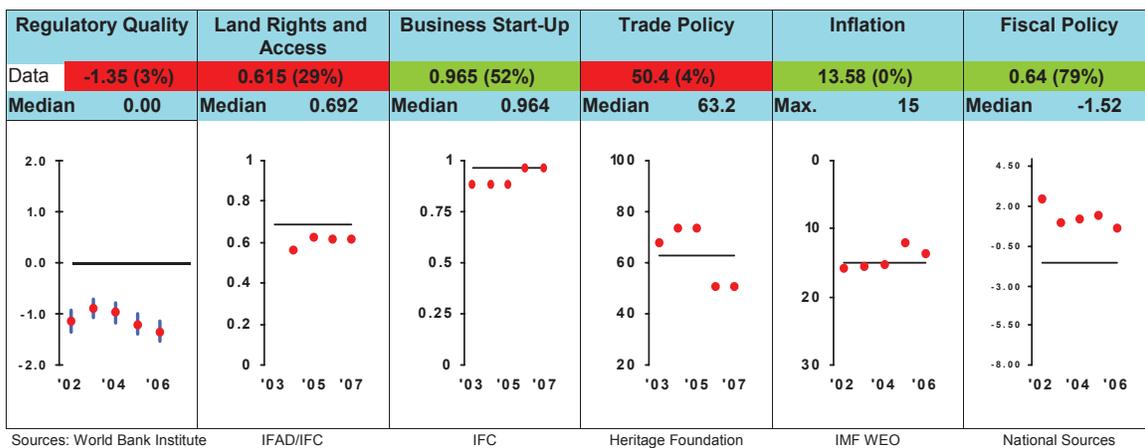
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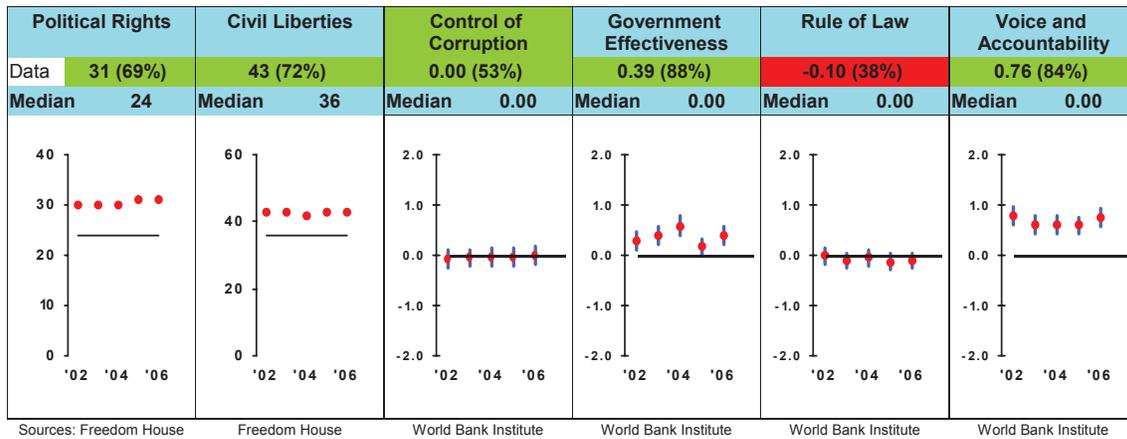
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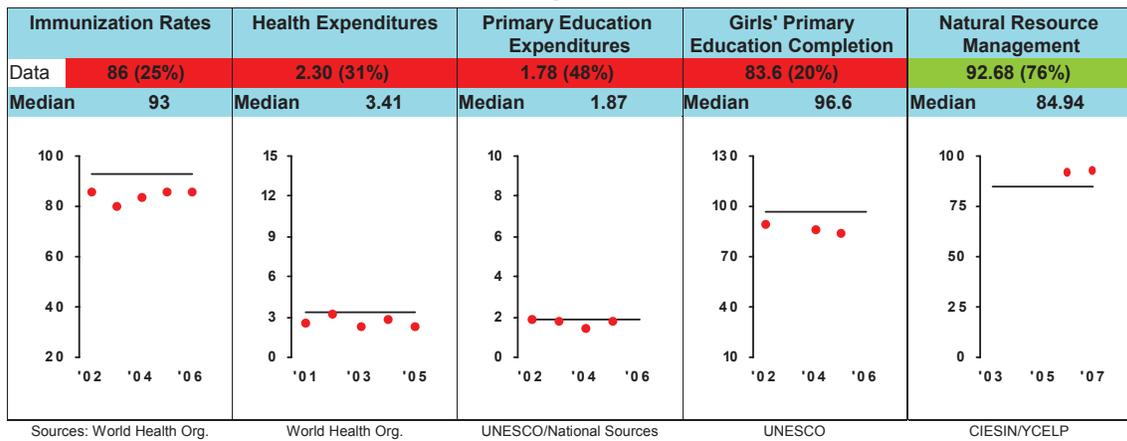
Jamaica FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$3,480 LMIC

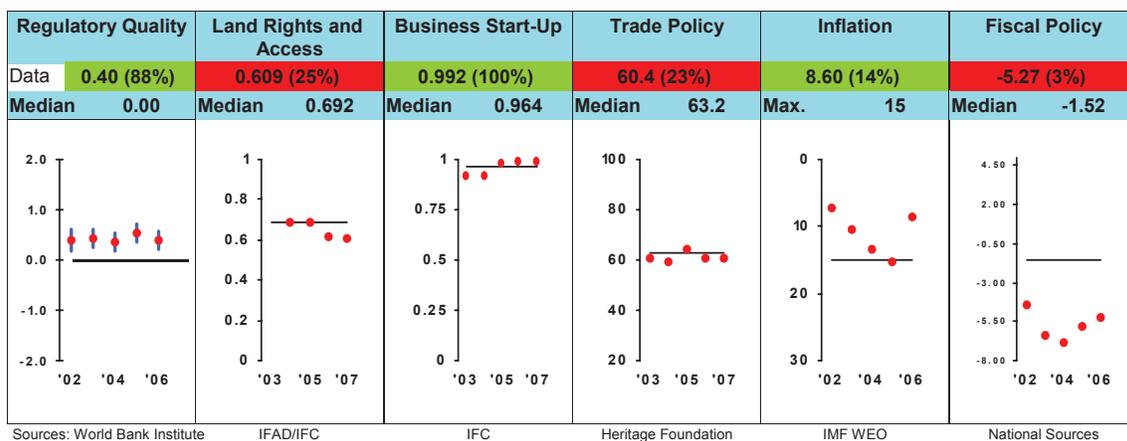
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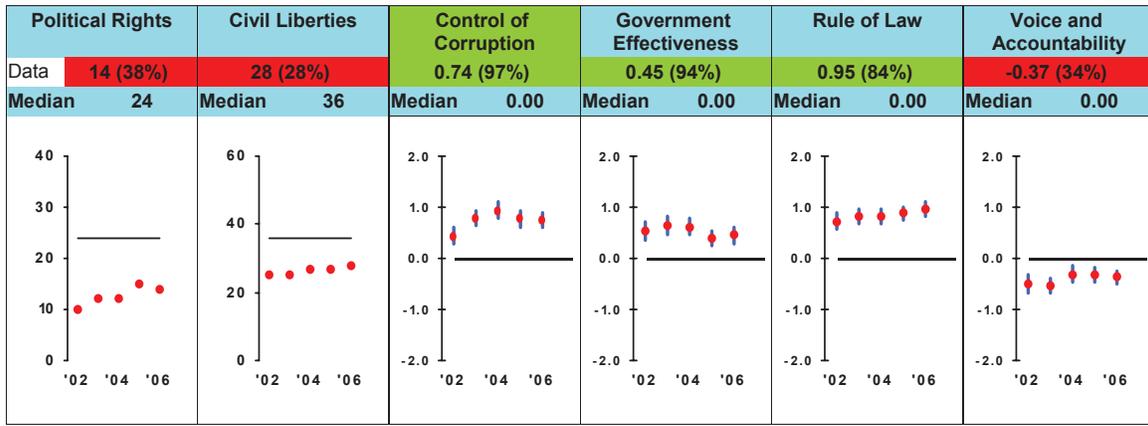
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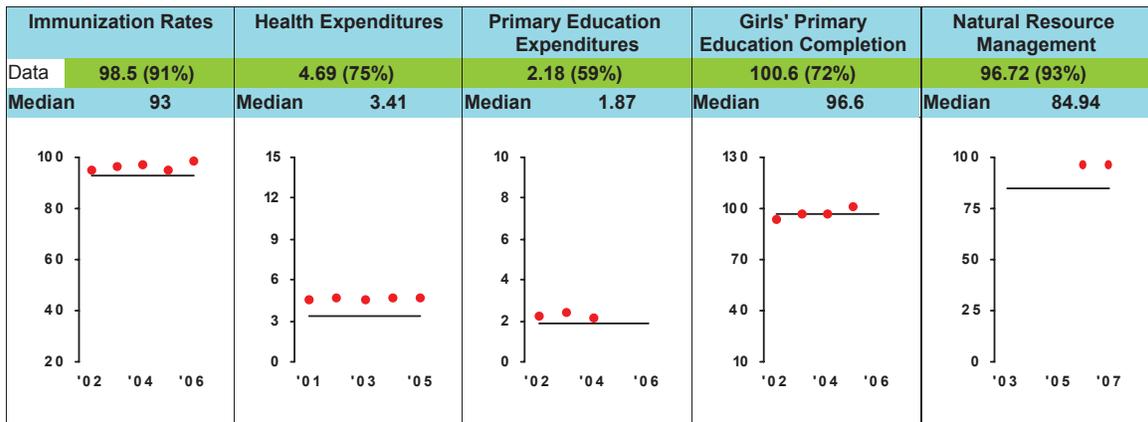
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GNI/Cap: \$2,660 LMIC

Ruling Justly



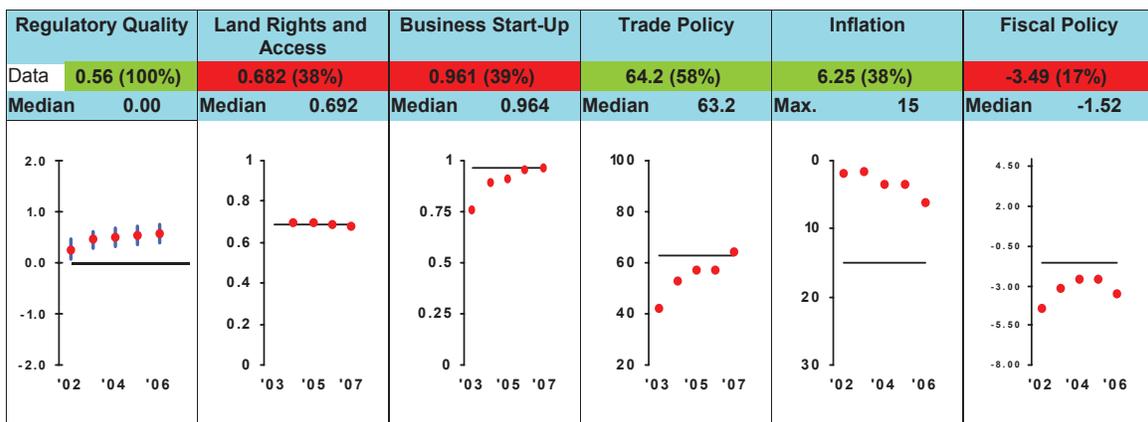
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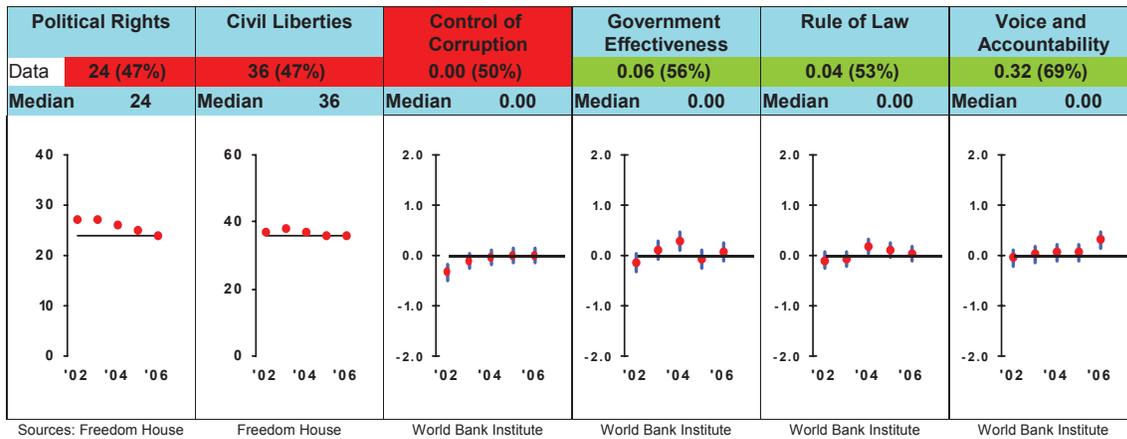
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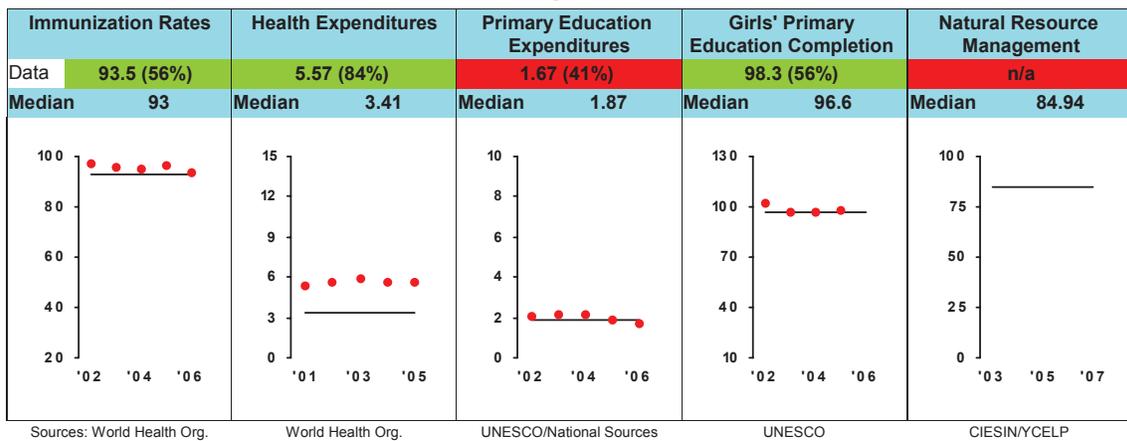
Macedonia FY08

Population: 2,034,060
 GNI/Cap: \$3,060 LMIC

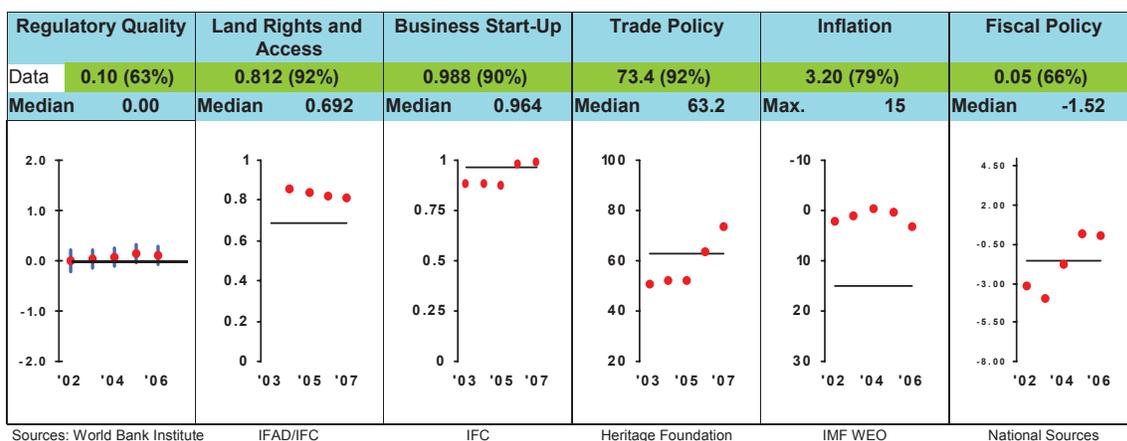
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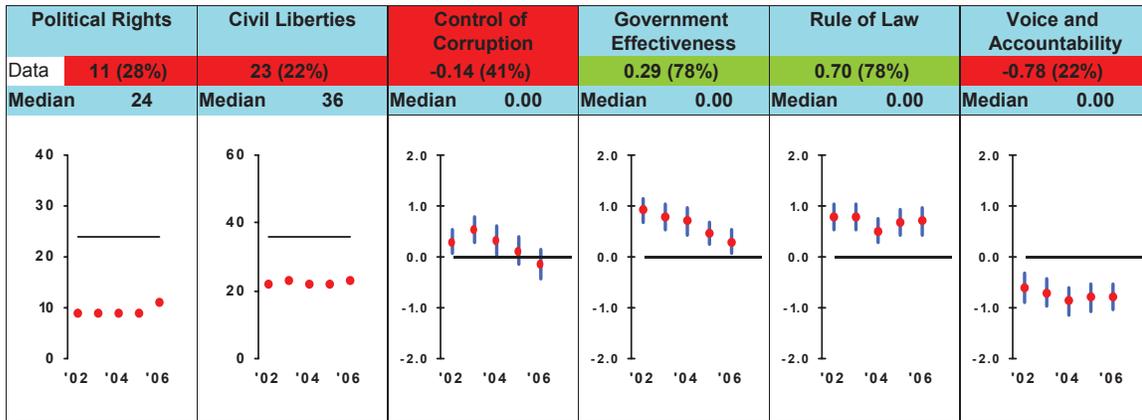
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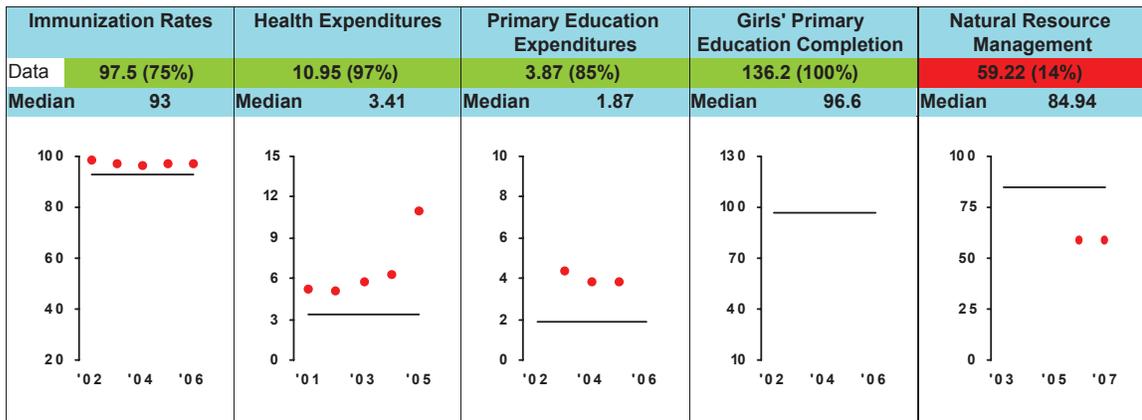
Maldives FY08

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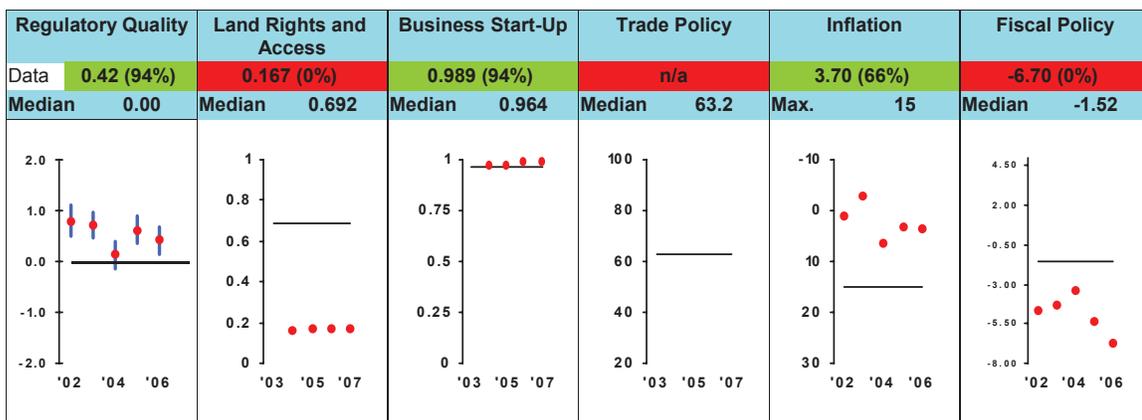
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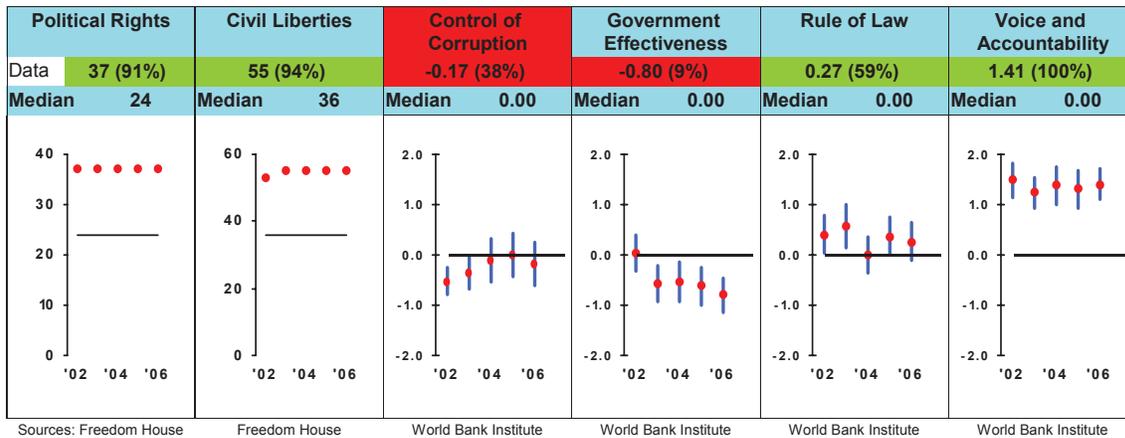
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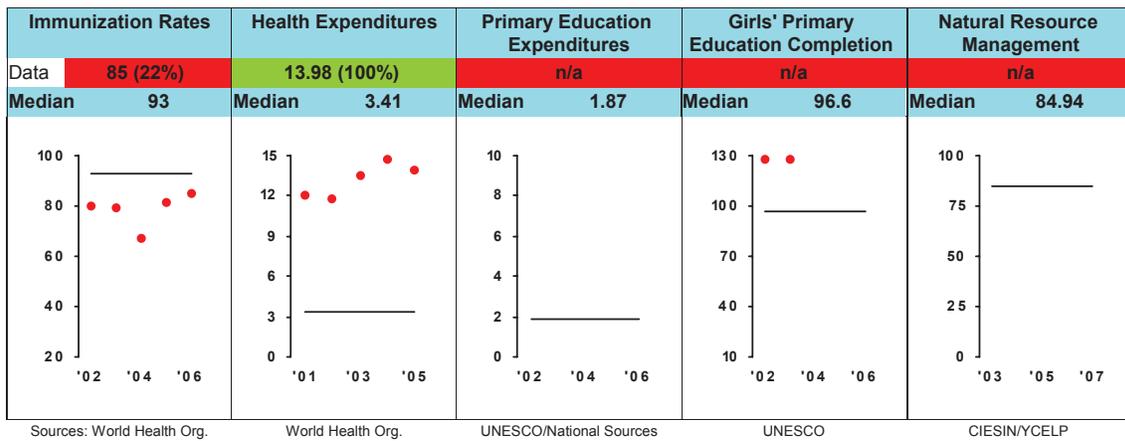
Marshall Islands FY08

Population: 63,266
GNI/Cap: \$3,000 LMIC

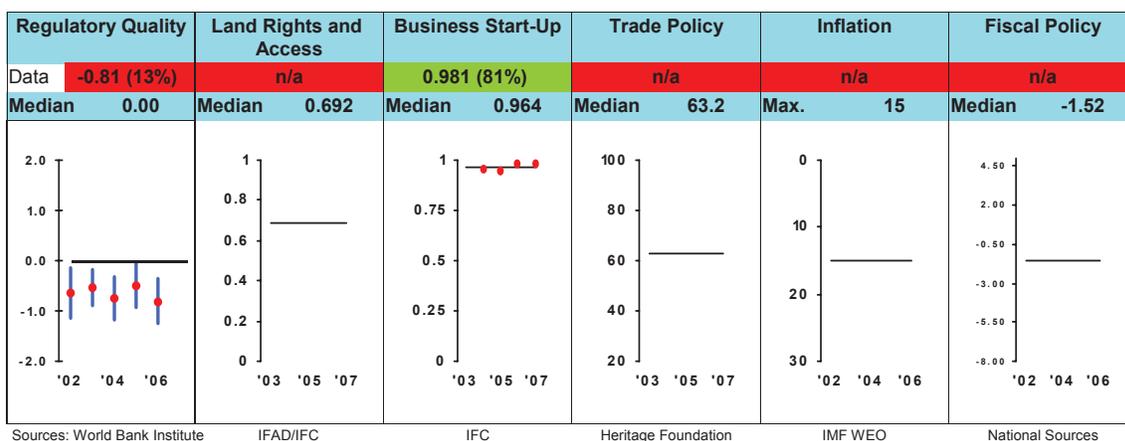
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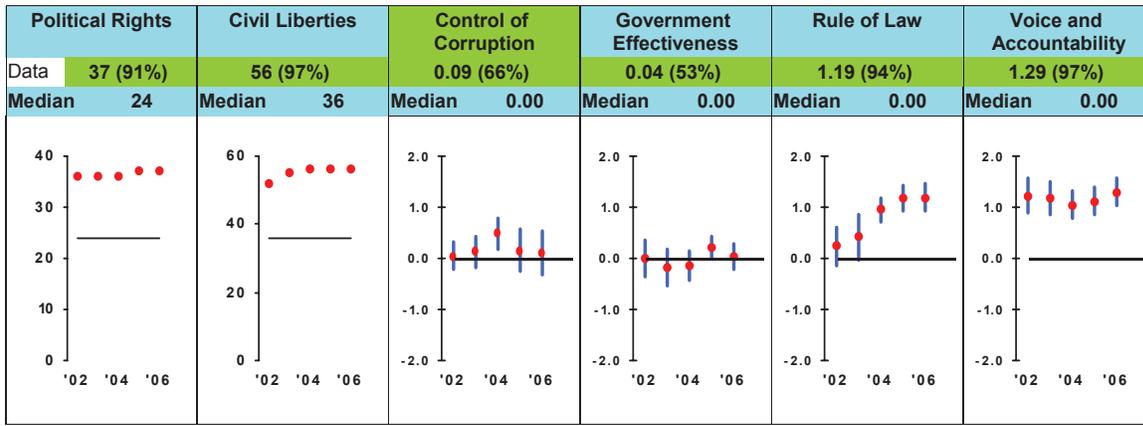
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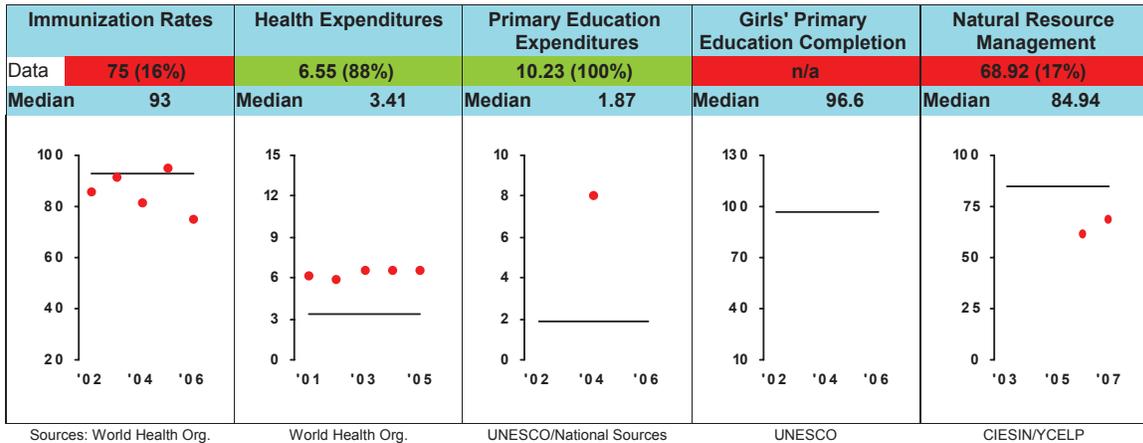
Micronesia, Fed. Sts. FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$2,380 LMIC

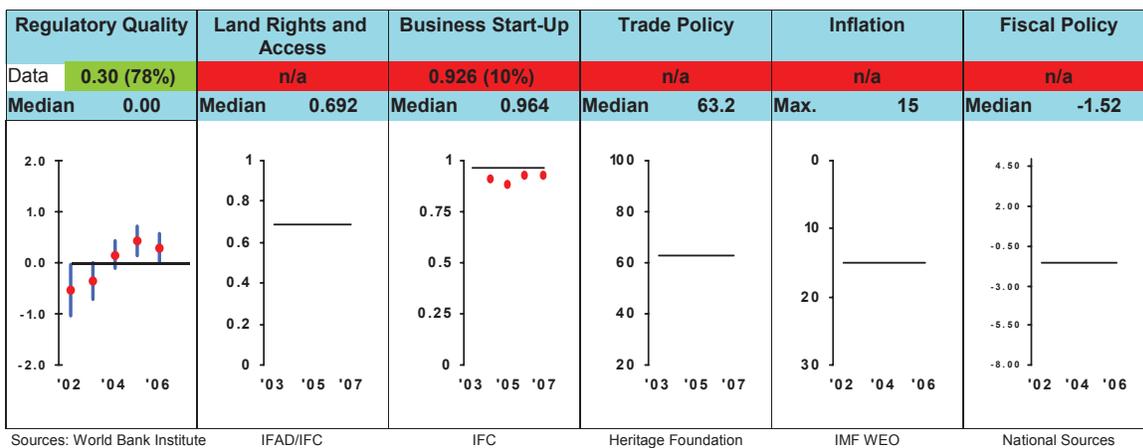
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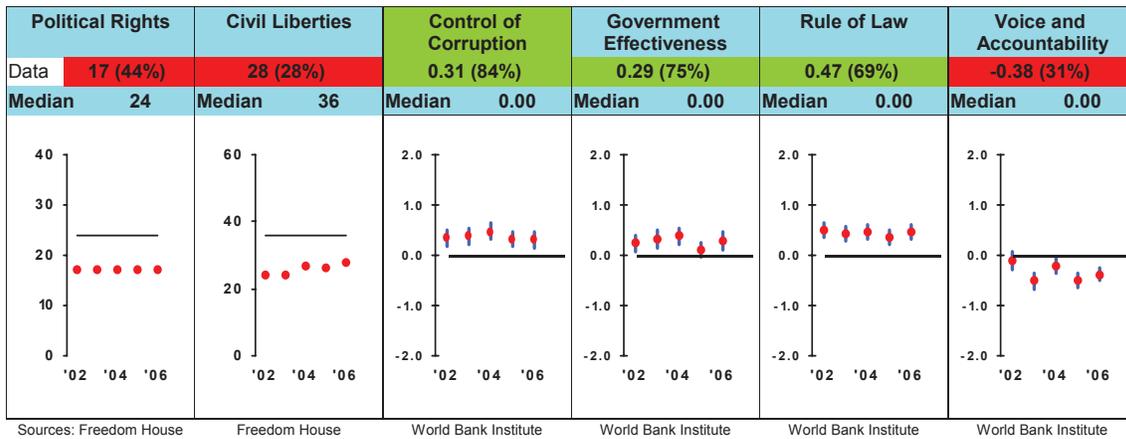
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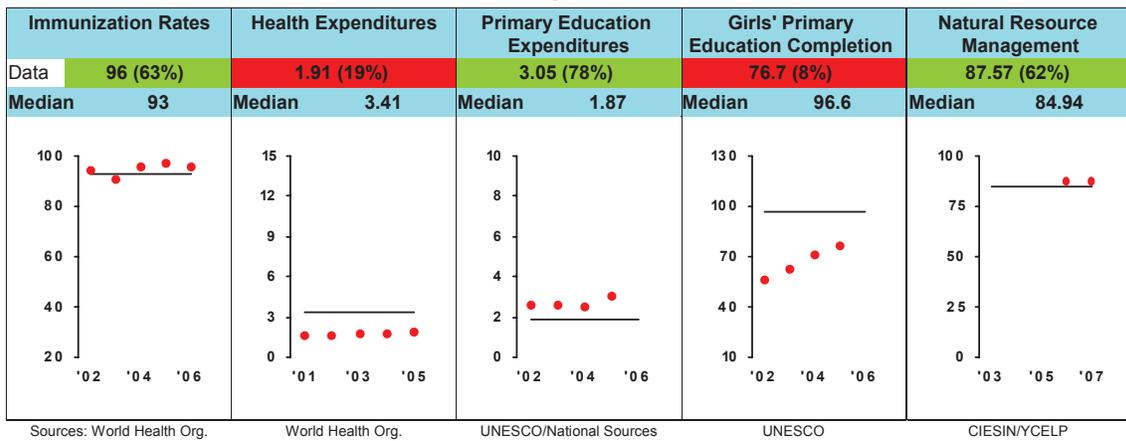
Morocco FY08

Population: 30,168,080
 GNI/Cap: \$1,900 LMIC

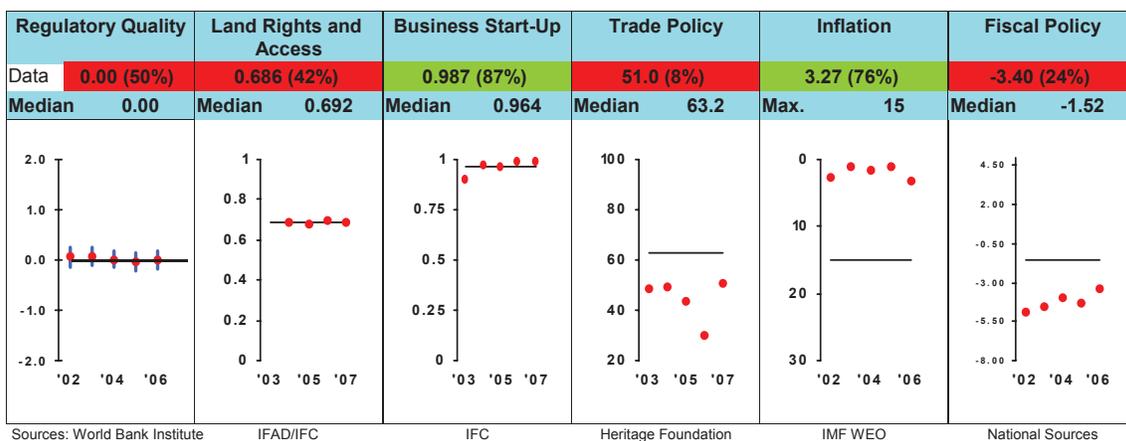
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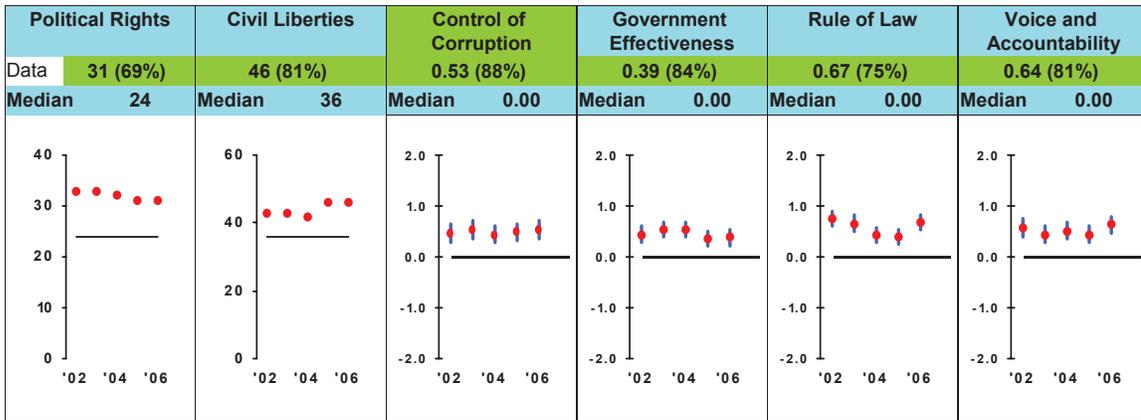
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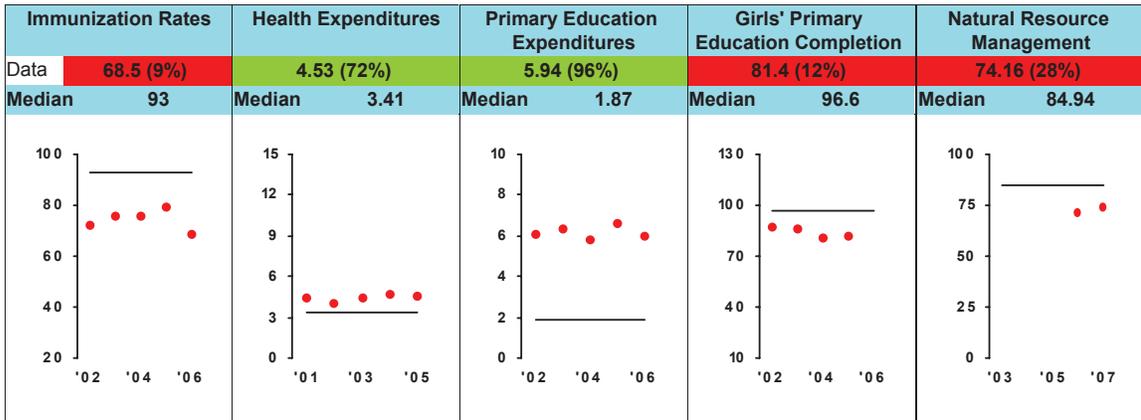
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GNI/Cap: \$3,230 LMIC

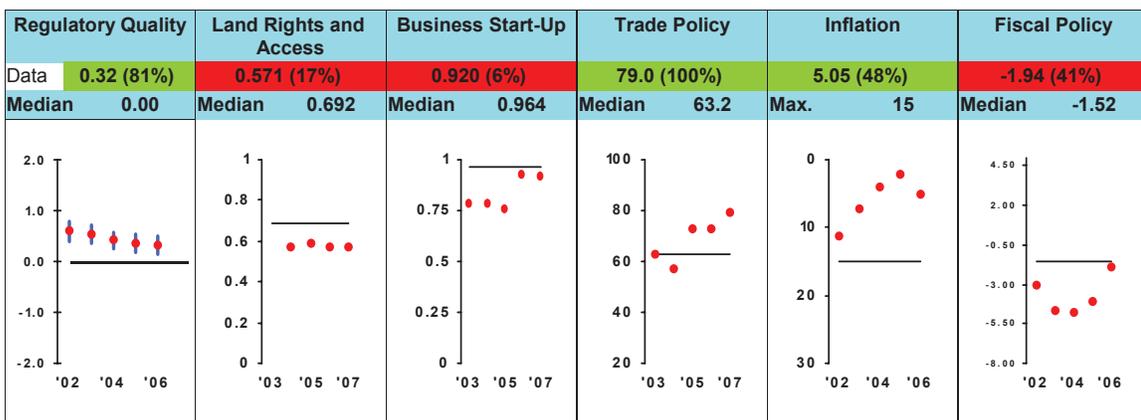
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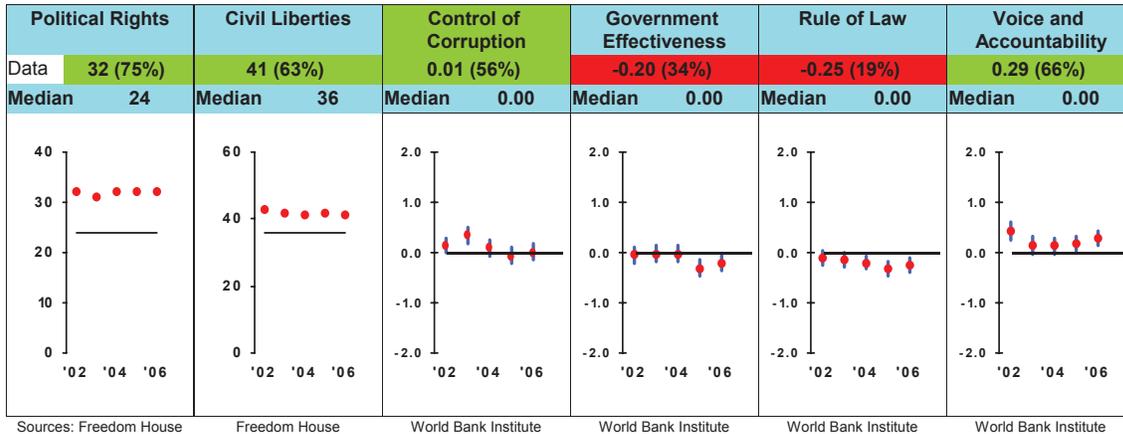
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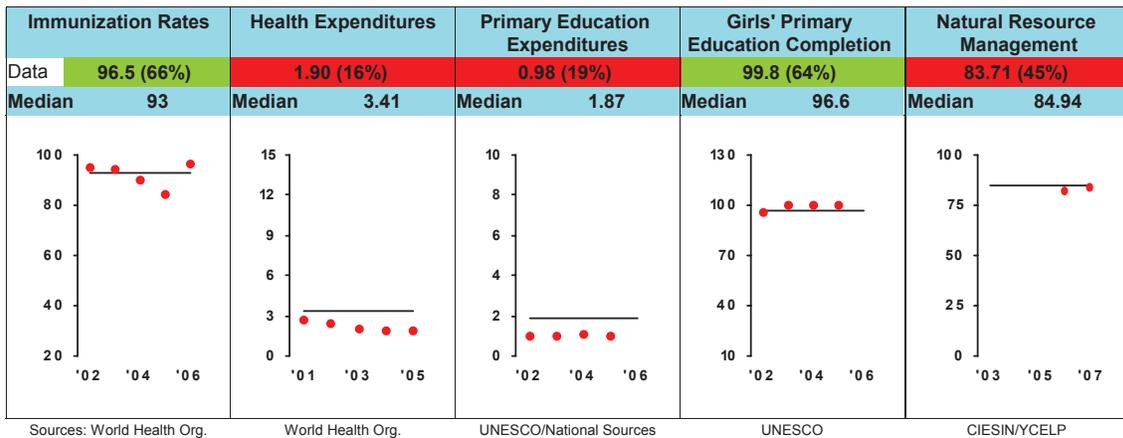
Peru FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$2,920 LMIC

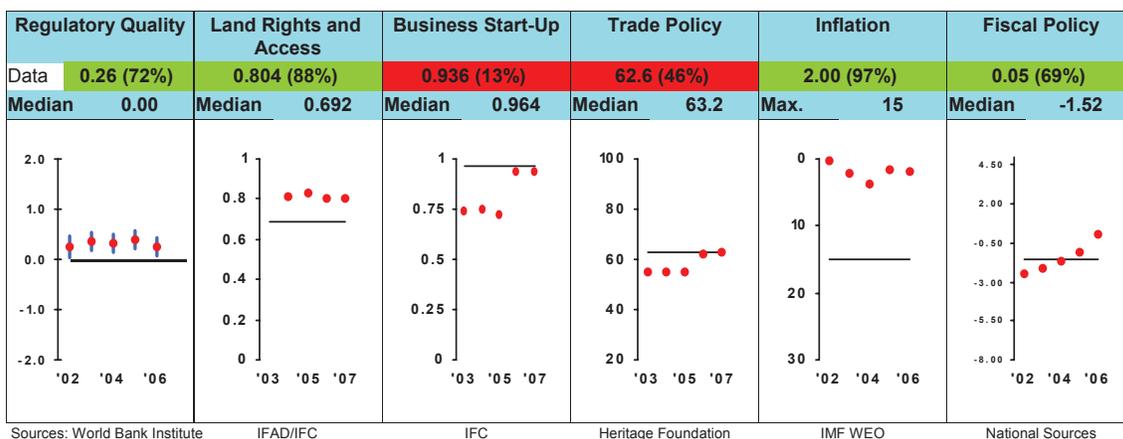
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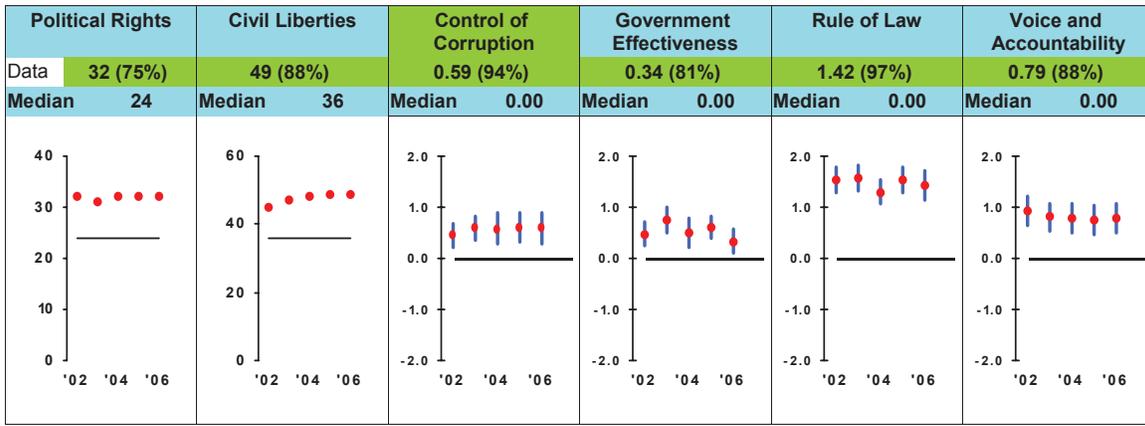
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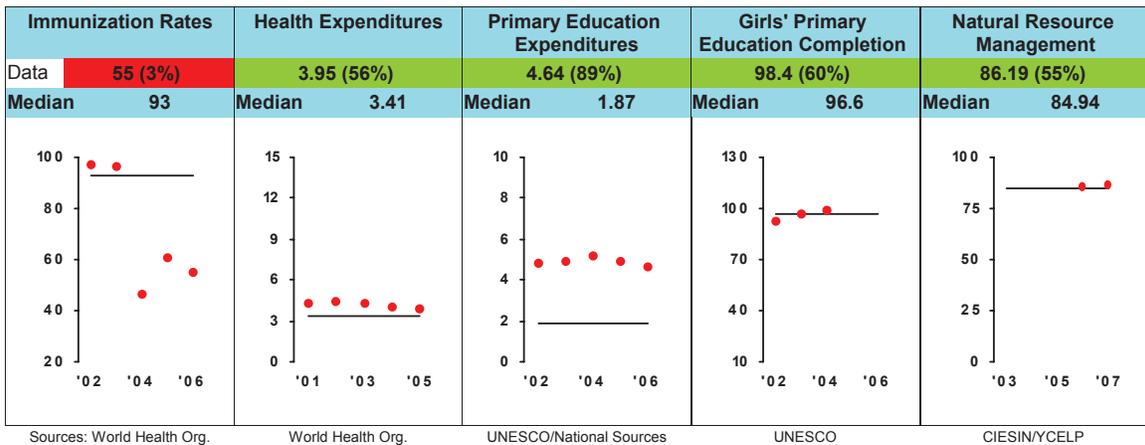
Samoa FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$2,270 LMIC

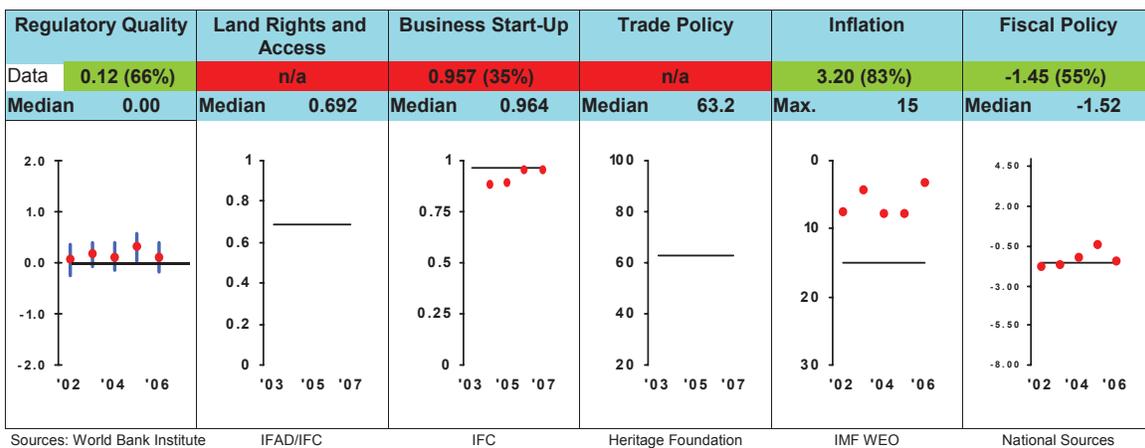
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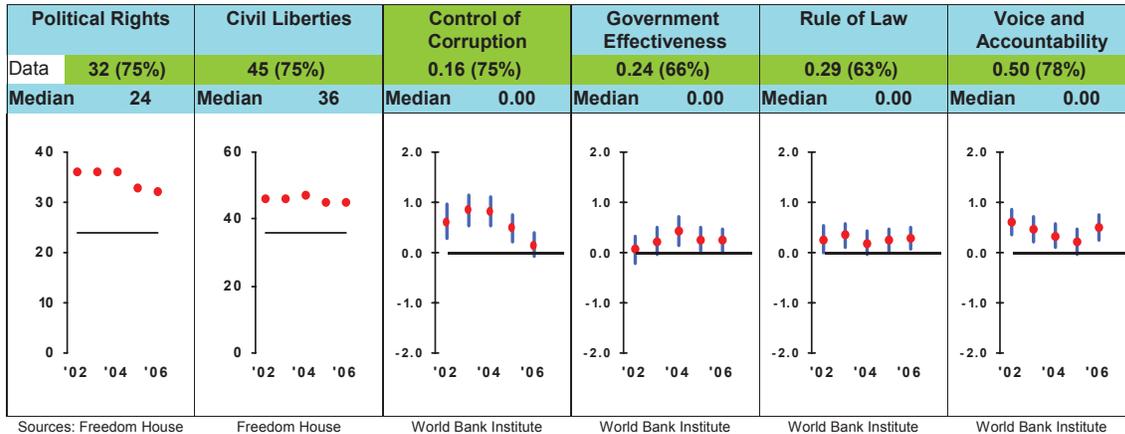
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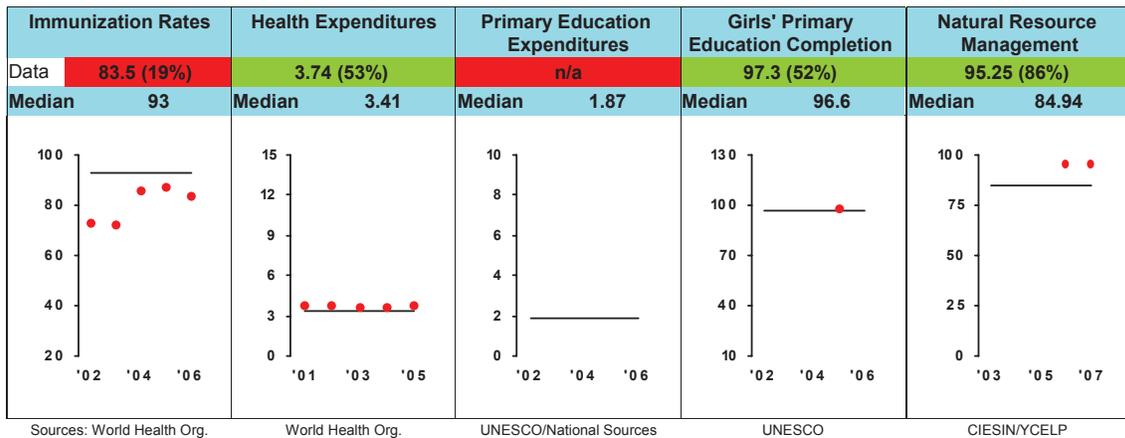
Suriname FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$3,200 LMIC

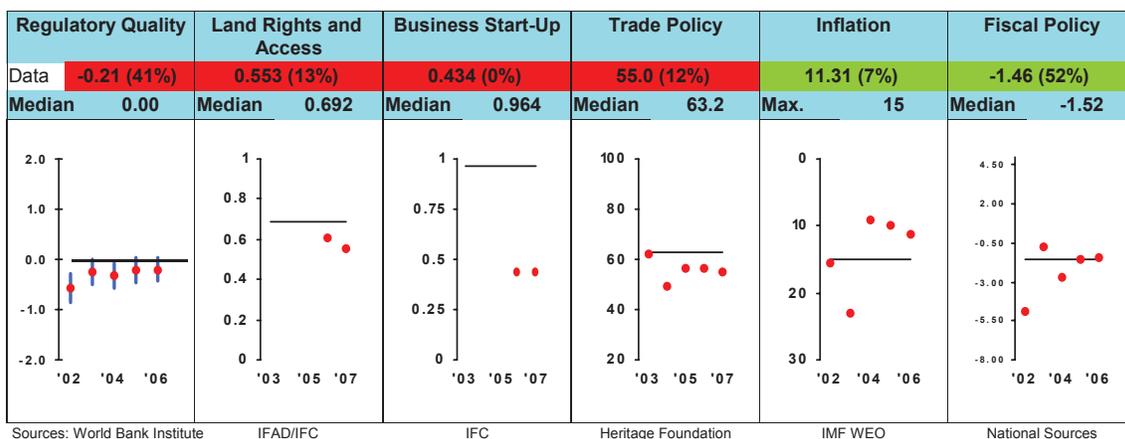
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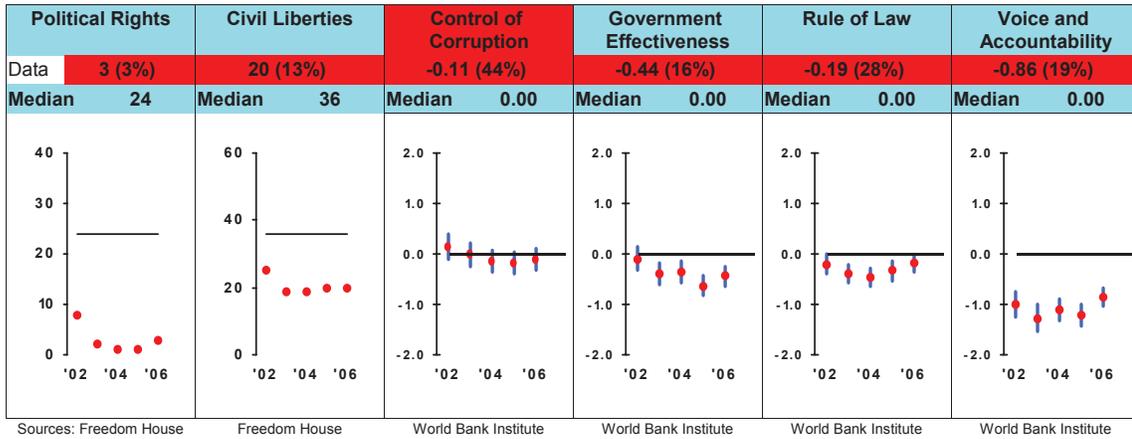
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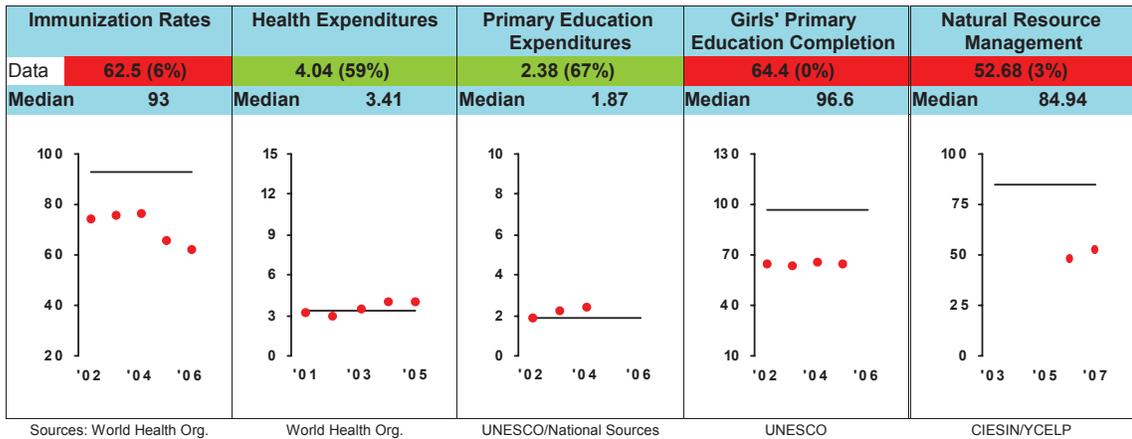
Swaziland FY08

Population: 1,131,000
GNI/Cap: \$2,430 LMIC

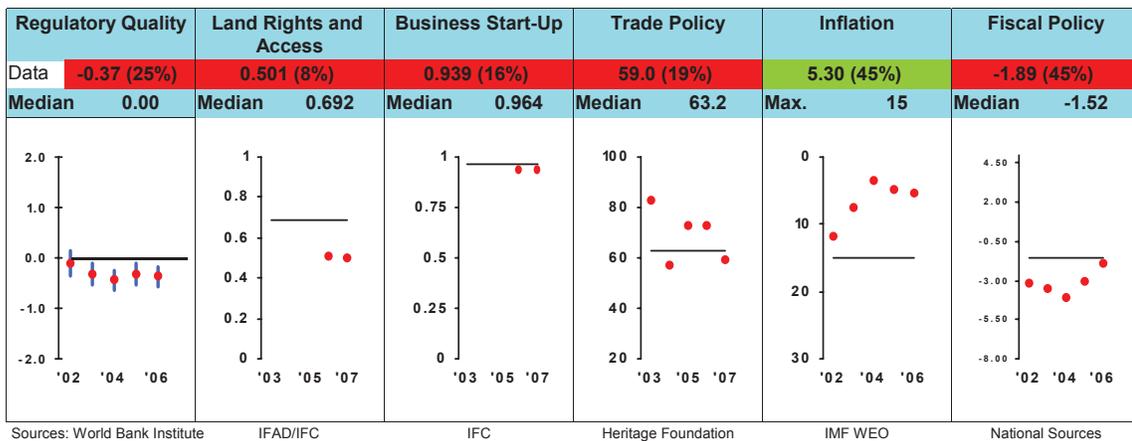
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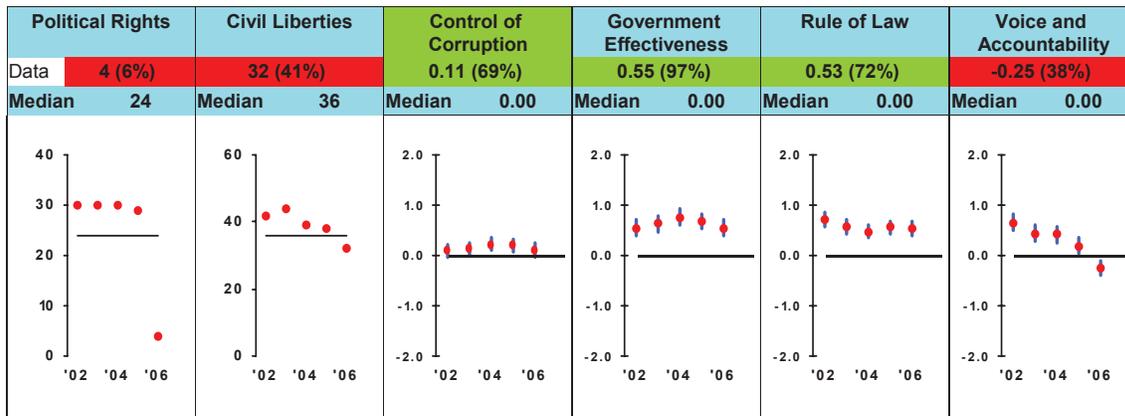
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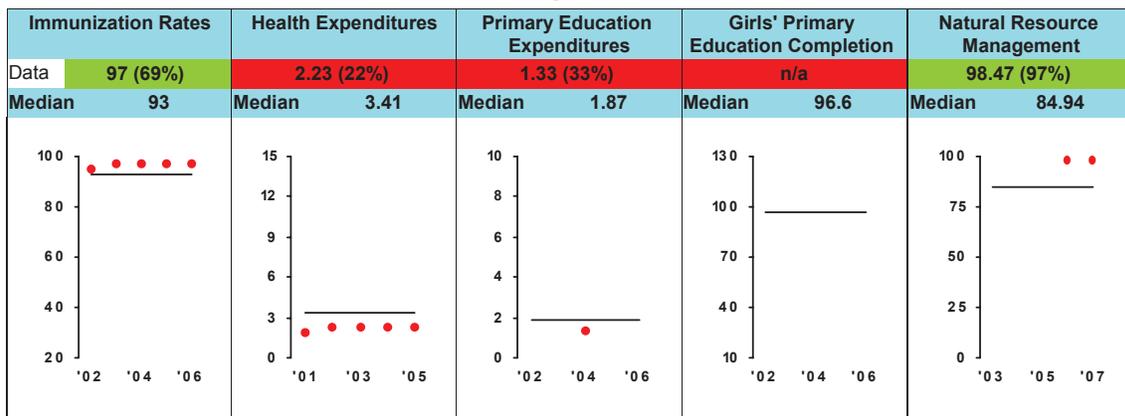
Population: 64,232,760
GNI/Cap: \$2,990 LMIC

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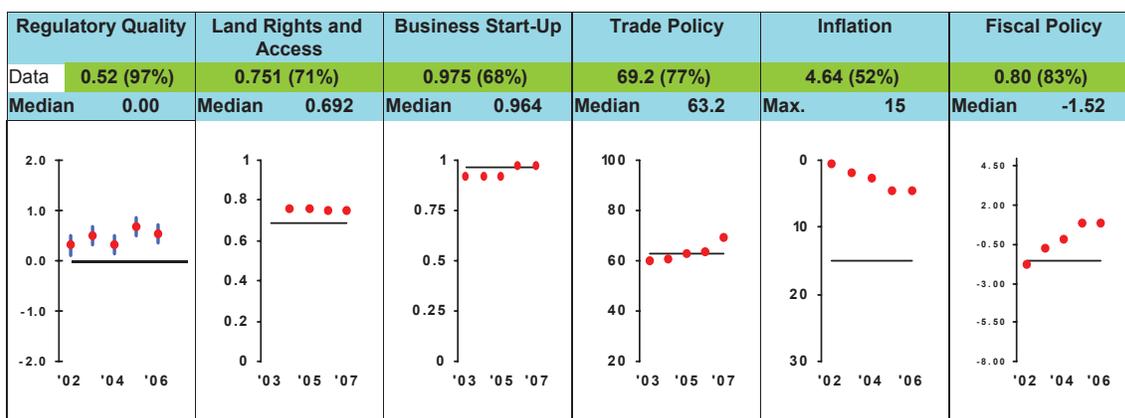
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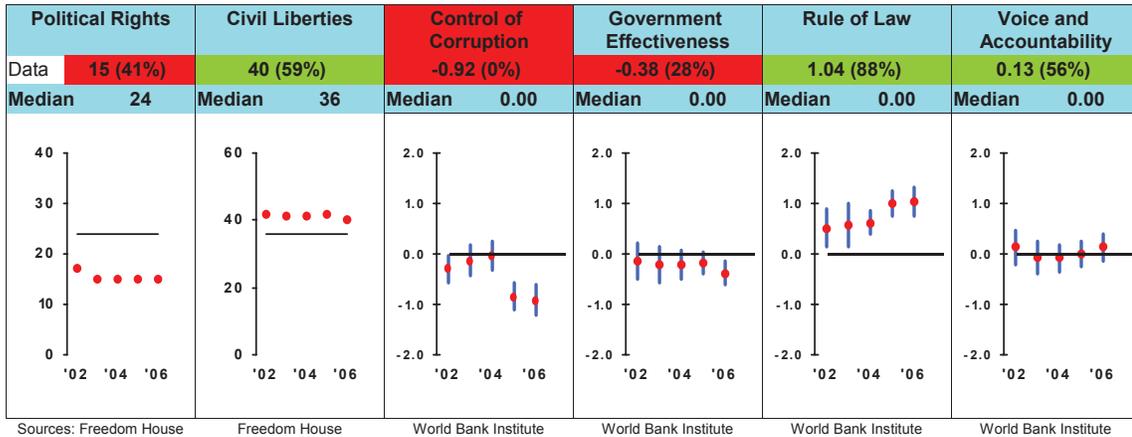
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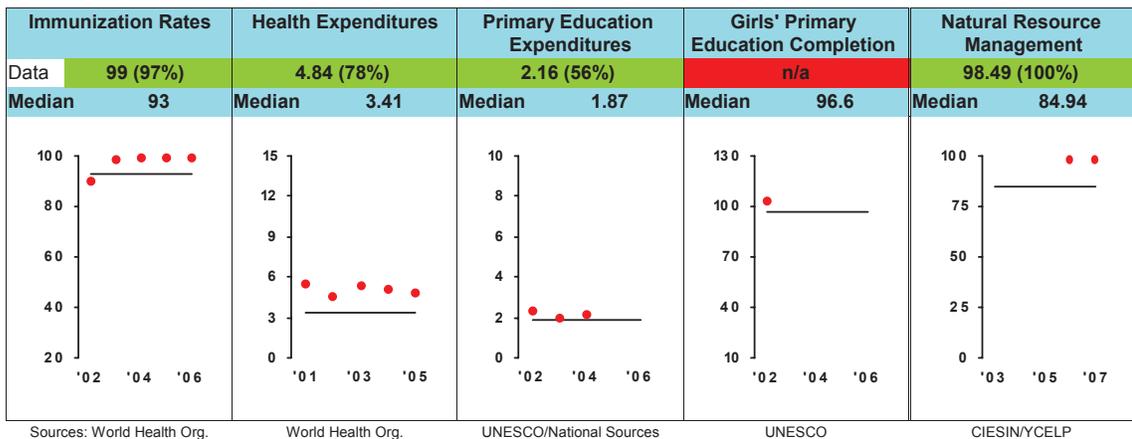
Tonga FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$2,170 LMIC

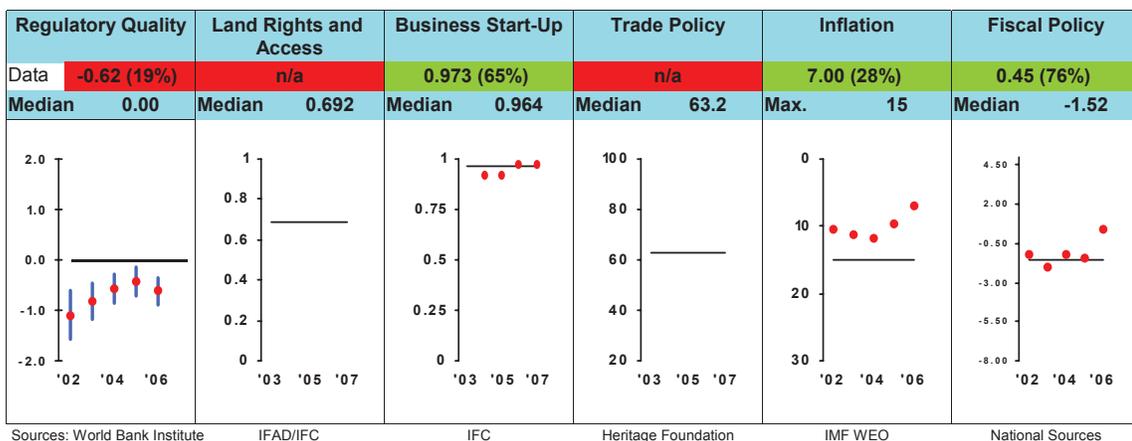
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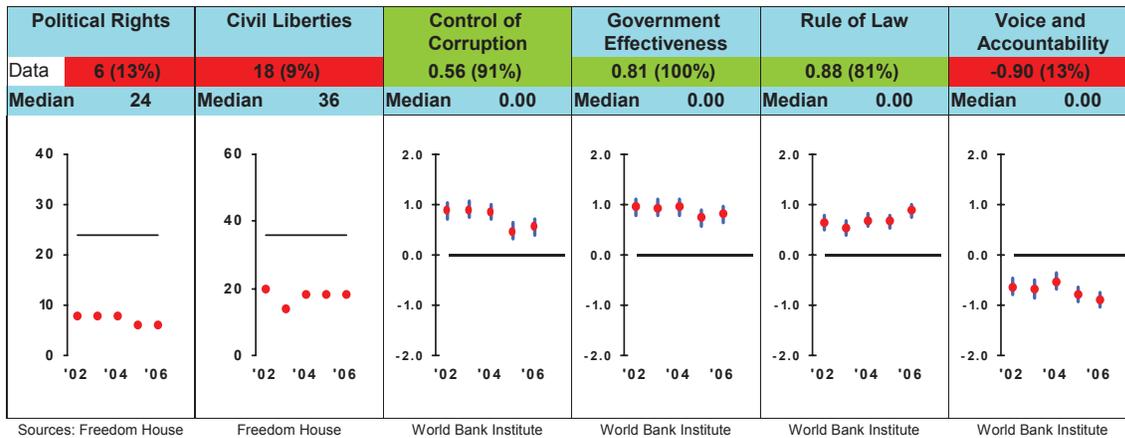
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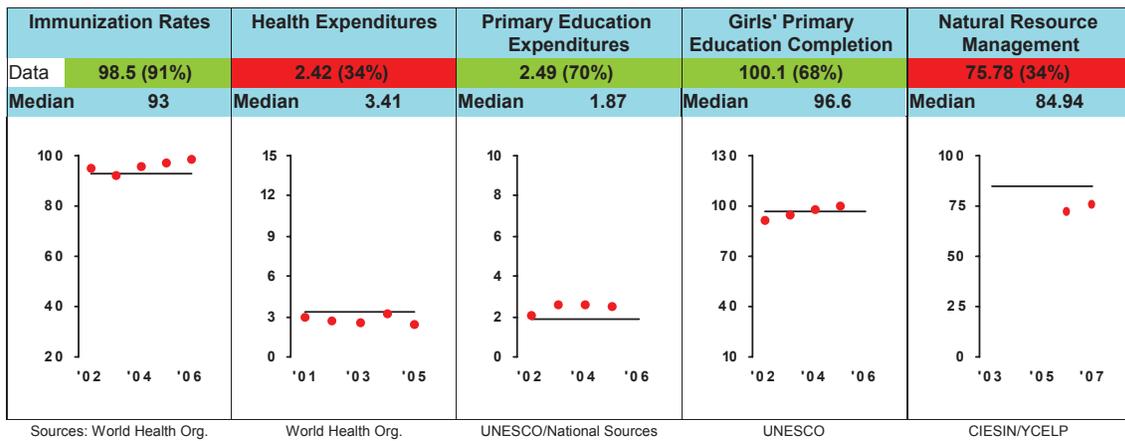
Tunisia FY08

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GNI/Cap: \$2,970 LMIC

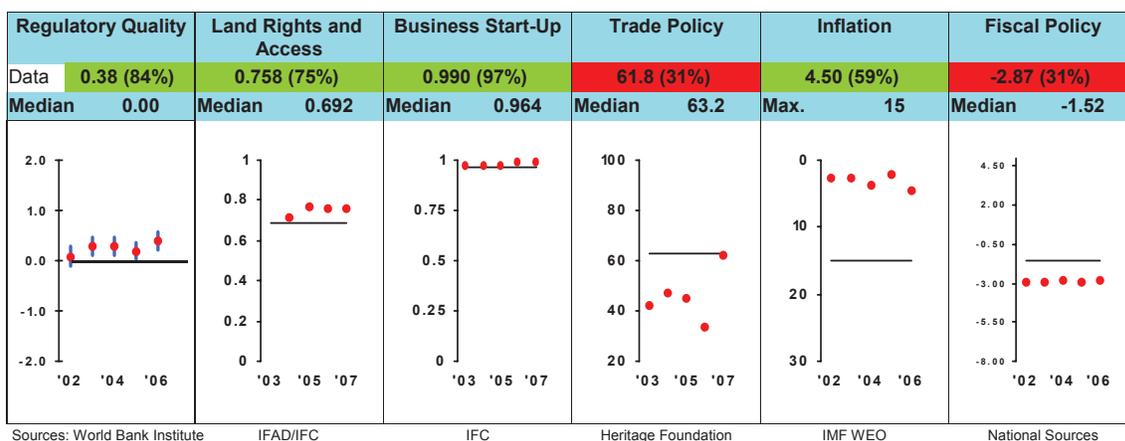
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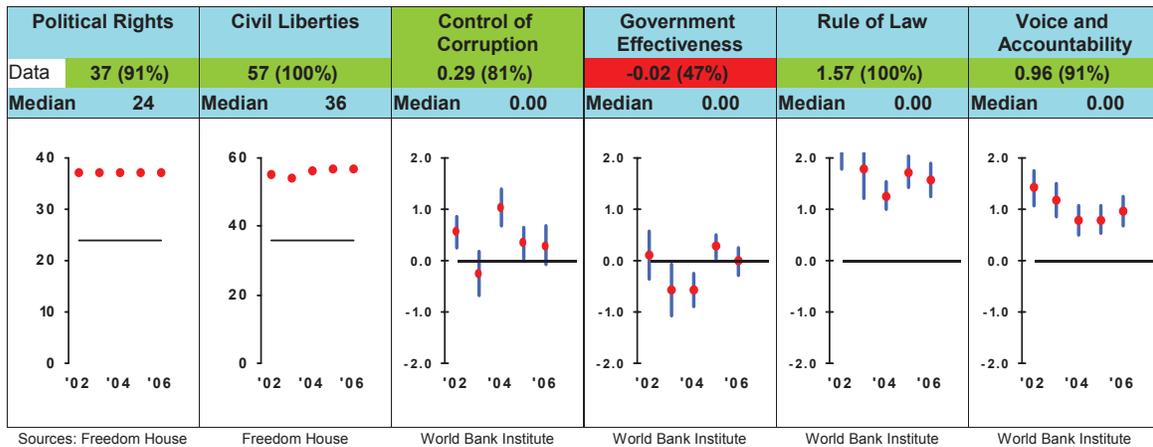
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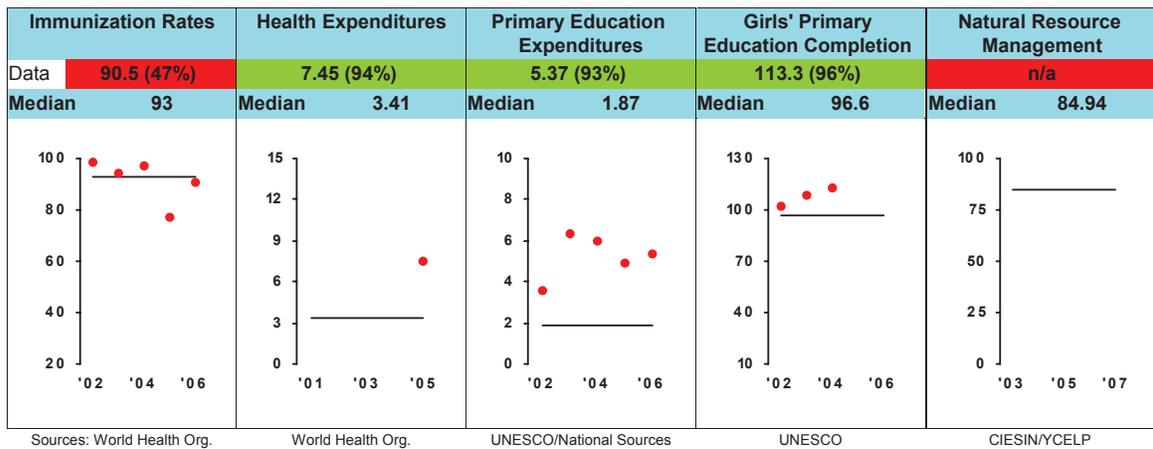
Tuvalu FY08

Population:
GNI/Cap: LMIC

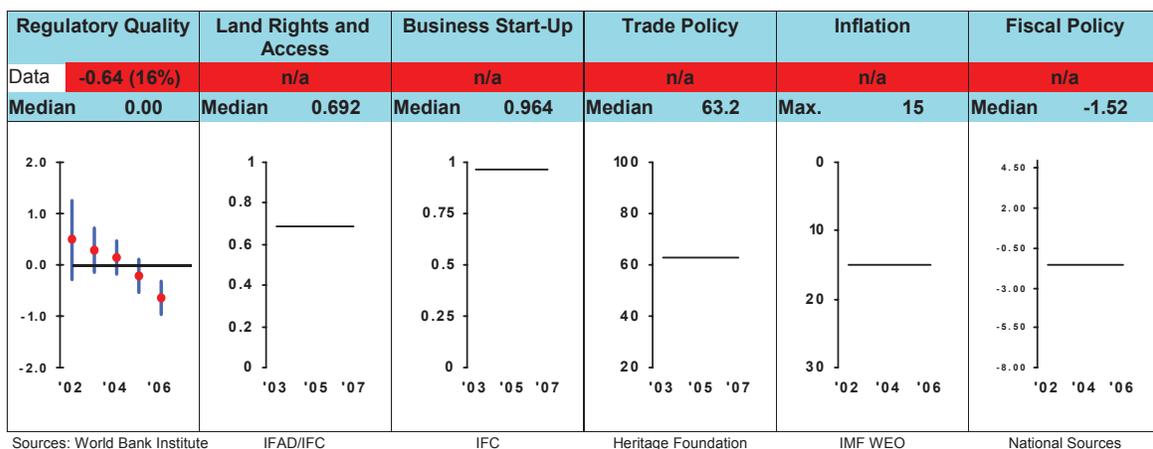
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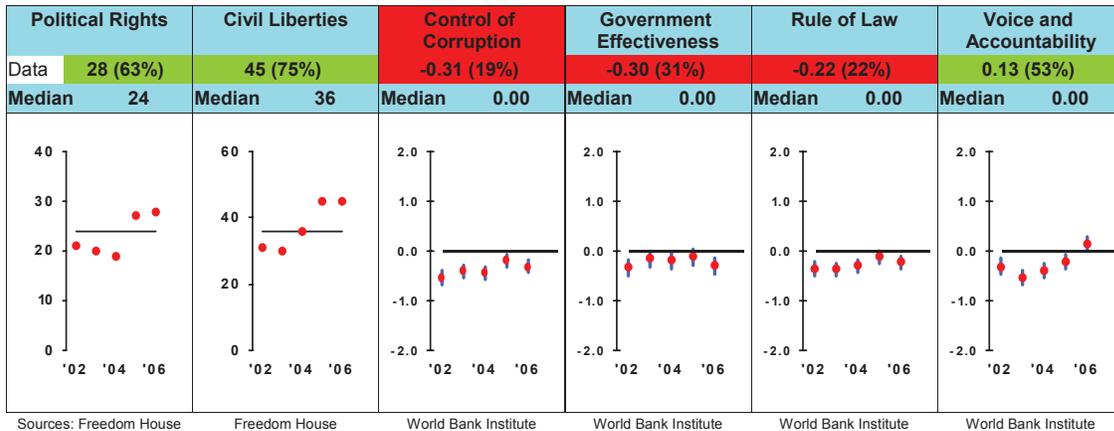
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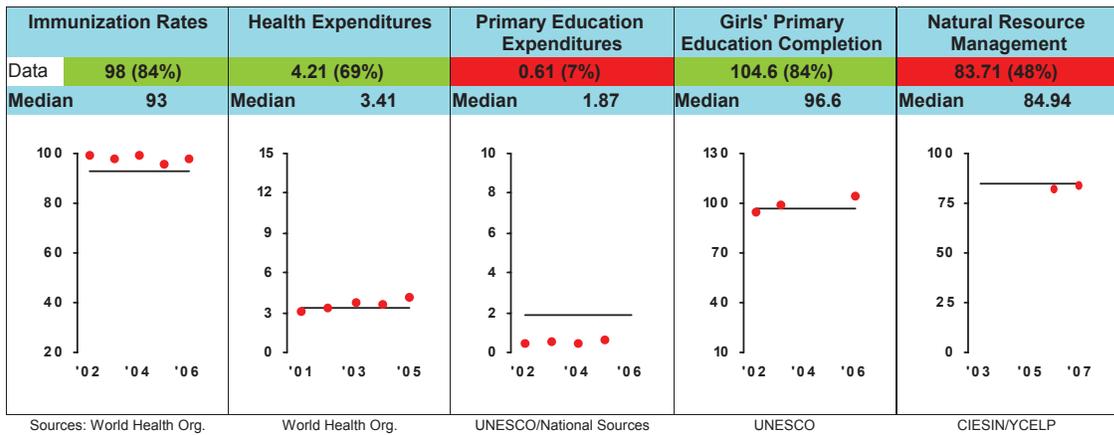
Ukraine FY08

Population: 47,075,300
GNI/Cap: \$1,950 LMIC

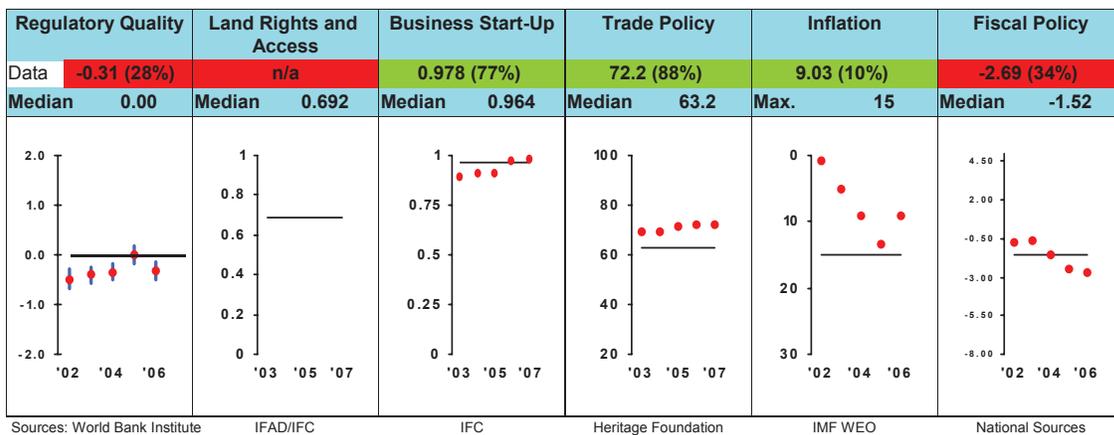
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