

# The National Composite Index for Family Planning (NCIFP) Summary of 2014 Results

## What is the NCIFP?

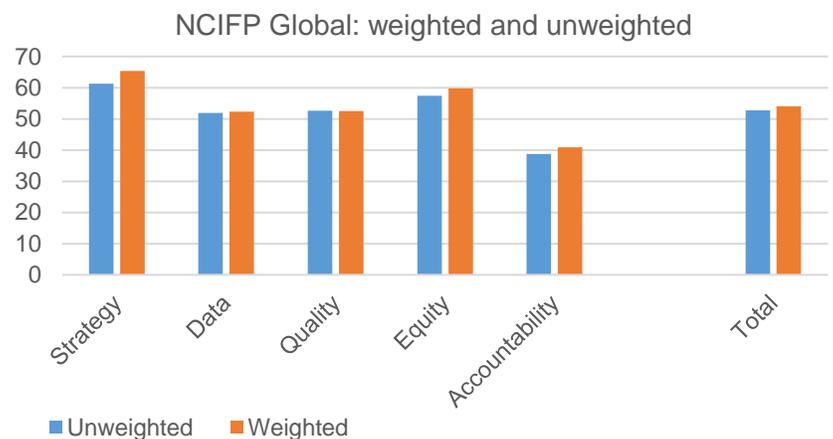
The NCIFP is a new tool developed to support FP2020's efforts to improve the enabling and policy environment for family planning. The NCIFP measures both the existence of policies and program implementation, using 35 individual scores organized under five dimensions: **strategy**, **data**, **quality**, **equity**, and **accountability**. The NCIFP builds on the long-standing *National Family Planning Effort Index (FPE)*, and, in 2014, the two questionnaires were fielded jointly in 90 countries.

## How was the NCIFP developed?

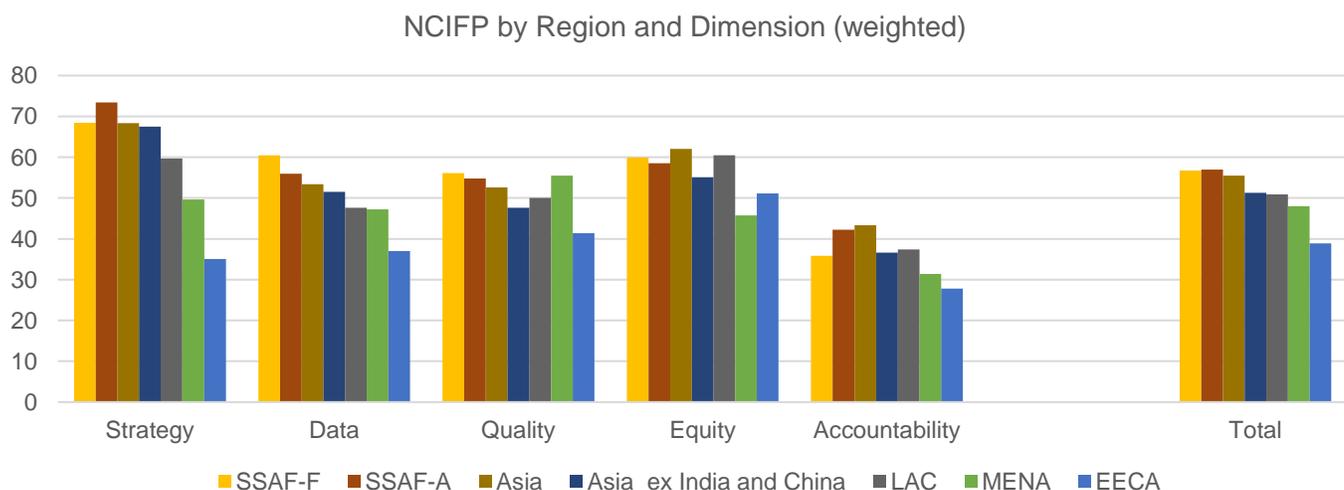
FP2020's Performance Monitoring & Evidence (PME) and Rights & Empowerment (RE) Working Groups provided oversight and technical guidance for the development of the NCIFP. Avenir Health's Track20 Project led the data analysis. Results from the NCIFP's battery of 69 questions and select questions from the FPE were analyzed, and, after several iterations, a final set of 35 items was chosen to comprise the NCIFP scores.

## What does the NCIFP tell us?

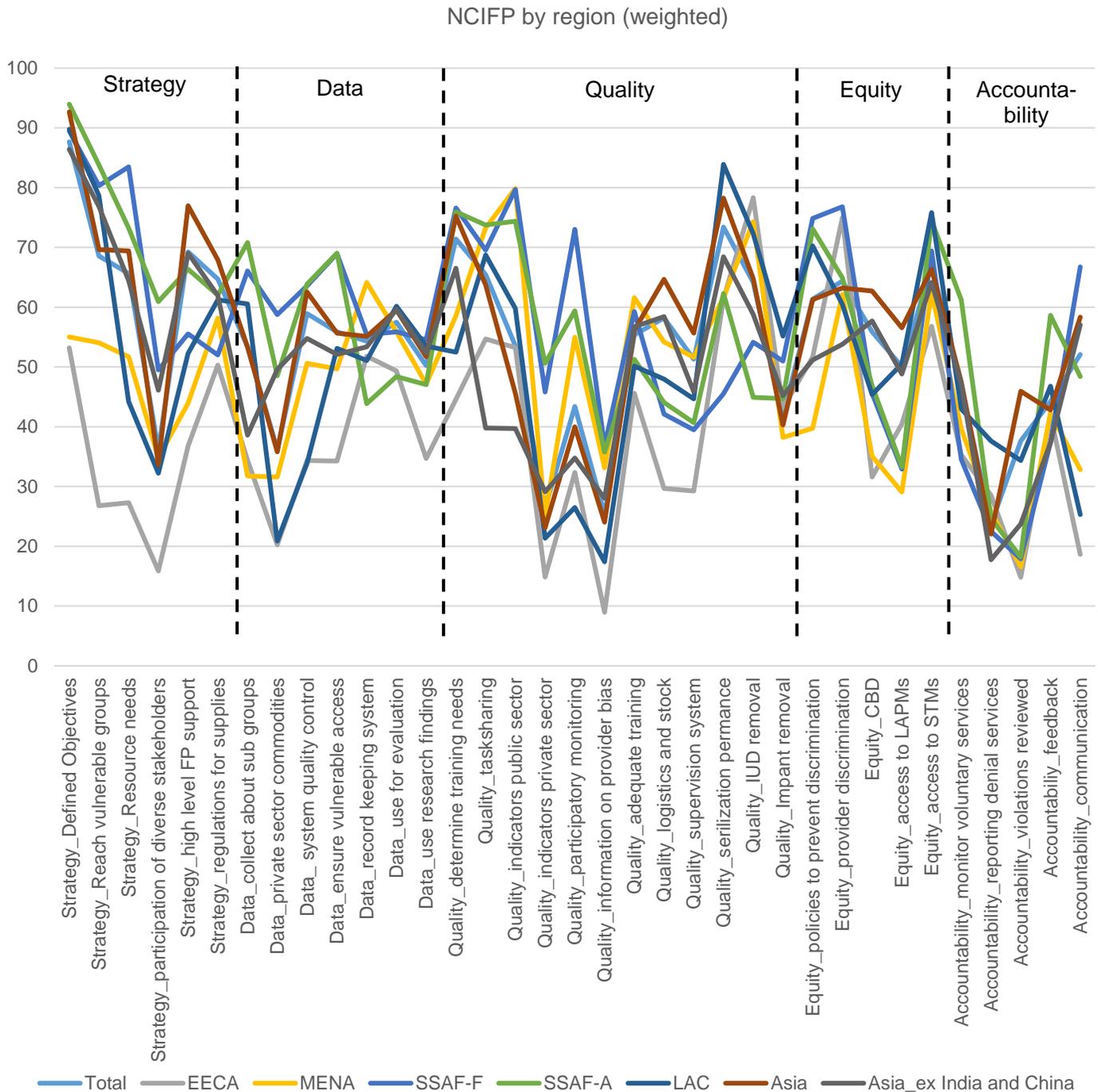
The total score for the NCIFP is the average of the 35 individual scores for each country. The overall score, averaged over all countries (unweighted), is 53, or about half of the maximum possible (representing very strong effort on all criteria). Looking at the five dimensions there is wide variability; strategy scored the highest, and accountability the lowest, with a 23-point gap.



Regions also differ, with overall scores ranging from a high of 57 to a low of 39 (weighted). Interestingly, both Francophone and Anglophone sub-Saharan Africa have higher overall scores than the other regions, and score at or near the top for all five dimensions.



Despite the differences among regions, one can observe similarities across regions among the 35 individual scores: they tend to move together, rising and dipping in concert, agreeing largely in which rank higher and lower. This suggests a commonality in what programs find more or less difficult to achieve, and is a promising avenue for further investigation. The graph below shows regional averages for each of the individual 35 scores.



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