The National Composite Index for Family Planning (NCIFP)
Cote d'Ivoire 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***.

Strategy – whether the 1) national FP strategy/plan includes objectives that are quantified and 2) targets to reach the poorest and most vulnerable; 3) resource requirements are projected;4) means to broaden participation among diverse stakeholders are supported; 5) seniority of FP program director; and 6) policies that facilitate contraceptive importation or local manufacturing.

Data - whether the government 7) collects data to monitor special sub-groups (e.g. the poor) and 8) availability data on private sector commodities; 9) quality control of service statistic in place; and 10) data used to ensure access by vulnerable groups; 11) adequate client record keeping in place; and 12-13) uses various data sources for program operations, monitoring and evaluation.

Quality – whether the 14) government uses WHO-based FP procedures; 15) has FP task-sharing guidelines; 16-17) has and uses quality of care indicators in public and private facilities, 18) has adequate structures in place to address quality, 19) collects information on informed choice and provider bias, 20) has adequate training programs in place, 21) logistics and transport systems insure sufficient stock, 22) adequate supervision system in place, 23) informed choice on sterilization, 24-25) access to IUD and implant removal.

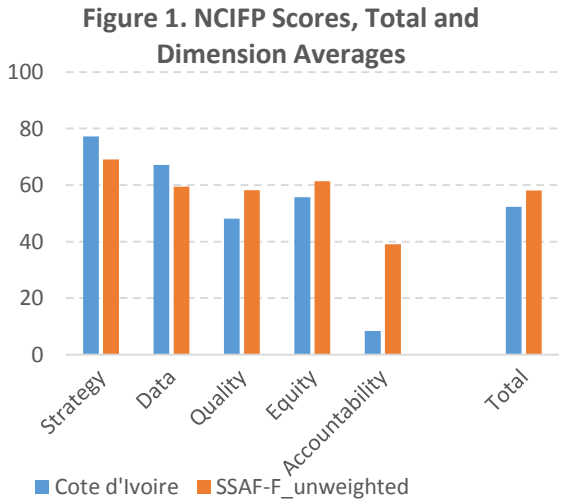
Equity - whether 26) policies are in place to prevent discrimination; 27) extent to which service providers discriminate against special groups; 28) underserved areas are served by CBDs; and 29-30) the entire population has access to modern methods.

Accountability – whether there are 31) national, sub-national and facility-level mechanisms in place to monitor voluntary, non-discriminatory FP provision; 32-33) mechanisms to report denial of services in place and reviewed; 34) client feedback solicited, and 35) system in place to encourage dialogue between clients and providers.

In 2014, FPE and NCIFP questionnaires were fielded jointly in 90 countries by the Health Policy Project (implemented by Palladium with USAID funding), and Track20 (implemented by Avenir Health with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funding). The NCIFP allows qualitative assessments of FP programs and can stimulate dialogue among stakeholders about the state of FP programs regarding the five dimensions sustainable.

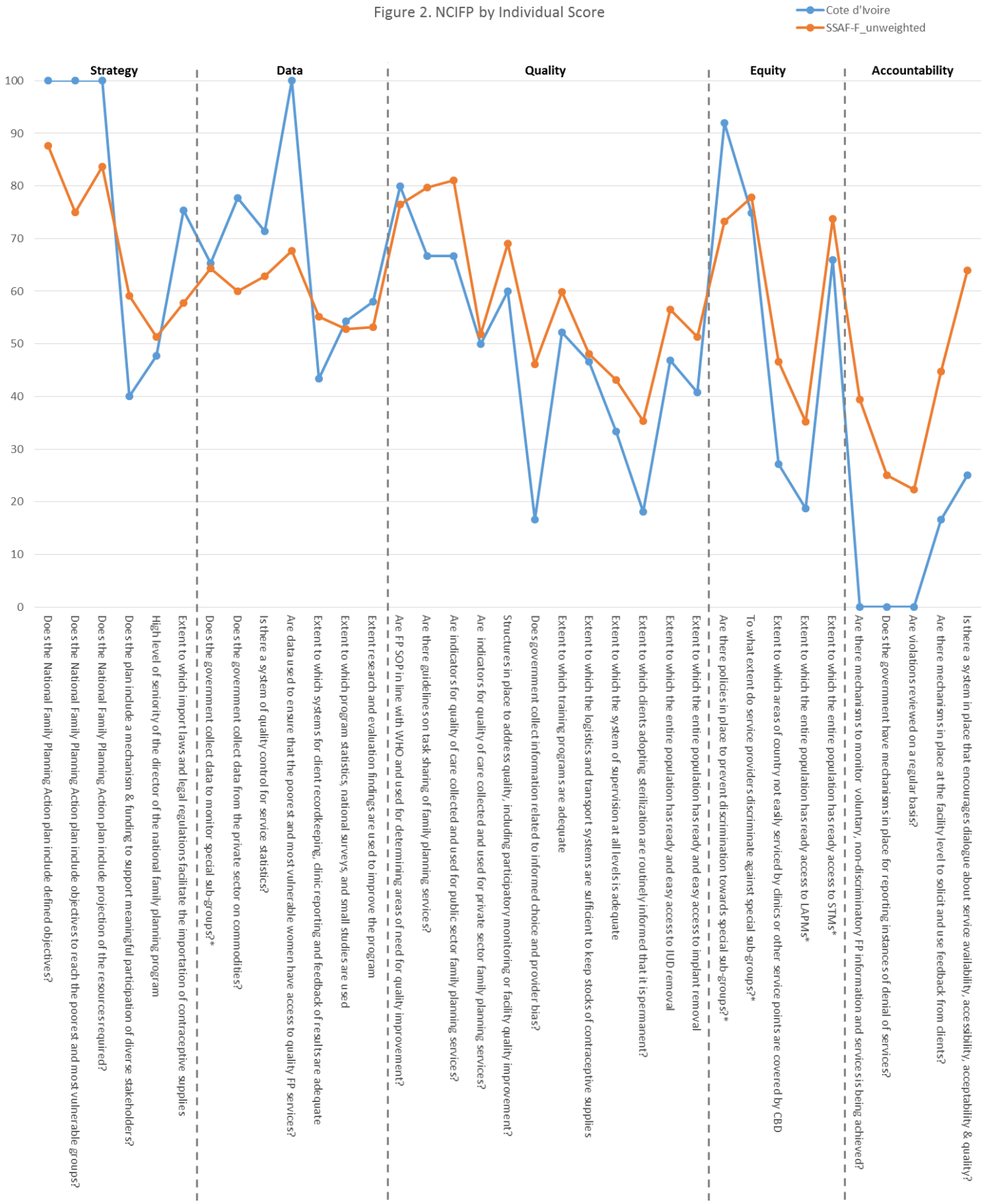
What do the Cote d'Ivoire results look like?

The total NCIFP rating of Cote d'Ivoire was lower than that of Francophone SSAF (52 v 58, as shown in Fig. 1). In terms of dimensions, the country averaged higher than the region regarding Strategy and Data, but such were offset by lower overall scores for (Figure 2) Quality, Equity, and, especially Accountability.



Individual NCIFP scores of the country and region for Quality, Equity and Accountability follow similar patterns, mainly indicating that policies are not in place or activities are not proceeding as well as intended. However, the results show the country often scoring even lower than the region. Cote d'Ivoire even received 0 scores in three Accountability items: having mechanisms to monitor access to voluntary and non-discriminatory FP services, for reporting denial of services on non-medical grounds, and for regular review of violations. On the other hand, the country surpassed the regional average in earned perfect scores in four items: having a national FP action plan with objectives for 5 to 10-year horizon and which include reaching the poorest, as well as projections of required resources (three items under Strategy), and using data to ensure FP access among the poorest and most vulnerable. These high country scores were countered by

Figure 2. NCIFP by Individual Score



Want to know more: Read the full NCIFP report and use the interactive data tool available at track20.org

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