



Monitoring The Maputo Plan of Action

An assessment of
Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights
Responses & Reporting
in Africa

MPOA Scorecard

BRIEF

Element 8: SRH Commodity security strategies for all SRH components achieved

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Holding leaders accountable



Introduction

The MPOA Scorecard provides data and an analysis of statistics provided by African governments to the African Union Commission in the Maputo Plan of Action (MPOA) reporting. This report first briefly introduces the various concepts that inform sexual and reproductive health and rights on the continent, how the Maputo Plan of Action commitment evolved as a government solution, and how accountability and data can be used to improve Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). In the second section of the report the data is presented and analysed in an easy-to-read manner and a way forward provides recommendations in the final closing section. [Read the full report here](#)

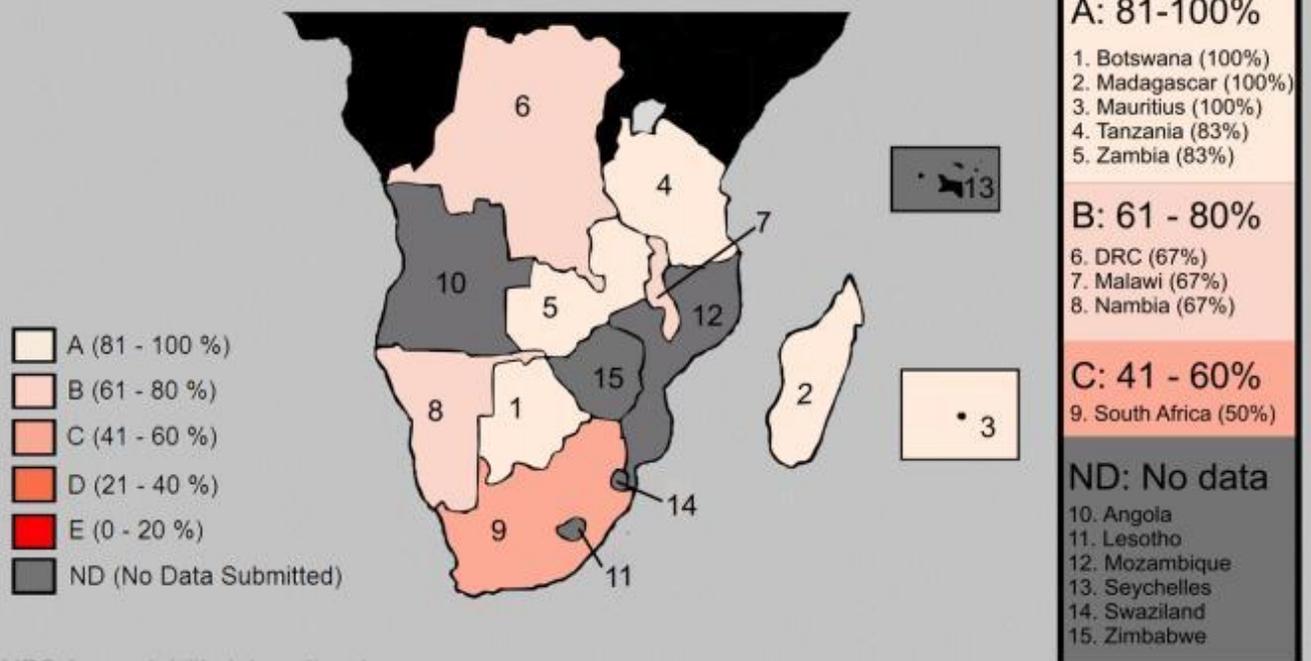


Element 8: SRH Commodity security strategies for all SRH components achieved

Element 8 assesses whether governments have prioritised SRH commodities security. Most countries have managed to put policies and plans in place and demonstrated accountability in this aspect of SRH response. However, when reviewing the remaining data of Element 8, when assessing SRH commodity stock outs the picture appears rather different. Botswana, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia all report experiencing stock outs of commodities in this section of the PAT. Only Namibia reports that stock outs are never a problem, whilst other countries do not report or advise that this question is “not applicable” to their country, a circumstance which needs further investigation as stock outs can be understood to be applicable to every country, as either occurring or not, and thus transparency should be demonstrated when completing this indicator. Private-public partnerships need to be further utilised in this area. As often discussed it is the Coke versus condom debate, where beverage companies are able to deliver beers or soft drinks to the most rural areas on a regular basis yet government cannot ensure SRH commodities to the same locations. The public sector needs to draw on the experience, knowledge and existing infrastructure that corporates already have.

Element 8: SRH Commodity security strategies for all SRH components achieved

Strategy, plans & budget policy in place to achieve SRH commodity security strategies for all SRH components



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