Low Income Group

(Economies with a GNI per capita of $1,025 or less)

Global Infrastructure Hub

Overall performance

Collectively, the Low Income Countries (LICs) in InfraCompass account for almost USD 250 billion in GDP. LICs are characterised by increasing investment in infrastructure as a percentage of GDP as they seek to close their gap. The most significant improvements for LICS has been in permits and land administration processes. However, improvement is needed in approaches to procurement, governance and financial markets.

Drivers	Score (100)	Score change (2017-20)	Emerging	Aspiring	Contender	Top performer	Global leader
Governance	38	–	■	■			
Regulatory frameworks	48	↑ 1	■	■	■		
Permits	48	↑ 12	■	■	■		
Planning	58	–	■	■	■		
Procurement	53	↓ 1	■	■	■		
Activity	52	↓ 4	■	■	■		
Funding capacity	21	–	■	■			
Financial markets	22	↓ 1	■	■			

Low income countries at a glance

$866
GDP per capita
(regional average, USD, 2019)

273.4 million
Population
(regional total, 2019)

10.1% of GDP
Infrastructure investment
(regional average, 2019 estimate)

4.6% of GDP
Infrastructure gap
(regional average, 2019 estimate)

41.4
Infrastructure quality
(1-100, 100 is best, regional average, 2019)

$585 million
Private infrastructure investment
(5-year average, USD, 2019)

Top performing metrics

89/100
Infrastructure investment

80/100
Financial stability

64/100
Average procurement duration – transaction RFP

Opportunities to grow

For guidance on how to improve these metrics, please see the Group Page on the InfraCompass website.

1/100
GDP per capita

16/100
Shareholder governance

10/100
Domestic credit to private sector

Group members

Benin	Ethiopia	Niger	Togo
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Rwanda	
Chad	Mali	Tanzania	

METRIC SCORES

The below metrics are normalised so that they all range from 0 to 100. For original metrics and data sources, please see https://infracompass.gihub.org/

GOVERNANCE			REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS			PERMITS		
Post-completion reviews?	7/10	–	Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	40	↑	Cost to start a business	43	↑
Infrastructure or PPP unit/agency?	9/10	–	Prevalence of foreign ownership	50	↑	Dealing with construction permits	56	↑
Recovery rate	22	↑	Product market regulation, network sectors	35	–	Quality of land administration	33	↑
Rule of law	37	↑	Regulatory (including competition) quality	38	↑	Registering property	59	↑
Shareholder governance	16	–	Strength of insolvency framework	58	↑	Time required to start a business	62	↑
Political stability and absence of violence	34	↓	Investment promotion agency?	9/10	–			

PLANNING			PROCUREMENT			ACTIVITY		
Published project pipeline?	5/10	–	Average procurement duration – transaction RFP	64	↑	Infrastructure investment	89	↑
Published infrastructure plan?	6/10	–	Degree of transparency in public procurement	35	↓	Private infrastructure investment	31	↓
Preparation of PPPs	42	↑	Published procurement guidelines?	7/10	↑	Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals	45	↓
Economic analysis assessment?	10/10	–	Procurement of PPPs	54	–	Value of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship	43	↓
Market sounding and/or assessment?	6/10	–	PPP contract management	49	–			
Environmental impact analysis?	9/10	–						

FUNDING CAPACITY			FINANCIAL MARKETS		
GDP per capita	1	↑	Domestic credit to private sector	10	↓
Gross government debt	62	↓	Financing through local equity market	39	↑
Long term GDP growth trend	55	↑	Stocks traded	13	↓
Summary credit rating	31	↑	Financial depth	21	↑
			Financial stability	80	↓

Drawing on data from: International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, World Economic Forum, IJ Global, CEPII, Oxford Economics, Trading Economics, and Deloitte.

Metric key:

↑ Increase from InfraCompass 2017   ↓ Decrease from InfraCompass 2017   – No change from InfraCompass 2017

Note:

The income groups are based on the World Bank classification as of July 2019, which is calculated using the World Bank Atlas method.

'Top performing metrics' and 'Opportunities to grow' are based on the average of normalized scores within the income group.