

Quick Facts

CPIA Score	Change from previous year	Highest performing clusters	Lowest performing cluster
3.3	—	3.5	3.0
Above IDA Avg.	No change	(Structural Policies and Policies for Social Inclusion and Equity)	(Public Sector Management and Institutions)

Population (millions)	2.3
GDP (current US\$, billions)	2.6
GDP per capita (current US\$)	1,107.4
International poverty rate (US\$2.15) (% of population)	32.4
Human Capital Index (2020)	0.40

Country Policy and Institutional Assessment 2022

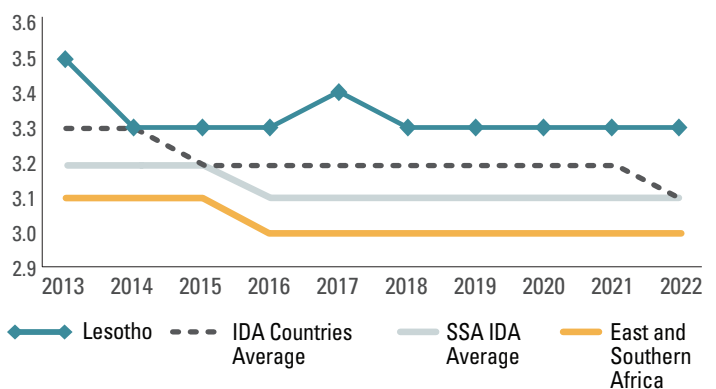
Indicator	Lesotho	East and Southern Africa	SSA IDA Average	IDA Borrowers Average
Economic Management	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2
Monetary and Exchange Rate Policy	3.5	2.8	3.4	3.4
Fiscal Policy	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.0
Debt Policy and Management	3.5	2.9	3.1	3.1
Structural Policies	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.2
Trade	4.0	2.7	3.7	3.7
Financial Sector	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.8
Business Regulatory Environment	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0
Policies for Social Inclusion and Equity	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.3
Gender Equality	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
Equity of Public Resource Use	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.4
Building Human Resources	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.6
Social Protection and Labor	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.0
Policies and Institutions for Environmental Sustainability	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.2
Public Sector Management and Institutions	3.0	2.5	2.9	3.0
Property Rights and Rule-Based Governance	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8
Quality of Budgetary and Financial Management	2.5	3.2	3.0	3.0
Efficiency of Revenue Mobilization	4.0	2.8	3.3	3.2
Quality of Public Administration	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.8
Transparency, Accountability, and Corruption in the Public Sector	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9
Overall CPIA Score	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.1

Highlights

- Trade policies were strengthened, including participation in the African Continental Free Trade Area and instituting relatively open regimes for services trade and foreign investment.
- Strong efforts were made to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment by introducing policies and programs to reduce gender-based violence and increase women’s access to economic opportunities.
- Revenue mobilization improved with better revenue administration and expanding the tax base. Policy actions included taxpayer registration, electronic filing, and risk-based audits.
- Actions are needed to strengthen the efficiency of public spending and enhance the financial sector’s stability.

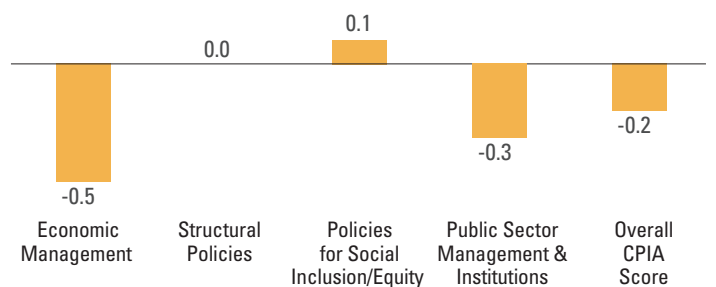
Trend

OVERALL CPIA SCORES



Progress

CHANGE IN CPIA SCORES FROM 2013 TO 2022



Definitions:

- CPIA: Country Policy and Institutional Assessment
- IDA: International Development Association, the arm of the World Bank Group that provides credits to the poorest countries
- SSA: Sub-Saharan Africa
- Poverty data are based on the MFM Database, Macro-Poverty

- Outlook, World Bank, spring 2023. Poverty data are expressed in 2017 purchasing power parity.
- The cutoff date for the World Development Indicators database is June 2023.
- The Human Capital Index 2020 is from the Human Capital Project, World Bank, 2020.

Average scores for comparisons refer to country groupings as follows:

- IDA Borrowing Countries: 74 countries eligible for IDA credits and with CPIA scores in 2022
- SSA IDA Countries: 39 SSA IDA countries that had CPIA scores in 2022
- West and Central Africa: 20 SSA IDA countries with CPIA scores in 2022
- East and Southern Africa: 19 SSA IDA countries with CPIA scores in 2022