

# Governance Assessment Profile

## The U.S. Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices

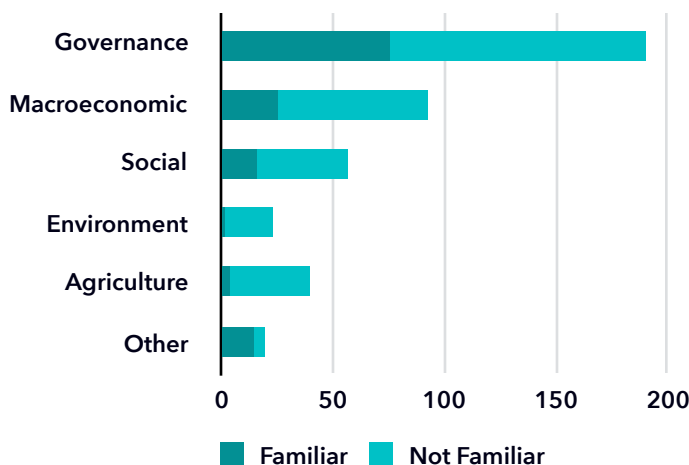
### Summary

The U.S. Department of State's *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* contain evaluations of human rights as delineated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for all countries receiving assistance from the United States. These reports comprise information from U.S. embassies and consulates, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations. The information below was compiled from responses to AidData's 2016 GDA Snap Poll, which asked public, private and civil society leaders to answer 11 questions about whether, when, and why they use governance data in their work. A total of 160 participants to the snap poll indicated familiarity with the Country Reports.

# 160

survey respondents were familiar with the Country Reports.

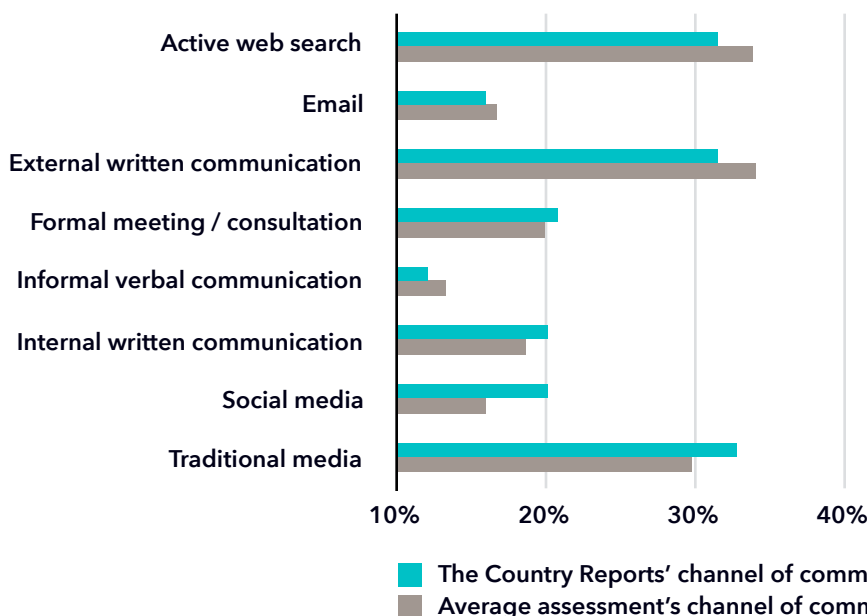
### Who is familiar with the Country Reports (by policy domain)?



# 40%

76 (40%) out of 190 data users working within the governance domain were familiar with the Country Reports.

### How did data users become familiar with the Country Reports?\*



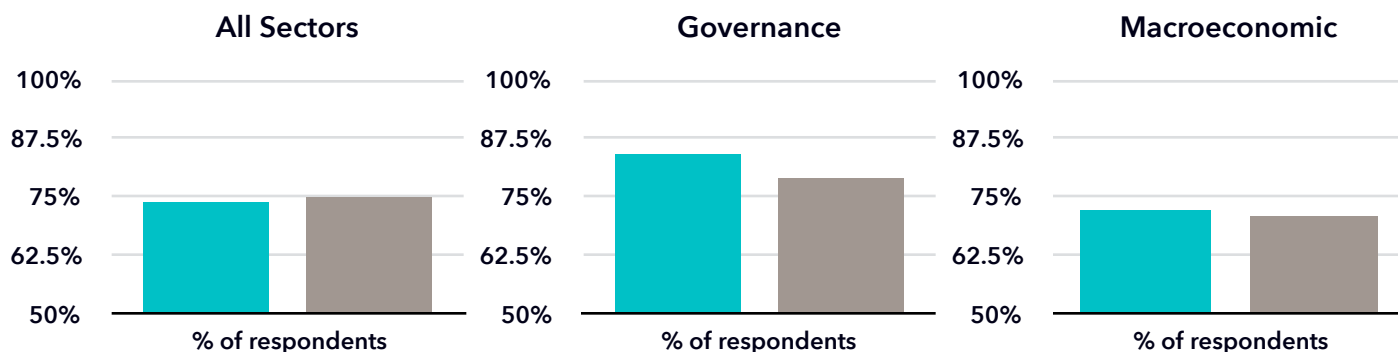
# 33%

of data users became familiar with the Country Reports through traditional media (e.g., newspapers, magazines).

\*Snap poll participants could select multiple channels of communications for how they became familiar with a particular assessment.

## How many data users found the Country Reports to be *important* or *essential* to their work?

■ The Country Reports ■ Avg. Assessment



**74%**

*of all data users considered the Country Reports to be important or essential to their work, 1% below the average assessment.*

**84%**

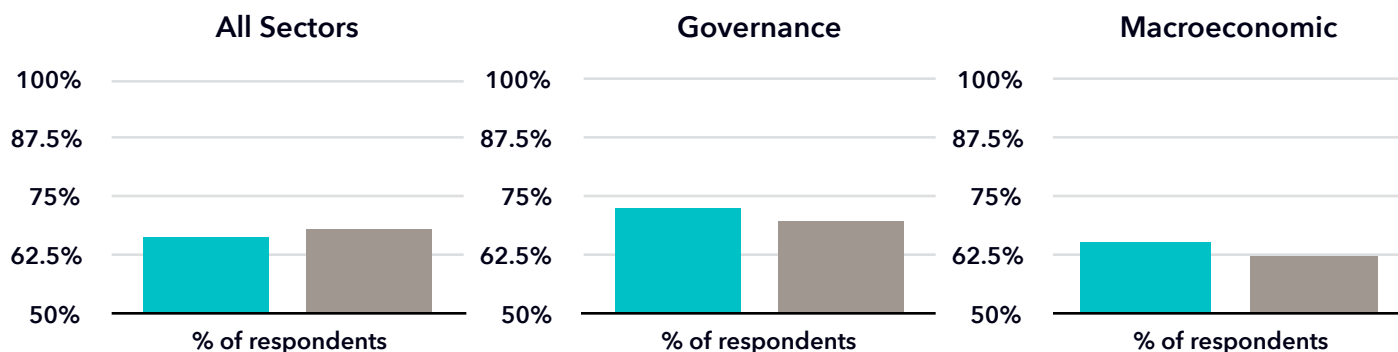
*of data users in the governance domain considered the Country Reports to be important or essential to their work.*

**72%**

*of data users in the macroeconomic domain considered the Country Reports to be important or essential to their work.*

## How many data users found the Country Reports to be *helpful* or *very helpful* to their work?

■ The Country Reports ■ Avg. Assessment



**66%**

*of all data users evaluated the Country Reports to be helpful or very helpful to their work, 2% below the average assessment.*

**73%**

*of data users in the governance domain evaluated the Country Reports to be helpful or very helpful to their work.*

**65%**

*of data users in the macroeconomic domain evaluated the Country Reports to be helpful or very helpful to their work.*

### Background

Designed and fielded by AidData at the College of William & Mary, the 2016 Governance Data Alliance Snap Poll offers a unique window into the experiences of public, private, and civil society leaders in advancing reforms in their countries and the role of a broad range of governance data in that process. Respondents answered 11 questions about whether, when, how, and why they use governance data in their work. 3000+ policy-makers and practitioners in low- and middle-income countries received an invitation to participate in the online snap poll. 515 individuals in 111 countries participated, yielding a response rate of 17.7%.

### Citation

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