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THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

29/01/2021: We've ranked 180 countries, so what?

Yesterday, we released our **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2020**, and the results make one thing clear – corruption kills people.



Watch 'Corruption Perceptions Index 2020' by Transparency International to learn more.

COVID-19 is not just a health and economic crisis, but also a corruption crisis.

Our research shows that countries where corruption is more pervasive are less able to provide health care for their citizens and are the least equipped to handle crises.

Countries with high levels of corruption also relied less on democratic responses to the COVID-19 crisis, leading to democratic backsliding in many regions of the world.

More than a year into the crisis, with vaccines already available in many parts of the world, there's a looming question of whether [corruption will continue to undermine vaccine distribution](#) too.



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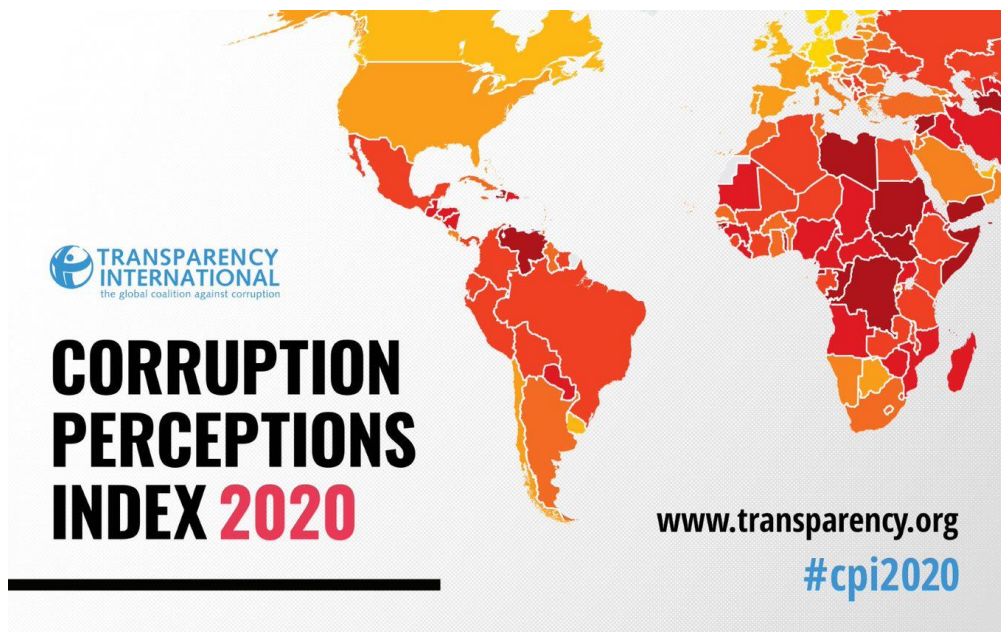
The index also reveals that **most countries have made little to no progress in tackling corruption in almost a decade** and **more than two-thirds of countries scored below 50 out of 100**. But [even top-scoring countries have corruption challenges](#) at home and are responsible for enabling or fuelling corruption abroad.

Progress against corruption and a fair and equitable recovery from COVID-19 are possible if important decisions are made in the interests of the public, not the powerful. The only question that remains is how will we respond?

[See the results](#)

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STORY OF THE WEEK



[Corruption Perceptions Index 2020](#)

We analysed 180 countries to see how they scored in the fight against corruption. Despite some progress, most countries are failing to tackle corruption effectively. How does your country measure up?

FEATURED STORIES



[CPI 2020: Global highlights](#)

The 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index paints a grim picture of the state of corruption worldwide. Not only is corruption undermining the response to the global crisis of COVID-19, it is also contributing to a crisis of democracy. Find out how corruption levels and countries' response to COVID-19 are correlated in our analysis.

