Key Finding #1: Major Gaps in Budget Transparency in MENA

- Jordan: 50
- Egypt: 49
- Lebanon: 32
- Morocco: 28
- Yemen: 25
- Saudi Arabia: 1
- Algeria: 1
- Iraq: 0

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Key finding #2: The regional trend towards budget transparency is positive

OBI Scores 2006-2010 in the Middle East & North Africa

*Data not comparable between 2006 & 2008
Key Finding #3: Lack of Transparency Compounded by Weak Oversight Institutions
Recommendations - Short term

1. Governments can improve budget transparency immediately

- Budget documents should be widely available for free and on a timely basis.

- Countries should publish all the budget documents they already produce for internal purposes or donors.

- This offers opportunities for immediate, low-cost, substantial improvements.
## Documents Produced But Not Published

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**Total Percent of Eight Key Budget Documents Produced**
(including both published and unpublished documents)

- Scant or no Information (Score 0-20): 71%
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Recommendations – Short Term (cont.)

2. Legislatures and SAIs should expand use of current resources and powers

• Provide the public with opportunities to attend and testify during budget discussions in legislatures;

• Hold public consultations during the development, execution, and publication of audits by SAIs; and

• Partner with CSOs and universities to improve access to analysts and communities
Recommendations - Medium Term

1. **Establish global norms** on budget transparency and participation

2. **Donors promote budget transparency and engagement**
   - Improve transparency of aid flows and compatibility with country budget systems
   - Emphasize transparency and engagement in all PFM reforms
   - Strengthen linkages between transparency performance and aid modalities
   - Increase parallel support to oversight institutions and CSOs
   - Use OBI to diagnose problems and target country reforms
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