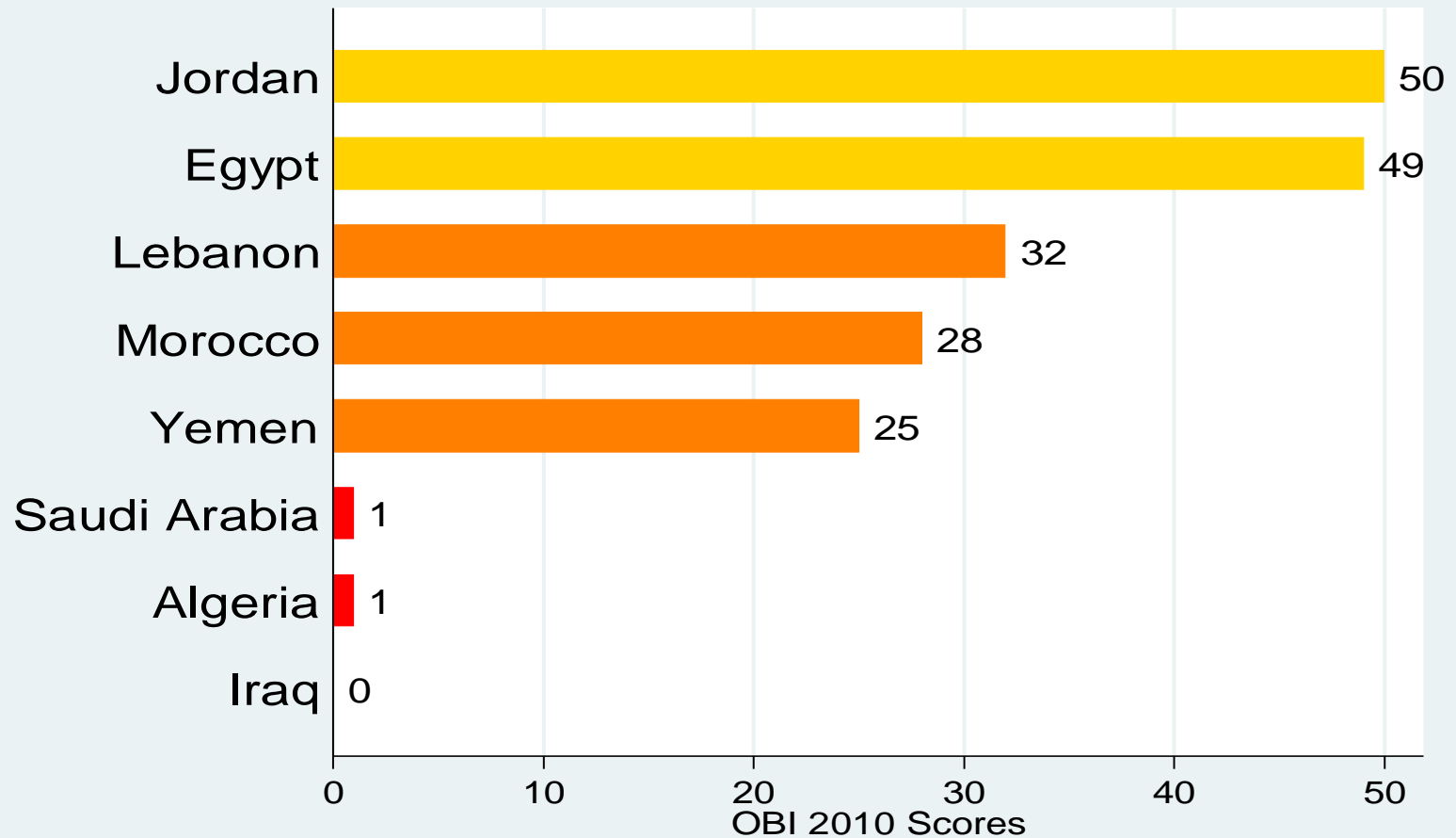




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# Key Finding #1: Major Gaps in Budget Transparency in MENA

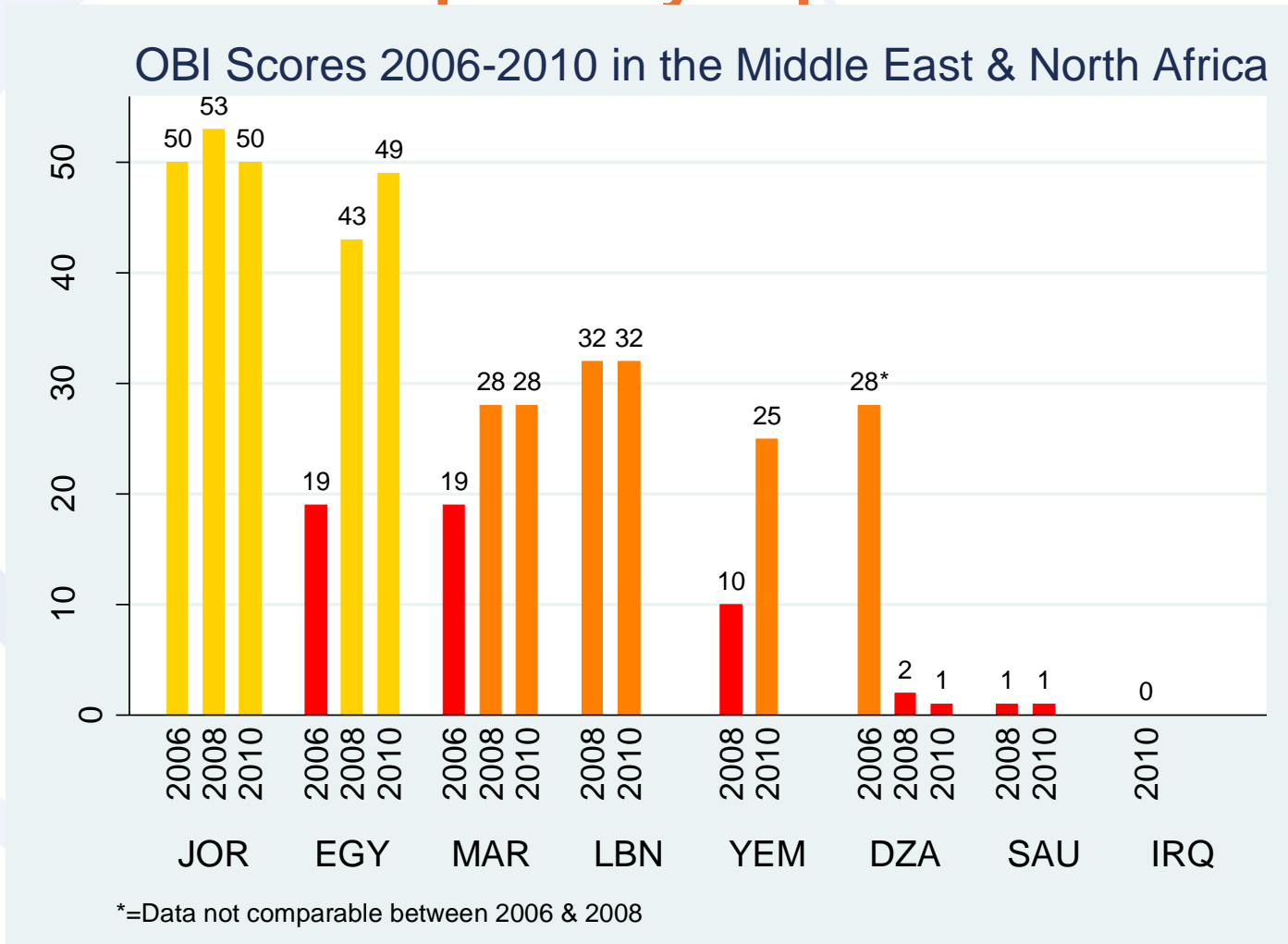


# Availability of Key Budget Documents in the Middle East & North Africa

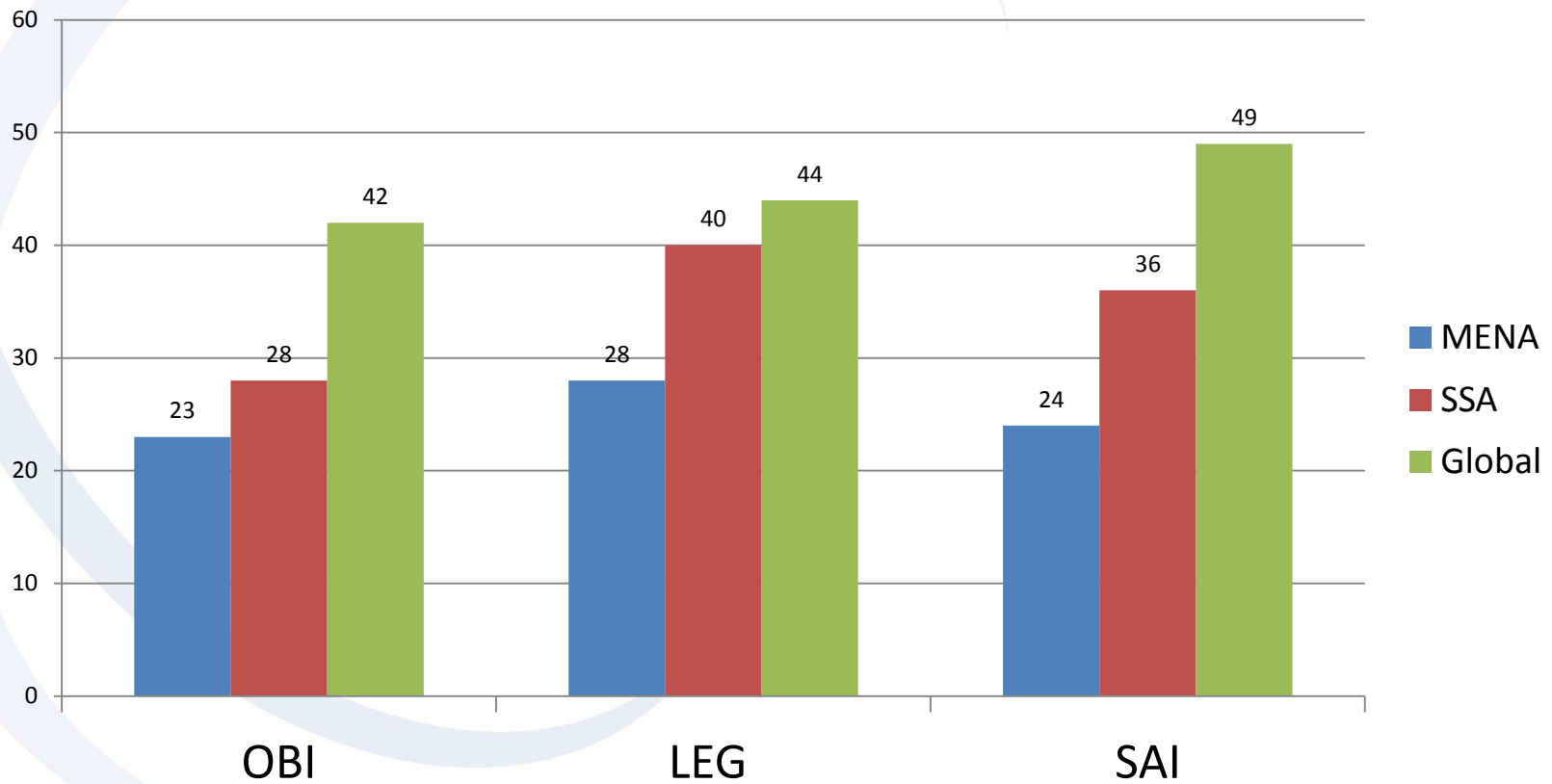
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	Pre-Budget Statement	Executive's Budget Proposal	Enacted Budget	Citizen's Budget	In-Year Reports	Mid-Year Review	Year-End Report	Audit Report
Algeria	IU	IU	PW	NP	NP	IU	IU	IU
Egypt	NP	PW	PW	NP	PW	PW	PW	IU
Iraq	IU	IU	IU	NP	IU	IU	IU	IU
Jordan	PW	PW	PW	NP	PW	IU	HC	HC
Lebanon	NP	PW	NP	NP	PW	IU	PW	NP
Morocco	NP	PW	PW	NP	PW	NP	IU	NP
Saudi Arabia	NP	IU	IU	NP	NP	NP	IU	IU
Yemen	IU	PW	PW	NP	PW	NP	PW	IU

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



# 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

Document Status	Scant or no Information (Score 0-20)	Some (Score 41-60)
<b>Produced and Published</b>	4%	69%
<b>Produced for Internal Use Only (but not published)</b>	67%	12%
<b>Total Percent of Eight Key Budget Documents Produced (including both published and unpublished documents)</b>	71%	81%



## 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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