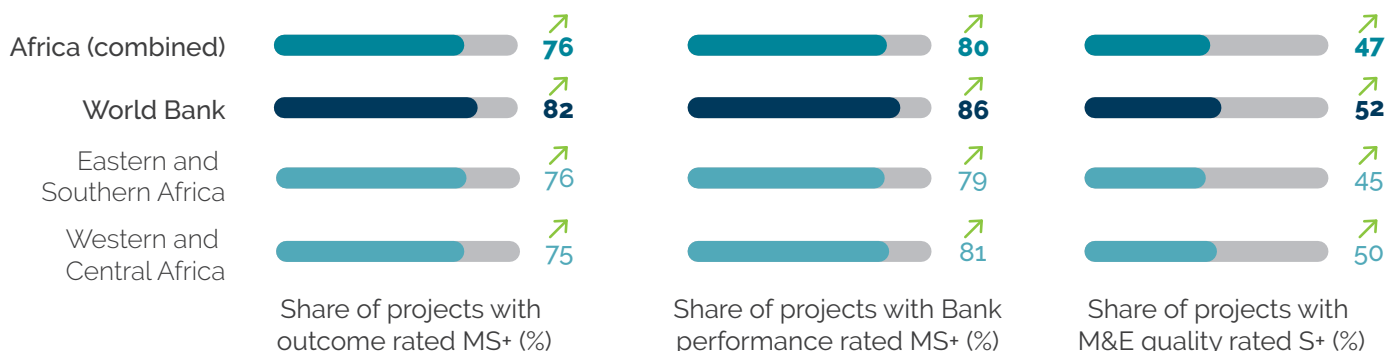


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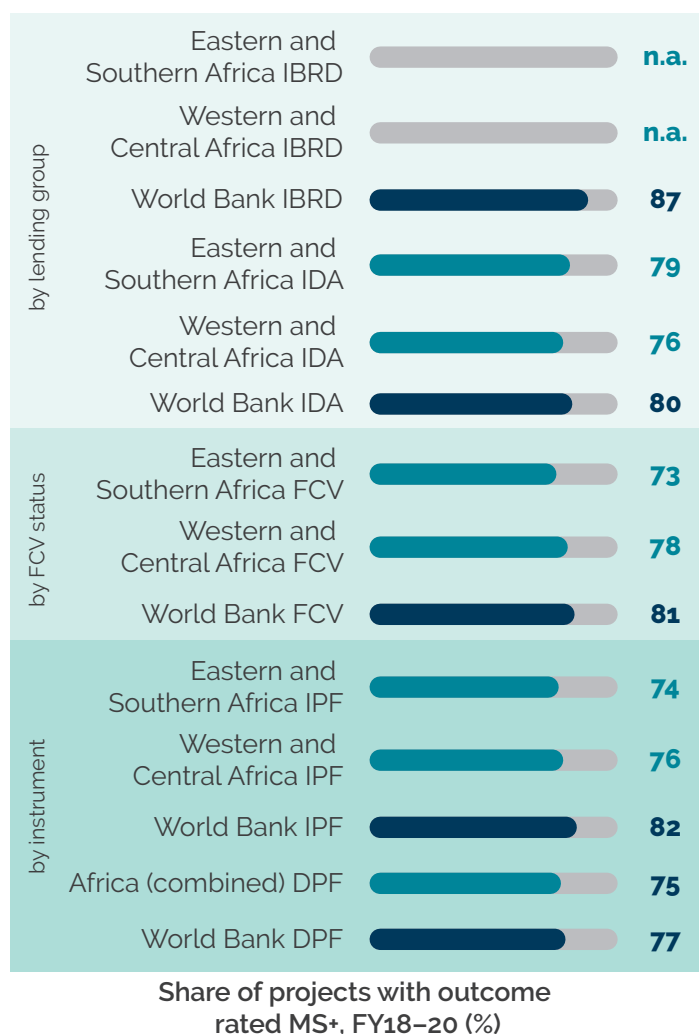
World Bank Project Ratings FY18–20 (compared with FY15–17)



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Note: To facilitate comparability with general World Bank results, the ratings presented use the RAP 2021 data set, updated on August 10, 2021. More recent statistics can be derived using the online tool available at <https://ieg.worldbankgroup.org/ieg-data-world-bank-project-ratings>. The figure shows the percentage of projects closed in FY18–20 with outcome or Bank performance rated moderately satisfactory or above or with M&E quality rated substantial or above. Arrows (↑ or ↓) show trend compared with the percentage of projects closed in FY15–17 (the previous three-year period). FY = fiscal year; M&E = monitoring and evaluation; MS+ = moderately satisfactory or above; S+ = substantial or above.¹

Africa in Depth



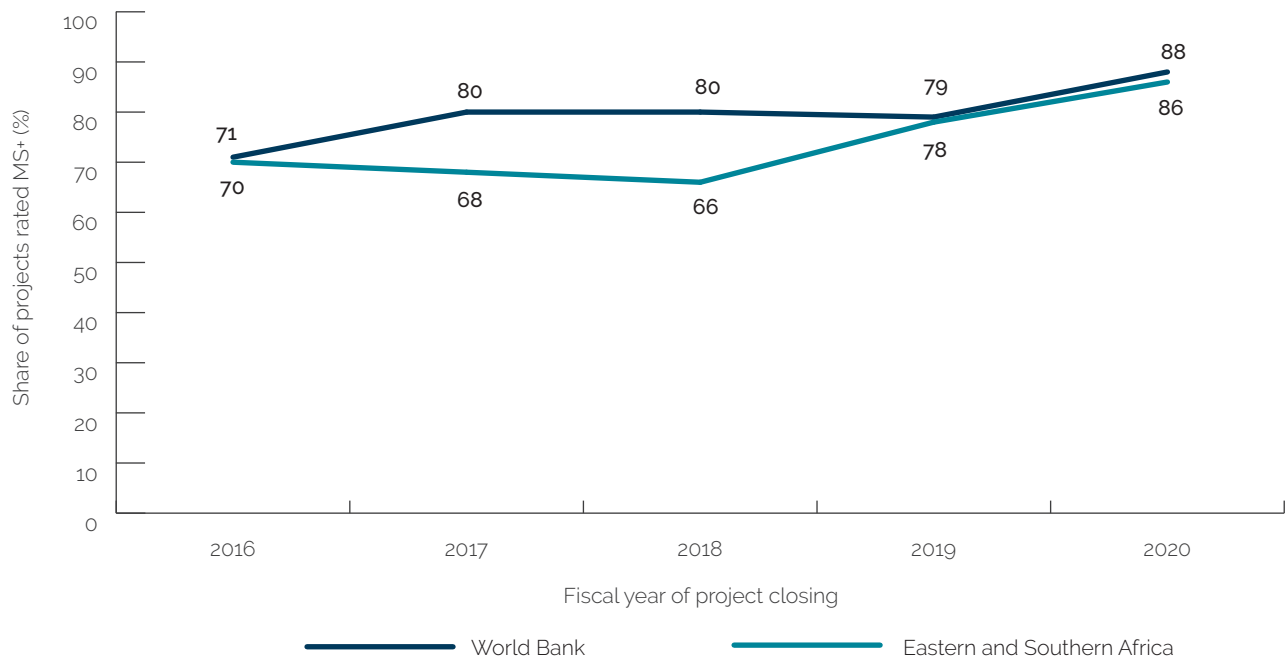
- ▶ The percentage of projects that closed in fiscal years (FY)18–20 with project outcomes rated moderately satisfactory or above was very similar for Eastern and Southern Africa and Western and Central Africa—about 75 percent.
- ▶ Projects in both Africa Regions saw increases in outcome ratings. The increase was especially steep in Western and Central Africa, with a 12-percentage-point increase in the share of projects rated moderately satisfactory or above between the earlier and the most recent period.
- ▶ Western and Central Africa experienced a remarkable increase in monitoring and evaluation quality ratings. The increase for Eastern and Southern Africa was also quite large, but did not achieve quite the same level of growth.

Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Note: DPF = development policy financing; FCV = fragility, conflict, and violence; FY = fiscal year; IBRD = International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; IDA = International Development Association; IPF = investment project financing; MS+ = moderately satisfactory or above; n.a. = not applicable.²

Project Outcome Ratings over Time, Eastern and Southern Africa

Eastern and Southern Africa and World Bank Projects Rated Moderately Satisfactory or Above



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Note: MS+ = moderately satisfactory or above.

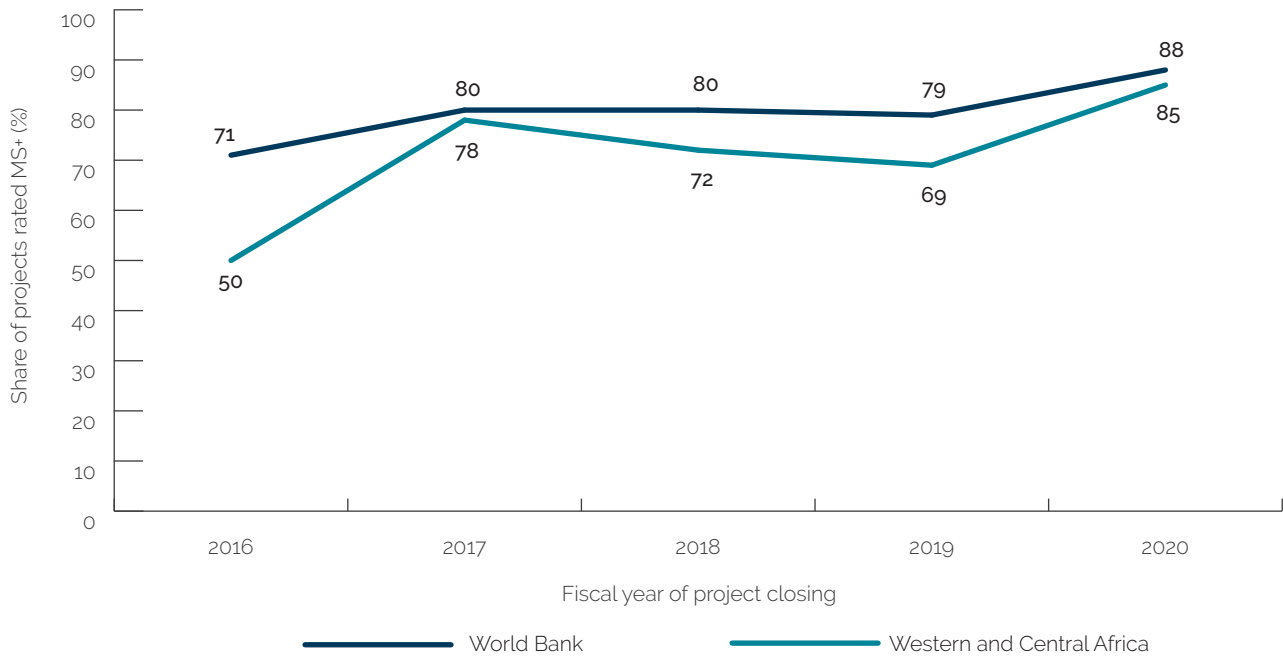
Eastern and Southern Africa Projects, Percentage Distribution of Ratings



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Project Outcome Ratings over Time, Western and Central Africa

Western and Central Africa and World Bank Projects Rated Moderately Satisfactory or Above



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Note: Note: MS+ = moderately satisfactory or above.

Western and Central Africa Projects, Trend in Percentage Distribution of Ratings



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

International Finance Corporation Project Ratings

IFC investment projects with development outcome rated MS+, CY17–19 (%)

Sub-Saharan Africa **38**

All IFC **47**

IFC advisory services projects with development effectiveness rated MS+, FY17–19 (%)

Sub-Saharan Africa **51**

All IFC **52**

- ▶ Development outcome ratings for International Finance Corporation (IFC) investments in Sub-Saharan Africa continued their trend of increasing since the last program (2016–18), although the increase was relatively small. The Region is tied with Latin America and the Caribbean for the lowest rating among all Regions.
- ▶ Development effectiveness ratings for IFC advisory services in Sub-Saharan Africa continued their trend of increasing since the last program (2016–18). The Region’s development effectiveness performance is almost the same as IFC’s average.

Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Note: Ratings are weighted by number of rated projects. CY= calendar year; FY = fiscal year; IFC = International Finance Corporation; MS+ = mostly successful or better.

Notes

¹In the RAP 2021 data set, the FY18–20 cohort includes 96 percent of projects closed in those years for which the Independent Evaluation Group had received an Implementation Completion and Results Report or 91 percent also counting projects for which the report was expected but had not yet been completed. In the figure, the percentage shown for each group (or suggested by each up or down arrow) uses as its denominator the number of projects in that group that closed in FY18–20 (or FY15–17) and had outcome ratings in the data set. The groups and their respective denominators are as follows: World Bank–wide, 674 and 805; Africa (combined Regions), 231 and 238; Eastern and Southern Africa, 110 and 116; Western and Central Africa, 121 and 122.

²The combined Africa Regions had only 5 IBRD operations closed in FY18–20 and rated, which is too few for meaningful comparison reporting. All 5 were rated moderately satisfactory or above. In the figure, the percentage shown for each group uses as its denominator the number of projects with outcome ratings in that group. The groups and their respective denominators for World Bank are as follows: IBRD 294, IDA 335, FCV 119, IPF 586, DPF 75; for Eastern and Southern Africa, they are as follows: IBRD 4, IDA 92, FCV 26, IPF 101, DPF 5; and for Western and Central Africa, they are as follows: IBRD 1, IDA 107, FCV 45, IPF 102, DPF 19.