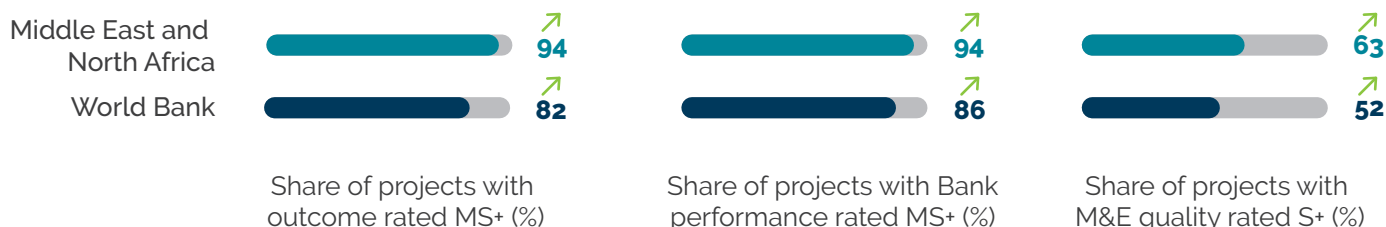


# Middle East and North Africa | Performance and Outcomes

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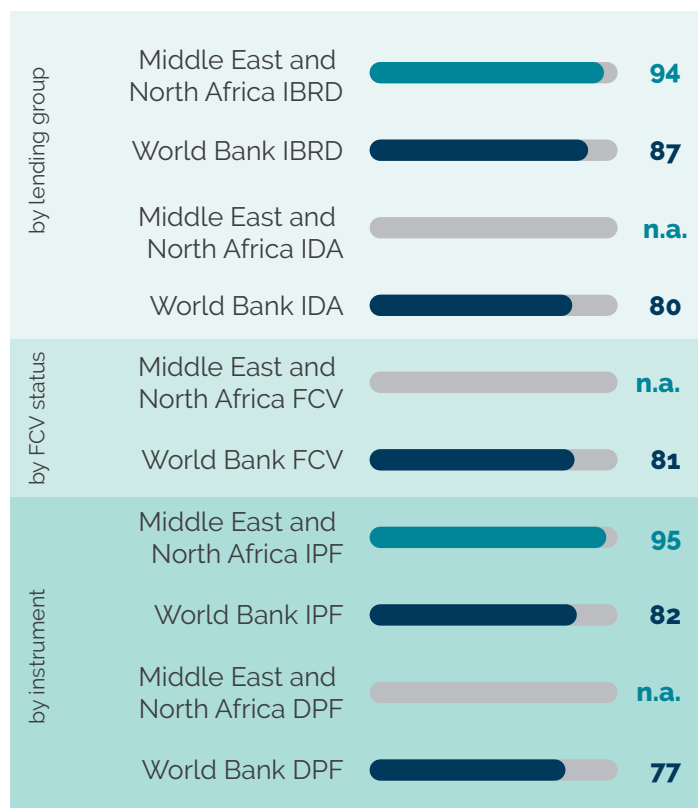
## World Bank Project Ratings FY18–20 (compared with FY15–17)



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Note: To facilitate comparability with general World Bank results, the ratings presented use the RAP 2021 dataset, 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.<sup>1</sup>

## Middle East and North Africa in Depth



Share of projects with outcome rated MS+, FY18–20 (%)

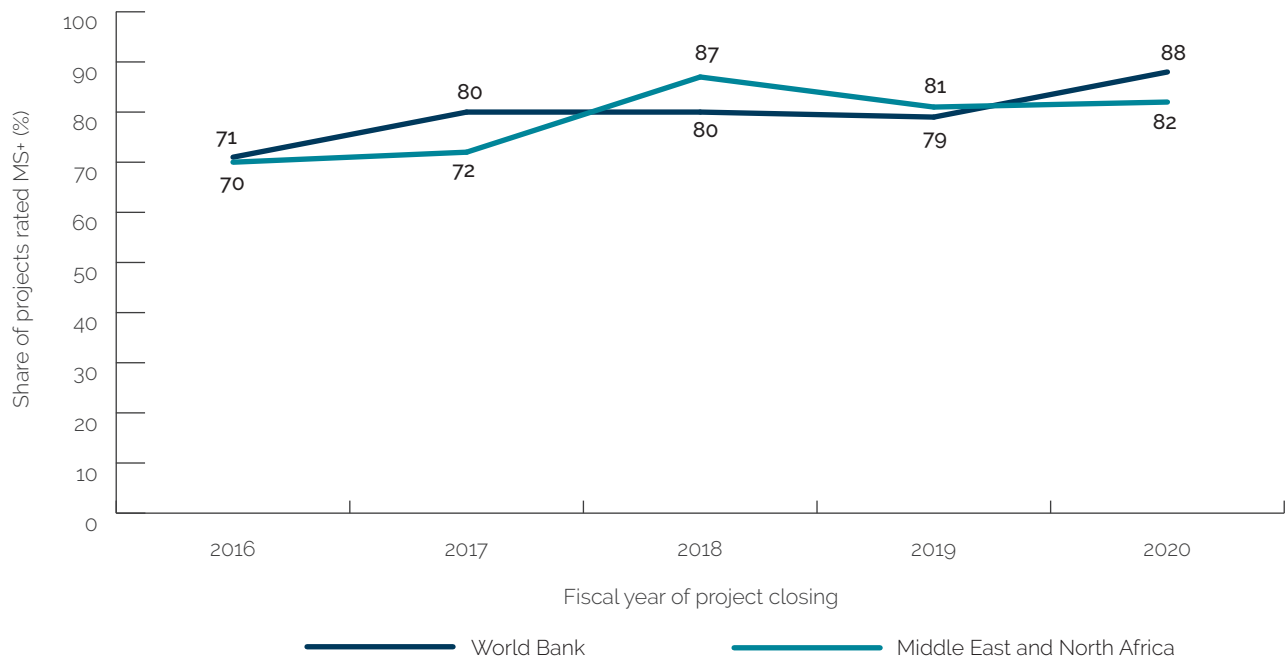
- ▶ With 94 percent of projects that closed in fiscal year (FY)18–20 rated moderately satisfactory or above, the Middle East and North Africa Region is the best-performing Region. It is also the smallest, containing only 7 percent of all World Bank projects that closed in FY18–20, down from 9 percent in FY15–17.
- ▶ The percentage of projects with a monitoring and evaluation quality rating of substantial or above is also especially high, at 63 percent in FY18–20, with a 20 percentage-point increase from FY15–17.
- ▶ Bank performance is also very high in the Region, with 94 percent of projects that closed in FY18–20 rated moderately satisfactory or above.

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.<sup>2</sup>

## Project Outcome Ratings over Time, Middle East and North Africa

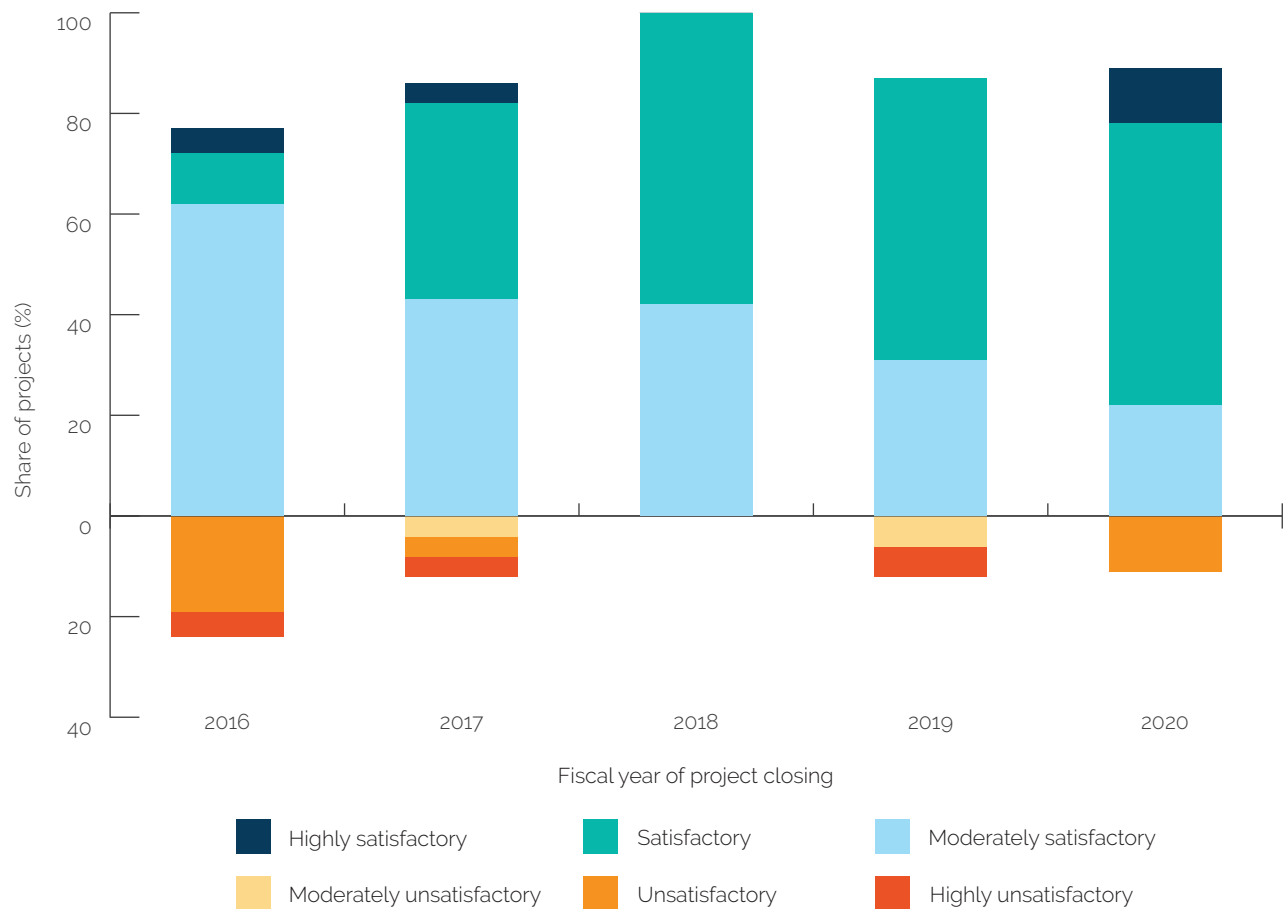
Middle East and North Africa and World Bank Projects Rated Moderately Satisfactory or Above



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

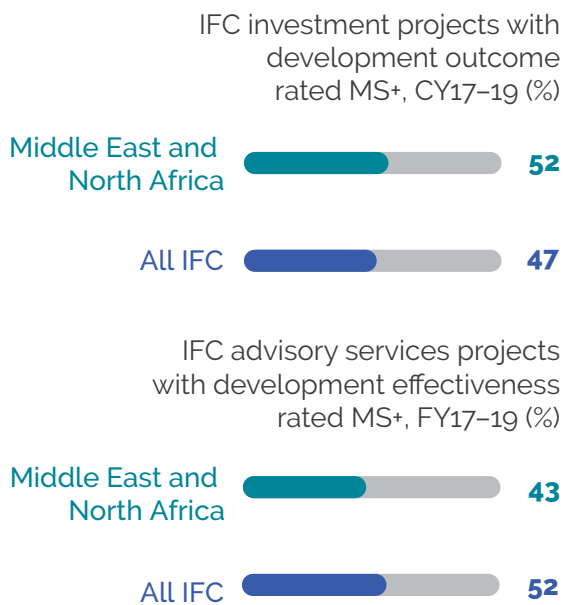
Note: MS+ = moderately satisfactory or above.

## Middle East and North Africa Projects, Percentage Distribution of Ratings



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

## International Finance Corporation Project Ratings



- ▶ Development outcome ratings for International Finance Corporation (IFC) investments in Middle East and North Africa continued their trend of increasing since the 2014–16 program. The Region’s rating is higher than IFC’s average.
- ▶ Development outcome ratings IFC advisory services in Middle East and North Africa continued their trend of increasing since the last program (2016–18). However, the Region has the lowest rating among all Regions.

Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

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

## Notes

<sup>1</sup>In 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; Middle East and North Africa, 49 and 71.

<sup>2</sup>The Middle East and North Africa Region had 7 IDA operations, 9 FCV operations, and 6 DPF operations closed in FY18–20 and rated, which is too few for meaningful comparison reporting. Six out of the 7 IDA operations, all 9 FCV operations, and 5 out of the 6 DPF operations 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; and for Middle East and North Africa, they are as follows: IBRD 31, IDA 7, FCV 9, IPF 43, DPF 6.