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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

SCORE: 43%

RANK: 76/182

SSA | WORLD AVG: 32/42

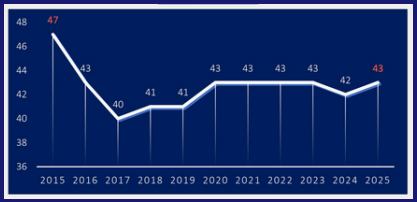
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Ghana gained a percentage point to increase its score from 42 (2024) to 43 in 2025. Since declining by 4 percentage points (2015-2016), Ghana has struggled to catch up with it 2014 best score of 48.

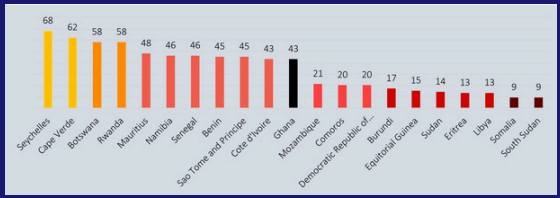
The country has stagnated in its CPI score since 2020. It ranked 11th in the region in the 2025 scores, trailing far behind regional integrity leaders like Seychelles, Cape Verde and Rwanda.

Although Ghana's score is above the regional average (32), the sharp decline (between 2014 and 2017), and the lack of improvement (between 2020 and 2024) demonstrate how governments have largely been ineffective in tackling public sector corruption.

Ten-Year Trend



HIGHEST & LOWEST SCORING COUNTRIES IN SSA REGION



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From the OSP to ORAL: The Challenges

Institutional reforms are yet to convince people of government's commitment to root out corruption. The OSP continues to face structural and political roadblocks in executing its mandates. A move to abolish the office was withdrawn by presidential intervention in December 2024 underscoring lingering dissatisfaction and opposition to the works of the independent anti-corruption agency.

Government's promise to "recover all loot" is yet to witness any major or high-profile conviction. Instead, the Attorney General has been criticised for accepting partial settlement deals against the pursuit of full recovery and convictions. This controversy challenges ORAL's credibility as it promised. On the other hand, the OSP has been sidelined in ORAL cases. The Attorney General has been the main prosecutor on ORAL cases, while juggling roles as Minister for Justice.

Ghana's performance in the CPI is trapped. Institutional changes and initiatives like ORAL are yet to register any positive shifts. This prompts the need to enhance efficiency of anti corruption institutions, and collaborations to ruthlessly tackle corruption and increase Ghana's performance in the CPI.



Priority Recommendations to the Government of Ghana

1. **Enhance collaboration between the Attorney General and other anti-corruption agencies on ORAL, especially the OSP, with a robust coordination framework.**
2. **Attorney General should fully prosecute, recover proceeds and convict high-profile corruption and corruption related cases to improve confidence in the fight against corruption.**
3. **Parliament should pass a political financing bill to enhance transparency in party and campaign financing and address illicit financial flows in party activities and operations.**

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