

## WFD Pandemic Democracy Tracker scoring system

The data for [WFD's Pandemic Democracy Tracker](#) is collected by WFD's country teams, using a standardised survey designed by WFD. Updates are provided at regular intervals.

The results are aggregated and scored according to criteria designed by WFD's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning team, with higher scores indicating a more democratic response.

The focus is on examining the nature of the response to COVID-19, rather than general characteristics of the political system in normal circumstances. For example, countries receive a higher score if their emergency legislation in response to COVID-19 has an expiry date and a lower score if it is in place for an unlimited amount of time. The scores also account for the inclusivity of the response by scoring countries higher if their pandemic-related socio-economic policies are gender-responsive, for instance.

### Section 1: Executive Response

<b>Question</b>	<b>Scoring Logic</b>
Have civil liberties been restricted?	0 – Expansive Restrictions (4+) 2 – Limited Restrictions (1-3) 4 – No restrictions
Does emergency action taken have an expiry date (sunset clause)?	0 – No 4 – Yes
<b>Section One Overall Score</b>	<b>1 – Combined score 0</b> <b>2 – Combined score 1-2</b> <b>3 – Combined score 3-4</b> <b>4 – Combined score 5-6</b> <b>5 – Combined score 7-8</b>

### Section 2: Parliamentary response

<b>Question</b>	<b>Scoring Logic</b>
What has the practical impact on parliament been?	0 – Dissolved/Unscheduled recess 4 – Operating – virtually or with social distancing measures
Has parliament taken any oversight actions of the executive?	0 – No Action 1 – 1 Action 2 – 2 Action 3 – 3 Action 4 – 4 Action
<b>Section Two Overall Score</b>	<b>1 – Combined score 0</b> <b>2 – Combined score 1-2</b> <b>3 – Combined score 3-4</b> <b>4 – Combined score 5-6</b> <b>5 – Combined score 7-8</b>

### Section 3: Socio-economic impact

<b>Question</b>	<b>Scoring Logic</b>
Have any social or economic protections been provide?	0 – No protections 2– Economic protections only 4– Multi-sector protections (health, food etc)
Have socio-economic policies been gender responsive?	0 – No 4– Yes
<b>Section Three Overall Score</b>	<b>1 – Combined score 0</b> <b>2 – Combined score 1-2</b> <b>3 – Combined score 3-4</b> <b>4 – Combined score 5-6</b> <b>5 – Combined score 7-8</b>

### Section 4: Political impact

<b>Question</b>	<b>Scoring Logic</b>
What impact has there been on elections scheduled between March-October 2020?	0 – Delayed without rescheduled date 1 – Held as normal 4 – Delayed with rescheduled date 5 – Held but adapted to COVID risks
What has been the response to the pandemic from civil society?	(Answers clustered by theme: scrutiny, advocacy, community support)  0 – None 1 – Any 1 theme 2 – Any 2 themes 3 – Any 3 themes
<b>Section Four Overall Score</b>	<b>1 – Combined score 0</b> <b>2 – Combined score 1-2</b> <b>3 – Combined score 3-4</b> <b>4 – Combined score 5-6</b> <b>5 – Combined score 7-8</b>
<b>Overall Country Score</b>	<b>Scoring Logic</b> <b>1 – Combined score 1-4</b> <b>2 – Combined score 5-9</b> <b>3 – Combined score 10-14</b> <b>4 – Combined score 15-19</b> <b>5 – Combined score 20-24</b>