

Country factsheet



Afghanistan*



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Overall Index

position 11 of 30 countries

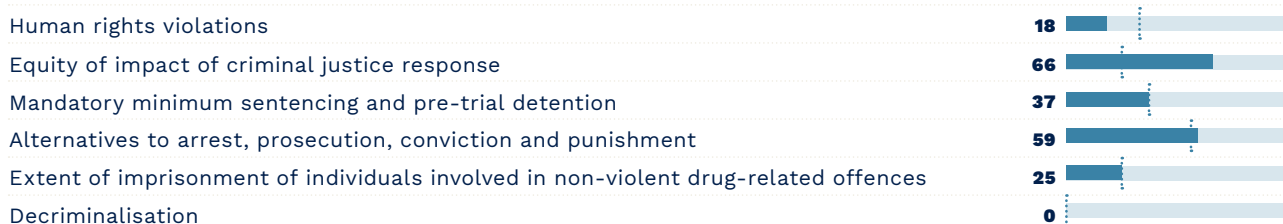


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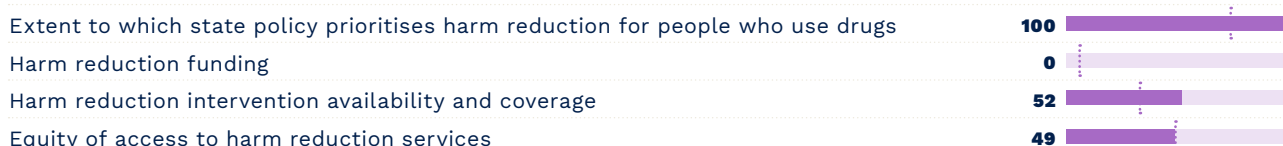
ABSENCE OF EXTREME SENTENCING AND RESPONSES



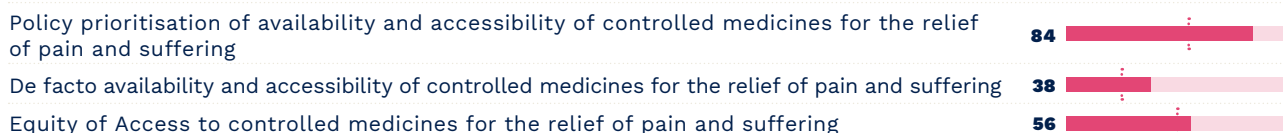
PROPORTIONALITY OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE



HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION



AVAILABILITY OF AND ACCESS TO INTERNATIONALLY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FOR PAIN RELIEF



DEVELOPMENT



'Because I'm a drug user, I know what's "wrong" with drug users. They are always insulted and humiliated. Every time, [authorities] come [and capture] drug users, they beat them. Criminalisation does not allow us to help our community'

-Abdur Raheem Rejaey, Head of Bridge Hope Health Organization, a community-led organisation providing peer support

*Please note that data collection via the expert civil society survey was conducted as the military offensive by the Taliban was unfolding in Afghanistan in August 2021. Inevitably, this major crisis caused considerable difficulties for local civil society experts to be able to respond to the survey, resulting in many responses coming from experts living outside of Afghanistan. This might explain the fact that perceptions on certain drug policy issues covered by the Index for the period 2020 might seem to be overly positive compared to how similar issues were perceived and scored by local civil society in other countries