

2026 IIAG Scorecard - São Tomé and Príncipe

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

2025 SCORE/100	2025 RANK/54	CHANGE 2016-2025
59.1	13 th	-0.3

TREND

Increasing Improvement	Bouncing Back	No Change
Slowing Improvement	Slowing Deterioration	Not Classified
Warning Signs	Increasing Deterioration	

SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
SECURITY & RULE OF LAW	62.0	9	-1.5
SECURITY & SAFETY	86.9	2	-2.9
Absence of Armed Conflict	100.0	1	0.0
Absence of Violence against Civilians	93.8	7	-6.2
Absence of Forced Migration	96.7	10	+3.5
Absence of Human Trafficking & Forced Labour	98.0	1	0.0
Absence of Crime	93.9	1	+1.0
Public Perception of Security & Safety	39.0	25	-15.8
RULE OF LAW & JUSTICE	64.4	7	-0.1
Executive Compliance with the Rule of Law	77.4	10	+1.3
Impartiality of the Judicial System	46.2	23	+1.2
Judicial Processes	76.8	4	0.0
Equality before the Law	100.0	1	0.0
Law Enforcement	25.0	42	0.0
Property Rights	89.0	3	0.0
Public Perception of the Rule of Law	36.4	20	-3.3
ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY	50.6	12	+1.1
Institutional Checks & Balances	84.4	1	-3.6
Absence of Undue Influence	62.5	6	0.0
Civic Checks & Balances	64.3	14	0.0
Disclosure of Public Records	25.0	38	+12.5
Accessibility of Public Records	19.3	41	-3.5
Public Perception of Accountability	48.1	17	+1.3
ANTI-CORRUPTION	46.0	19	-4.1
Anti-Corruption Mechanisms	8.3	47	-8.4
Absence of Corruption in State Institutions	72.8	2	+1.3
Absence of Corruption in the Public Sector	63.7	7	-1.3
Public Procurement Procedures	25.0	30	0.0
Absence of Corruption in the Private Sector	60.0	9	0.0
Public Perception of Anti-Corruption	46.1	22	-16.1

FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	46.8	37	-0.1
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	47.3	36	-5.2
Civil Registration	62.5	28	+37.5
Capacity of the Statistical System	51.9	27	+12.3
Effective Administration	46.2	30	-4.8
Tax & Revenue Mobilisation	34.0	44	-13.8
Budgetary & Financial Management	55.6	37	-9.7
Public Perception of Easiness to Obtain an Identity Document	33.6	23	-52.5
BUSINESS & LABOUR ENVIRONMENT	52.5	18	+7.9
Regional Integration	31.0	39	+13.3
Economic Diversification	66.9	21	+28.2
Business & Competition Regulations	52.6	30	-1.9
Access to Banking Services	30.4	19	+0.2
Labour Relations	75.0	3	0.0
Secure Employment Opportunities	68.6	17	+0.1
Public Perception of Economic Opportunities	42.7	12	+15.2
INFRASTRUCTURE	38.1	33	+1.8
Transport Network	25.0	25	-1.4
Access to Energy	42.5	28	+7.3
Mobile Communications	72.3	34	+6.7
Internet	27.4	41	-3.8
Shipping & Postal Network	1.8	53	0.0
Public Perception of Infrastructure	59.6	9	+1.7
RURAL ECONOMY	49.4	39	-4.7
Rural Land & Water Access	51.8	40	-2.3
Rural Market Access	.	.	.
Rural Economy Support	47.5	34	+9.0
Rural Representation & Participation	49.0	40	-20.6

PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

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PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION	68.0	7	+1.1
PARTICIPATION	67.1	7	-4.3
Freedom of Association & Assembly	87.5	1	0.0
Political Pluralism	60.9	9	-5.0
Civil Society Space	90.4	3	-0.9
Democratic Elections	54.4	15	-7.6
Deliberative & Participatory Governance	57.4	23	-3.8
Public Perception of Political Participation	51.7	24	-9.0
RIGHTS	74.2	6	+0.9
Personal Liberties	73.2	7	0.0
Freedom of Expression & Belief	91.9	4	-1.7
Media Freedom	70.1	10	+5.7
Digital Freedom	89.8	2	+3.2
Protection against Discrimination	33.3	17	0.0
Public Perception of Freedom of Speech	86.6	6	-2.0
INCLUSION & EQUALITY	58.2	15	+3.2
Equal Political Power	49.9	15	-2.2
Equal Political Representation	71.5	4	+13.4
Equal Civil Liberties	76.0	6	+3.4
Equal Socioeconomic Opportunities	52.0	27	+5.6
Equal Access to Public Services	41.0	26	+0.5
Public Perception of Inclusion & Equality	58.5	18	-1.6
WOMEN'S EQUALITY	72.8	9	+5.0
Political Power & Representation of Women	58.1	17	+7.0
Rights & Civil Liberties for Women	90.9	6	+5.0
Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women	48.8	25	0.0
Access to Public Services for Women	65.5	11	0.0
Laws on Violence against Women	100.0	1	0.0
Public Perception of Female Leadership	73.3	9	+17.5

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	59.4	15	-0.8
HEALTH	60.9	25	-5.9
Access to Healthcare	68.2	8	-1.8
Access to Water & Sanitation	58.4	17	+9.7
Control of Communicable Diseases	91.1	8	-0.1
Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	67.6	33	+2.3
Child & Maternal Health	87.0	6	+5.2
Health Quality	10.0	52	-23.3
Public Perception of Health Provision	44.3	26	-33.1
EDUCATION	56.6	23	-3.1
Equality in Education	46.4	27	+1.0
Education Enrolment	62.1	5	+4.2
Education Completion	.	.	.
Human Resources in Education	.	.	.
Education Quality	.	.	.
Public Perception of Education Provision	61.4	14	-14.3
SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELFARE	52.9	22	+2.4
Social Safety	41.7	20	+16.7
Poverty Reduction Policies	55.1	20	-0.3
Socioeconomic Inequality Mitigation	55.5	35	-7.8
Decent Housing	52.1	43	+0.1
Food Security	61.4	27	+0.2
Public Perception of Social Protection & Lived Poverty	51.6	9	+5.7
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	67.2	5	+3.2
Promotion of Environmental Sustainability	63.5	16	0.0
Enforcement of Environmental Policies	.	.	.
Air Quality	66.3	17	+11.6
Sustainable Use of Land & Forests	76.7	8	+3.4
Land & Water Biodiversity Protection	62.5	9	-2.1