



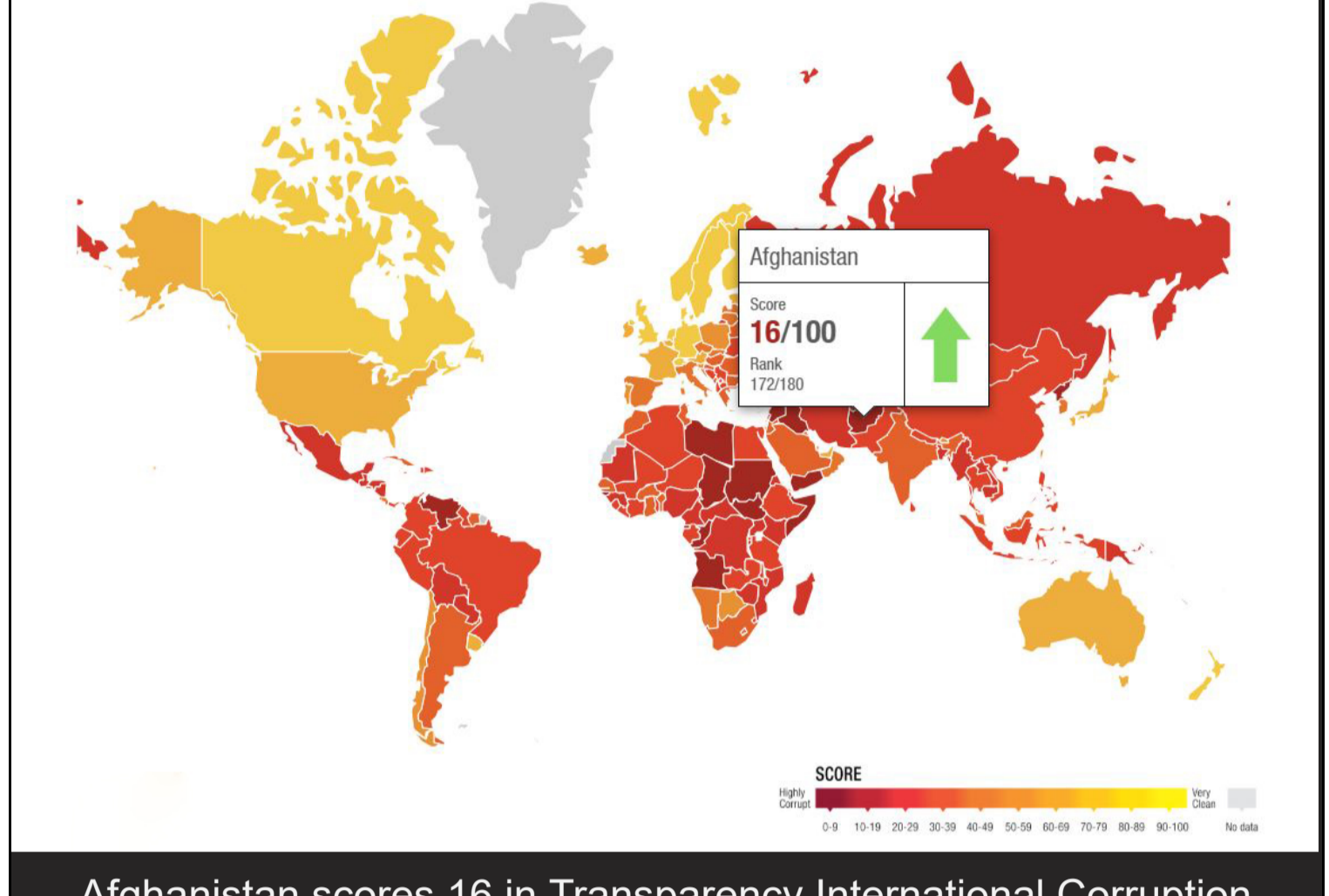
Ministry of Finance and the World Bank signed an agreement to support Economic Empowerment, Service Delivery, and Institutional Reforms

Dr. Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, Acting Minister of Finance and Chief Advisor on Infrastructure and Technology to the President of Afghanistan, and Shubham Chaudhuri, World Bank Country Director for Afghanistan, today signed a new financial package totaling \$325 million in grants. It will be implemented in line with the requirements and priorities of the government and the people of Afghanistan to support economic empowerment, service delivery, and institutional reforms. [Read more here.](#)



Ministerial meeting for implementation of the Geneva Mutual Accountability Framework was held

Dr. Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, the acting minister of Finance chaired the first ministerial-level meeting of the Geneva Mutual Accountability Framework (GMAF) with relevant authorities. The purpose of this meeting was to reconcile joint commitments between the Afghan government & development partners in accordance with the GMAF for the years 2019 & 2020. Dr. Qayoumi emphasized & said that in order to achieve the GMAF we need to establish & strengthen the coordination among the relevant stakeholders. Later, each participant presented their updates at the meeting. [Read more here.](#)



Afghanistan scores 16 in Transparency International Corruption Perception Index

According to Transparency International, though Afghanistan rates low on the Corruption Perception Index, its score increased by eight points in the last six years, moving from a score of 8 in 2012 to a score 16 in 2018. This can be attributed to efforts to improve key policies and legislation, reform the justice sector, and regulate national procurement activities. [Read more here.](#)

You can also read about other International Ranking of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on our website dedicated to reforms brought in the past few years. www.reforms.gov.af



Government is reviewing the United Nations portfolio in Afghanistan

A portfolio review of the United Nations is currently in process at the Ministry of Finance. A portfolio review is the process of reviewing the entirety of the finances related to an entity on a project level in order to assess whether the entity is aligned to the strategy (Afghanistan National Peace & Development Framework, National Priority Programs, and Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals) on a micro level and whether the portfolio as a whole has delivered its strategic objectives. For the UN agencies, we review each agency portfolio individually in order to gauge the efficacy and efficiency of their performance thus far and incorporate the findings into the review of the [ONE UN](#) in order to further increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Once the portfolio review of the UN agencies is complete then the Deputy Ministry for Policy and the Aid Management Directorate of the Ministry of Finance are responsible for completing the report and present to the Cabinet of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan & the Donor Agencies for further discussion.



Through the [#AirCorridor](#) program, Afghanistan has exported 6,000MTs of goods via 440 flights to European & Asian countries. The Air-Corridor is playing the role of a bridge, connecting Afghan traders to the world markets. [Read more here.](#)



Women now make 27.33% of the Civil Service Sector in Afghanistan. 5% increase just in 2018. The government of Afghanistan has worked on bringing more women to the public and private sector. Read more about this reform [HERE](#).

Reforms in the News

[To Aim Higher, Afghanistan's Central Bank Bet on Upskilling Employees](#)
The World Bank, January 29, 2019

[Kabul Residents Enjoy Better Mobility and Access to Services After Road Upgrades](#)
The World Bank, January 14, 2019

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