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# Toward Transparent and Effective Budgeting for Youth in Africa

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# What is the International Budget Partnership?

- Network of civil society organizations focused on budget analysis and advocacy
- Partners in over 100 countries around the world, including over 20 in Africa
- Provide technical and financial support
- Manage the global Open Budget Survey and Open Budget Index, a biannual measure and ranking of budget transparency



# Four Questions We Should Ask

1. Is money spent specifically on youth programs the best way to spend money that benefits youth?
2. When we spend money on youth, is that money managed in a transparent manner to ensure that it is spent well?
3. Has government produced plans and targets that demonstrate that it understands the nature of the problem and has a roadmap for solving it?
4. Are the youth involved in the design of youth programs and in monitoring their implementation, including the implementation of the budget for these programs?



**Question 1: Is money spent specifically on youth programs the best way to spend money that benefits the youth?**



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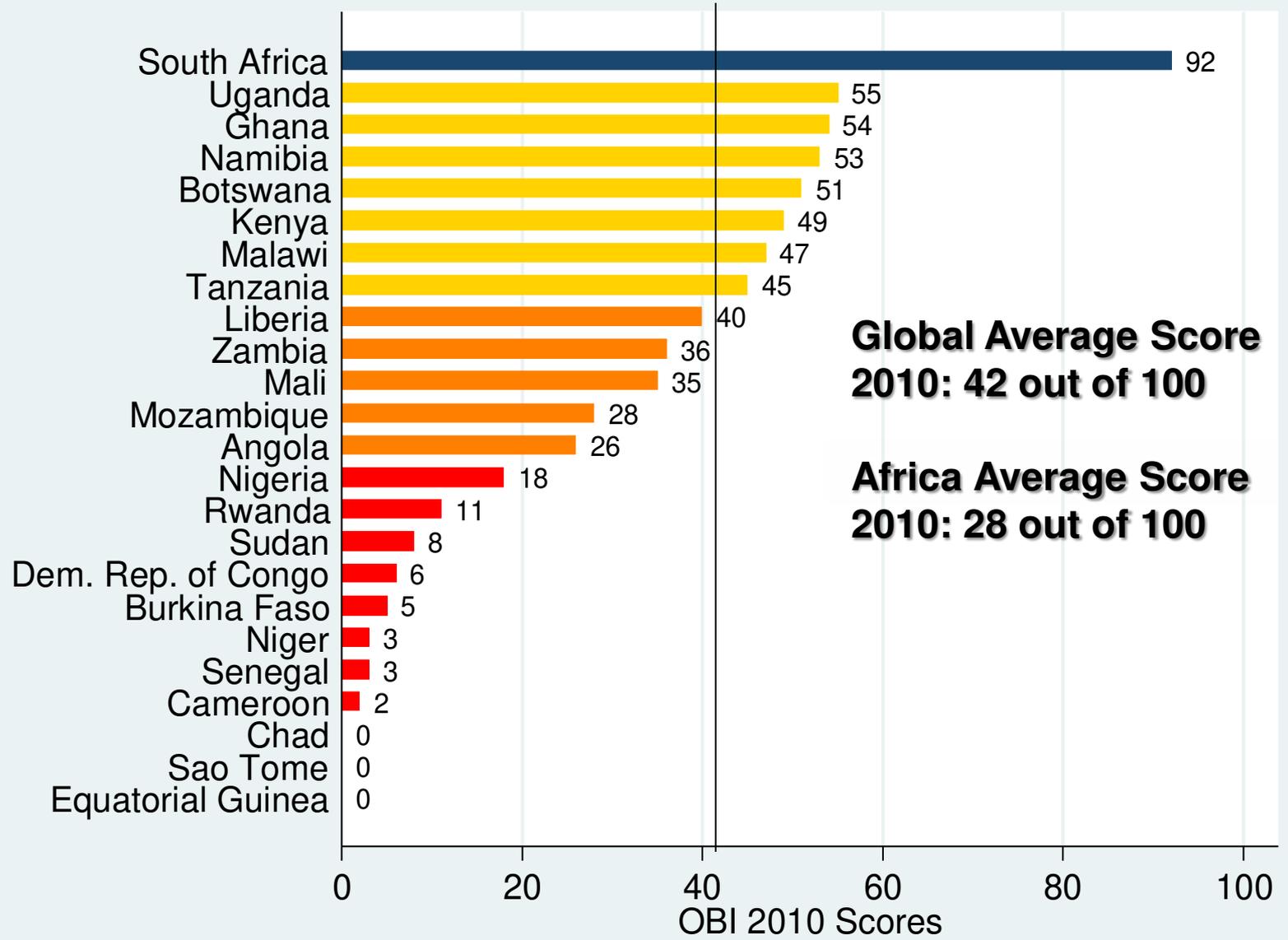
**Question 2: Is money that is specifically channeled to youth programs used transparently and used well?**

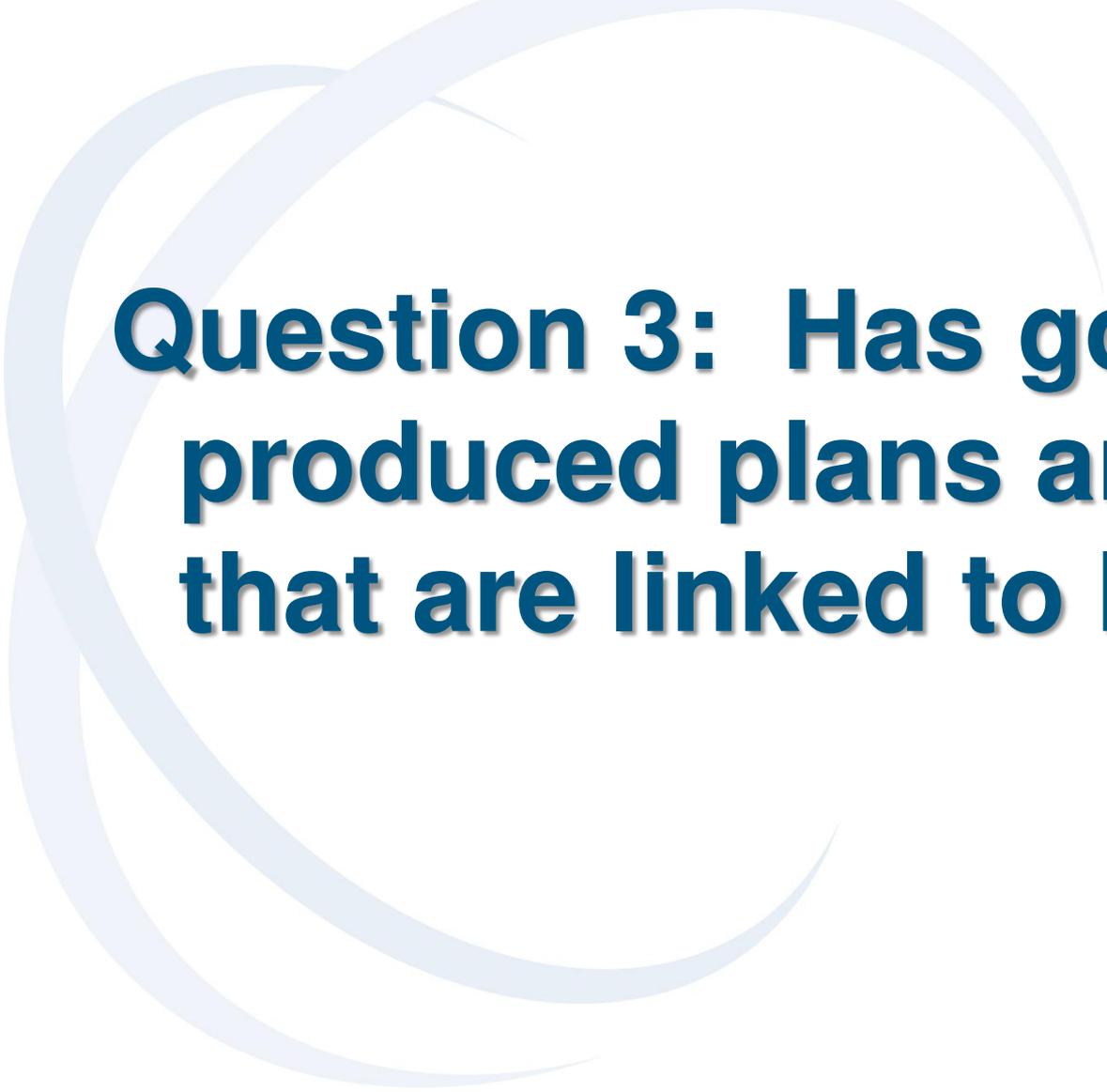


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# 2010 Open Budget Index scores for Africa





# **Question 3: Has government produced plans and targets that are linked to budgets?**



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## Q52. Does the executive's budget or any supporting budget documentation contain performance indicators for expenditure programs?

- Global average score: 28/100
- Africa average score: 21/100
- African countries that provided no performance indicators with budgets in 2010: 16
- High performing countries on Q52 in 2010: Ghana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania



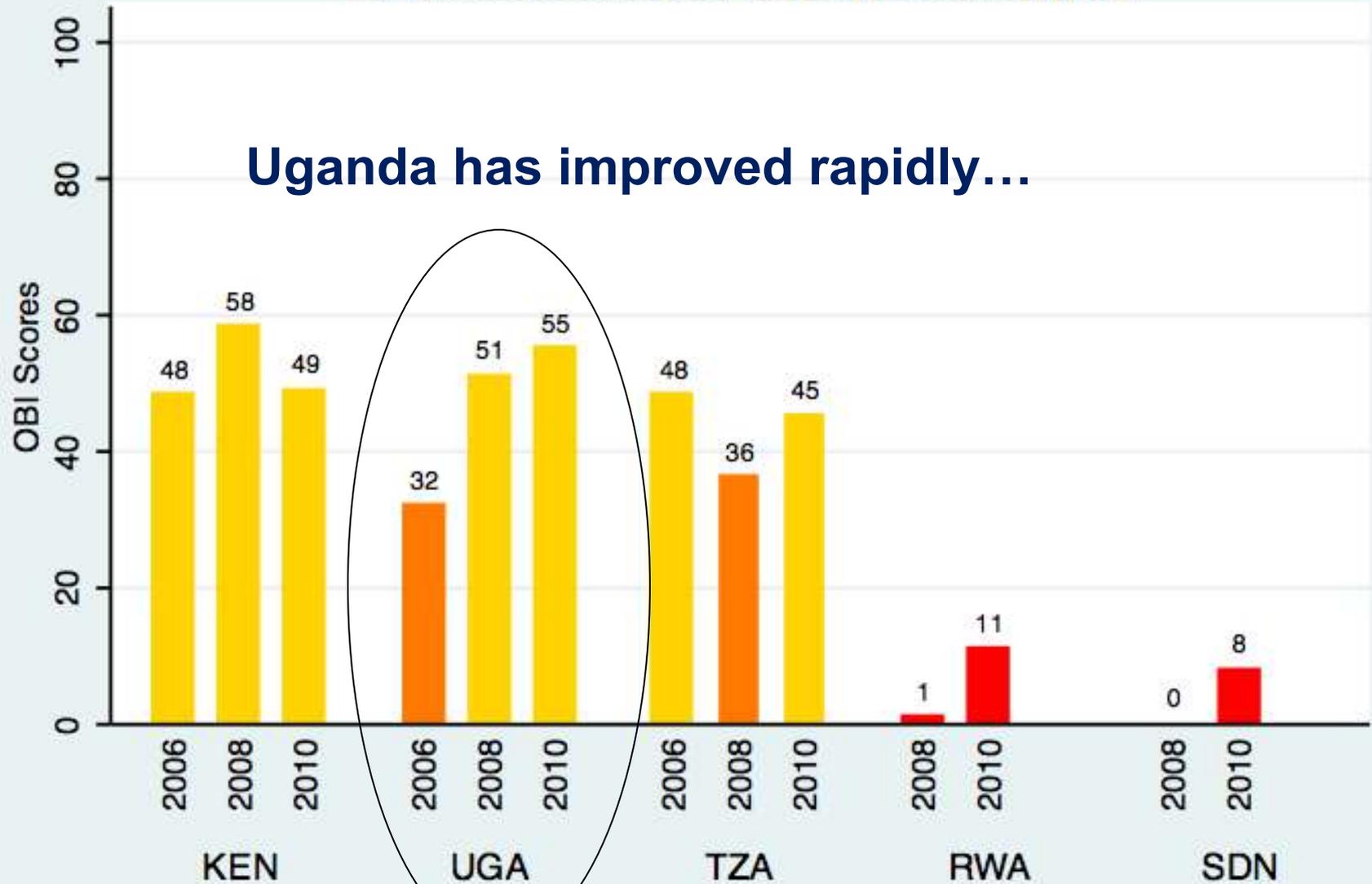
# 5 Steps for Youth Plans and Budgets

1. **Analyze the situation of youth in the country**
2. **Assess the extent to which the policies and programmes of government address the situation and needs highlighted in the previous step**
3. **Assess (at the beginning of the budget year) whether adequate funds (budget) has been allocated to implement the youth-friendly aspects of government polices and programmes identified in the previous step.**
4. **Measure and assess, at the end of the budget year, whether the allocated funds were spent as planned and who they reached**
5. **Assess (after several years) whether the situation described in the first step has improved.**



## OBI Scores 2006-2010 in East Africa

**Uganda has improved rapidly...**



**Question 4: Are the youth involved in programs designed to benefit them, either in the formulation or the implementation and monitoring stages?**

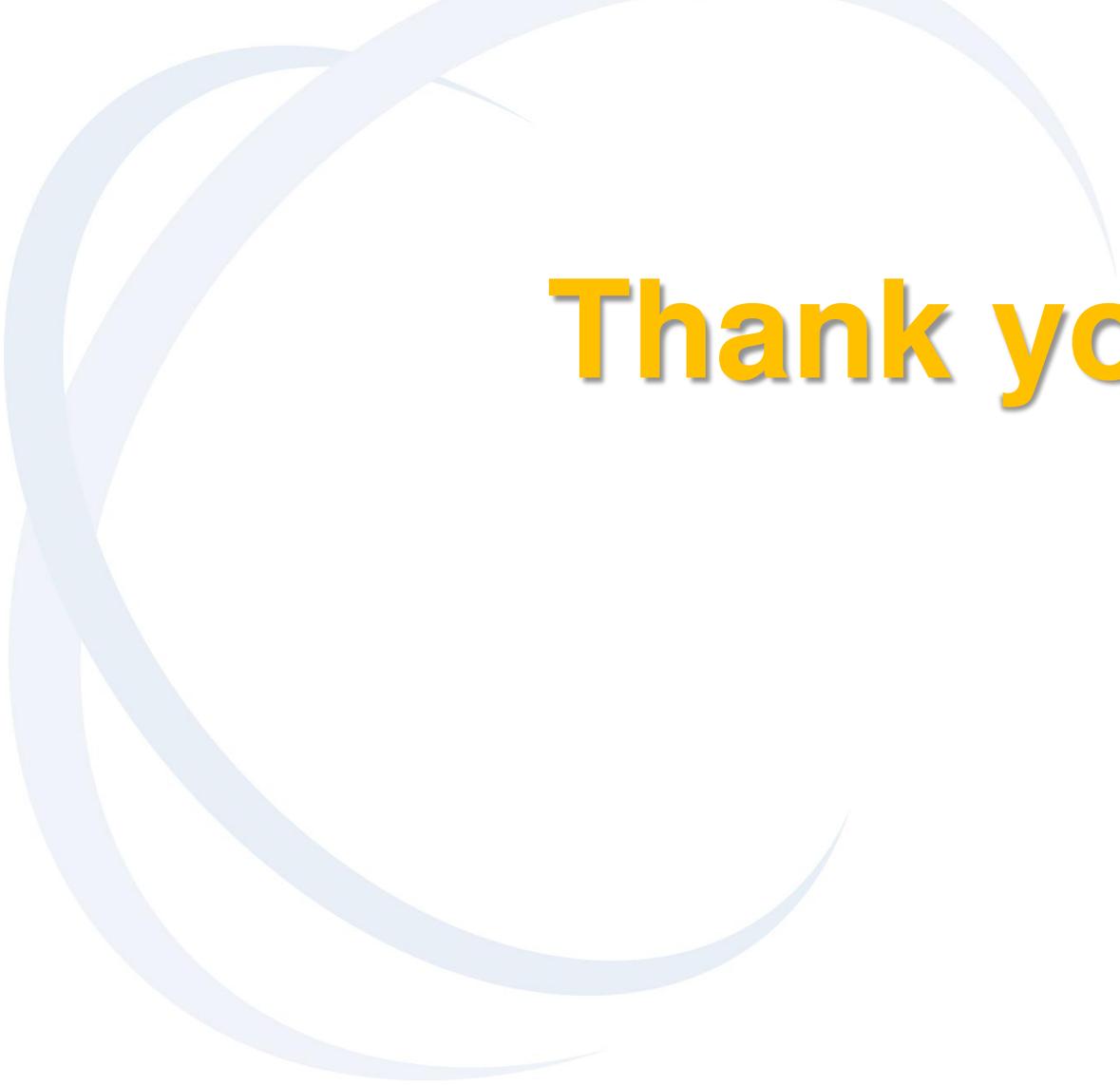


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# Youth in Auditing

- Supreme Audit Institutions (national audit offices) are increasingly opening to the public
- India and South Korea have seen the public directly participate in auditing
- Auditors are a crucial player in ensuring proper use of funds, including for youth programmes
- Auditors could work more closely with youth to both get better information about implementation and to train youth with marketable skills



# Thank you



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