

Government effectiveness measures the quality of public services, the quality of the civil service and the degree of its independence from political pressures, the quality of policy formulation and implementation, and the credibility of the government's commitment to such policies

Code	Concept Measured
Representative Sources	
BRI	Bureaucratic delays
DRI	<i>Government Instability</i> : An increase in government personnel turnover rate at senior levels that reduces the GDP growth rate by 2% during any 12-month period. <i>Government Ineffectiveness</i> : A decline in government personnel quality at any level that reduces the GDP growth rate by 1% during any 12-month period. <i>Institutional Failure</i> : A deterioration of government capacity to cope with national problems as a result of institutional rigidity that reduces the GDP growth rate by 1% during any 12-month period.
EGV	Global E-government
EIU	Quality of bureaucracy Excessive bureaucracy / red tape
GCS	Quality of general infrastructure Quality of public schools
GWP	Satisfaction with public transportation system Satisfaction with roads and highways Satisfaction with education system
IPD	Government-citizen relations Capacity of the tax administration to implement measures decided on Quality of the supply of public goods: education and basic health Capacity of the political authorities
PRS	<i>Bureaucratic Quality</i> . Measures institutional strength and quality of the civil service, assesses how much strength and expertise bureaucrats have and how able they are to manage political alternations without drastic interruptions in government services, or policy changes.
WMO	<i>Policy consistency and forward planning</i> : How confident businesses can be of the continuity of economic policy stance - whether a change of government will entail major policy disruption, and whether the current government has pursued a coherent strategy. <i>Bureaucracy</i> : An assessment of the quality of the country's bureaucracy. The better the bureaucracy the quicker decisions are made and the more easily foreign investors can go about their business.
Non-representative Sources	
ADB	Management of public debt Policies to improve efficiency of public sector Revenue Mobilization Budget Management
AFR	Government handling of water and sanitation services Government handling of roads and bridges Government handling of electricity supply Government handling of health services Government handling of education services
ASD	Civil service Revenue Mobilization and Budget Management Management and Efficiency of Public Expenditures
BPS	How problematic are telecommunications for the growth of your business. How problematic is electricity for the growth of your business. How problematic is transportation for the growth of your business.
BTI	Consensus Building Governance Capability Effective Use of Resources
CPIA	Management of external debt Quality public Administration Revenue Mobilization Budget Management
IFD	Allocation & management of public resources for rural development
LBO	Trust in Government
WCY	Government economic policies do not adapt quickly to changes in the economy The public service is not independent from political interference Government decisions are not effectively implemented Bureaucracy hinders business activity The distribution infrastructure of goods and services is generally inefficient Policy direction is not consistent

Sources of Governance Data Used in 2008 Update of WGI

	Source	Type*
ADB	African Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments	Expert (GOV)
AEO	OECD Development Center African Economic Outlook	Expert (GOV)
AFR	Afrobarometer	Survey
ASD	Asian Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments	Expert (GOV)
BPS	Business Enterprise Environment Survey	Survey
BRI	Business Environment Risk Intelligence Business Risk Service / Financial Ethics Index	Expert (CBIP)
BTI	Bertelsmann Transformation Index	Expert (NGO)
CCR	Freedom House Countries at the Crossroads	Expert (NGO)
DRI	Global Insight Global Risk Service	Expert (CBIP)
EBR	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Transition Report	Expert (GOV)
EGV	Global E-Governance Index	Expert (NGO)
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit Riskwire & Democracy Index	Expert (CBIP)
FRH	Freedom House	Expert (NGO)
GAD	Cerberus Intelligence Gray Area Dynamics**	Expert (CBIP)
GCB	Transparency International Global Corruption Barometer Survey	Survey
GCS	World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report	Survey
GII	Global Integrity Index	Expert (NGO)
GWP	Gallup World Poll	Survey
HER	Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom	Expert (NGO)
HUM	Cingranelli Richards Human Rights Database and Political Terror Scale	Expert (GOV)
IFD	IFAD Rural Sector Performance Assessments	Expert (GOV)
IJT	iJET Country Security Risk Ratings	Expert (CBIP)
IPD	Institutional Profiles Database	Expert (GOV)
LBO	Latinobarometro	Survey
MIG	Merchant International Group Gray Area Dynamics**	Expert (CBIP)
MSI	International Research and Exchanges Board Media Sustainability Index	Expert (NGO)
OBI	International Budget Project Open Budget Index	Expert (NGO)
PIA	World Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments	Expert (GOV)
PRC	Political Economic Risk Consultancy Corruption in Asia Survey	Survey
PRS	Political Risk Services International Country Risk Guide	Expert (CBIP)
RSF	Reporters Without Borders Press Freedom Index	Expert (NGO)
TPR	US State Department Trafficking in People report	Expert (GOV)
VAB	Vanderbilt University Americas Barometer	Survey
WCY	Institute for Management and Development World Competitiveness Yearbook	Survey
WMO	Global Insight Business Conditions and Risk Indicators	Expert (CBIP)

*CBIP -- Commercial Business Information Provider, GOV -- Public Sector Data Provider, NGO -- Non-Governmental Organization Data Provider

**Gray Area Dynamics changed ownership and was substantially revised in 2008, we treat the previous and current version as separate sources, see text for details.