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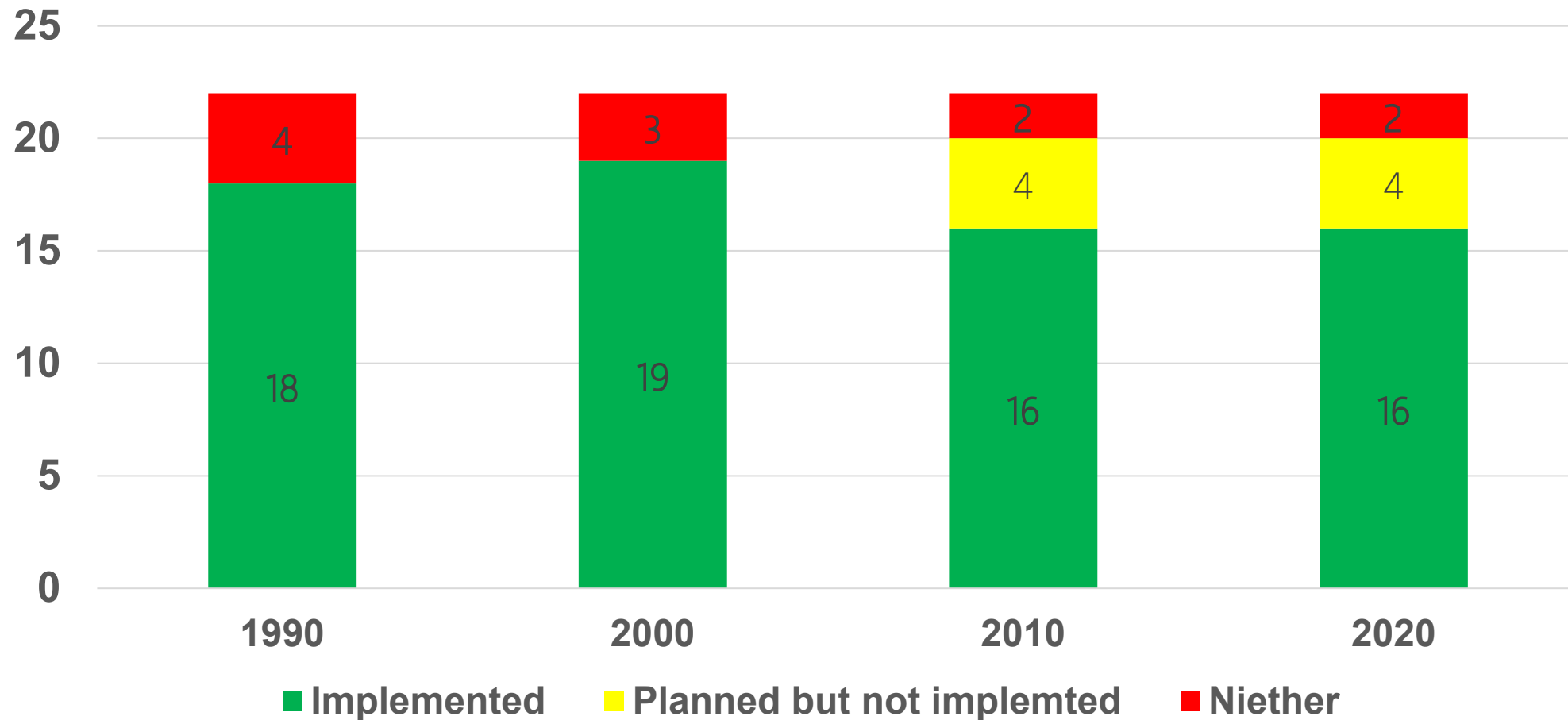
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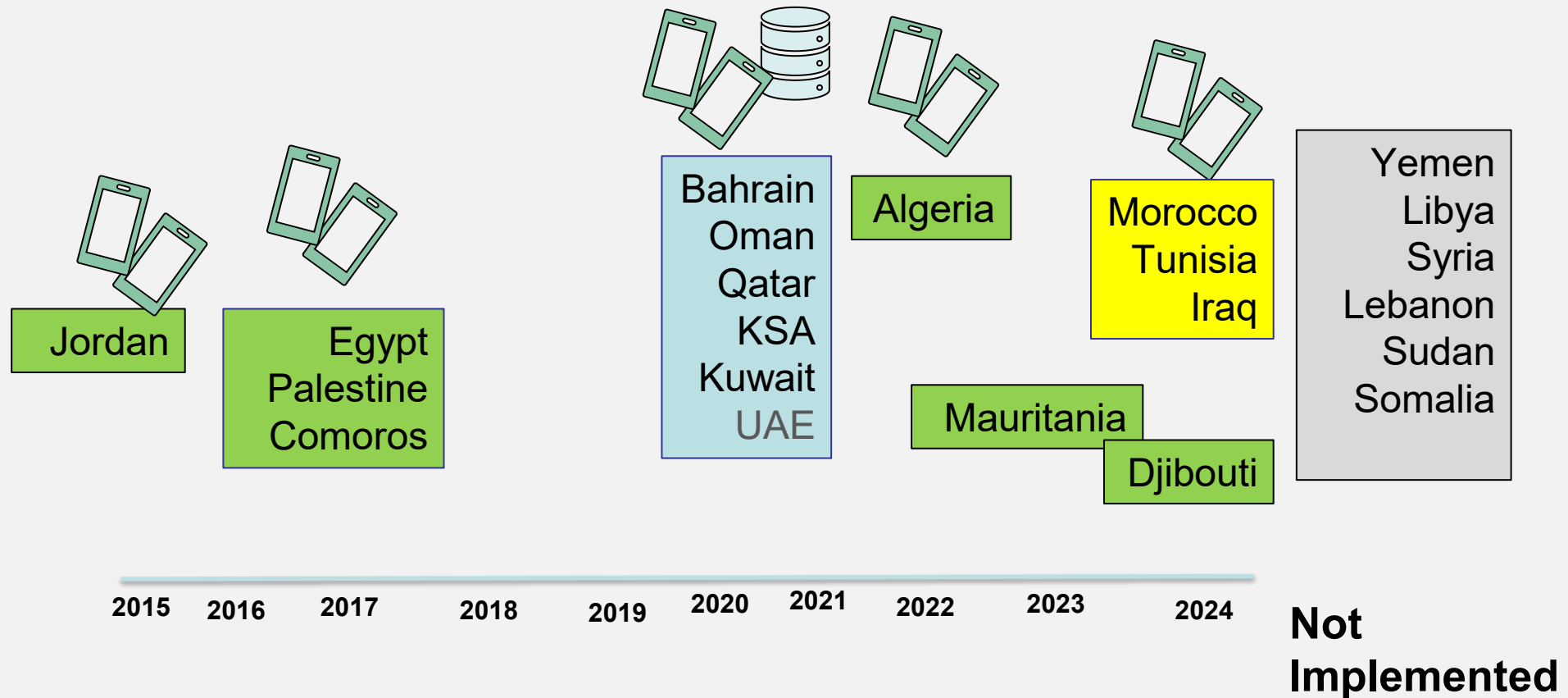
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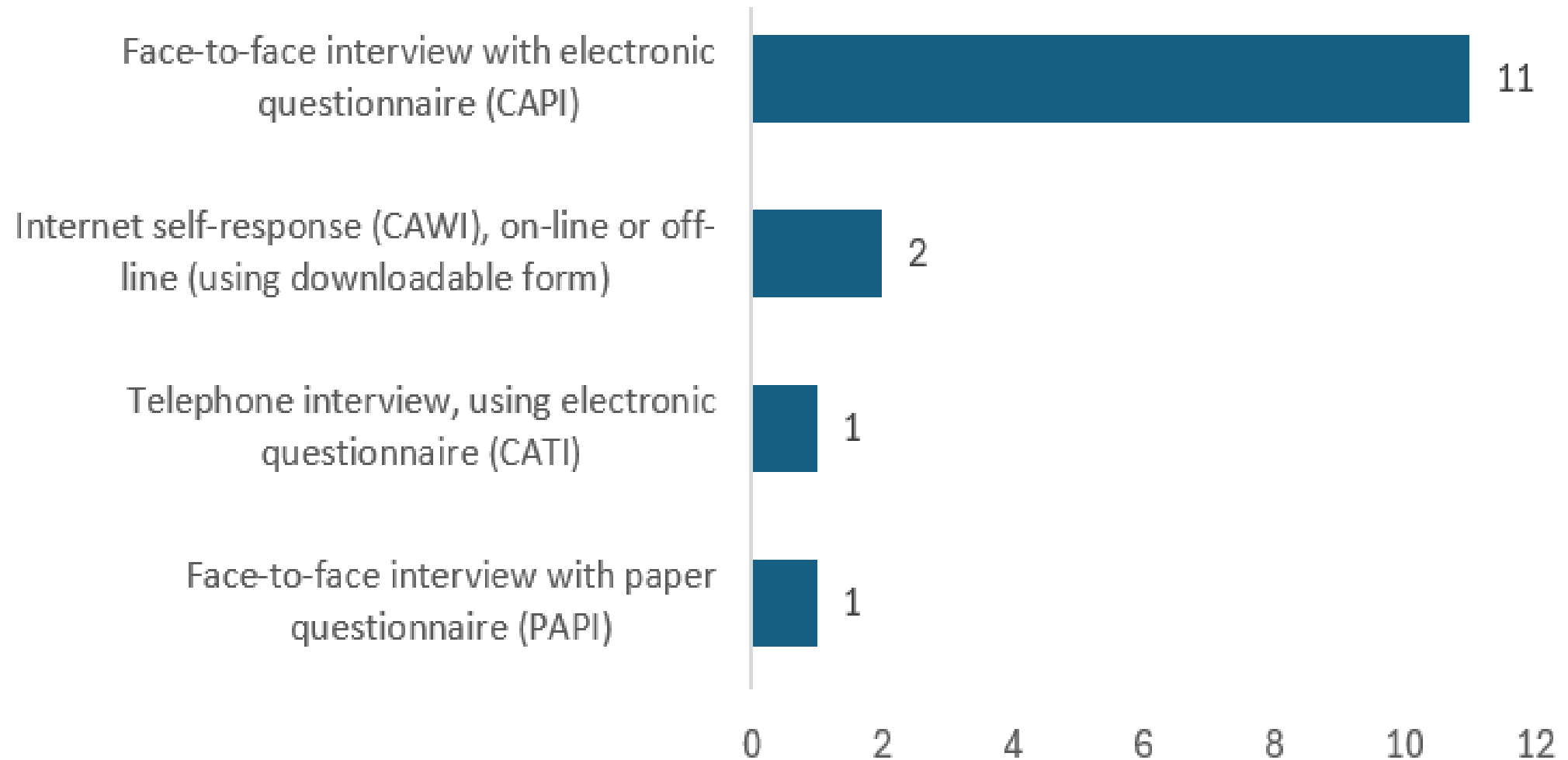
2. Census taking in the 2020 census round

- **Source:**
- 1. ESCWA
- 2. UNSD Questionnaire: responses of 20 out of 22 countries, July 2024

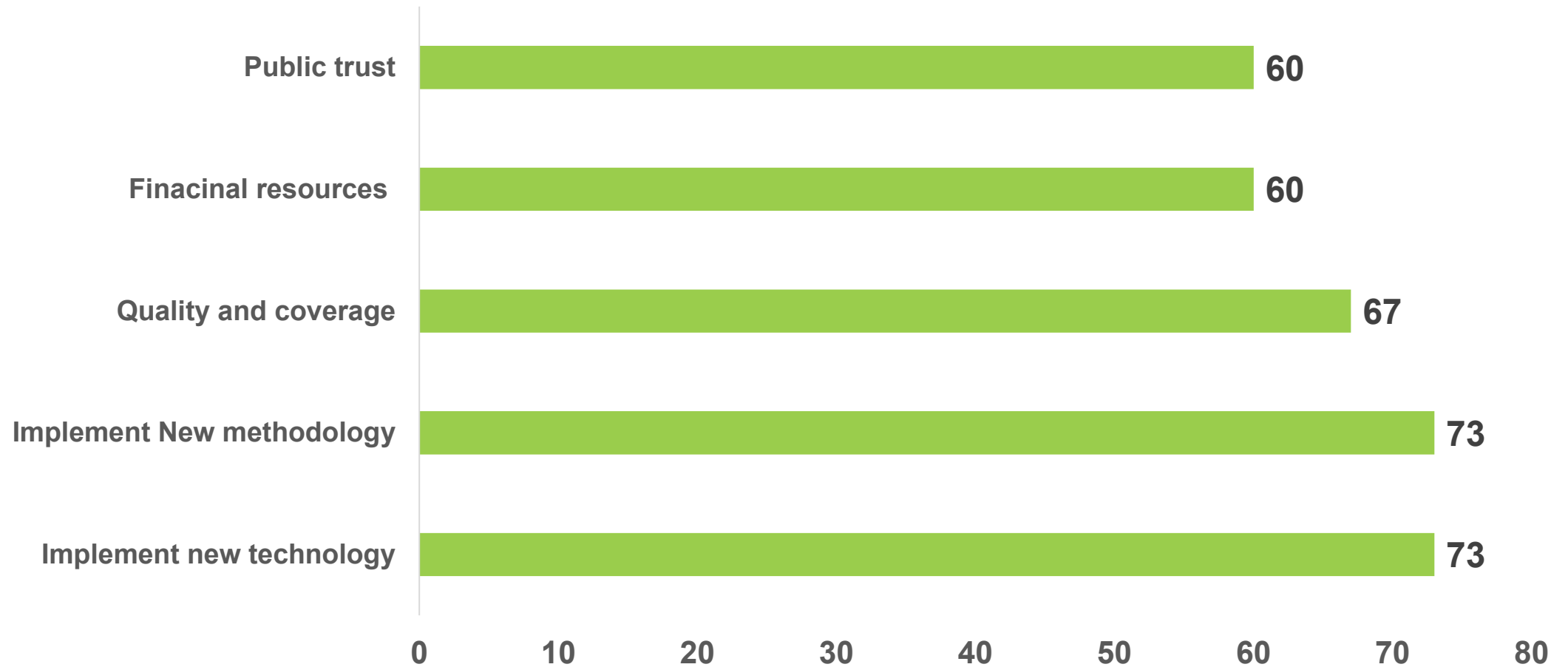
Census taking in Arab States: 2020 census round



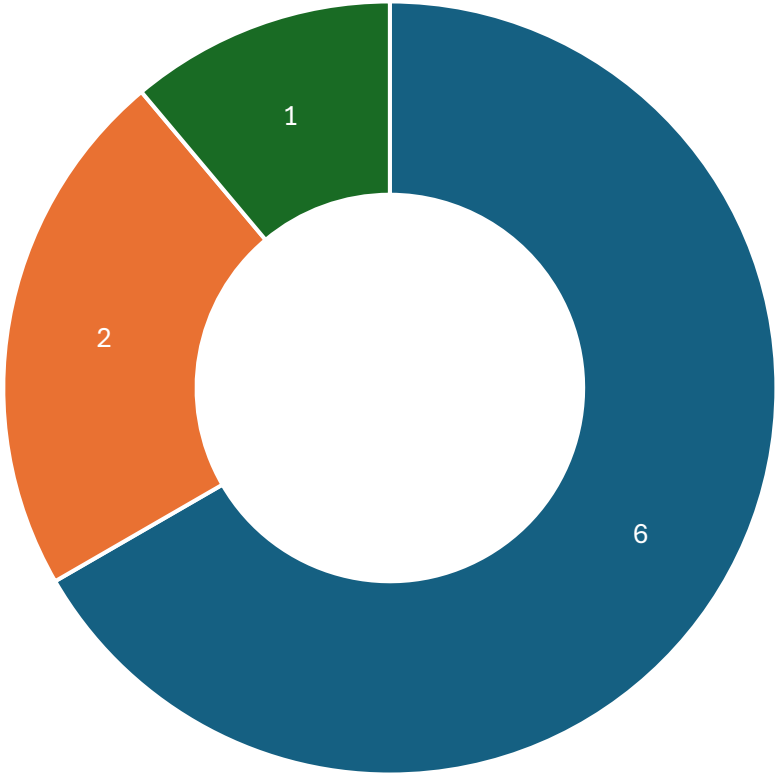
Main census methods for 2020 round censuses



Challenges faced during 2020 census round



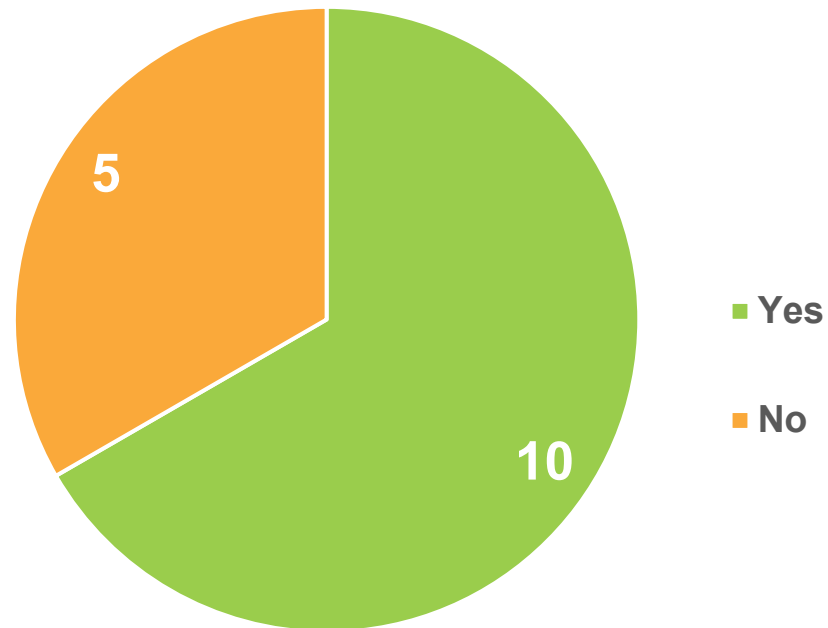
Census evaluation: 2020 census round



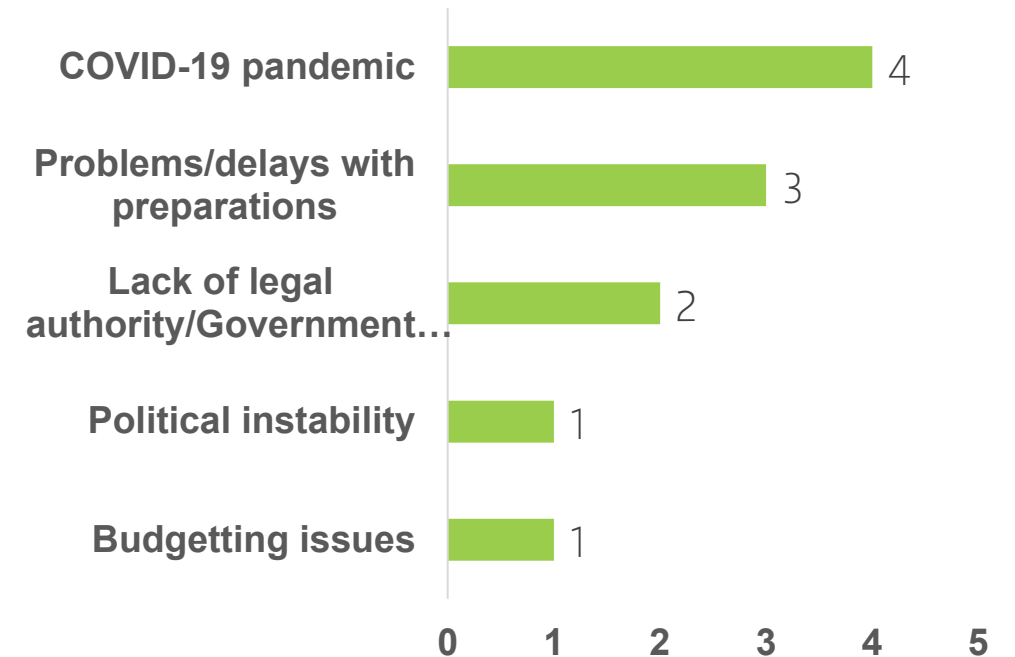
- Yes, carried out and a report was (or will be) published
- Evaluation carried out but a report not published
- No evaluation carried out

Change of census date and causes; 2020 census round

Change of date



Cause of change



Insights 2020 census round

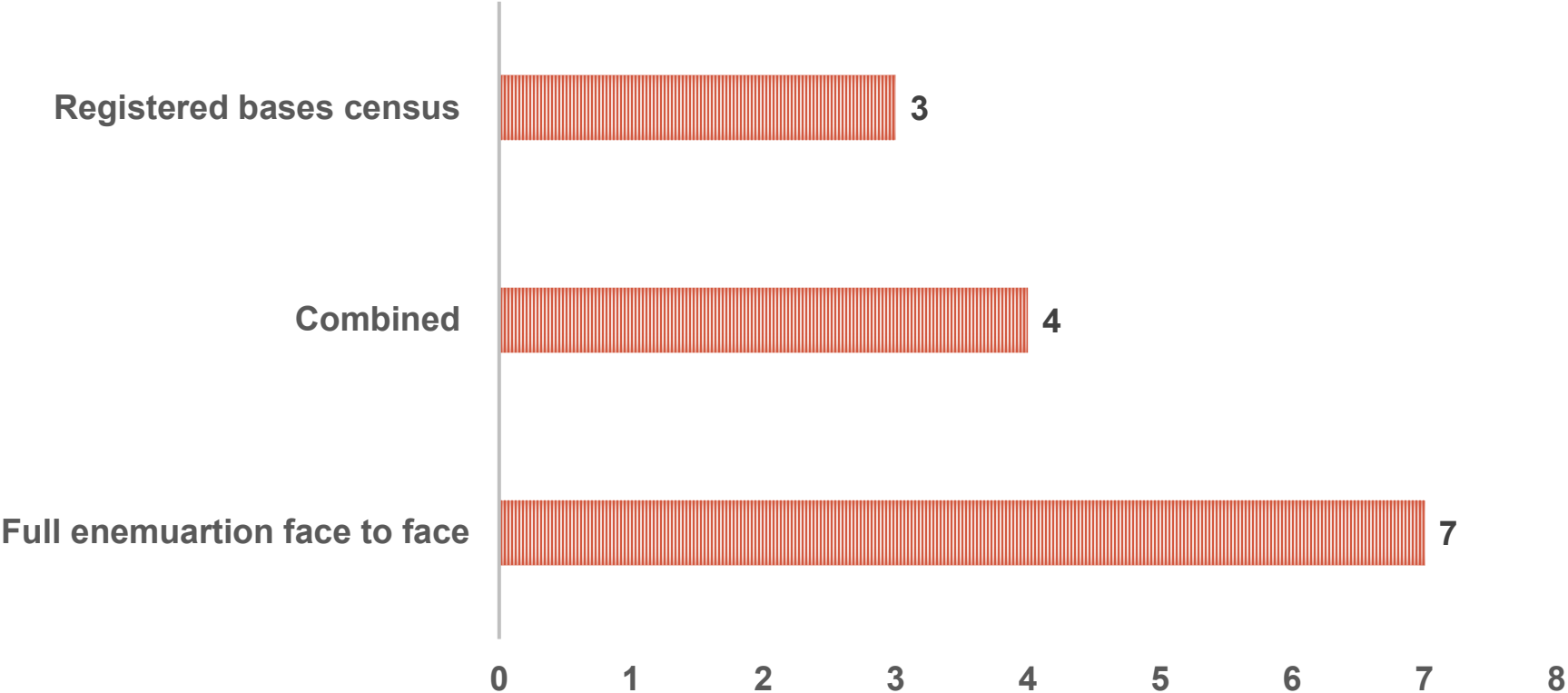
1. Census count: 80% de jure
2. Geospatial information for the census: electronic maps and GPS (one country did not use GPS)
3. Dissemination: 70% interactive online databases.- 50% GIS and web-based mapping tools
4. Main areas of success: 70% improvement of methodology,
5. Regional cooperation Capacity development

3. Regional preparation for the 2030 census round and the way forward

Regional preparation and the way forward

- **Strategically:** Transition from **traditional** census to registered-based and combined census: Jordan, Egypt, and Palestine (ongoing)
- **Main challenge: countries in conflict**
- **Capacity development program:**
 - Workshops, EGM, Training sessions, Study tours;
 - Advisory missions
 - Methodological studies
 - Electronic knowledge base (ongoing)

Census Methodologies in 2030



Regional preparation for 2030 census round

- **Regional coordination committee** (ESCWA, UNFPA- ASRO, GCC-Stat- LAS, SESRIC); (Ongoing)

- **Arab Task- Force** in population and Housing Census 2030: proposal to ESCWA Statistical Committee in 2024
 - Lessons learned from the 2020 census round
 - Integrate P&R- 4th revision to Arab states' census context

- **International cooperation and partnership**
 - **UNSD, UNECA, UNFPA**
 - **ONS- UK, US-Census Bureau**



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