

FY06 LICUS List (Low-Income Countries Under Stress)

Low-Income Countries Under Stress (LICUS) are identified by weak CPIA ratings. They cover a spectrum of fragility, including countries with deteriorating governance, those in prolonged political crisis, post-conflict transition countries and those in gradual but still fragile reform processes.

In order to target its efforts and monitor implementation of the LICUS Initiative, the Bank defines LICUS as those countries that score lowest on the average Country Policy and Institutional Performance Assessment (CPIA) and governance average of the CPIA, as well as non-member territories and those countries without CPIA data. "Severe" LICUS score lowest within this grouping. The marginal group scores on the edge of what is considered LICUS and is on the list for monitoring purposes only.

CPIA rankings are revised annually and the quintile-based ratings are available to the public (including on IDA's external web site - in section "How IDA Resources Are Allocated", <http://www.worldbank.org/ida/idalloc.htm>).

The Board has directed that the Bank not release a public LICUS list to avoid branding countries, particularly those at the more stable end of the spectrum. The Bank therefore does not publish a LICUS list, but maintains an internal list to guide support to strategy development and implementation, and monitoring of human and budget resources. For the reasons stated above, the list should be used with caution and should not be disseminated widely.

FY06 LICUS Countries		
Severe	Core	Marginal
Afghanistan	Angola	Chad
Central African Rep.	Burundi	Gambia, The
Comoros	Cambodia	Papua New Guinea
Liberia	Congo, Dem. Rep.	Sao Tome and Pr
Myanmar	Congo, Rep	Sierra Leone
Somalia	Cote D'Ivoire	Tajikistan
Zimbabwe	Djibouti	Uzbekistan
	Eritrea	
	Guinea	
	Guinea - Bissau	
	Haiti	
	Kosovo	
	Lao, PDR	
	Nigeria	
	Solomon Islands	
	Sudan	
	Timor Leste	
	Togo	
	Tonga	
	Vanuatu	
	West Bank and Gaza	

***Memo:** Middle income countries with weak or no CPIA rating include: Belarus, Belize, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iraq, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, Swaziland, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela

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FY07 LICUS List

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CPIA rankings are revised annually and the ratings are available to the public (including on IDA's external web site - in section "How IDA Resources Are Allocated", "IRAI 2005"
<http://www.worldbank.org/ida/idalloc.htm>).

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FY07 LICUS Countries		
Severe	Core	Marginal
Afghanistan	Angola	Cambodia
Central African Rep.	Burundi	Djibouti
Comoros	Chad	Gambia, The
Cote d'Ivoire	Congo, Dem. Rep.	Mauritania
Liberia	Congo, Rep	Nigeria
Myanmar	Eritrea	Papua New Guinea
Somalia	Guinea	Sao Tome and Pr
Togo	Guinea - Bissau	Sierra Leone
West Bank and Gaza	Haiti	Vanuatu
Zimbabwe	Kosovo	
	Lao, PDR	
	Solomon Islands	
	Sudan	
	Timor Leste	
	Tonga	
	Uzbekistan	

***Memo:** Middle income countries with weak or no CPIA rating include: Belarus, Belize, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iraq, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, Micronesia FS, Swaziland, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela

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FY08 LICUS List

LICUS countries are identified by weak Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) ratings. They cover a spectrum of fragility and these include; countries with deteriorating governance, states in prolonged political crisis, post-conflict transition countries and those undergoing gradual but still fragile reform processes.

The Bank defines LICUS as (i) low income countries with overall CPIA and governance average of the CPIA ratings of 3.2 or less, (ii) non-member territories and countries without CPIA data. The ‘marginal LICUS’ group scores on the edge of what is considered LICUS and is on the list for monitoring purposes only.

CPIA rankings are revised annually and the ratings are available to the public (including on IDA's external web site - in section “Performance Assessments and Allocation of IDA Resources”, “IDA Resource Allocation Index 2006” <http://www.worldbank.org/ida/idalloc.htm>).

The Board has directed that the Bank not release a public LICUS list to avoid branding countries, particularly those at the more stable end of the spectrum. The Bank therefore does not publish a LICUS list, but maintains an internal list to guide support to strategy development and implementation, and monitoring of human and budget resources. For the reasons stated above, the list should be used with caution and should not be disseminated widely.

FY08 LICUS Countries		
Core LICUS		Marginal LICUS
AFGHANISTAN	ANGOLA	CAMBODIA
BURUNDI	CENTRAL AFR. REP.	DJIBOUTI
CHAD	COMOROS	GAMBIA, THE
CONGO, DEM. REP.	CONGO, REP.	KIRIBATI
COTE D'IVOIRE	ERITREA	LAO, PDR
GUINEA	GUINEA-BISSAU	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
HAITI	KOSOVO	SIERRA LEONE
LIBERIA	MYANMAR	VANUATU
SAO TOME & PRINCIPE	SOLOMON ISLANDS	
SOMALIA	SUDAN	
TIMOR-LESTE	TOGO	
TONGA	UZBEKISTAN	
WEST BANK & GAZA	ZIMBABWE	

***Memo:**

- Three IDA countries were not covered in the 2006 CPIA exercise -Liberia, Myanmar, and Somalia.
- IBRD/Middle income countries with weak or no CPIA rating include: Belize, Belarus, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iraq, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, Micronesia FS, Seychelles, Syria, Swaziland, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela.
- Middle income countries with an international peace building or peacekeeping mission include: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iraq, Lebanon, and Colombia.

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FY09 Fragile States List

Fragile states are identified by weak CPIA ratings. They cover a spectrum of fragility, including countries with deteriorating governance, those in prolonged political crisis, post-conflict transition countries and those in gradual but still fragile reform processes.

In order to target its efforts and monitor implementation, the Bank defines Fragile States as those countries that score lowest on the average Country Policy and Institutional Performance Assessment (CPIA), as well as non-member territories and those countries without CPIA data. “Core” Fragile states score lowest within this grouping, with a CPIA score of 3.0 or lower. “Marginal” Fragile States have scores between 3.0 and 3.25.

CPIA rankings are revised annually and the ratings are available to the public (including on IDA's external web site - in section "How IDA Resources Are Allocated" at <http://www.worldbank.org/ida/idalloc.htm>).

FY09 Fragile States		
	<u>Core</u>	<u>Marginal</u>
Afghanistan	Kosovo	Cambodia
Angola	Liberia	Cameroon
Burundi	Myanmar	Djibouti
Central African Rep.	Sao Tome and Principe	Gambia, The
Chad	Solomon Islands	Lao, PDR
Comoros	Somalia	Kiribati
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Sudan	Sierra Leone
Congo, Rep	Timor-Leste	Tajikistan
Cote d'Ivoire	Togo	Uzbekistan
Eritrea	Tonga	Yemen
Guinea	West Bank and Gaza	
Guinea – Bissau	Zimbabwe	
Haiti		

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