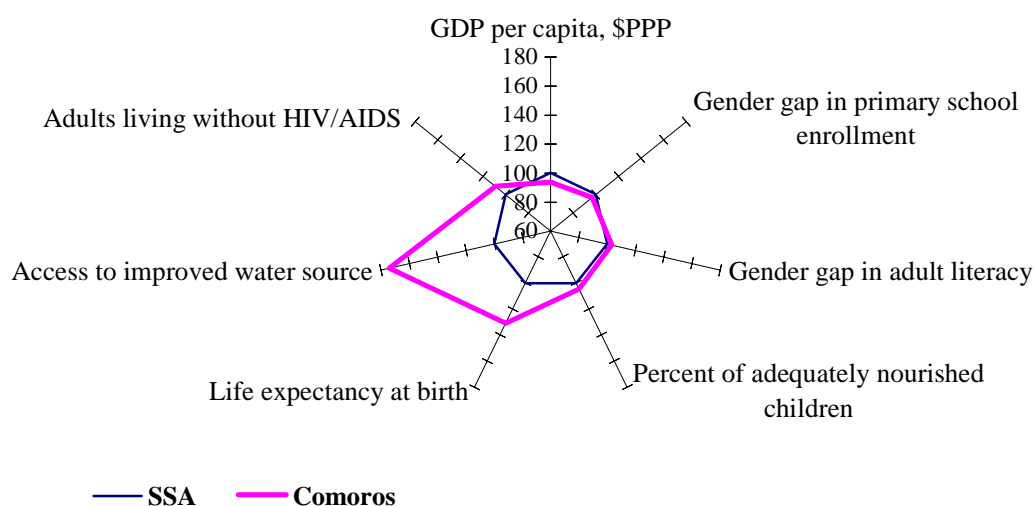


Comoros

Summary Gender Profile



Note: This figure indicates that compared to the SSA average, Comoros has a lower than average economic development. The gender disaggregated data for literacy and the representation of women in parliament show a gender gap that is smaller than the SSA averages, but the primary enrollment gap is larger. Access to water and the nutrition status of children, life expectancy and the number of AIDS/HIV free adults are above the SSA average.

Technical notes: this spider web is constructed to show where the country is in relation to the Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) average in the aspects of economic development, health and education. The SSA average was normalized to 100. The indicators were constructed in a way that a higher magnitude of an indicator indicates a higher level of development. To achieve this consistency, we inverted the percent of malnourished children and the HIV/AIDS prevalence to percent of children being adequately nourished and adult living without HIV/AIDS, respectively. If a country line is inside the SSA line, the country's development level is below the SSA average, and vice versa.

Definition of indicators:

- GDP per capita, \$PPP = GDP per capita converted to international dollars using purchasing power parity rates;
- Primary school enrollment gap = the ratio of female to male gross primary school enrollment rate;
- Literacy gap = the ratio of female to male literacy rate for people aged 15+;
- Life expectancy = life expectancy at birth in years;
- Representation of women in parliament = percent of women in parliament;
- Adult living without HIV/AIDS = percent of adults living without HIV/AIDS;
- Access to improved water source = percentage of the total population with reasonable access to an adequate amount of water from an improved source;
- Percent of adequately nourished children = 100 minus the percent of under-five children suffering from moderate & severe underweight, below minus two standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population.

Sources: *Africa Country Gender Database (ACGD)*

Indicator	Data (early period)				Data (most recent period)				Source ¹
	Female	year	Male	year	Female	year	Male	year	
HUMAN ASSETS: CAPABILITY									
Health									
Life Expectancy at Birth	47	1970	46	1970	62	1999	59	1999	1
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 people)					34 (1999)				1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	138 (1977)				63 (1998)				1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) richest quintile	NA								2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) poorest quintile	NA								2
Under 5 mortality rate (%)	189 (1977)				86 (1999)				1
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman)	7	1977			4	1999			1
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman) richest quintile	NA								2
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman) poorest quintile	NA								2
Adolescent Fertility Rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	109	1997			101	1999			1
Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100,000 live births)					500	1991			2
Risk of unintended pregnancy (% of married women aged 15-19)	NA								2
Contraceptive Prevalence (% women aged 15-49)					21	1996			1
Births Attended by Skilled Health Staff (% of Total)	24	1981			52	1996			1
Education									
Adult Illiteracy Rate (15+)	67	1970	50	1970	47	2000	34	2000	1
Young adult illiteracy rate (15-25 years old)	58	1970	42	1970	38	2000	27	2000	1
Net Primary Enrollment Rate Rural (% of age group)	NA								-
Net Primary Enrollment Rate Urban (% of age group)	NA								-
Net Primary Enrollment Rate (% of age group)	49	1986	61	1986	47	1993	57	1993	1
Gross primary enrollment rate (% of age group)	21	1970	45	1970	69	1993	84	1993	1
Gross secondary enrollment rate (% of age group)	2	1970	5	1970	19	1995	24	1995	1
Share of Secondary Enrollments net (%)	NA								1
Share of Tertiary Enrollments gross (%)	0	1989	1	1989	0	1995	1	1995	1
Progression to Grade 5 (% of cohort)					46	1985	33	1985	1
HIV/AIDS									
Adult HIV Prevalence (% of age group 15-49)					0.1 (1999)				4
Females % of infected adults population					NA				4
HIV Prevalence Rate in Young People (15-24)					NA				4
Adults (15-49) Living with HIV/AIDS					400 (1999)				4
Percent infected in age group 15-19					0	1999	0	1999	4
Percent infected in age group 20-29					38	1999	0	1999	4
Percent infected in age group 30-39					50	1999	42	1999	4
Total Number of People Currently Infected					NA				4
AIDS Orphans (Cumulative)					NA				4
Women Attending Antenatal Clinics in major urban areas (% infected)					0	1996			4

Indicator	Data (early period)				Data (most recent period)				Source ¹
	Female	year	Male	year	Female	year	Male	year	
HUMAN ASSETS: CAPABILITY									
Women Attending Antenatal Clinics outside major urban areas (% infected)					NA				4
Female Sex Workers / Male STD patients in major urban areas (% infected)					57	1994	0	1996	4
ECONOMIC ASSETS: OPPORTUNITY									
Labor Force Participation									
Adult economic activity rate	NA								5
Agriculture Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	93	1980	70	1980	90	1990	68	1990	9
Industry Sector Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	3	1980	12	1980	5	1990	13	1990	9
Service Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	4	1980	17	1980	5	1990	20	1990	9
Gender Intensity of Production									
Agriculture labor force (% female-male)	NA		NA						6
Industry labor force (% female-male)	NA		NA						6
Services labor force (% female-male)	NA		NA						6
Informal Sector employment (% female-male)	NA		NA						6
Contribution to GDP (%)									
PHYSICAL ASSETS: SECURITY									
Access to improved drinking water source (%)		88 (1990)				96 (2000)			1
Access to improved drinking water source (%) Rural		84 (1990)				95 (2000)			1
Access to improved drinking water source (%) Urban		97 (1990)				98 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%)		98 (1990)				98 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%) Rural		98 (1990)				98 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%) Urban		98 (1990)				98 (2000)			1
Traditional energy use (%)		0 (1971)				0 (1992)			1
Total Time Allocation (hours/week)	NA								-
Time Allocated to Water/Energy Provision (hrs/day)	NA								-
Transport Tasks (hours/week)	NA								-
Share of earned income (% of total)	NA								-
Land Ownership (%)	NA								-
Access to Financial Services (%)	NA								-
SOCIAL ASSETS: EMPOWERMENT									
Representation in Parliament, 1999 (%)					NA				7
Representation in Cabinet, 1999 (%)					NA				7
Representation at Ministerial Level					0	1994			2
Country Policy on Gender Equality ²					1	2000			8
Household Headship (%)					NA				3
Household Headship, Rural (%)					NA				3
Household Headship, Urban (%)					NA				3

¹ Sources: 1 GDF/WDI, 2 WDI 2001, 3 Human Welfare Indicators, 4 UNAIDS, 5 ILO/UNSD, 6 Standardized Data Files, 7 IPU, 8 UNDP-HDR

² Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (1979): 1=ratified, 2=signed