

Second Regional report for SDG indicator 6.5.2 on Transboundary Cooperation in Arab States

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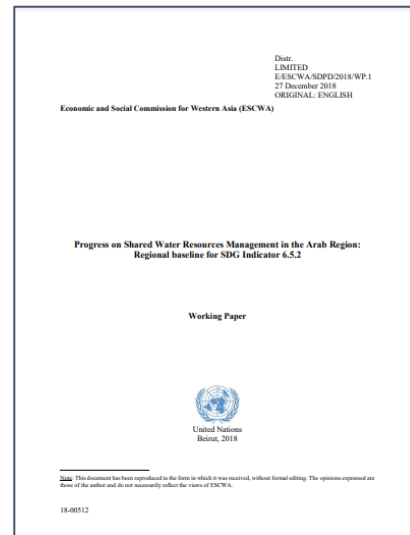
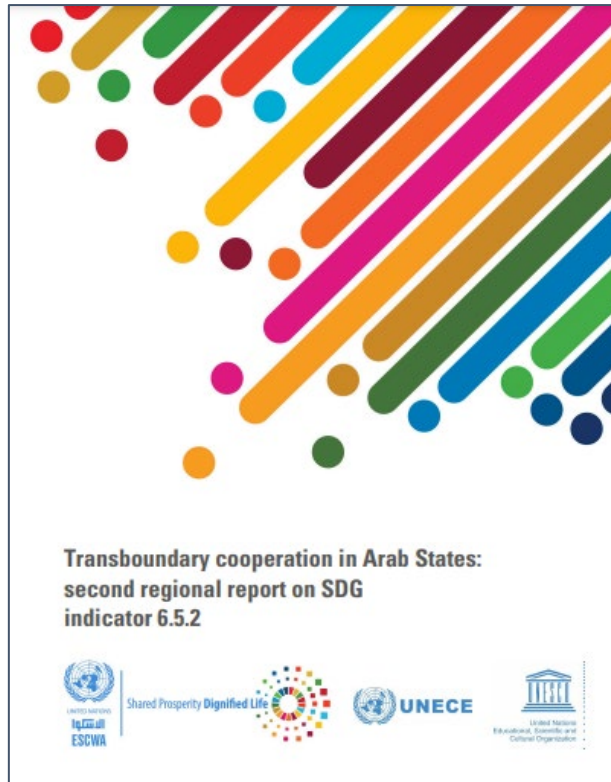
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Overview



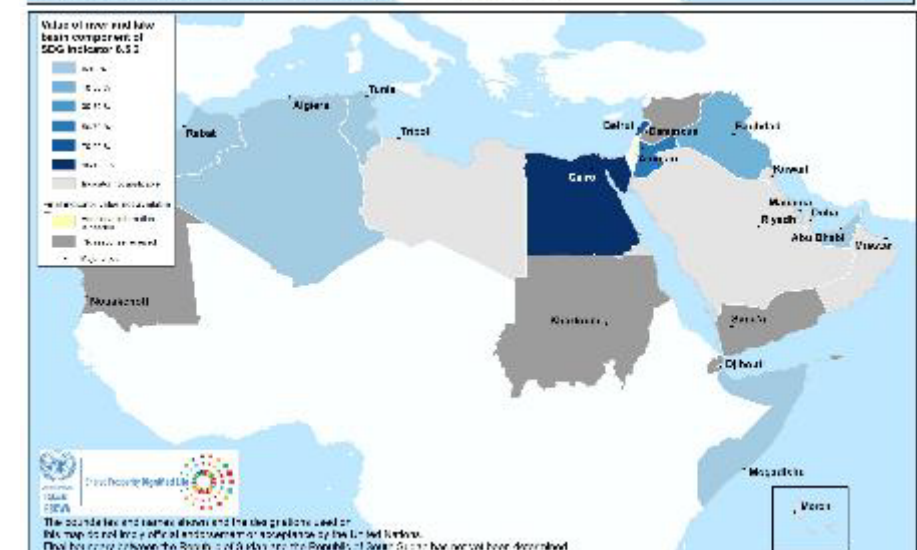
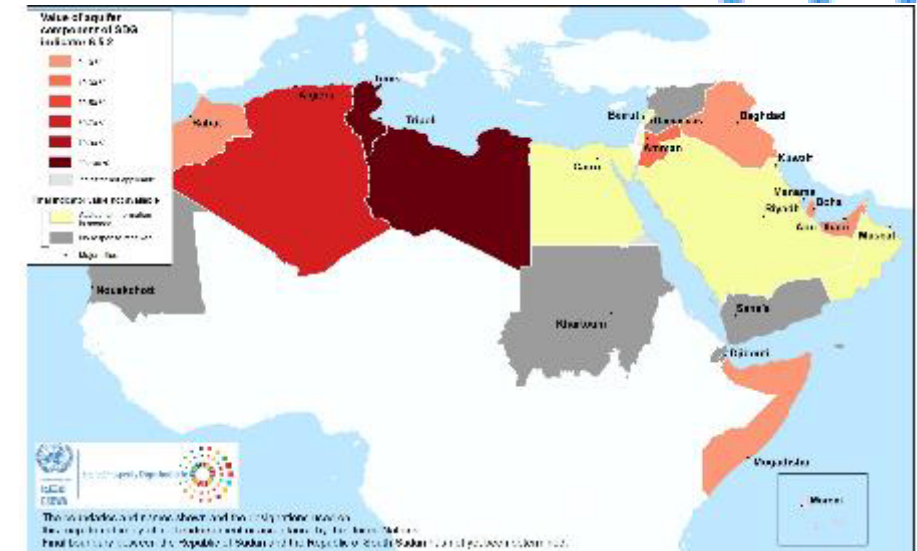
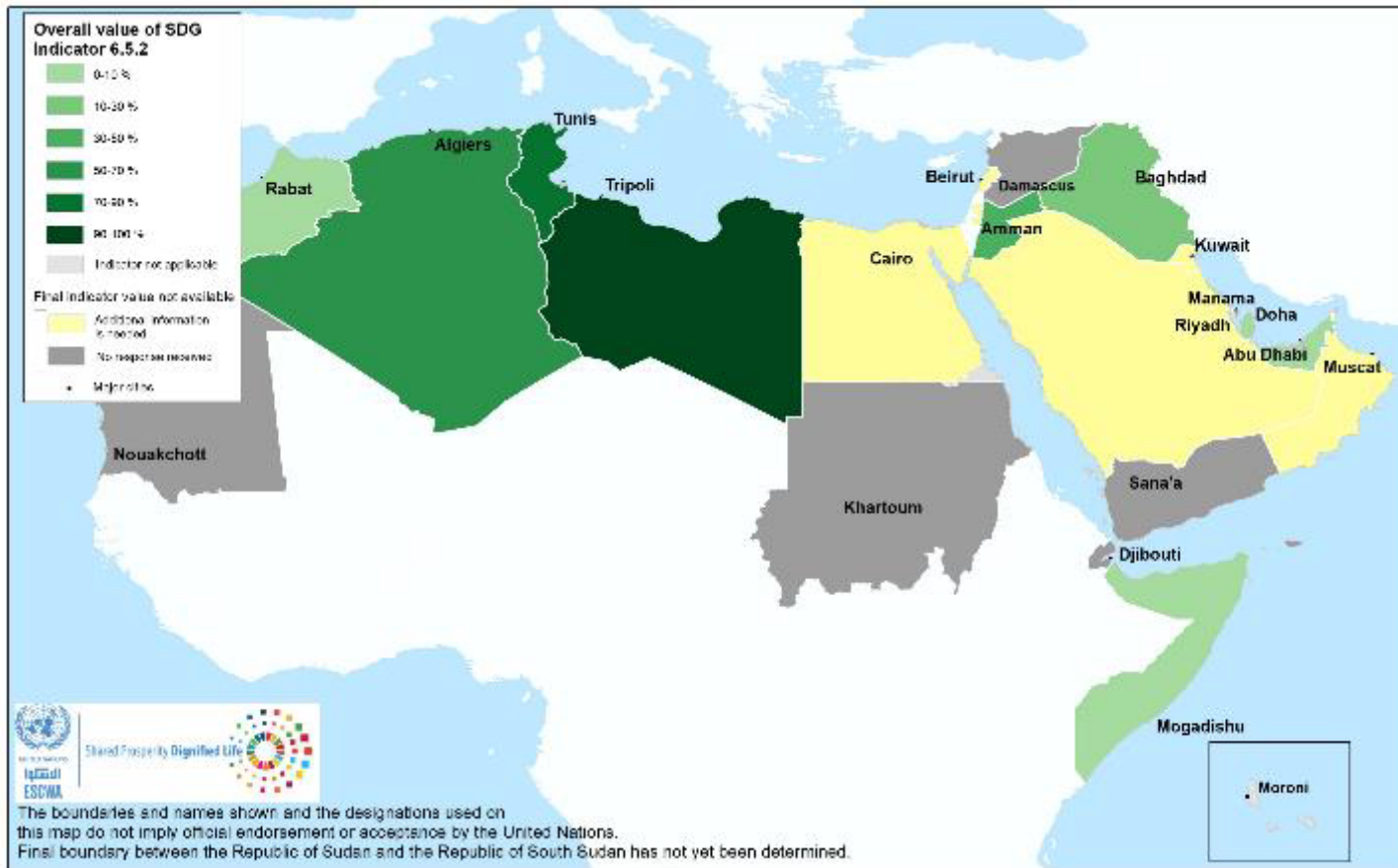
	2017- baseline	2020- 2 nd report
Number of countries that reported responses (out of 21 Arab countries that share rivers and aquifers)	10	15
Average score for the aquifer component	19%	30%
Average score for the river and lake basin component	13%	29%
Average score for SDG indicator 6.5.2	19%	30%

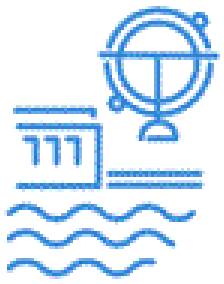
- Focuses on the need to accelerate progress for improving transboundary water cooperation in the Arab region.





National level of cooperation on transboundary water

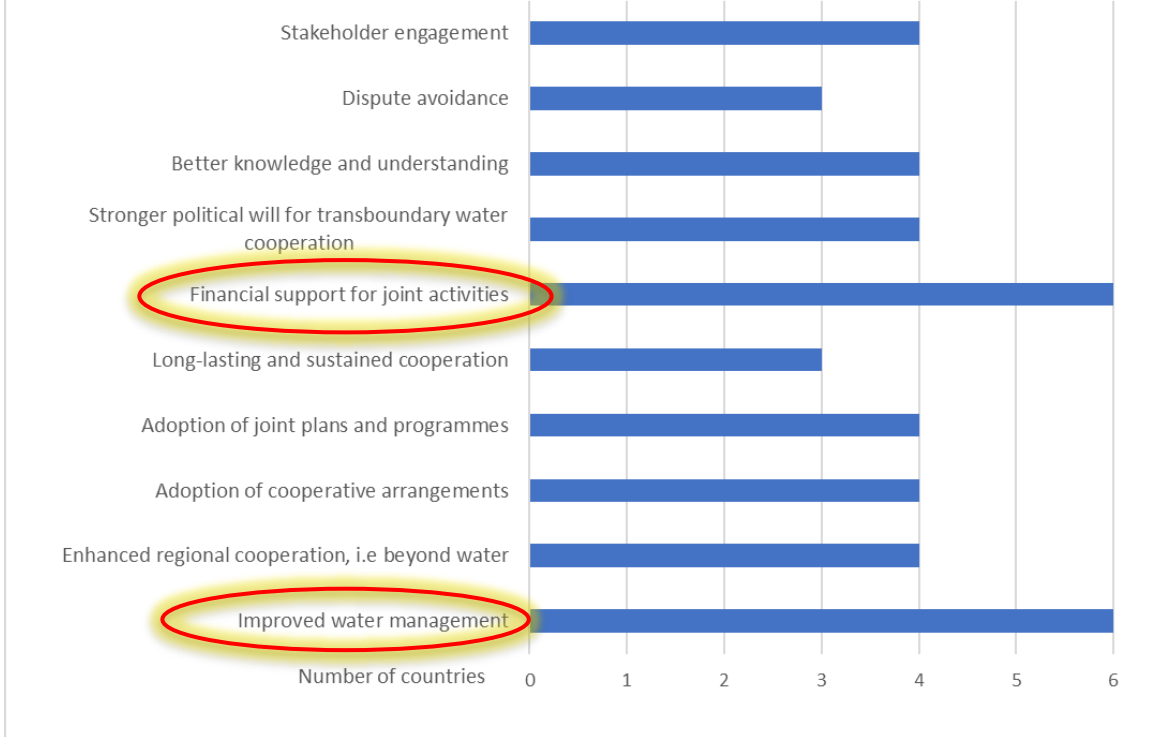




Main achievements and challenges reported by Arab countries in cooperating on transboundary waters



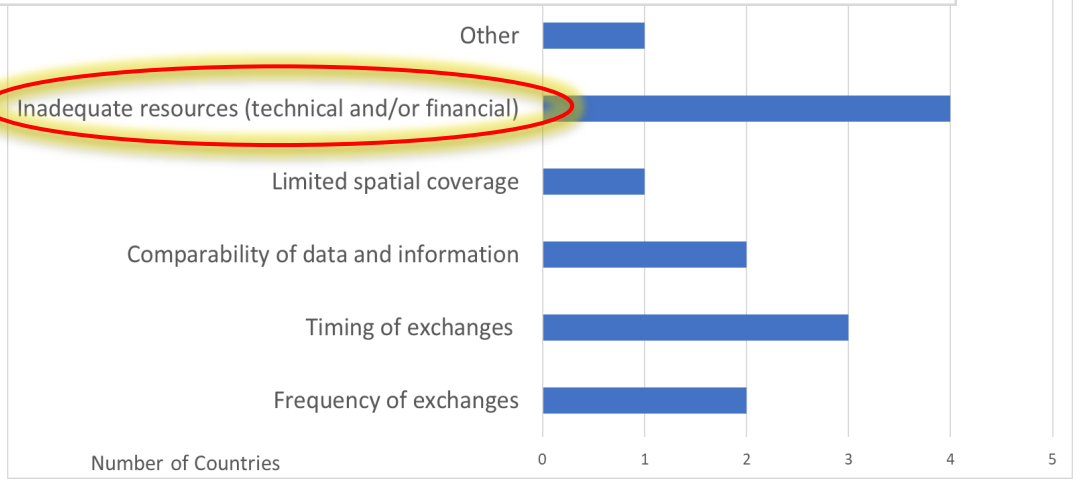
Main achievements for Countries with cooperation arrangements



Main challenges



Main challenges to data exchange





Key messages



- Progress in transboundary water cooperation in the Arab region requires:
 - Improving understanding of transboundary water resources, especially groundwater resources
 - Allocating the necessary funding
 - Improving access to information
 - Improving monitoring while making use of innovative technologies
 - Mainstreaming cooperation at the institutional level, through the authorities responsible for cooperation and management of shared water resources
- ESCWA efforts on transboundary water cooperation:
 - Availing information through the Arab Groundwater Digital Knowledge Platform
 - Regional support to cooperation modalities including knowledge exchange
 - Coordination and support to SDG target 6.5 focal points

Thank you



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For more information: <https://www.unescwa.org/publications/sdg-indicator-6-5-2-transboundary-cooperation-arab-states>
<https://www.unescwa.org/publications/2021-implementation-integrated-water-resources-management-arab-region>



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