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International Public Sector Financial Accountability Index: Global Trends

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International Public Sector Financial Accountability Index: 2021 Status Report

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- Index compiled by CIPFA and IFAC
- 2nd Status Report (original in 2018)
  - 2020 Index
  - 2025 Forecasts
  - 2030 Projections
- 165 jurisdictions (vs 150 in 2018)
- Financial reporting basis (cash, partial accrual, accrual)
- Financial reporting framework (Approach to IPSAS usage?)
- Pathways to Accrual (Study 14 update)

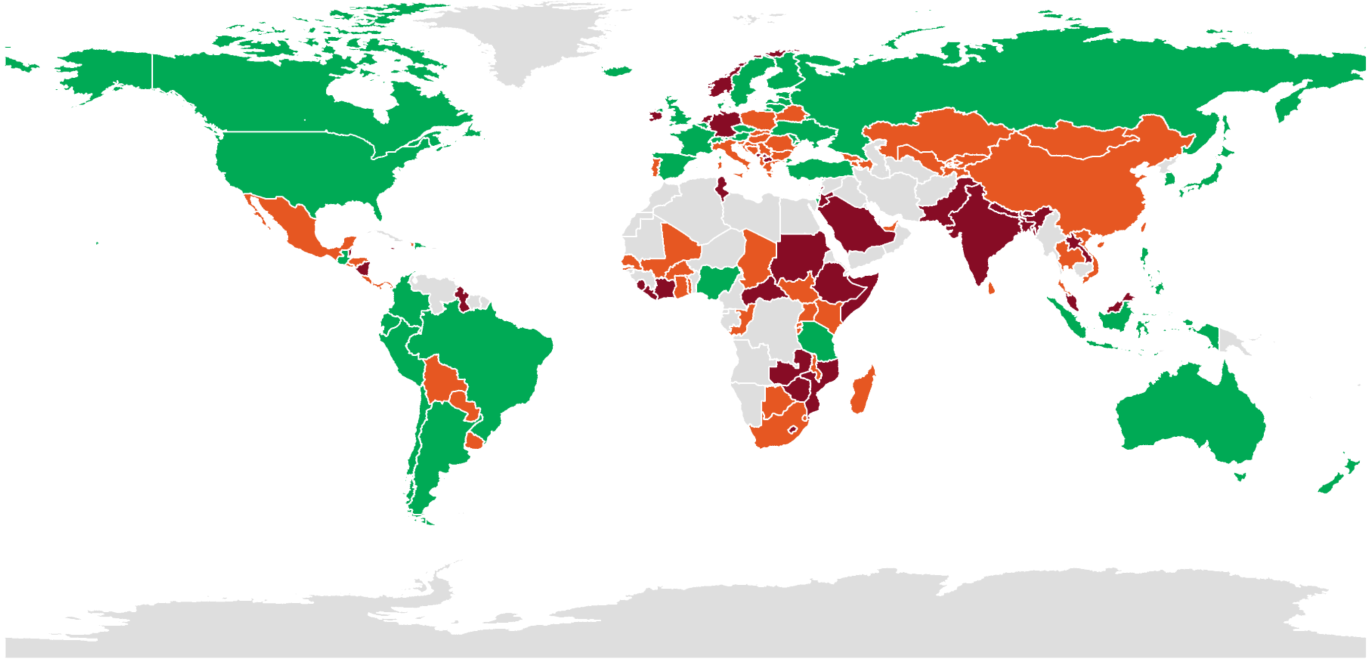
2020 Index: Practical Challenges

- Jurisdiction-level contacts:
- Lack of central database – the importance of partner organizations e.g., World Bank, ADB, AU, FOCAL
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – ability to use 2018 contacts?
- Staff changes since 2018
- Refinements to 2018 questions
- Database rebuild
- Translation
- Data verification
- Pandemic started just as ready to launch
- Marathon rather than sprint........

Data Quality Policies

- Looking for evidence of accrual implementation
- Accrual adoption decisions different to implementation and insufficient in absence of implementation evidence
- Accrual categorization is most difficult to demonstrate:
    - Published verifiable accounts required
    - Without this evidence 2020 basis ‘downgraded’ to Partial Accrual
    - Adoption in legislation or regulations helpful, but not definitive
- 2025 ‘Forecast’ vs 2030 ‘Projection’
- 2025 forecasts: reviewed available plans and progress reports – team judgment
- 2030 projections: lesser burden of evidence due to the period involved
- IPSAS framework usage inevitably more judgemental

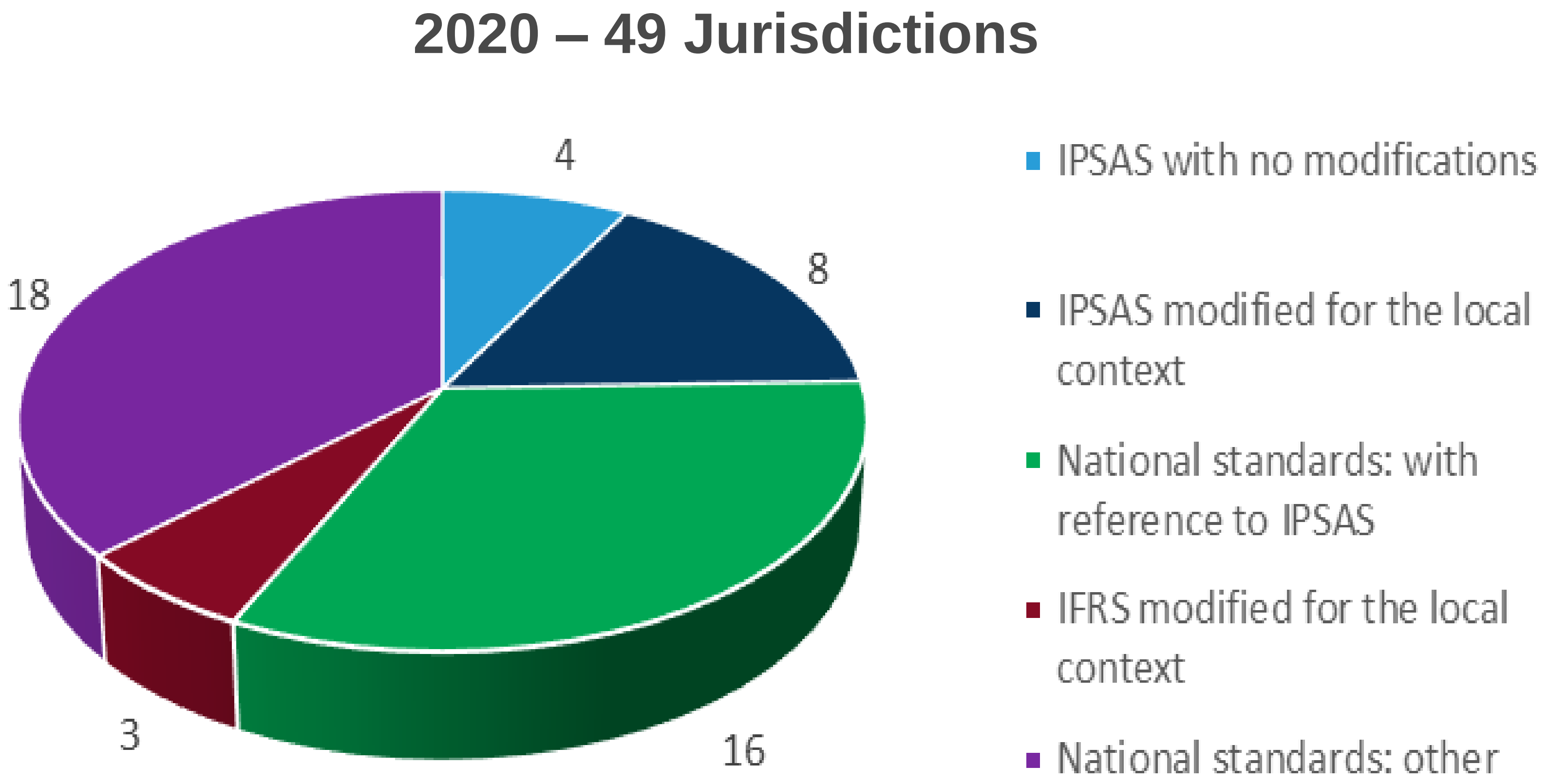
2020 Index: 30% of Jurisdictions Reported on Accrual



30%	Cash
40%	Partial Accrual
30%	Accrual

+6% Accrual since 2018

2020 Index: Financial Reporting Framework: 57% of Jurisdictions on Accrual Made Use of IPSAS



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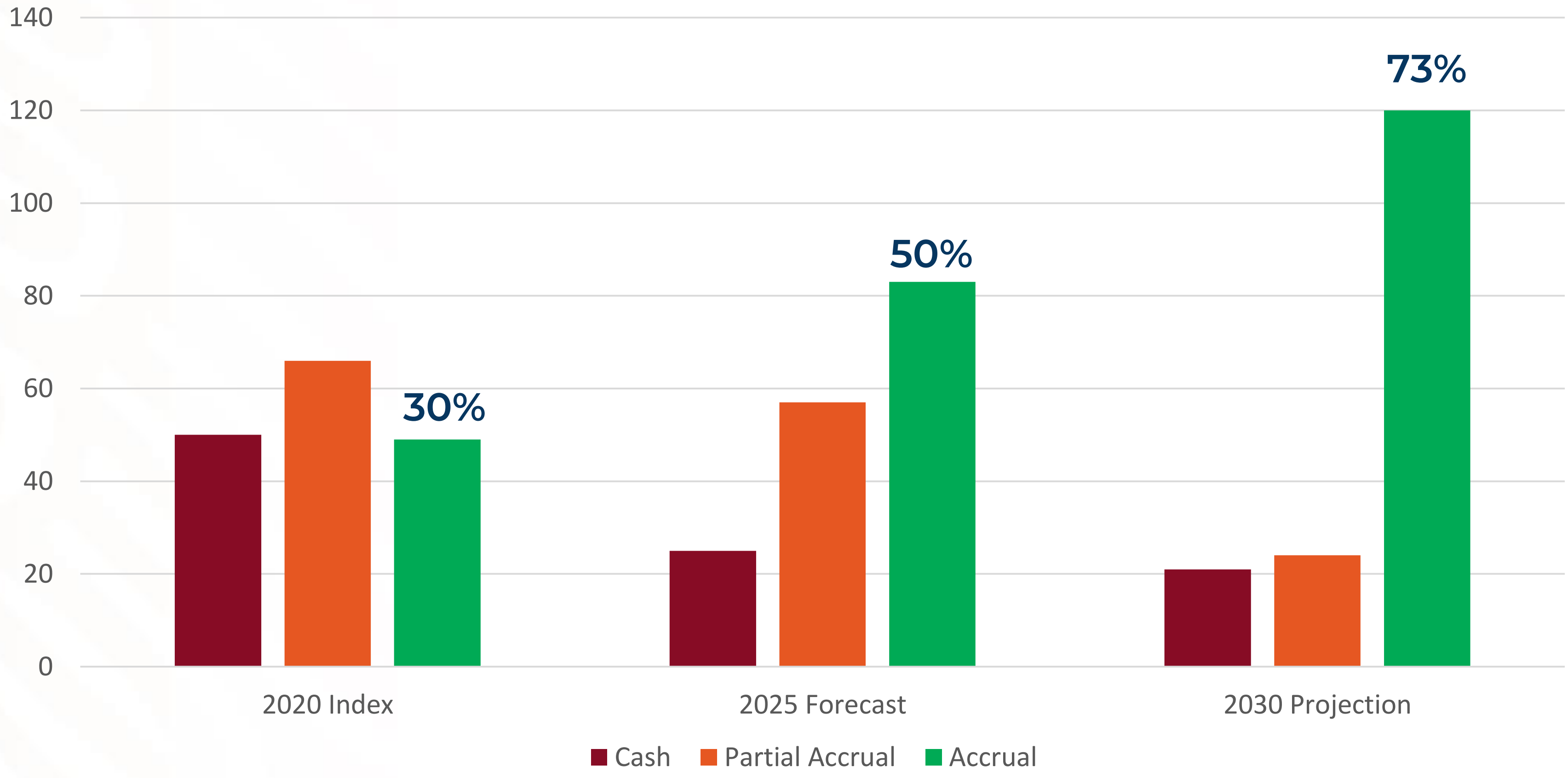


IPSAS usage and influence increasing in parallel

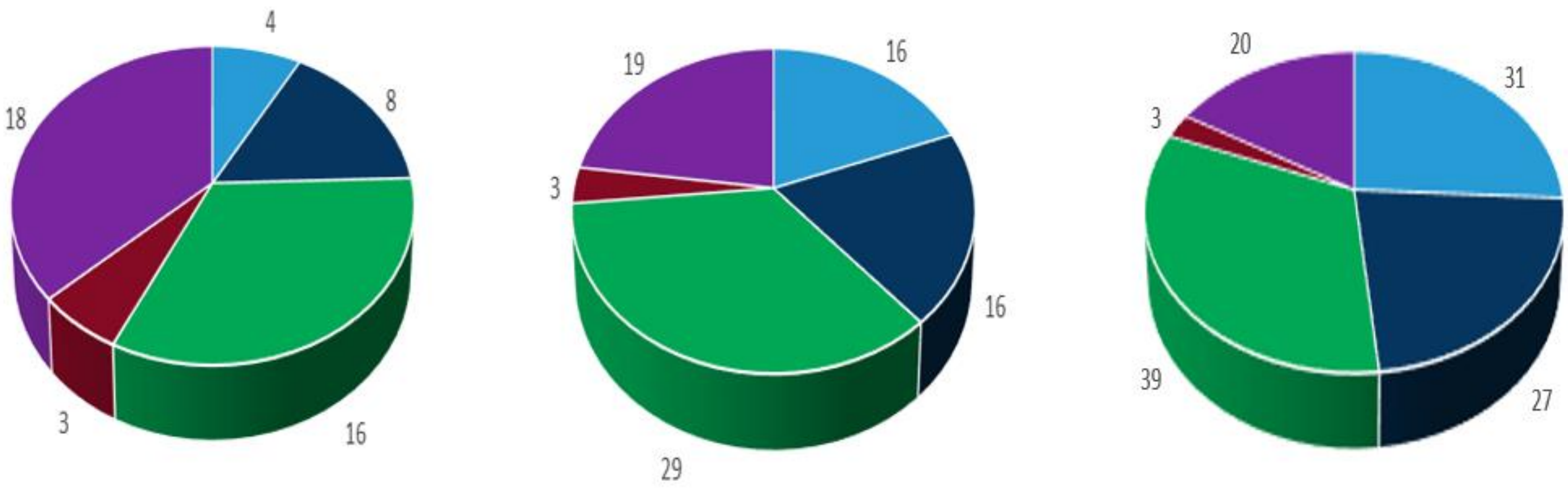
Global Trends (2): Increasing Usage and Influence of IPSAS

- IPSAS with no modifications
- IPSAS modified for the local context
- National standards: with reference to IPSAS
- IFRS modified for the local context
- National standards based on IFRS

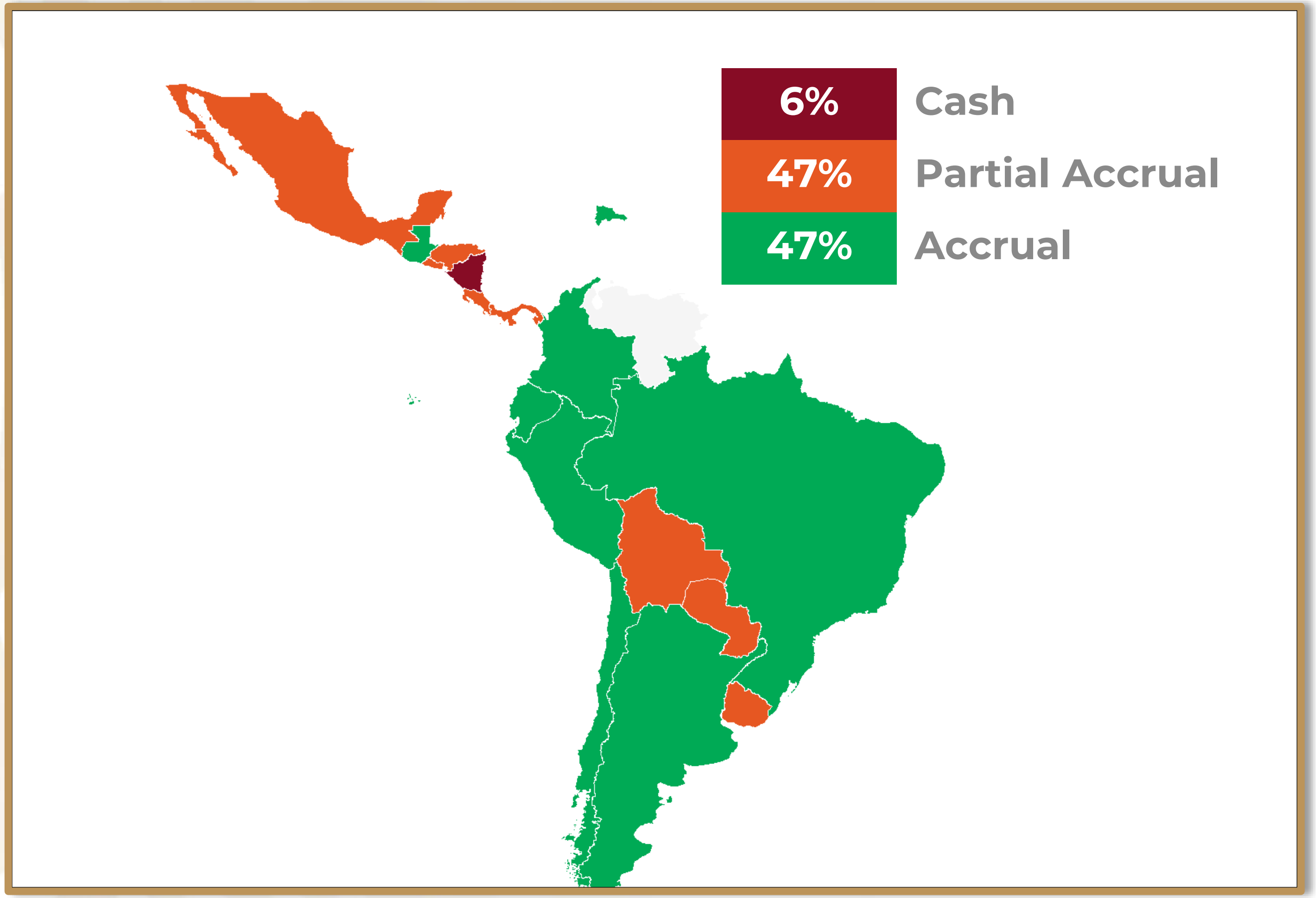
2020 Index
49 Jurisdictions

2025 Index
83 Jurisdictions

2030 Index
120 Jurisdictions



2020 Index: FOCAL Overview – 17 Jurisdictions



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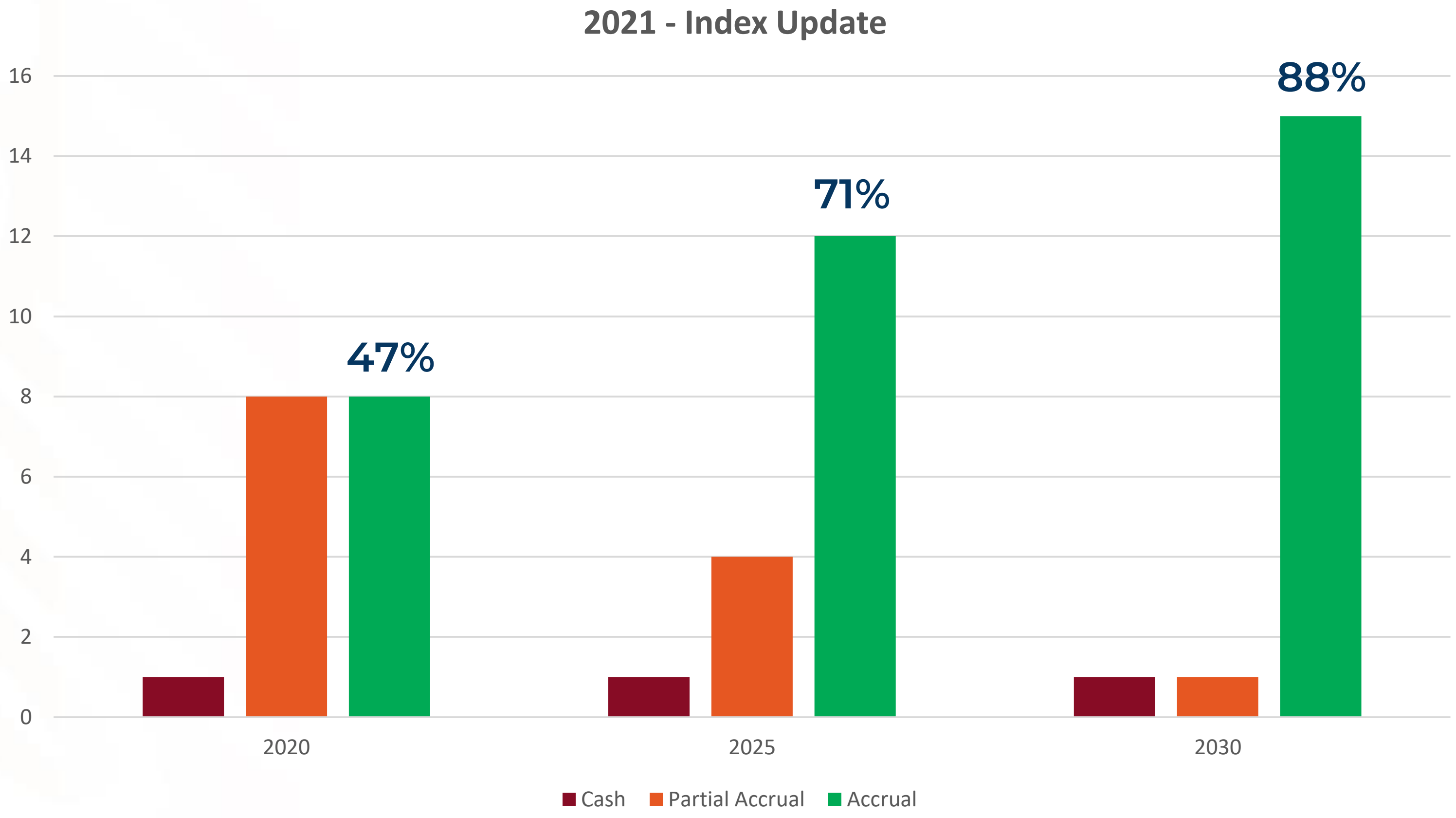

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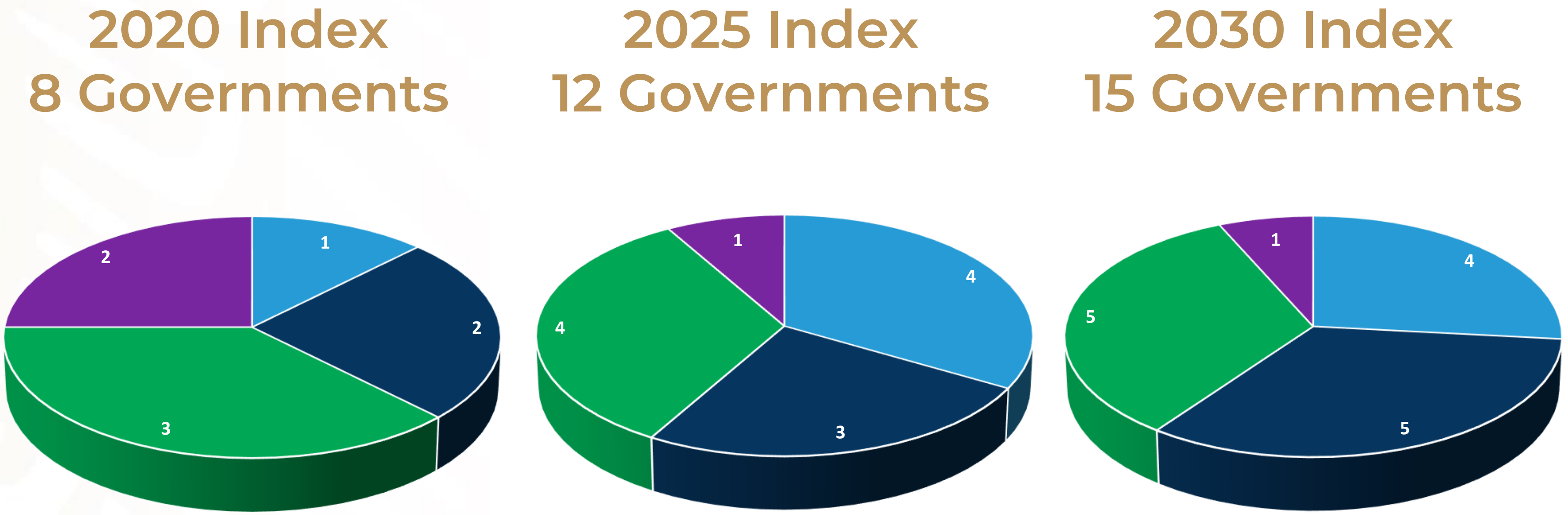

Next steps.......

- Periodic Index updates when evidence provided
- Next Index updates 2023
- Coordinate with data partners e.g. World Bank/FOCAL/PULSAR, ADB, Eurostat
- Links to regional events
- Extend trend evidence – build on current 4 data points
- Minimal changes to questions
- Expand jurisdiction coverage further – Africa, Asia, Middle East
- Expansion outside federal / central government on hold

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