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National statistics on governance, corruption and anti-corruption

The power of information, and how to get it

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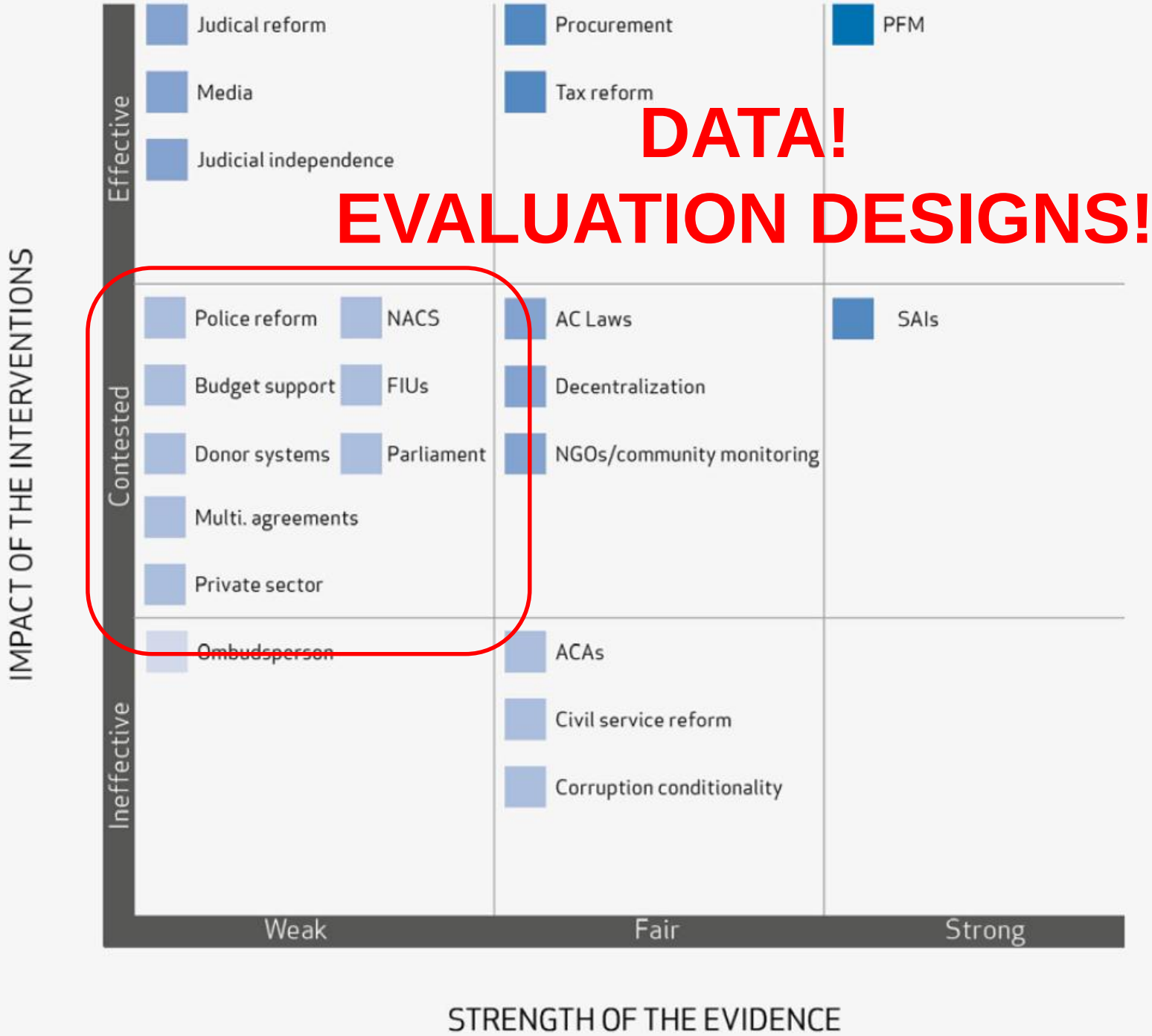
Why national statistics? Evidence!


Judical reform
Procurement
PFM
Media
Tax reform
Judicial independence
DATA!
EVALUATION DESIGNS!
Effective
Police reform
NACS
AC Laws
SAIs
Budget support
FIUs
Decentralization
Donor systems
Parliament
NGOs/community monitoring
Contested
Multi. agreements
Private sector
Ombudsperson
ACAs
Civil service reform
Corruption conditionality
Ineffective
Weak
Fair
Strong
IMPACT OF THE INTERVENTIONS
STRENGTH OF THE EVIDENCE

Indicator challenges we confront

The Proxy Challenge Competition

- Linked, but not inseparable:
  - Measuring changes in corruption levels
  - Evaluating whether anti-corruption efforts are successful
- Progress on measuring bribery and financial fraud, but two overall indicator problems remaining:
  - How to measure **other types of corruption** (patronage, conflict of interest, abuse of power, etc.)
  - How to present a **measure of overall corruption levels** in a country, region, sector, or organisation **not biased** towards measurable types of corruption, and can show **trajectories** of change

In many areas, we have the tools. We need regular, systematic, household-level data collection

- Perceptions – institutional integrity scores (TI GCB)
- Experiences – victimization (UNODC)

- Current NGO polls allow us to diagnose corruption, advocacy
- Household level data would let us study what works and why (e.g. effects of integrity initiative on health outcomes)

National statistics offices – integrity warriors?

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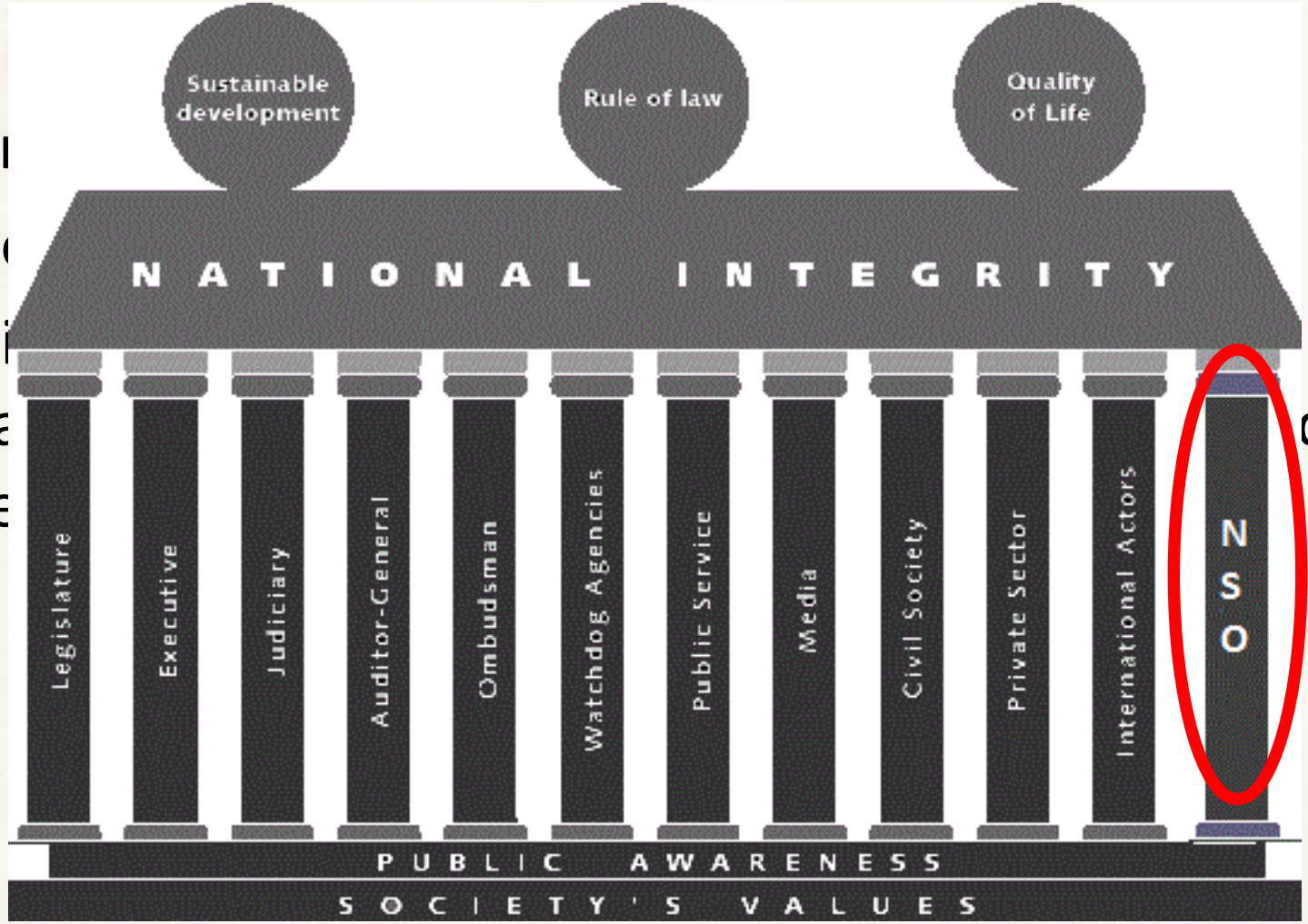

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