Côte d’Ivoire (120th) has experienced the greatest improvement in its prosperity of any country in the world in the past decade. It has seen major improvements in all pillars apart from Personal Freedom and Natural Environment, rising 24 places in the global rankings as a result. It has made particularly strong progress in Economic Quality since 2011, with high-tech manufactured exports more than doubling as a share of total exports.

Mali (151st) has seen the second greatest deterioration in prosperity in sub-Saharan Africa in the last decade, after South Sudan. Ongoing and widespread insecurity has seen the number of terrorism deaths increase more than tenfold from one to 25 deaths per million people since 2011.

South Sudan (167th) is the least prosperous country in the world. War and civil conflict have persistently troubled this country, resulting in large numbers of refugees. There are almost 200,000 refugees in South Sudan per million inhabitants.

Mauritius (45th) is the most prosperous country in sub-Saharan Africa. It ranks in the top 50 for seven of the Index’s 12 pillars.