

# São Tomé and Príncipe's Political Parity Law: A 40% Quota Awaiting Its First Electoral Test

Gender Equality · Good practice · Sao Tome and Principe

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

On 28 July 2022 São Tomé and Príncipe's National Assembly unanimously passed a law reserving 40% of parliamentary, cabinet and public-administration posts for women. The law took effect after that year's election, so its real test is the vote scheduled for September 2026.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                       | Score |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Transferability / replicability | 2/3   |
| Impact on gender equality       | 0/1   |
| Effectiveness                   | 0/1   |
| Efficiency                      | 0/1   |
| Evaluated outcomes              | 0/1   |
| Sustainability                  | 1/1   |
| Achievement / evidence          | 1/1   |
| Gender-mainstreaming embedding  | 1/1   |
| Curator validation              | 1/1   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[National Assembly of São Tomé and Príncipe](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

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