BASELINE ASSESSMENT REPORT

On the Implementation of the National Minimum Standards of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/ Laws

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INTRODUCTION

- In 2019, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (CSLS) in partnership with Criminal Justice stakeholders in Nigeria, introduced the National Minimum Standards (NMS) to enhance the implementation of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) and Administration of Criminal Justice Laws in different states (ACJL). The NMS was designed to promote a cohesive and robust criminal justice system in Nigeria.
- The NMS Implementation Process has five stages, and the first stage involves a Baseline Assessment Study and Baseline Study Report. Recently, the CSLS issued a baseline assessment questionnaire to all 36 Nigerian states on May 7th, 2021. Following the completion and return of the questionnaires by various states, a virtual Baseline review meeting was organized on January 25th and 26th, 2023, to review the draft Baseline report prepared by the Centre.

- To further evaluate the implementation process, a National Technical Review and Evaluation Conference (NTREC) was held in Abuja on February 16th and 17th, 2023. The conference was attended by representatives from the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC) and Ministries of Justice representing the 36 states. During the conference, nominees gave updates on the level of implementation of the ACJL of their states and progress reports on the draft Baseline report. States were evaluated based on the reports presented, and awards of office equipment were given to the ten best performing states, including Delta, Rivers, and Kaduna.
- This report provides an update on the draft Baseline Report and highlights the strides made by the Nigerian states in implementing the NMS towards a unified and robust criminal justice system.

Baseline Study Overview

The Baseline Study of the 36 States include is assessed using three parameters namely:

a. **Quality of the law**: assessment tool= Comparative Analysis of the ACJLs of each state and the ACJA.

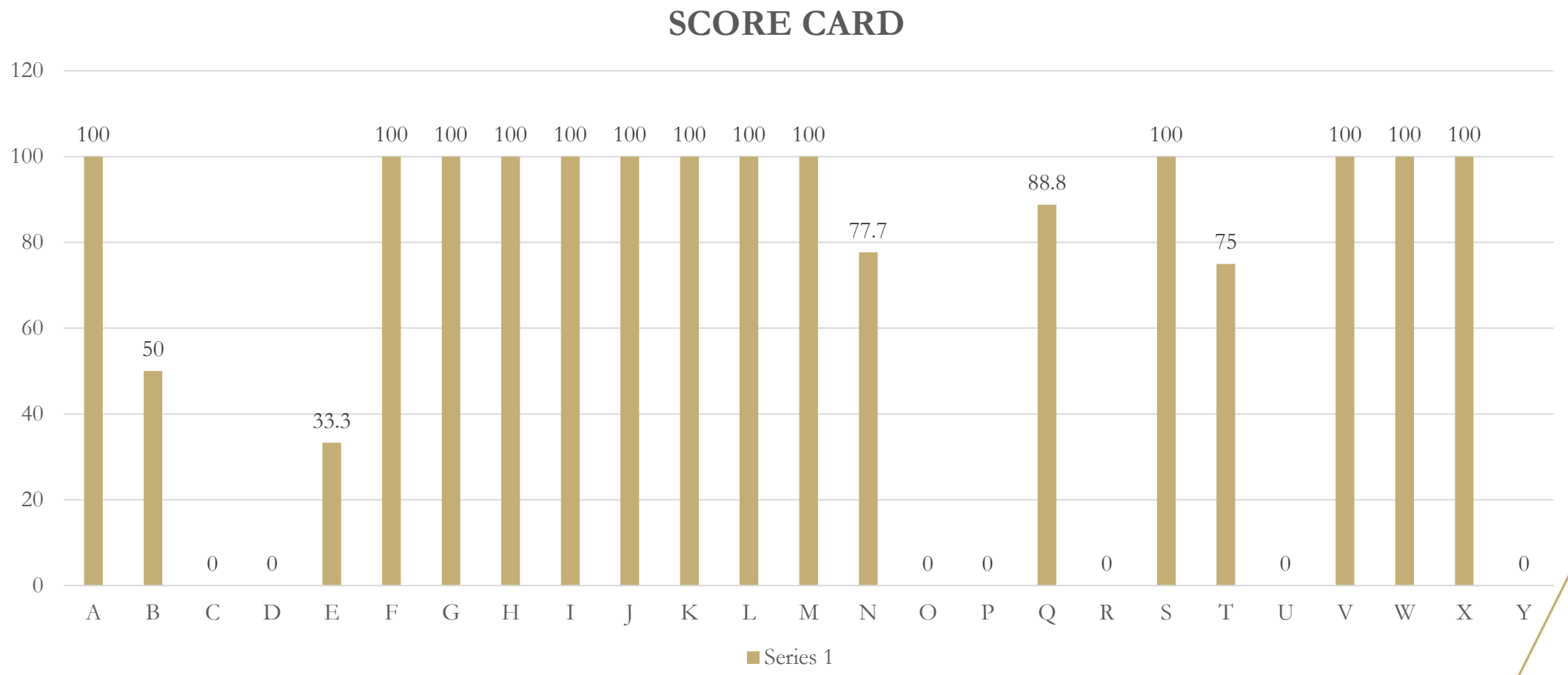
b. **Nature and Availability of Justice Sector Facilities and Statistics**: assessment tool= Baseline Assessment Questionnaire and Interview questions.

c. **Level of Implementation of the Law**: assessment tool= Baseline Assessment Questionnaire and Interview questions.

- The purpose of this study is to collect data which will enable the Centre assess the state of the justice sector infrastructure in the various states and make recommendation to the authorities for necessary improvements.
- The Baseline Assessment Questionnaire contains 25 questions and it was administered to the 36 States of the Federation through the office of the Attorneys-General of each state.
- Collaborating with the nominees from the Ministries of Justice in each state we successfully got feedbacks from 36 states who collated data from the various agencies concerned.

Baseline Assessment Report: A Review of 36 States

ABIA STATE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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Abia State passed the ACJL in December, 2017. From the graph Abia scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Abia scored 50% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public. However, nothing was said about the trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Abia scored 0 because they do not have in existence a Criminal Records Registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Abia Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 33.3% because they indicated that mobile phones are being used to record confessional statements in law enforcement agencies.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 77.7% because they indicated that electronic recording machines, video recording machines, projectors, copiers and public address systems are available for use in the courts

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Abia State scored 100% because they have abolished lay prosecution.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Abia State to send case files to the DPP is 1day from date of arraignment.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Abia state 5days to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because a criminal case are assigned to a court in the state the same day it is filed.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**
- ○ In the Magistrate court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 2years to complete a matter in the magistrate court.
- ○ In the High Court: 0 because upon enquiry , it was discovered that it takes more than 3years to complete a matter in the high court.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Abia scored 100% because they indicated that there is in existence a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in Abia State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Abia scored 100% because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

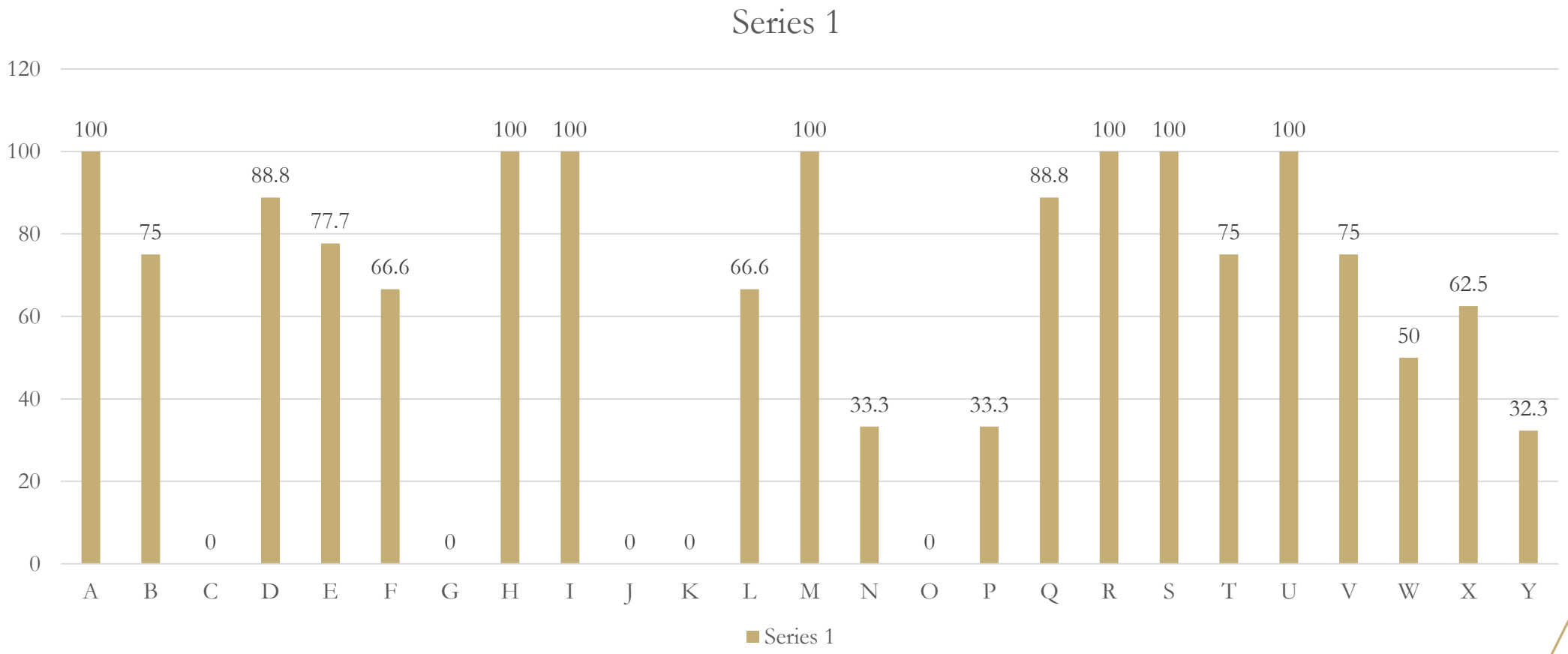
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Abia scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Abia scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres) and that such inspection visits are conducted often.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Abia scored 100% because they indicated that they have 5 legal aid officers and indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Abia scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Abia scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Abia scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Abia scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and such rulings is not deferred to the time of judgment.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Abia scored 100% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, parole and suspended sentence.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Abia scored 100% because they indicated that there is in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Abia scored 100% because they indicated that they have a functional committee in the State.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Abia scored 0 because no statistics was provided for the questions asked.

ADAMAWA STATE



GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Adamawa State passed the ACJL in 2018. From the graph Adamawa scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Adamawa scored 75% because they have not conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Adamawa scored 0% because they do not have in existence a Criminal Records Registry it only exists in their law.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Adamawa Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 88.8% because they have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder, CCTV camera and mobile phones in the police stations for recording of confessional statements.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they have and use dedicated statement taking rooms, video recorders and mobile phones.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 33.3% because only a public address system is available in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Adamawa State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to check abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 0 because the average time it takes the police in Adamawa State to send case files to the DPP is ***three months*** from date of arraignment.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Adamawa state 14days to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) =** 0 because it takes an average of ***2weeks*** to assign a criminal case to court.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**
  - In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 5months
  - In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1year.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Adamawa scored 100% because they indicated that there is in existence a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Adamawa scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Adamawa scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Adamawa scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres) and such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Adamawa scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 5 Legal Aid officers, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Adamawa scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(Screen/Mask to hide witness' identity)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Adamawa scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Adamawa scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Adamawa scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do not rule on objections immediately they are moved.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Adamawa scored 75% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Adamawa scored 50% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Adamawa scored 62.5% because there is no operational guidelines that govern the operation of the committee, no specific budget provision for the committee and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Adamawa scored 32.3% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases, number of judicial support staff, number of lower court judges conducting criminal cases, number of court rooms available to the lower courts conducting criminal cases, number of functional toilet facilities, number of functional air conditioners and fans in your state.

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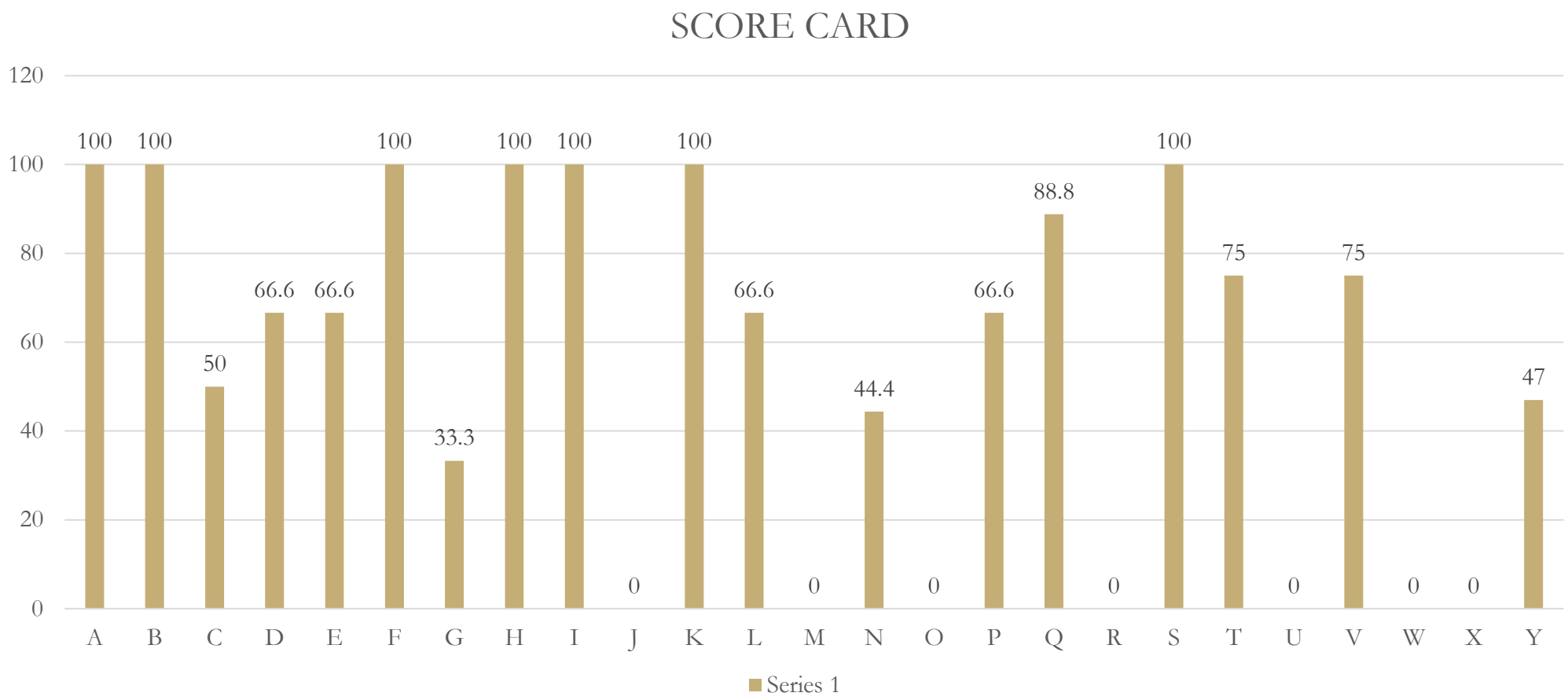
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Akwa Ibom State passed the ACJL in 2022. From the graph Akwa Ibom scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Akwa Ibom scored 100% because they have sensitized stakeholders through meetings and workshops, conducted a needs assessment on implementation agencies, sensitized the public and trained stakeholders on the new law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Akwa Ibom scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Akwa Ibom Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they have and use video recorders and mobile phones to record confessional statements.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because they have and use video recorders and mobile phones.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 44.4% because the courts have and use copiers and public address system.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Akwa Ibom State scored 100% because they have abolished lay prosecution.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 33.3% because the average time it takes the police in Akwa Ibom State to send case files to the DPP is ***two weeks to three weeks*** from date of arraignment.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Akwa Ibom State ***7 to 14 days*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it was stated that the average time it takes to assign a case after filing is ***7 days***.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**
- ○ In the Magistrate court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 2years to complete a matter.
- ○ In the High Court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 3years to complete a matter.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Akwa Ibom scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Akwa Ibom scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Akwa Ibom scored 0 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do not remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Akwa Ibom scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates do conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). And such inspection visits are often conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Akwa Ibom scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 4 Legal Aid officers, they also stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Akwa Ibom scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have two facilities in place for witness protection in the state(Screen/Mask to hide witness' identity and written deposition of witness)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Akwa Ibom scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Akwa Ibom scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Akwa Ibom scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Akwa Ibom scored 75% because they indicated that they have structure and designated personnel for rehabilitation, community service and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Akwa Ibom scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Akwa Ibom scored 0 because the indicated that they do not have in existence the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee or its equivalent.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Akwa Ibom scored 47% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of judicial support staff available in the state, number of functional toilet facilities, number of functional air conditioners and fans and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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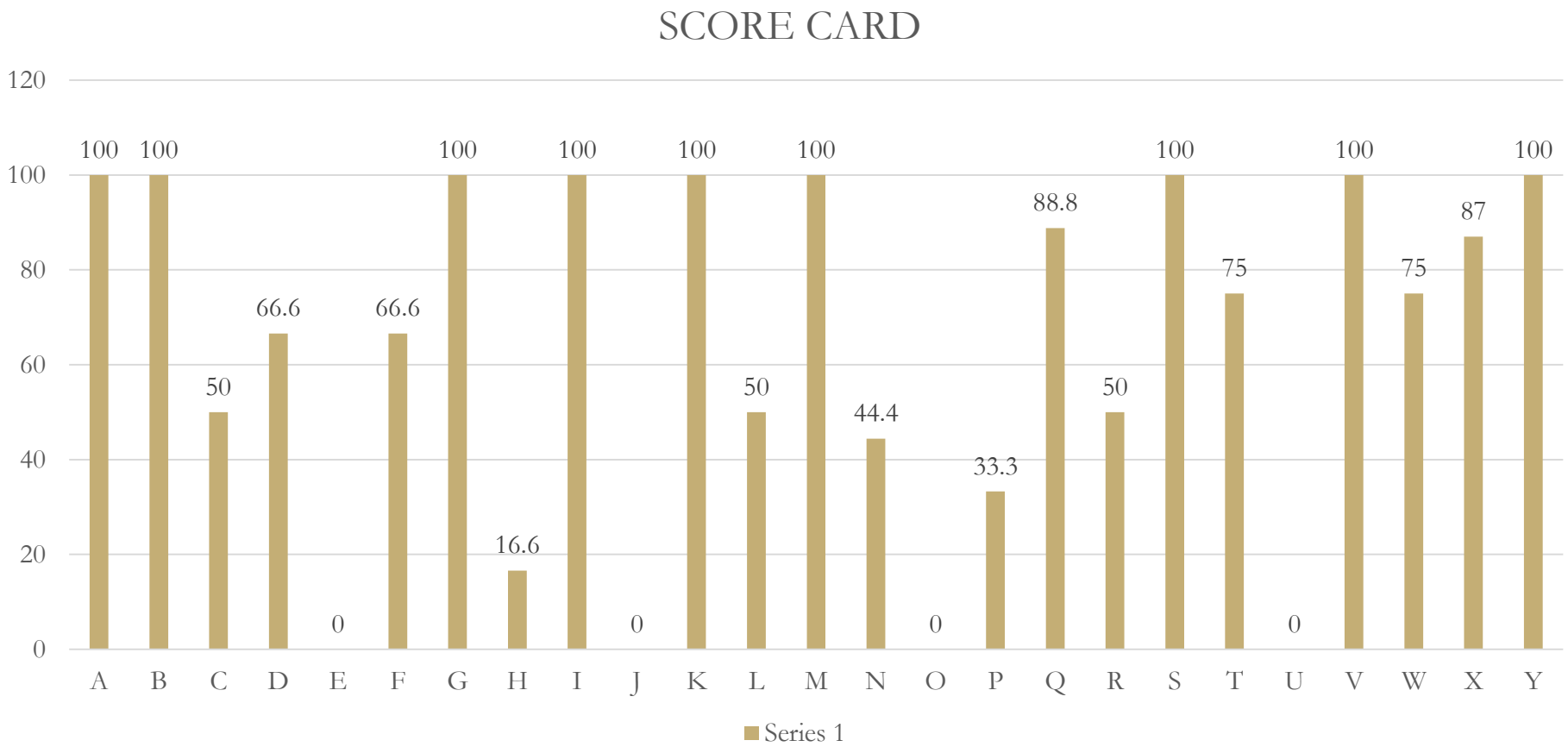
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Anambra State passed the ACJL in 2010. From the graph Anambra scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Anambra scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Anambra scored 50% because they omitted to indicate whether or not they collate data electronically or manually in the registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Anambra Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phones and a dedicated statement taking rooms in the state CID and Area command.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 44.4% because they indicated that they have copiers, video recording machines and E-Library in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Anambra State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Anambra State to send case files to the DPP is ***3days***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 16.6%** because it takes the DPP in Anambra State ***one months*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of 2days to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 50%**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes 2years
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 3years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Anambra scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Anambra scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Anambra scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Anambra scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). And such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Anambra scored 50% because they indicated that they have 2 Legal Aid officers, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Anambra scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Anambra scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Anambra scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Anambra scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Anambra scored 100% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Anambra scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Anambra scored 87% because the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Anambra scored 100% because they provided all the statistics required.

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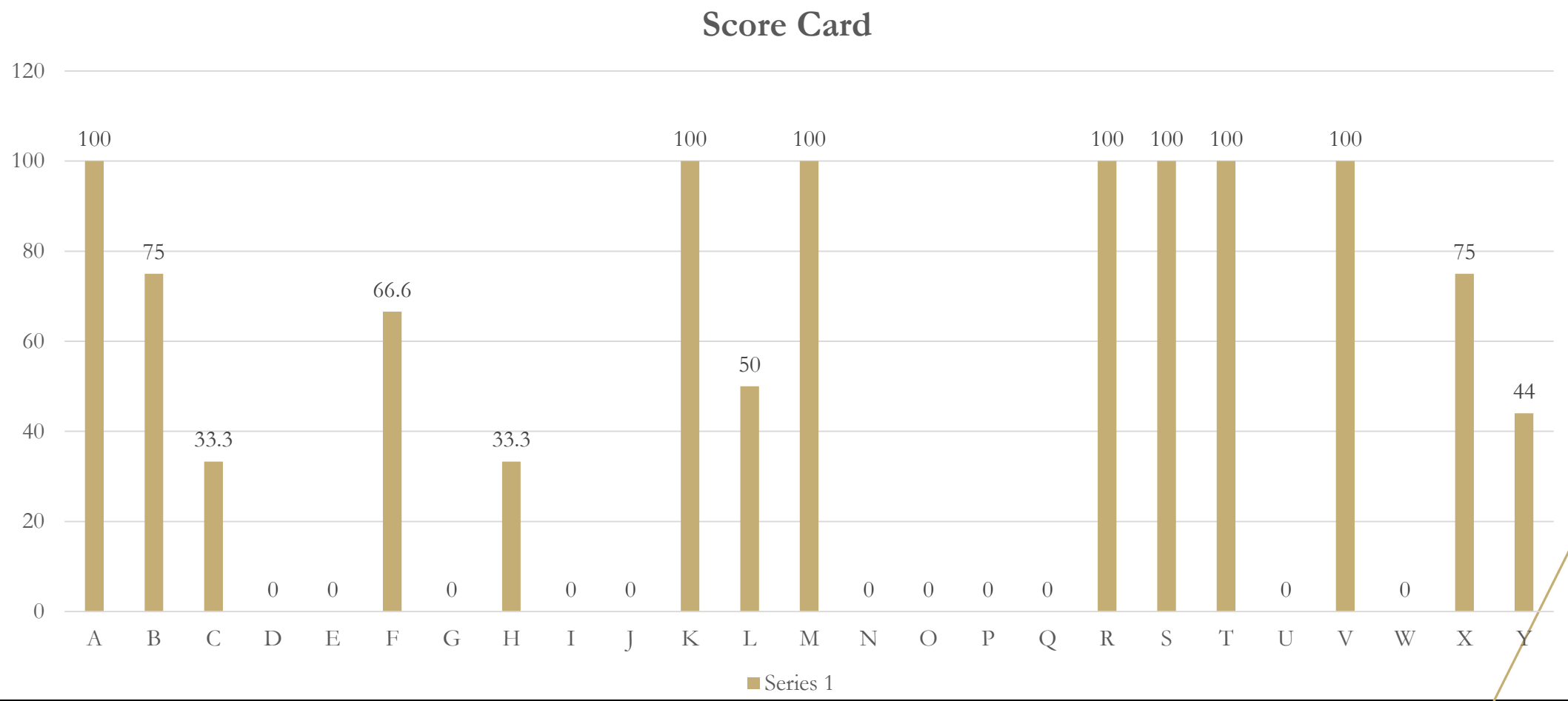
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Bauchi State passed the ACJL in 2018. From the graph Bauchi scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Bauchi scored 75% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives, However, they have not conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Bauchi scored 33.3% because they did not indicate whether or not they collate data manually or electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Bauchi Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Bauchi State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Bauchi State to send case files to the DPP is ***2 months***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Bauchi State ***2 weeks*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of 1 to 3days to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**
  - In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 6months
  - In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1year & 6months .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Bauchi scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Bauchi scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Bauchi scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Bauchi scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Bauchi scored 50% because they indicate that they have one Legal Aid officer in the state, and, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Bauchi scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Bauchi scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Bauchi scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Bauchi scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state do rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Bauchi scored 100% because they indicated that they do not have structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Bauchi scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines, Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Bauchi scored 75% because there is no specific budget provision for the council and the council does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge. In Bauchi state ACJMC stands for Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Council.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Bauchi scored 44% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of criminal cases filed in court, the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases, number of judicial support staff.

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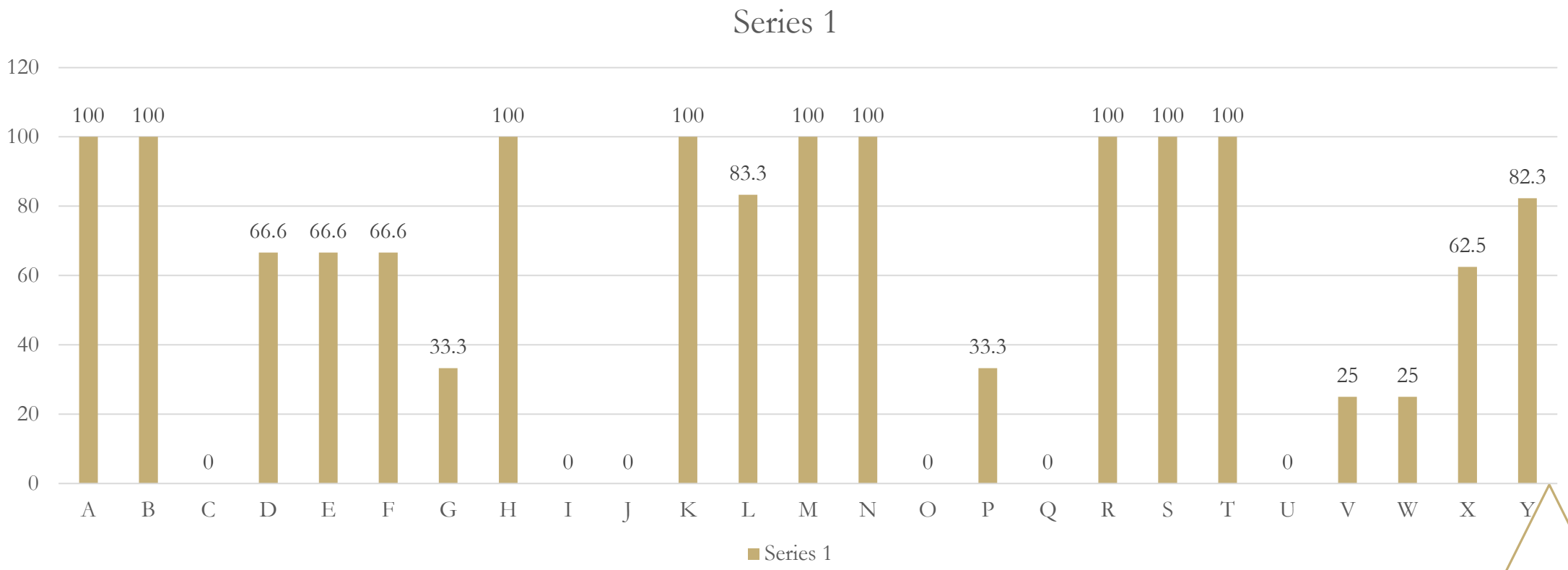
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Bayelsa State passed the ACJL in 2019. From the graph Bayelsa scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Bayelsa scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Bayelsa scored 0 because they do not have a criminal records registry.
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- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Bayelsa Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they have and use dedicated statement taking room and mobile phones to record confessional statements.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because they have and use dedicated statement taking room and mobile phones to record confessional statements.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 100% because they indicated that they have Electronic recording machines, video recording machines, projectors, copiers, public address system and E-Library in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire all courts in the state do not electronically record court proceedings.

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Bayelsa State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 33.3%** because the average time it takes the police in Bayelsa State to send case files to the DPP is ***2 weeks to 1 month.***

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Bayelsa State ***five days*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because a criminal case is assigned to a court in the state within ***24hours.***

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 6months -1year to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment.
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1year to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Bayelsa scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Bayelsa scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

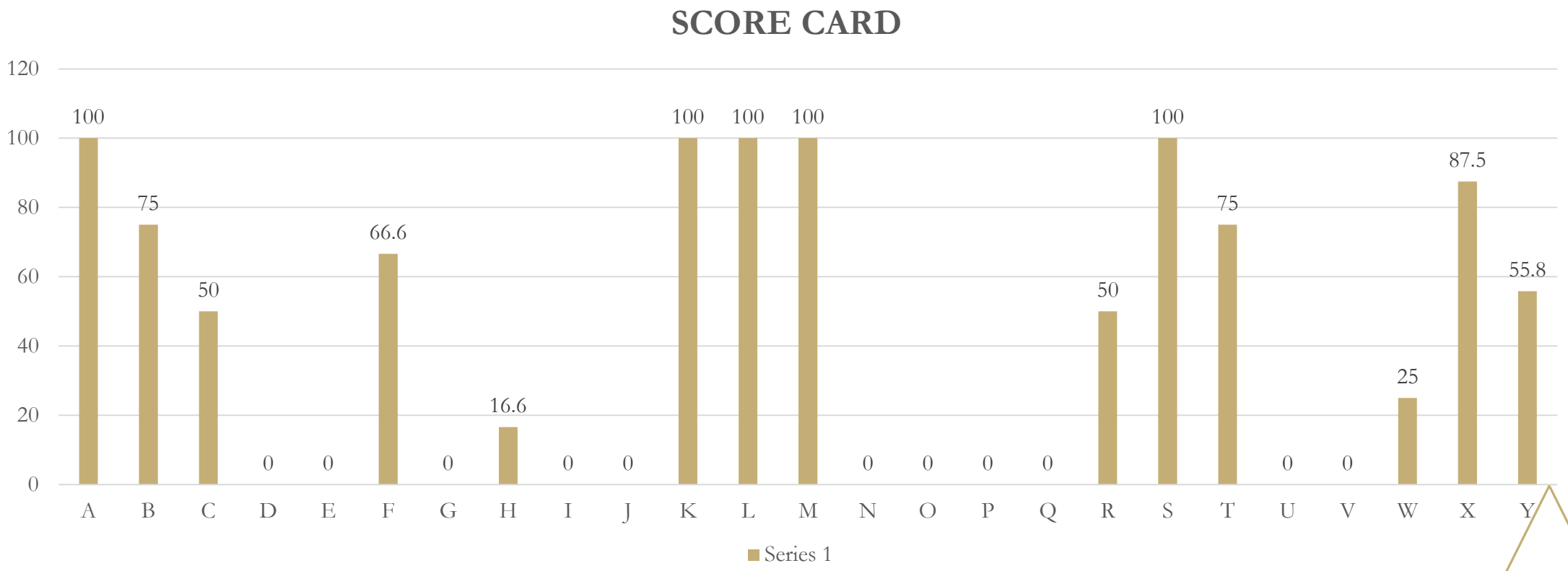
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Bayelsa scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Bayelsa scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Bayelsa scored 83.3% because they indicated that they have 25 Legal Aid officers and they stated that indigent suspects in the state ***often*** are provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Bayelsa scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have one facility in place for witness protection in the state (Written deposition of witness).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Bayelsa scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Bayelsa scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Bayelsa scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Bayelsa scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have a structure and designated personnel for parole, rehabilitation and suspended sentence.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Bayelsa scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Bondsperson Regulation, sentencing guidelines and plea bargaining guidelines. What they have is the practice directions for the effective application of the ACJL.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Bayelsa scored 62.5% because the indicated that they have in existence the ACJMC but so far, there is no specific budget provision for the committee, no standing rules or operational guidelines that govern the operation of the committee and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Bayelsa scored 82.3% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, but provided answers to other questions on statistics asked.

BENUE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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Benue State passed the ACJL in 2019. From the graph Benue scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Benue scored 75% because they have not sensitized the public on the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Benue scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Benue Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Benue State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Benue State to send case files to the DPP is ***4 to 8 weeks***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 16.6%** because it takes the DPP in Benue State ***one month*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of 5days to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 50%**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes 2-3years
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 2-3years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Benue scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Benue scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Benue scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Benue scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Benue scored 100% because they indicated that they have 5 Legal Aid officers, and they stated that indigent suspects ***very oftenare*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Benue scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Benue scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Benue scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Benue scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Benue scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Benue scored 25% because they indicated that they have just Sentencing Guidelines.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Benue scored 87.5% because the Committee has no secretariat.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Benue scored 55.8% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases and there is no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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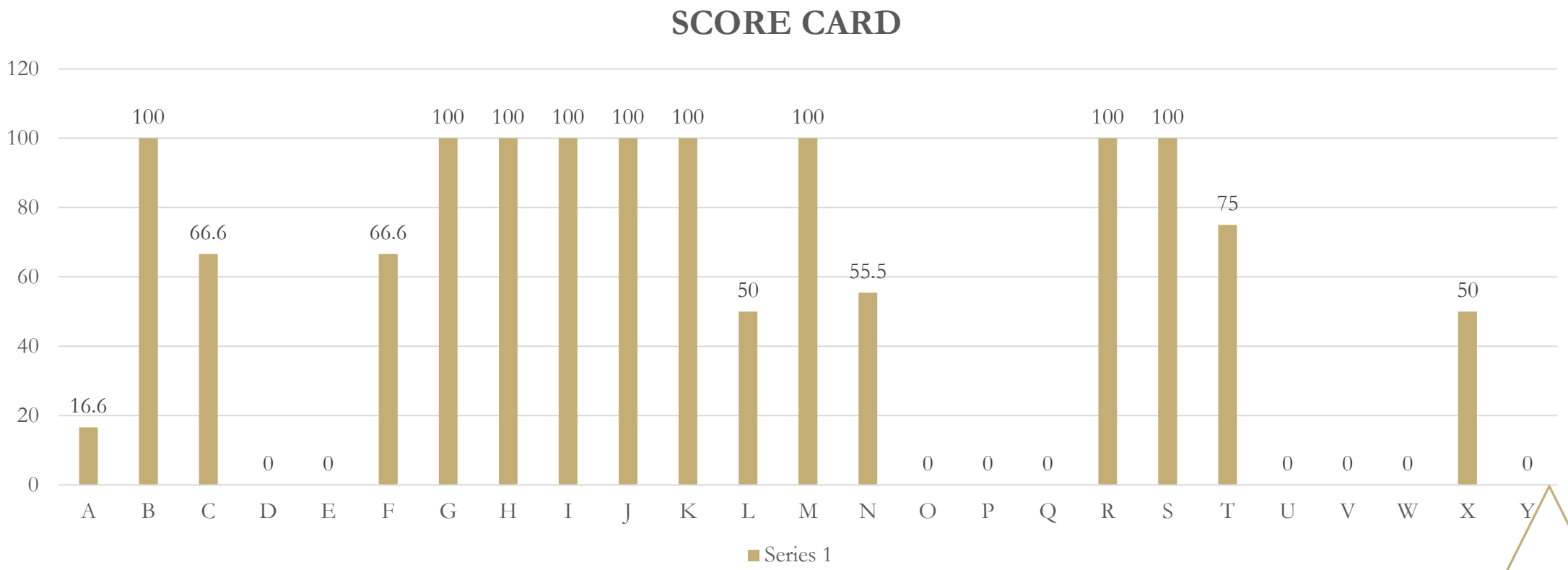
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Borno State is yet to pass the ACJL into law. The bill is awaiting 3rd reading at the House of Assembly. From the graph Borno scored 16.6%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Borno scored 100% because they have organized stakeholders sensitization meetings and workshops, trained stakeholders on the bill, sensitized the public and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the bill.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Borno scored 66.6% because the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Borno Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 55.5% because they indicated that they have and use projectors, copiers and E-Library in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Borno State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Borno State to send case files to the DPP is ***7days***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)=** 100% because it takes the DPP in Borno State ***7days*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***5days*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 2months
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 4months .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Borno scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Borno scored 100% because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Borno scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Borno scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Borno scored 50% because they did not indicated the number of legal aid officers available in the state, they only stated that they have available the NBA bro-bono section in place, and they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Borno scored 0 because no answer was provided as regards the facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Borno scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Borno scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Borno scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Borno scored 0 because they indicated that they have no structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Borno scored 0 because they did not answer this question.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Borno scored 50% because they indicated that the state in existence an ACJMC known as the Criminal Justice Reform Team. However, they team does not have standing rules or operational guidelines, specific budget provision, secretariat etc. because it has not been formally ingurated since it merely exist in their draft bill.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Borno scored 0 because no answer was provided for this question.

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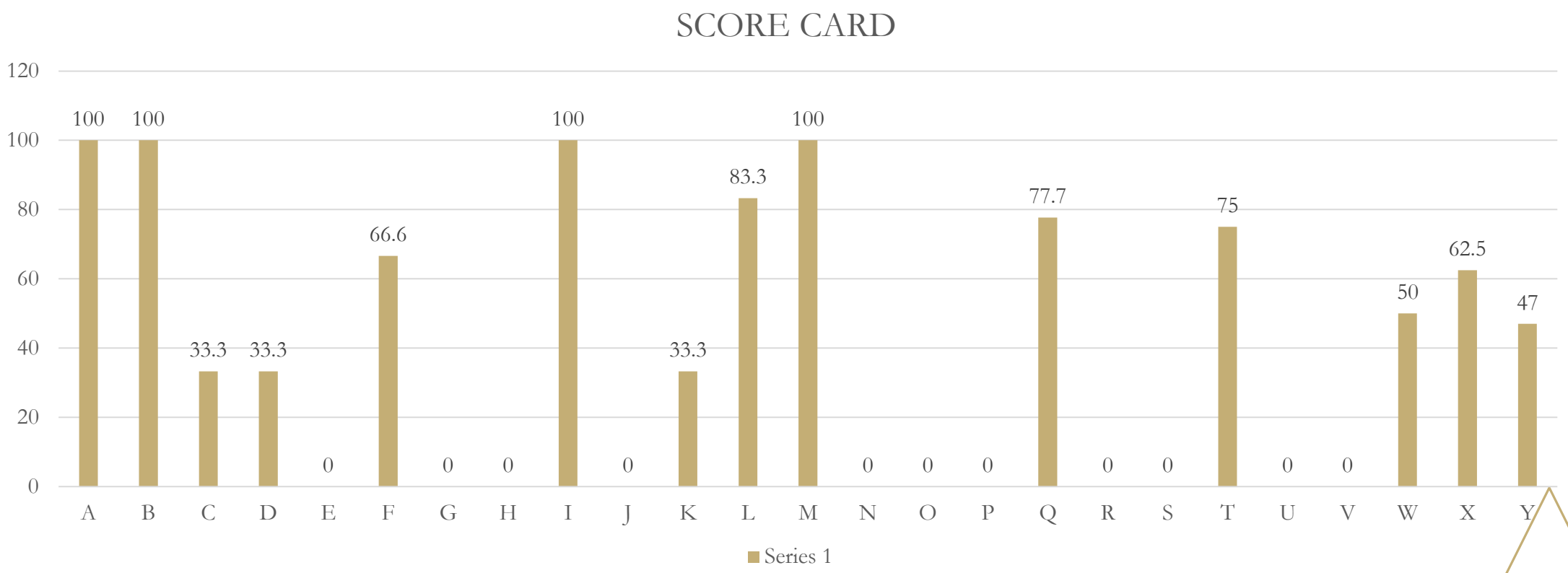
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Cross River State passed the ACJL in 2017. From the graph Cross River scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Cross River scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Cross River scored 33.3% because they did not specify whether or not the collate data manually or electronically in the registry and they do not remit records of arrest made in the state to the Attorney-General or any other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Cross River Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 33.3% because they indicated that mobile phone was the only facility available.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Cross River State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution in Cross River State.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Cross River State to send case files to the DPP was not stated.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 0** because it takes the DPP in Cross River State ***two months*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 33.3%** because it takes an average time of ***2weeks*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes 2year
- In the High Court: 0 because it takes 5years

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Cross River scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Cross River scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Cross River scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the **Chief Judge** and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Cross River scored 77.7% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). However, such inspection visits are ***rarely*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Cross River scored 83.3% because they indicated that they have 5 Legal Aid officers, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Cross River scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Cross River scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state do not conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Cross River scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Cross River scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Cross River scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have a structure and designated personnel for rehabilitation, community service, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Cross River scored 50% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL and Bondsperson Regulation. But they have sentencing guidelines and plea bargaining guidelines.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Cross River scored 62.5% because there is no specific budget provision for the committee, no standing rules or operational guidelines that govern the operation of the Committee and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Cross River scored 47% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, the number of criminal cases filed in court and the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases.

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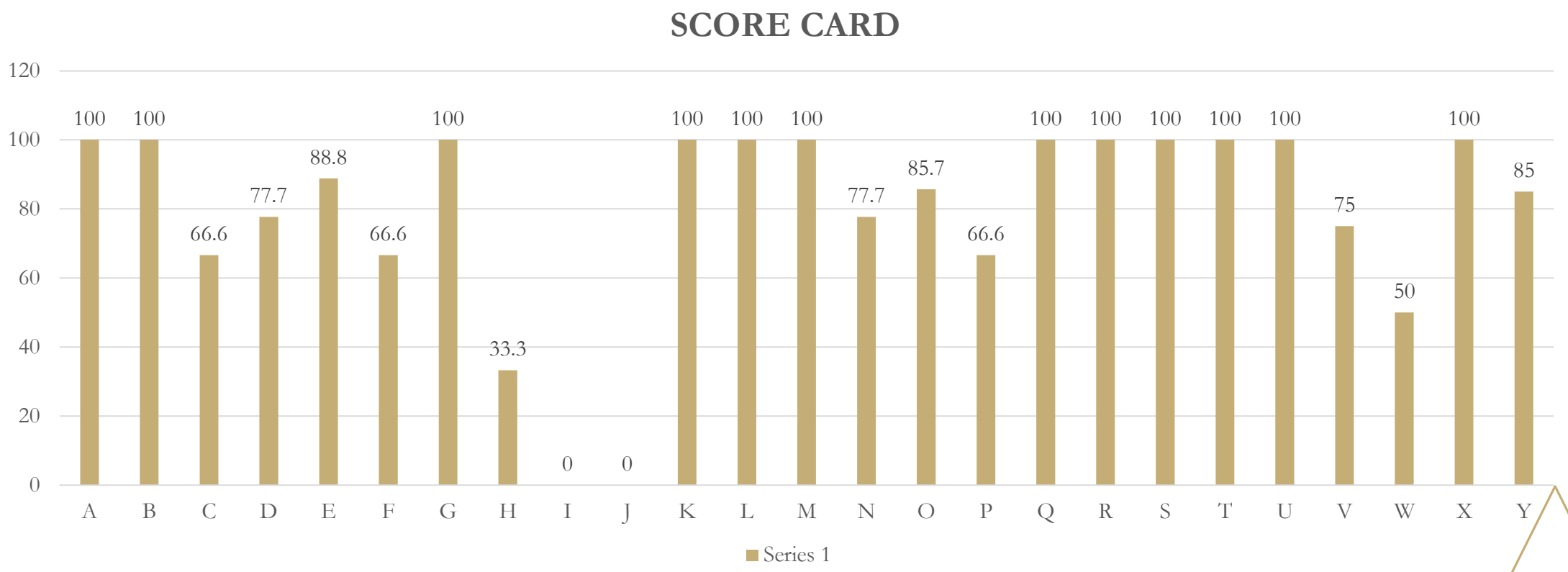
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Delta State passed the ACJL in 2017. From the graph Delta scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Delta scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meeting/workshop, trained stakeholders on the new law, sensitized the public on the law and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Delta scored 66.6% because they indicated that they do not collate data electronically in the registry

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Delta Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phones, video recorder and a dedicated statement taking rooms in the police headquarter, area command and divisions.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 88.8% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phones, video recorder, body cam and a dedicated statement taking rooms.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use electronic recording machines, copiers, public address systems and e-library in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 85.7% because they stated that courts in the state record their proceedings electronically and they use electronic recording machine to achieve this.

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Delta State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse. Like capacity trainings/regular lectures by the OC/legal for the prosecutors.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Delta State to send case files to the DPP is ***7days***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Delta State ***14 days*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes ***three to five days*** to assign a criminal case to a court.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**
- ✓ In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes an average time of ***6months.***
- ○ In the High Court: 100% because it takes an average time of ***2years.***

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Delta scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Delta scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Delta scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Delta scored 100% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). And such inspection visits are ***very often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Delta scored 100% because they indicated that they have 9 Legal Aid officers, and they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Delta scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have two facilities in place for witness protection in the state(video link and written deposition of witness)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Delta scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Delta scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Delta scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do not rule on objections immediately they are moved rather, they defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Delta scored 75% because they indicated that they have structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation and parole. But they do not have for suspended sentence.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Delta scored 50% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Sentencing Guideline and Plea Bargaining Guidelines. But they have practice directions for the effective application of the ACJL and Bondsperson regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Delta scored 100% because they indicated that they have a functional ACJMC.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Delta scored 85% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2019-2020 on the number of arrest made in the state.

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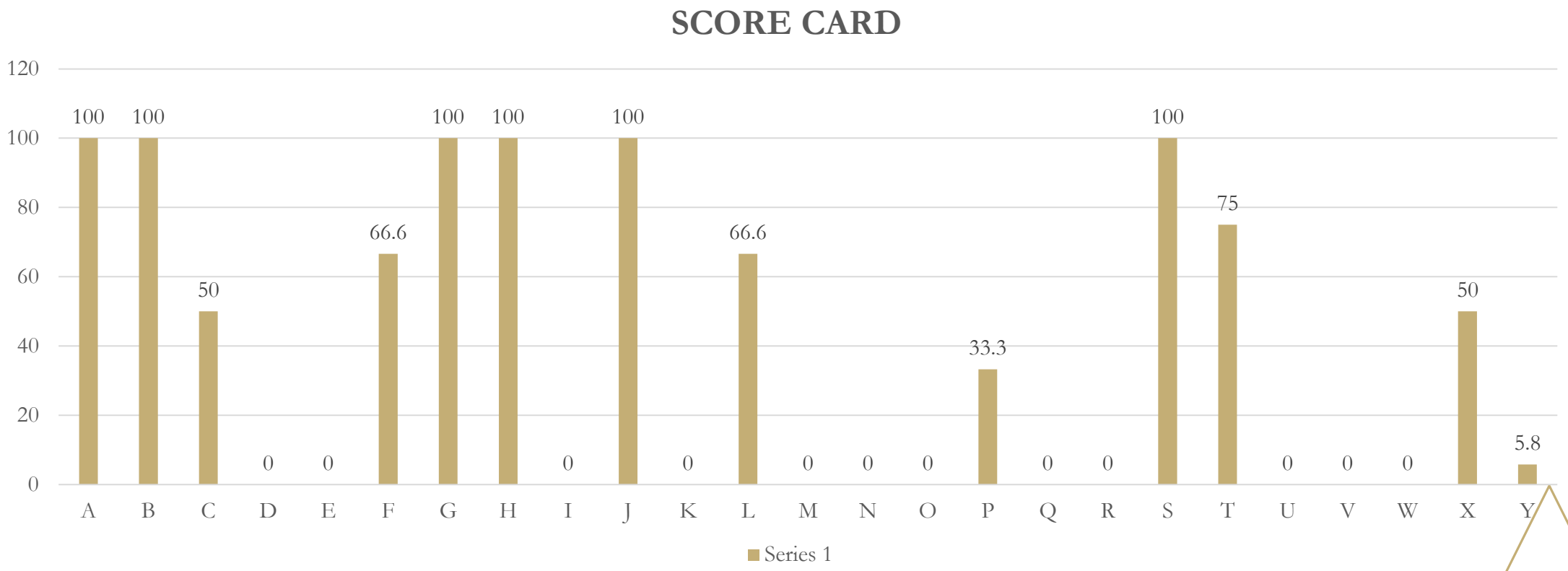
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Ebonyi State passed the ACJL in 2019. From the graph Ebonyi scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Ebonyi scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Ebonyi scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrests made in the state to the Attorney-General or any other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Ebonyi Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court (N)= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Ebonyi State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Ebonyi State to send case files to the DPP is ***48hours***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Ebonyi State ***48hours*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 0** because no answer was given.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**
- ○ In the Magistrate court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 2years to complete a matter.
- ○ In the High Court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 3years to complete a matter.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Ebonyi scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Ebonyi scored 100% because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Ebonyi scored 0 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do not remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Ebonyi scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Ebonyi scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 3 Legal Aid officers, and, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Ebonyi scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Ebonyi scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Ebonyi scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Ebonyi scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Ebonyi scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Ebonyi scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have in existence Sentencing Guideline, practice directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Bondsperson Regulation and Plea Bargaining Guidelines.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Ebonyi scored 50% because there is no specific budget provision for the committee, no standing rules and operational guidelines that govern the operation of the Committee, the Committee has no secretariat and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Ebonyi scored 5.8% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of criminal cases filed in the court, number of final judgments delivered criminal cases, number of judicial support staff available in the state, number of lower court judges conducting criminal cases, number of high court judges conducting criminal cases, number of functional toilet facilities, number of functional air conditioners and fans and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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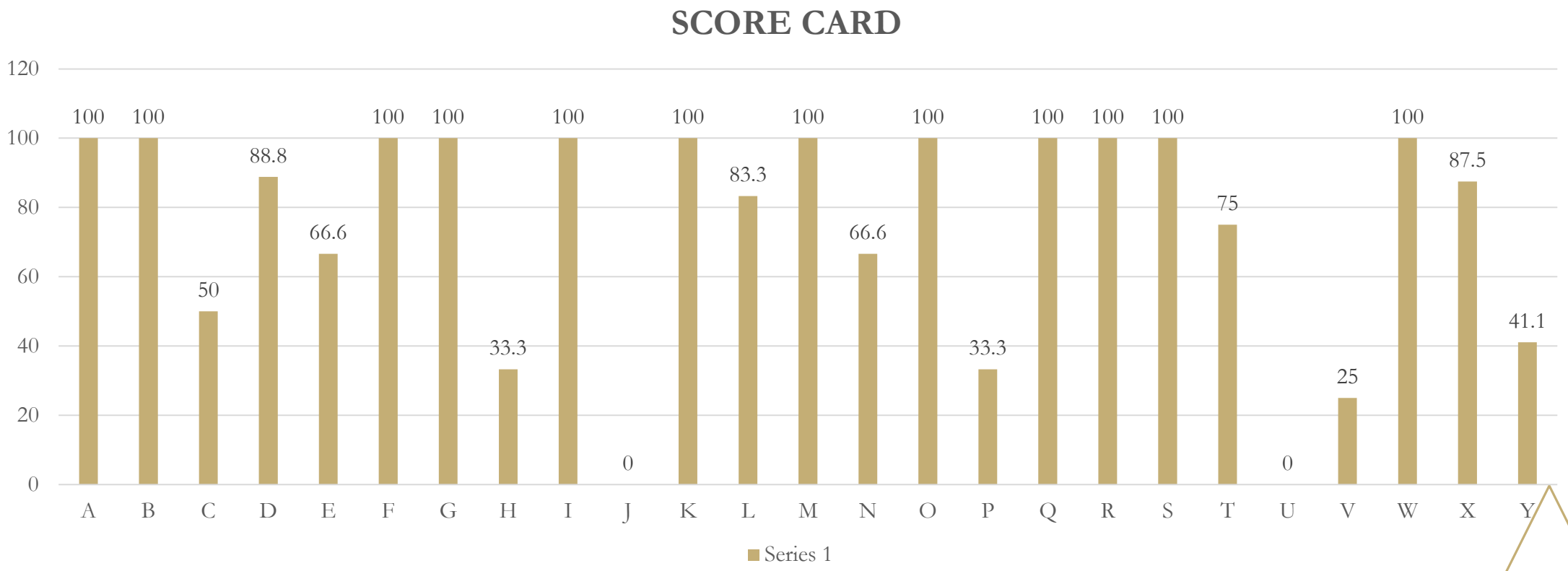
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Edo State passed the ACJL in 2016. From the graph Edo scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Edo scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Edo scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Edo Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 88.8% because they indicated that the Police stations in the state have and use video recorder, mobile phone, CCTV camera and dedicated statement taking room.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use video recorder and mobile phone.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use public address system, Electronic recording machines and E-Library in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 100% because they stated that courts in the state record their proceedings electronically and they use electronic recording machine, mobile phones and video recording machine to achieve this.

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Edo State scored 100% because they have abolished lay prosecution.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Edo State to send case files to the DPP is within ***one week***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Edo State ***two weeks*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time three working days to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**
  - In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 12months
  - In the High Court: 100% because it takes 18 months .

- **I,J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Edo scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Edo scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Edo scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Edo scored 100% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). And such inspection visits are ***very often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Edo scored 83.3% because they indicated that they have 6 Legal Aid officers, and indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Edo scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Edo scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Edo scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Edo scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Edo scored 25% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for only rehabilitation.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Edo scored 100% because they indicated that they have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Edo scored 87.5% because they have in existence an Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee, have operational guidelines that govern the operation of the Committee, have specific budget provision for the Committee, the Committee has a secretariat. However, the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Edo scored 41.1% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of criminal cases filed in court, number of final judgments delivered in criminal cases and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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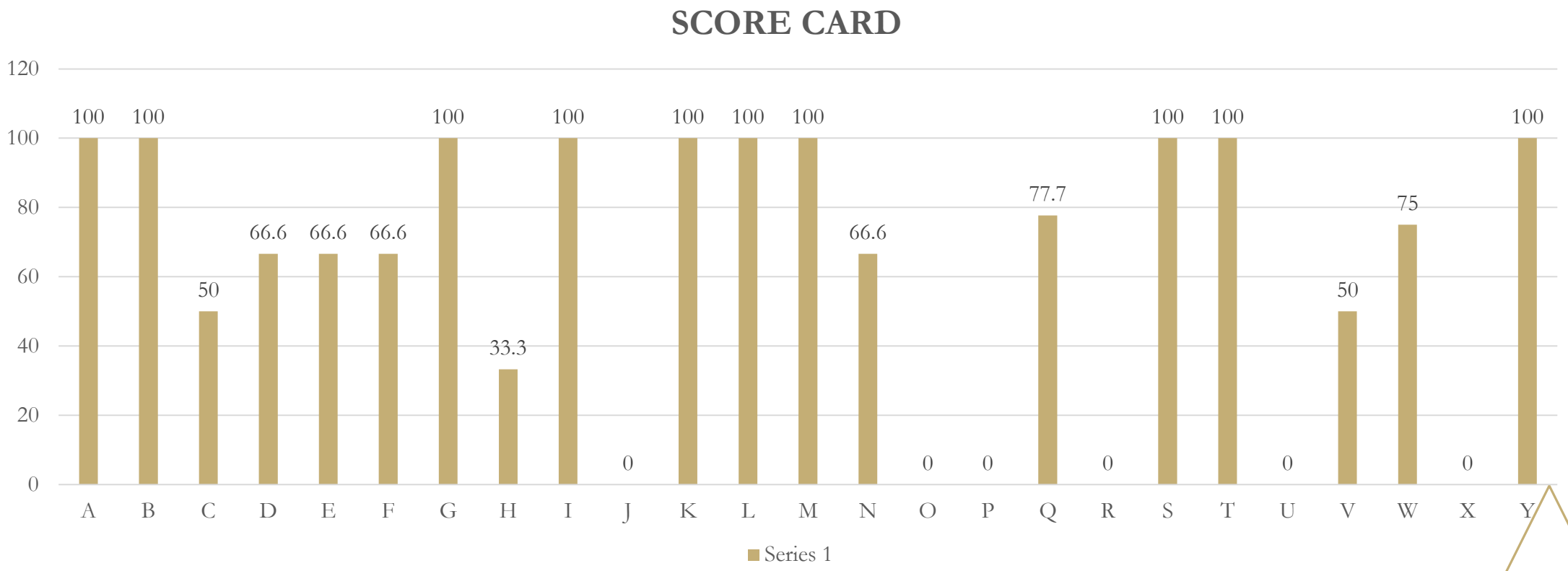
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Ekiti State passed the ACJL in 2014, however, the law was amended in May, 2022. From the graph Ekiti scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Ekiti scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Ekiti scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Ekiti Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phone and dedicated statement taking room in the state CID and Rapid Response Squad (RRS).

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phone and dedicated statement taking room.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use video recording machines, projectors, copiers and public address system in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Ekiti State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 100%** because the average time it takes the police in Ekiti State to send case files to the DPP is ***7days.***

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Ekiti State ***two weeks (because their ACJL provides for 30days)*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court *after* filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes a day to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 2years to complete a matter.
- In the High Court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 3years to complete a matter.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Ekiti scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Ekiti scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Ekiti scored 100 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Ekiti scored 77.7% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). However, such inspection visits are ***rarely*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Ekiti scored 100% because they indicated that they have 8 Legal Aid officers, and indigent suspects are very often provided legal aid before the matter gets to court..
- **P= Witness Protection:** Ekiti scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Ekiti scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Ekiti scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Ekiti scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Ekiti scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service and parole, but they do not have for rehabilitation and suspended sentence.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Ekiti scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Bondspersons Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Ekiti scored 0 because the ACJMC is contained in the amended law but it has not yet been inaugurated in the state.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Ekiti scored 100% because they provided all the statistics required.

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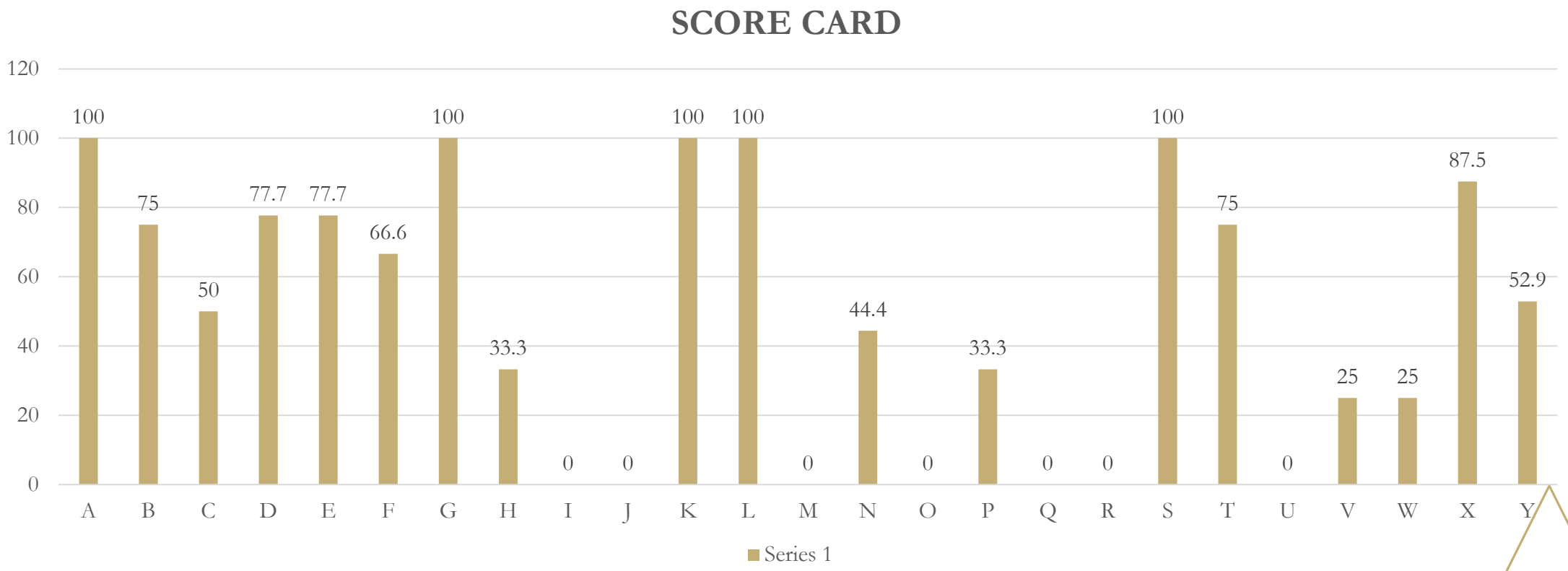
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Enugu State passed the ACJL in 2017. From the graph Enugu scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Enugu scored 75% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, and trained criminal justice operatives. However, they have not conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Enugu scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Enugu Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phone, video recorder and dedicated statement taking room in 38 police divisions and 16 police formations the state.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phone, video recorder and dedicated statement taking room.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 44.4% because they indicated that they have copiers and public address system in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

✓ **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Enugu State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Enugu State to send case files to the DPP is ***7 days***

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Enugu State ***14 days*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of 7days to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes 1-2years
- In the High Court: 0 because it takes 2-5years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Enugu scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Enugu scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Enugu scored 0 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do not remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Enugu scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Enugu scored 100% because they indicated that they have sufficient Legal Aid officers, and, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Enugu scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Enugu scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Enugu scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Enugu scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Enugu scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have a structure and designated personnel for rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Enugu scored 25% because they indicated that they only have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Enugu scored 87.5% because the Team does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge. The ACJMC equivalent in Enugu State is called the Enugu State Justice Reform Team (ESJRT).
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Enugu scored 52.9% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of functional air conditioners & fans and record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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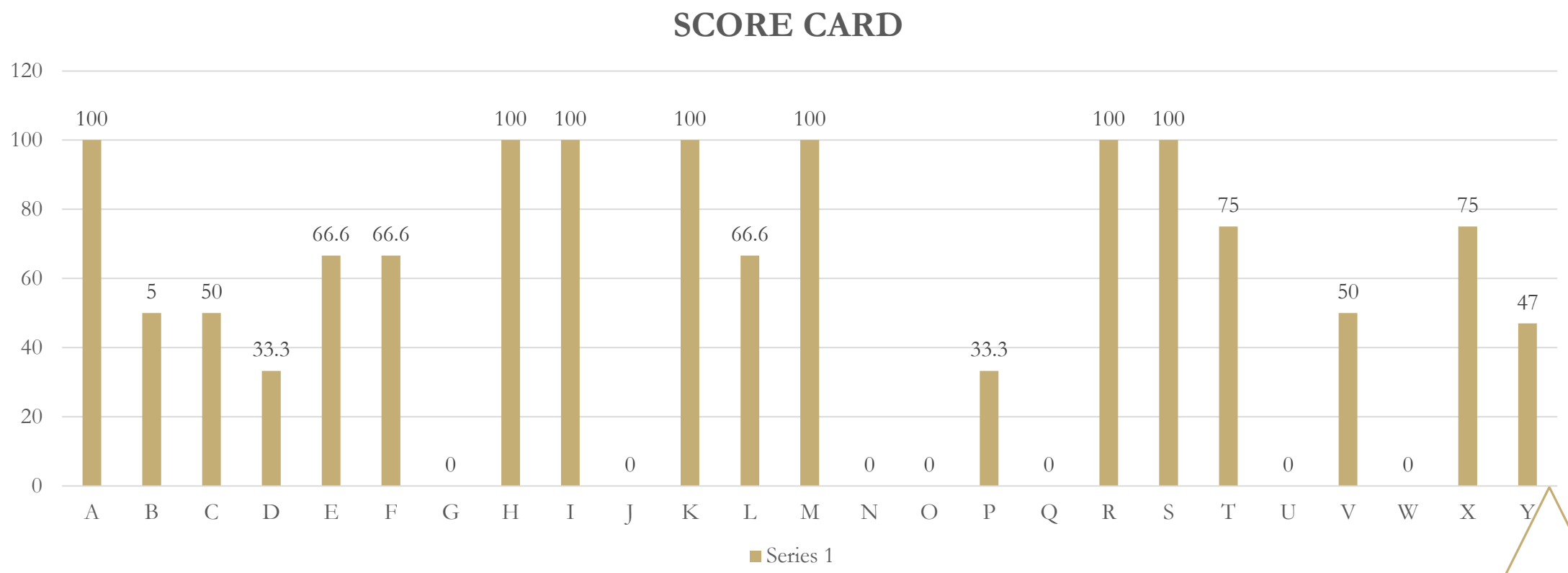
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Gombe State passed the ACJL in 2021. From the graph Gombe scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Gombe scored 50% because they have not sensitized the public and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Gombe scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Gombe Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 33.3% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phone.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because the have and use mobile phones and CCTV camera.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**=

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Gombe State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 0 because the average time it takes the police in Gombe State to send case files to the DPP is ***Two Months***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Gombe State ***seven days*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of 3days to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 1year
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 2years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Gombe scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Gombe scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Gombe scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Gombe scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Gombe scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 2 Legal Aid officers, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Gombe scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just 1 facility in place for witness protection in the state (Screen/mask to hide witness' identity).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Gombe scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Gombe scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Gombe scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Gombe scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Gombe scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Gombe scored 75% because there is no specific budget provision for the committee and the Committee has no secretariat.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Gombe scored 47% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of judicial support staff, number of functional toilet facilities, number of functional air conditioners and fans, no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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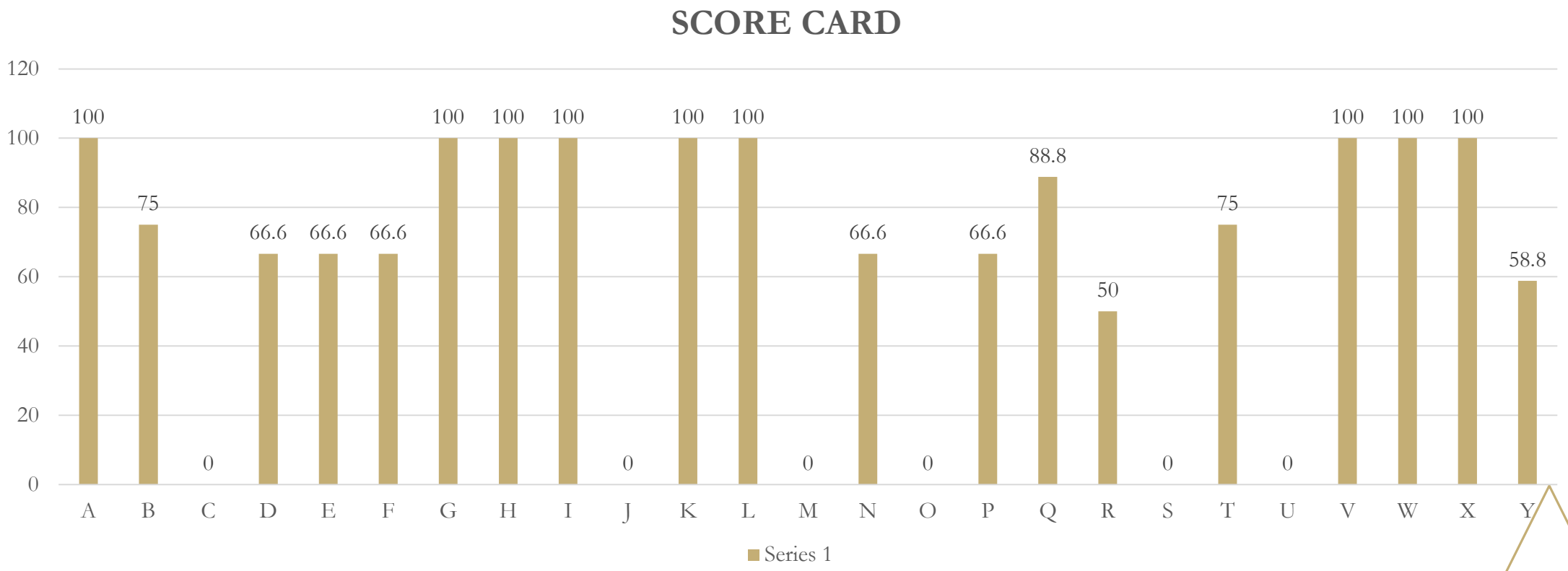
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Imo State passed the ACJL in 2020. From the graph Imo scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Imo scored 75% because they have not sensitized the public.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Imo scored 0 because they do not have a Criminal Records Registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Imo Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because the indicated that they have and use mobile phones and video recorder.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because the indicated that they have and use mobile phones and video recorder.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have copiers, electronic recording machines, video recording machines and public address systems in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Imo State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Imo State to send case files to the DPP is ***3 days.***

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Imo State ***within one week and not more than 14 days*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***seven days*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 50%**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes 2years
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 3years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Imo scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Imo scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Imo scored 0 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the State do not remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Imo scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). However, such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Imo scored 83% because they indicated that they have 3 Legal Aid officers in addition to 5 pro bono lawyers attached to Legal Aid, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Imo scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have two facilities in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness and video link)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Imo scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state do not conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Imo scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Imo scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Imo scored 100% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Imo scored 100% because they indicated that they have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Imo scored 100% because they have a functional Justice Sector Reform Team which is an equivalent of ACJMC in Imo State.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Imo scored 58.8% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of final judgments delivered in criminal cases, number of judicial support staff available in the state and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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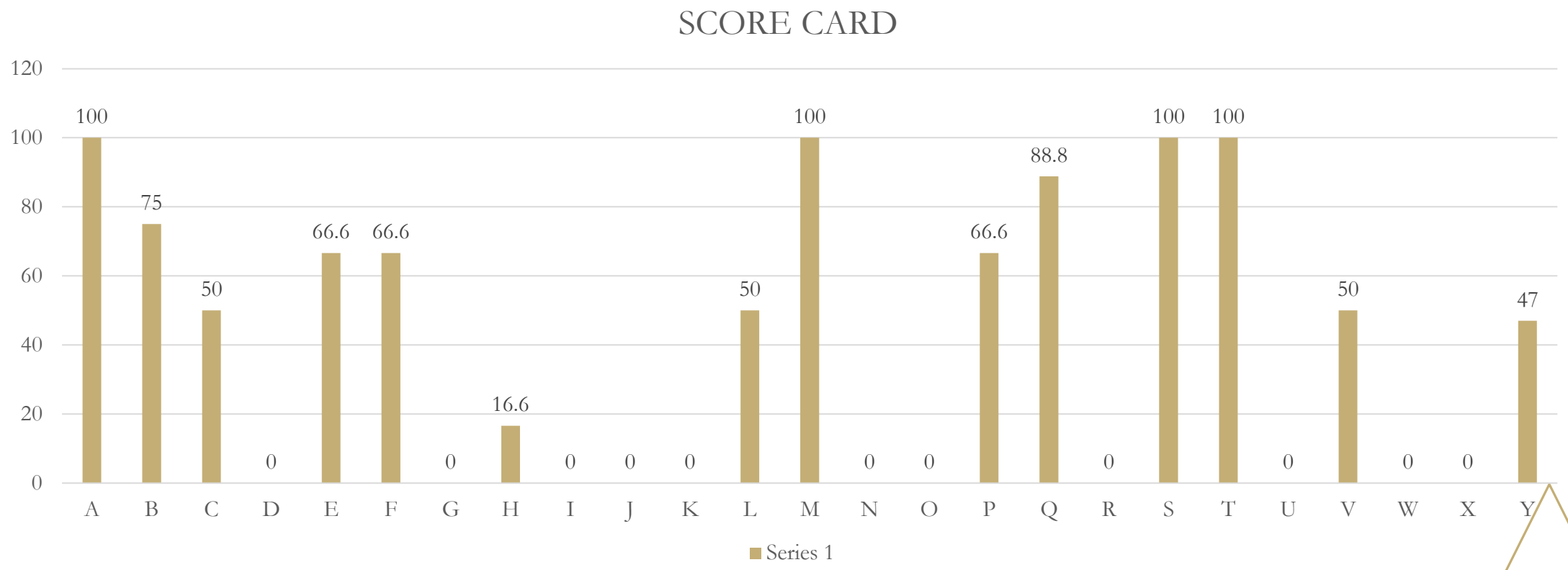
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Jigawa State passed the ACJL in 2019, effective February, 2020. From the graph Jigawa scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Jigawa scored 75% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law. However, they have not sensitized and educated the public on the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Jigawa scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Jigawa Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because the have and use mobile phones and video recorder.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Jigawa State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Jigawa State to send case files to the DPP is ***three month***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 16.6%** because it takes the DPP in Jigawa State ***one month*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 0** because it takes an average time of ***three weeks*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire(three months) it takes more than a year or 2years to complete a matter.
- In the High Court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire(two months) it takes more than a year or 3years to complete a matter.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Jigawa scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Jigawa scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early (beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Jigawa scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Jigawa scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). However, such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Jigawa scored 50% because they indicated that they have 2 Legal Aid officers, and they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Jigawa scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have two facilities in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness and screen/mask to hide witness' identity)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Jigawa scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Jigawa scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Jigawa scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Jigawa scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Jigawa scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing guidelines, Plea Bargaining guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Jigawa scored 0 because they do not have ACJMC in the state. However, a proposal for its inauguration is currently before the Governor for his approval.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Jigawa scored 47% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of judicial support staff, number of functional toilet facilities, number of functional air conditioners and fans and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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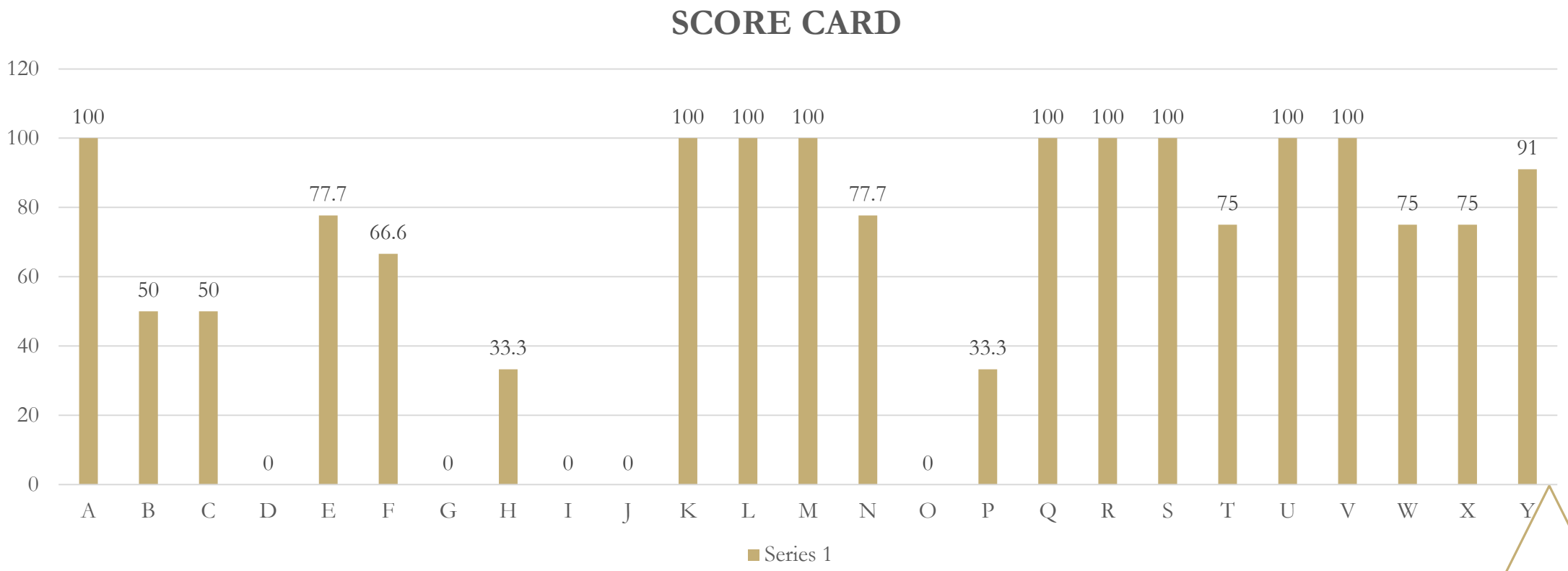
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Kaduna State passed the ACJL in May, 2017. From the graph Kaduna scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Kaduna scored 50% because they have not sensitized the public and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Kaduna scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Kaduna Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0%

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they indicated that have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder and mobile phone.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have electronic recording machines, video recording machines, projectors, copiers, public address systems but they do not have e-library.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Kaduna State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Kaduna State to send case files to the DPP is ***2 months***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Kaduna State ***14days*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because a criminal case is assigned to a court the same day it was filed.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 1year
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1year.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Kaduna scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Kaduna scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Kaduna scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Kaduna scored 100% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). And such inspection visits are ***very often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Kaduna scored 100% because they indicated that they have 11 Legal Aid officers, and they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Kaduna scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Kaduna scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Kaduna scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Kaduna scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do not rule on objections immediately they are moved and they defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Kaduna scored 100% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Kaduna scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Kaduna scored 75% because they indicated that the Committee does not have standing rules and operational guidelines that govern the operation of the Committee.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Kaduna scored 91% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available for the number of court rooms available to the lower courts conducting criminal cases, number of functional toilet facilities and number of functional air conditioners and fans

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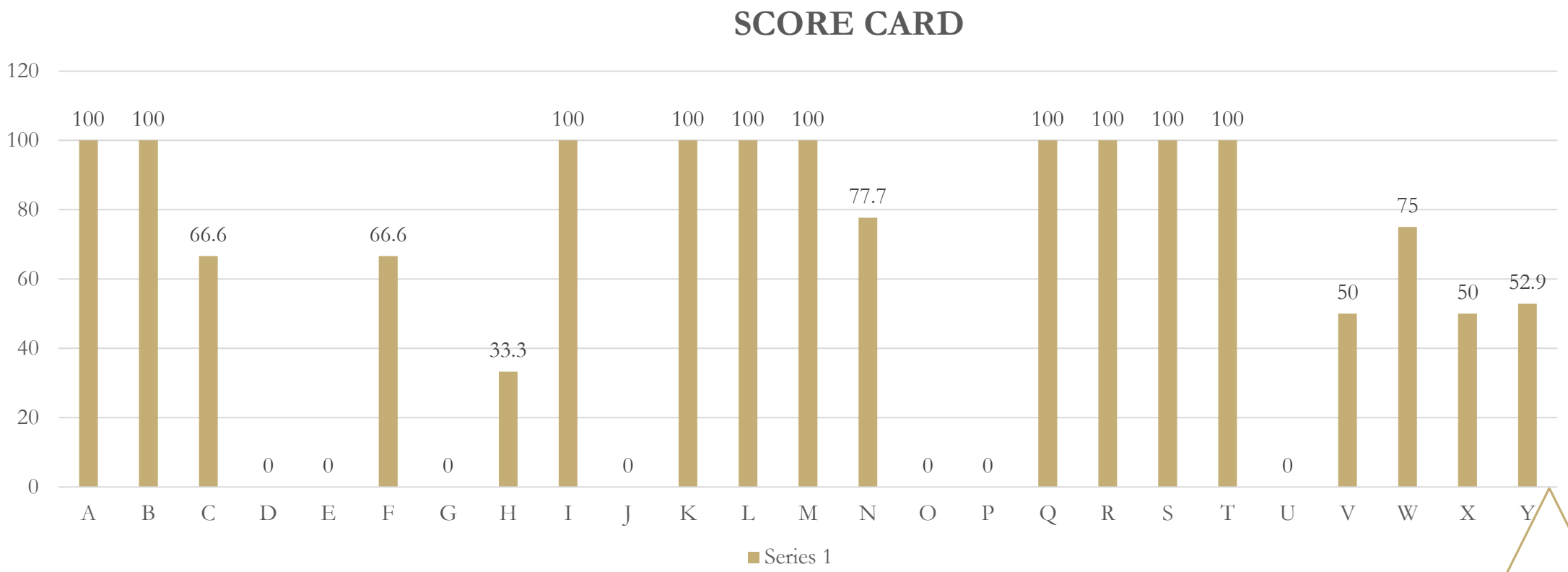
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Kano State passed the ACJL in 2019. From the graph Kano scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Kano scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Kano scored 66.6% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Kano Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have projectors, copiers, public address systems and e-library.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution: Kano State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Kano State to send case files to the DPP is ***two months***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Kano State ***two weeks*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because a criminal case is assigned to a court a day after it is filed in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 50%**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes 2years
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 3years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Kano scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Kano scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Kano scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Kano scored 100% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). Furthermore, such inspection visits are ***very often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Kano scored 100% because they indicated that they have 7 Legal Aid officers, also they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Kano scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Kano scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conducts individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Kano scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Kano scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Kano scored 50% because they indicated that they do not have a structure and designated personnel for community service and rehabilitation.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Kano scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Kano scored 50% because there is no standing rules or operational guidelines that govern the operation of the committee, no specific budget provision for the committee, the committee has no secretariat and the committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Kano scored 52.9% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, the number of criminal cases filed in court, the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases in your state.

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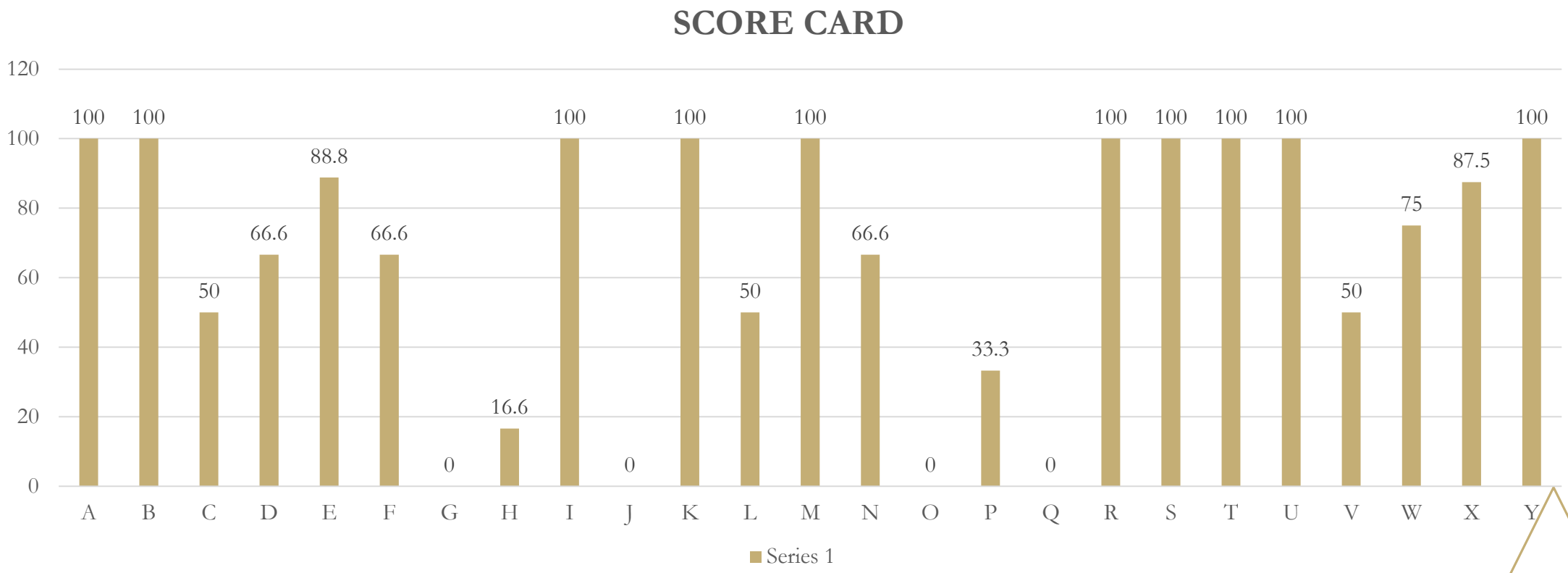
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

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- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Katsina scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Katsina Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they indicated that have and use dedicated statement taking room and mobile phone in 38 police divisions, 5 area commands and SCID.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 88.8% because they indicated that have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder, CCTV camera and mobile phone.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use e-library, electronic recording machines and public address systems.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Katsina State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 0 because the average time it takes the police in Katsina State to send case files to the DPP is ***four months***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 16.6%** because it takes the DPP in Katsina State ***one month*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***1 week*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 2months.
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1year.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Katsina scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Katsina scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
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  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Katsina scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Katsina scored 50% because they indicated that they have 2 Legal Aid officers, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Katsina scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Katsina scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conducts individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Katsina scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Katsina scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do not rule on objections immediately they are moved and they defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Katsina scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for rehabilitation and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Katsina scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Katsina scored 87.5% because the committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge in the State.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Katsina scored 100% because they provided all the statistics required.

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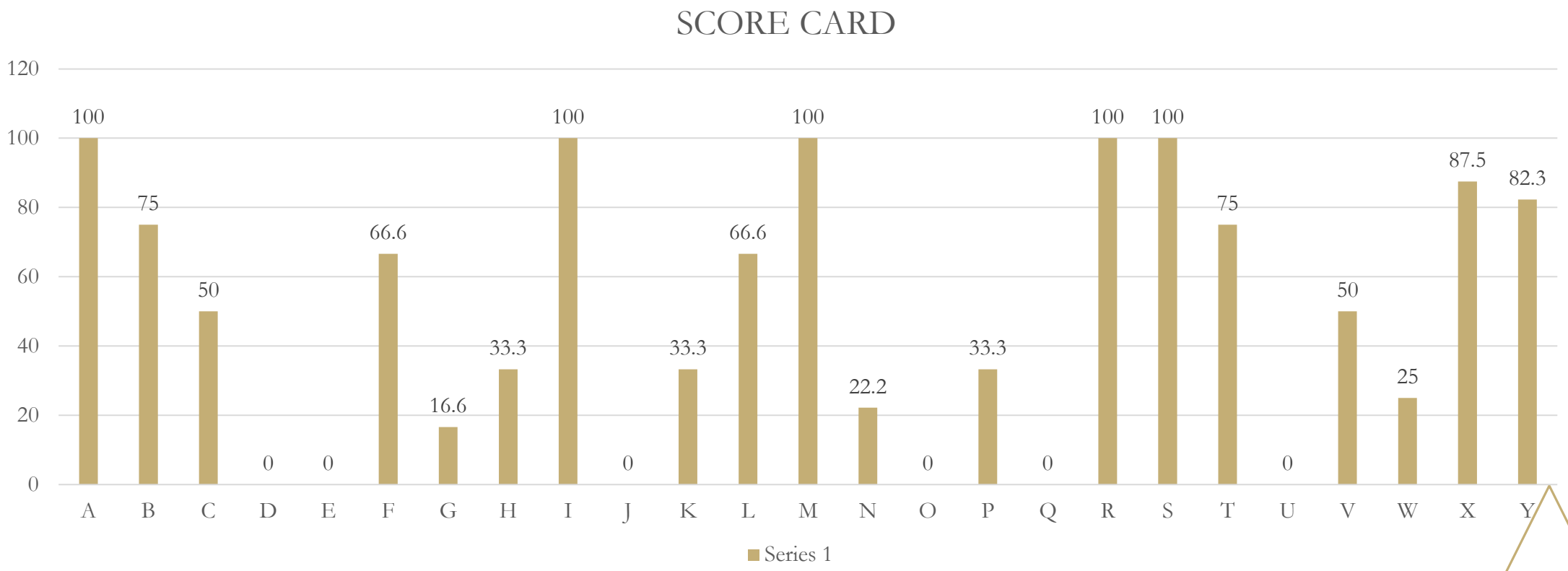
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Series 1

GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Kebbi State passed the ACJL in 2021. From the graph Kebbi scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Kebbi scored 75% because they have not sensitized the public the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Kebbi scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Kebbi Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 22.2% because they indicated that they have copiers in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Kebbi State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 16.6**% because the average time it takes the police in Kebbi State to send case files to the DPP is ***3weeks to one month***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Kebbi State ***two weeks to one month*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 33.3%** because it takes an average time of ***one week to two weeks*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**
  - In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 2-3 months
  - In the High Court: 100% because it takes 2-3 months

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**:Kebbi scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Kebbi scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

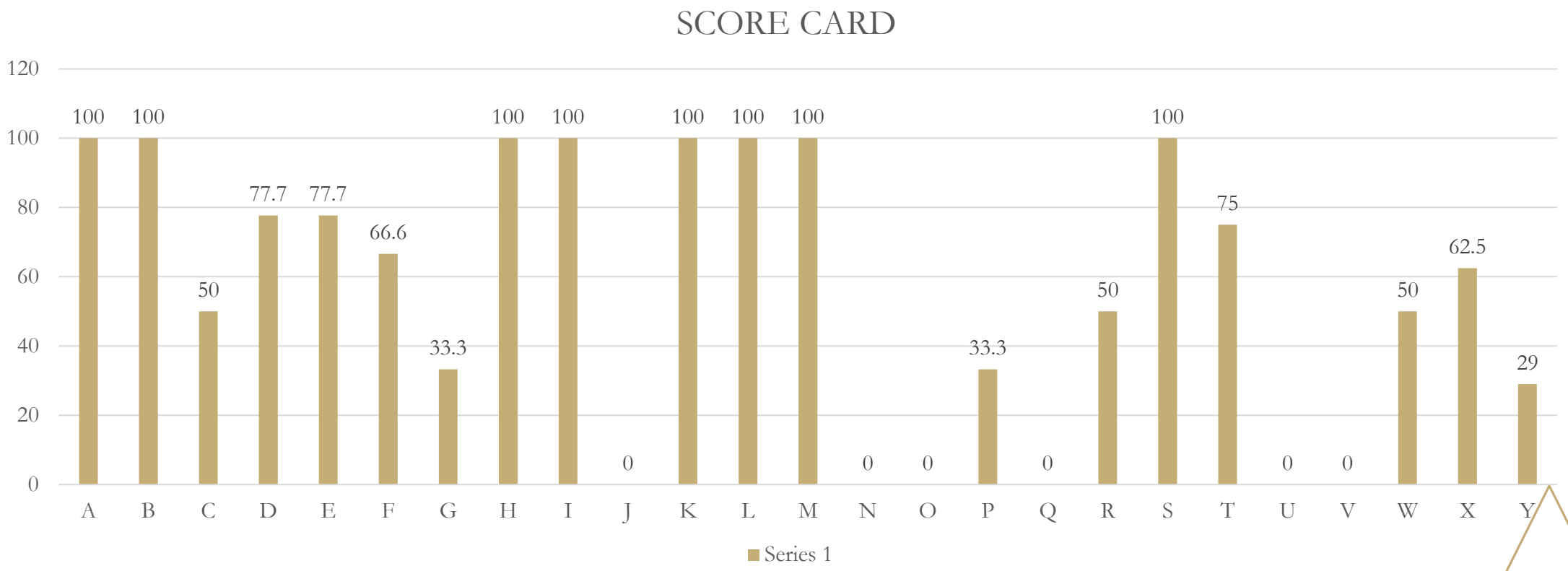
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Kebbi scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Kebbi scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Kebbi scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 1 Legal Aid officers, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Kebbi scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Kebbi scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do not conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Kebbi scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Kebbi scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Kebbi scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service and rehabilitation.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Kebbi scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Kebbi scored 87.5% because there is no specific budget provision for the committee.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Kebbi scored 82.3% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made.

KOGI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Series 1

GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Kogi State passed the ACJL in 2017. From the graph Kogi scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Kogi scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholder sensitization meeting/workshop, training of the stakeholders on the new law, sensitized the public and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Kogi scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Kogi Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 77.7% because they indicated that have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder and mobile phone.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they indicated that have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder and mobile phone.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Kogi State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 33.3**% because the average time it takes the police in Kogi State to send case files to the DPP is ***two–three weeks***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Kogi State ***one week*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***one weeks*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 50%**
- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes 1-2 years.
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1year to 18months

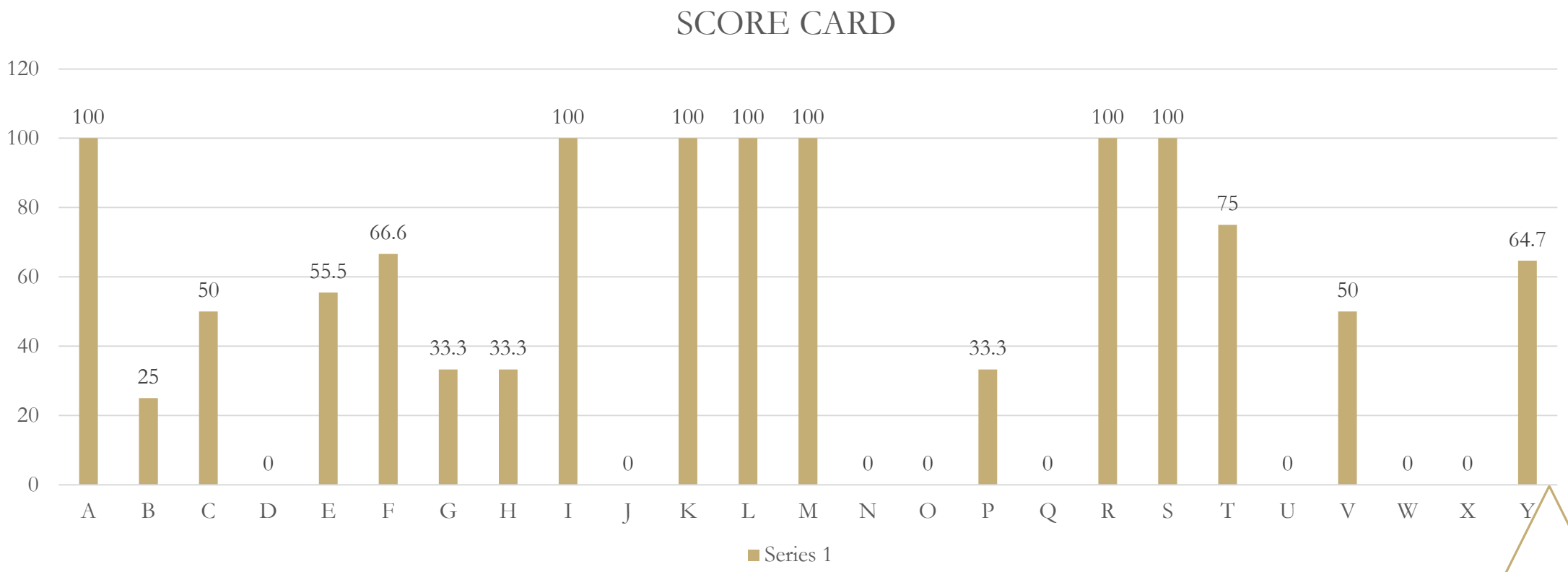
- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Kogi scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Kogi scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Kogi scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Kogi scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Kogi scored 100% because they indicated that they have many Legal Aid officers, and they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Kogi scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Kogi scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state conducts individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Kogi scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Kogi scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Kogi scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Kogi scored 50% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Sentencing Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Kogi scored 62.5% because there is no specific budget provision for the Committee, the Committee has no secretariat and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Kogi scored 29% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrests made, number of final judgments delivered in a criminal case, number of judicial support staff available in the state, number of functional toilet facilities, functional air conditioners and fans and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

KWARA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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Kwara State passed the ACJL in 2018. From the graph Kwara scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Kwara scored 25% because they have not trained stakeholders on the law, sensitized the public and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Kwara scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Kwara Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 55.5% because the indicated that the DSS office uses video recorder.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Kwara State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 33.3**% because the average time it takes the police in Kwara State to send case files to the DPP is ***two weeks***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Kwara State ***two weeks*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***one week*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 5 months.
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 2years.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Kwara scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Kwara scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Kwara scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Kwara scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Kwara scored 100% because they indicated that they have 8 Legal Aid officers and 10 administrative staff, also, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Kwara scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(screen/mask to hide witness' identity)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Kwara scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Kwara scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Kwara scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Kwara scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Kwara scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Kwara scored 0 because they indicated that they state does not have an Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee. However, the Ministry of Justice has written a Memo to the Governor for approval.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Kwara scored 64.7% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrests made and number of final judgments delivered in a criminal case in the state.

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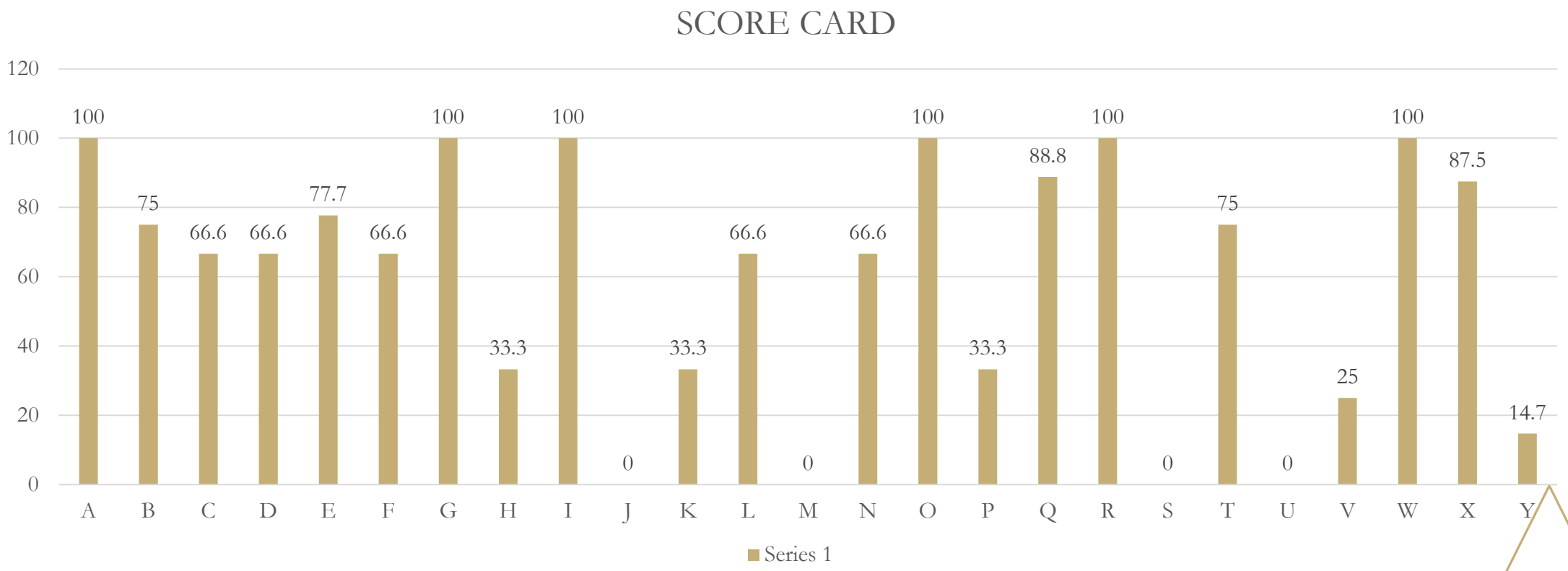
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Series 1

GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Lagos State passed the ACJL in 2011 and it was amended in 2021. From the graph Lagos scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Lagos scored 75% because they have not conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Lagos scored 66.6% because they indicated that they do not collate data electronically in the registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Lagos Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room and mobile phone.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking rooms, CCTV camera and mobile phone.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use electronic recording machines, projectors, copiers and public address systems in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 100% because the indicated that courts in Lagos State record proceedings electronically.

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Lagos State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse like district prosecutors.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G):** 100% because the average time it takes the police in Lagos State to send case files to the DPP is ***one week***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Lagos State ***14 to 21 days*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 33.3%** because it takes an average time of ***two to three weeks*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**
  - In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 6 months-1years
  - In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1-3years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Lagos scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Lagos scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Lagos scored 0 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state does not remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Lagos scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). Also, such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Lagos scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 38 Legal Aid officers, also, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Lagos scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have facility in place for witness protection in the state (video link).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Lagos scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state do not conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Lagos scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Lagos scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Lagos scored 0 because no answer was provided for this question.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Lagos scored 0 because no answer was provided for this question.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Lagos scored 0 because no answer was provided for this question.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Lagos scored 14.7% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of criminal cases filed in court, number of final judgments delivered in criminal cases, number of judicial support staff, number of lower court judges conducting criminal cases, number of court rooms available to the lower courts conducting criminal cases, number of functional toilet facilities, air conditioners and fans, no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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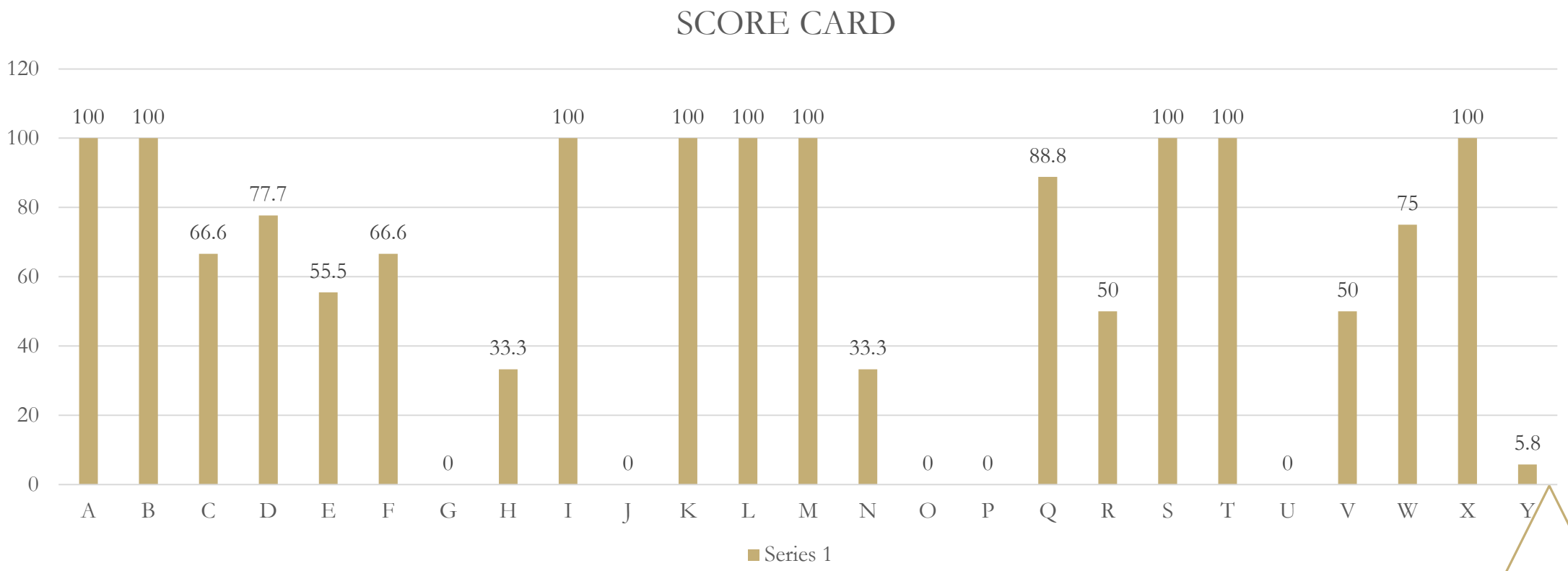
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Nasarawa State passed the ACJL in 2019. From the graph Nasarawa scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Nasarawa scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Nasarawa scored 66.6% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Nasarawa Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room, CCTV camera, mobile phone in 8 police commands.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 55.5% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder and CCTV camera.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 33.3% because they indicated that they have copiers and public address systems in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Nasarawa State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Nasarawa State to send case files to the DPP is ***0ne to two months***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Nasarawa State ***within one week or two weeks*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***within a week*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 50%**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes one to 1-3 years
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1-3 years.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Nasarawa scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Nasarawa scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Nasarawa scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Nasarawa scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). also, such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Nasarawa scored 100% because they indicated that they have 5 Legal Aid officers, also, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Nasarawa scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Nasarawa scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Nasarawa scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Nasarawa scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Nasarawa scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Nasarawa scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Nasarawa scored 100% because they have a functional Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Nasarawa scored 5.8% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, the number of criminal cases filed in court, the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases, number of judicial support staff, number of lower court judges, number of court rooms available to the lower courts conducting criminal cases, number of functional toilet facilities, number of functional air conditioners and fans, no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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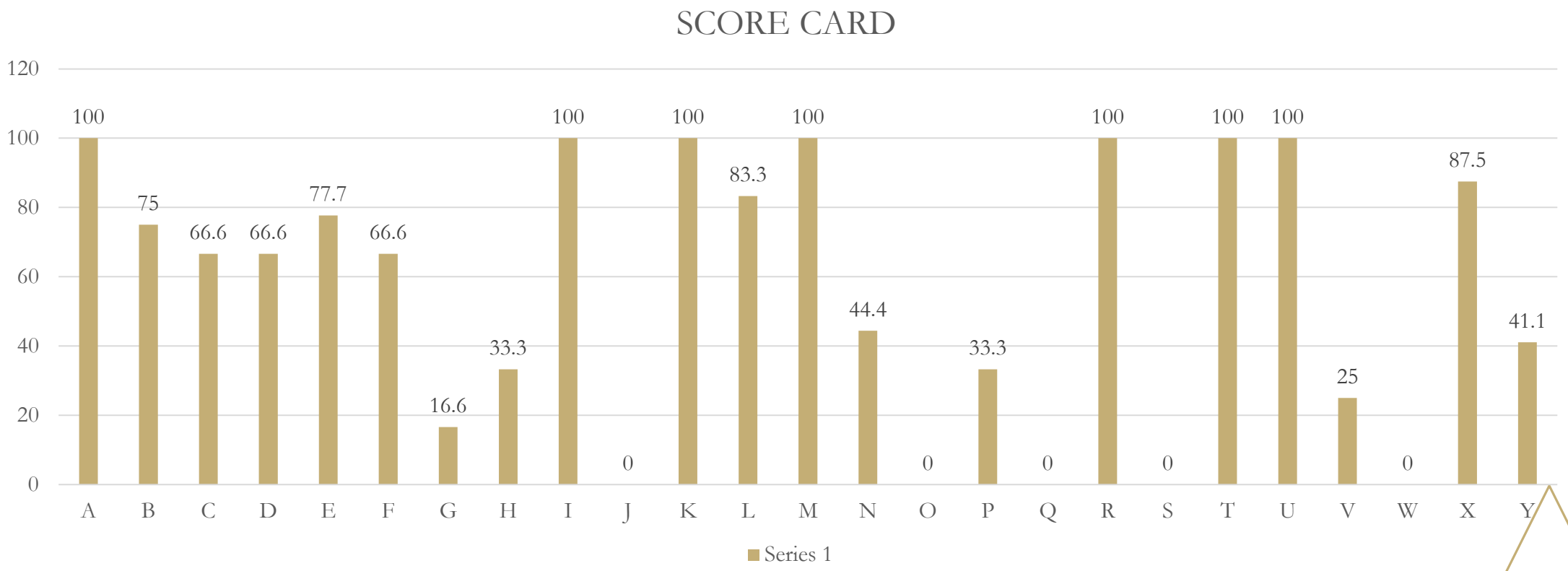
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL: Niger** State passed the ACJL in 2022. From the graph Niger scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Niger scored 75% because they have not sensitized the general public on the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Niger scored 66.6% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Niger Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use mobile phone & audio recorder.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use CCTV camera, mobile phone and video recorder.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 44.4% because they indicated that they have copiers and E-library in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Niger State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 16.6**% because the average time it takes the police in Niger State to send case files to the DPP is ***one month***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Niger State ***two weeks*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***one week*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes one year
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes two years

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Niger scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Niger scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Niger scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Niger scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Niger scored 83.3% because they indicated that they have 5 Legal Aid officers, also, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Niger scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state (written deposition of witness).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Niger scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state do not conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Niger scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Niger scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do not rule on objections immediately they are moved rather they defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Niger scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have structure and designated personnel for community service, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Niger score 0 because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing guidelines, Plea bargaining guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation, except in their law.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Niger scored 87.5% because the Committee has no secretariat.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Niger scored 41.1% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, the number of criminal cases filed, the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases, number of judicial support staff and number of functional air conditioners and fans.

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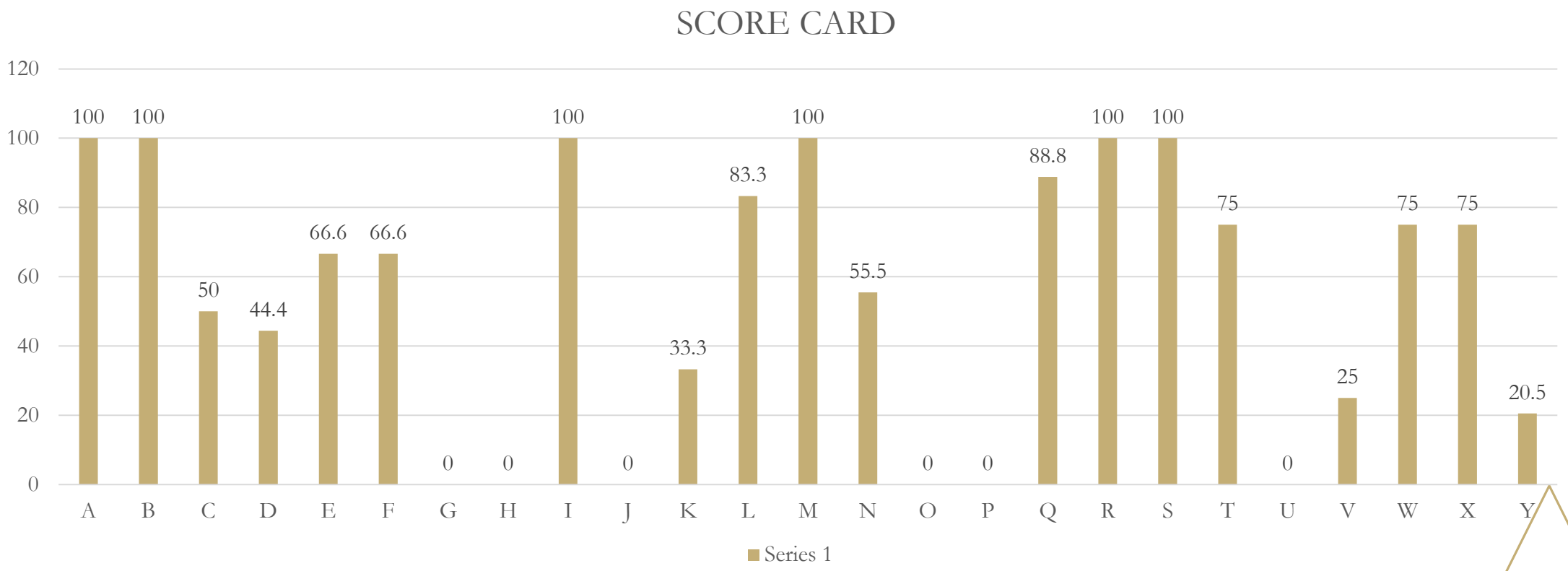
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL: Ogun** State passed the ACJL in 2017. From the graph Ogun scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Ogun scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Ogun scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Ogun Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 44.4% because they have and use video recorders and mobile phones.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because they have and use video recorders and mobile phones in DSS office.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 55.5% because they indicated that they have public address systems and e-library in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Ogun State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Ogun State to send case files to the DPP is ***1 to 8 months.***

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 0** because it takes the DPP in Ogun State ***2 to 4 months*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 33.3%** because it takes an average time of less than ***two weeks*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 2 months to one year
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 2 months to one years

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Ogun scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Ogun scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Ogun scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Ogun scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). Also, such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Ogun scored 83.3% because they indicated that they have 4 Legal Aid officers, also, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Ogun scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Ogun scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Ogun scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Ogun scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Ogun scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have structure and designated personnel for rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Ogun scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Sentencing Guidelines.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Ogun scored 75% because there is no specific budget provision for the committee and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Ogun scored 20.5% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in the state.

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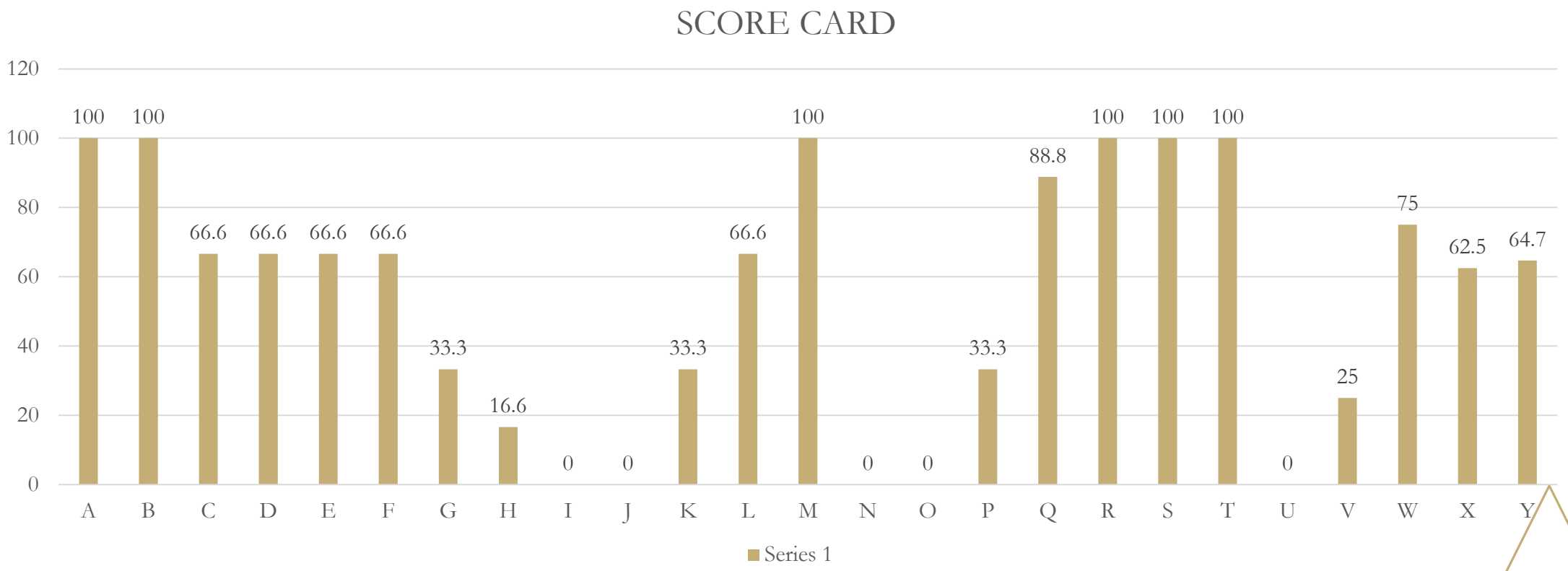
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Ondo State passed the ACJL in December, 2015. From the graph Ondo scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Ondo scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Ondo scored 66.6% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Ondo Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room and mobile phones in all police station.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room and mobile phones in all police station.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Ondo State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 33.3**% because the average time it takes the police in Ondo State to send case files to the DPP is ***two weeks***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 16.6%** because it takes the DPP in Ondo State ***one month*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 33.3%** because it takes an average time of ***two weeks to one month*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**
  - In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 10months
  - In the High Court: 100% because it takes 2years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Ondo scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Ondo scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Ondo scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Ondo scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). Also, such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Ondo scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 3 Legal Aid officers, also, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Ondo scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state (written deposition of witness).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Ondo scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Ondo scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Ondo scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Ondo scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have structure and designated personnel for community service, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Ondo scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Ondo scored 62.5% because there is no standing rules and operational guidelines that govern the operation of the Committee, no specific budget provision for the committee and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Ondo scored 64.7% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of judicial support staff, number of functional toilet facilities, air conditioners and fans and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in the state.

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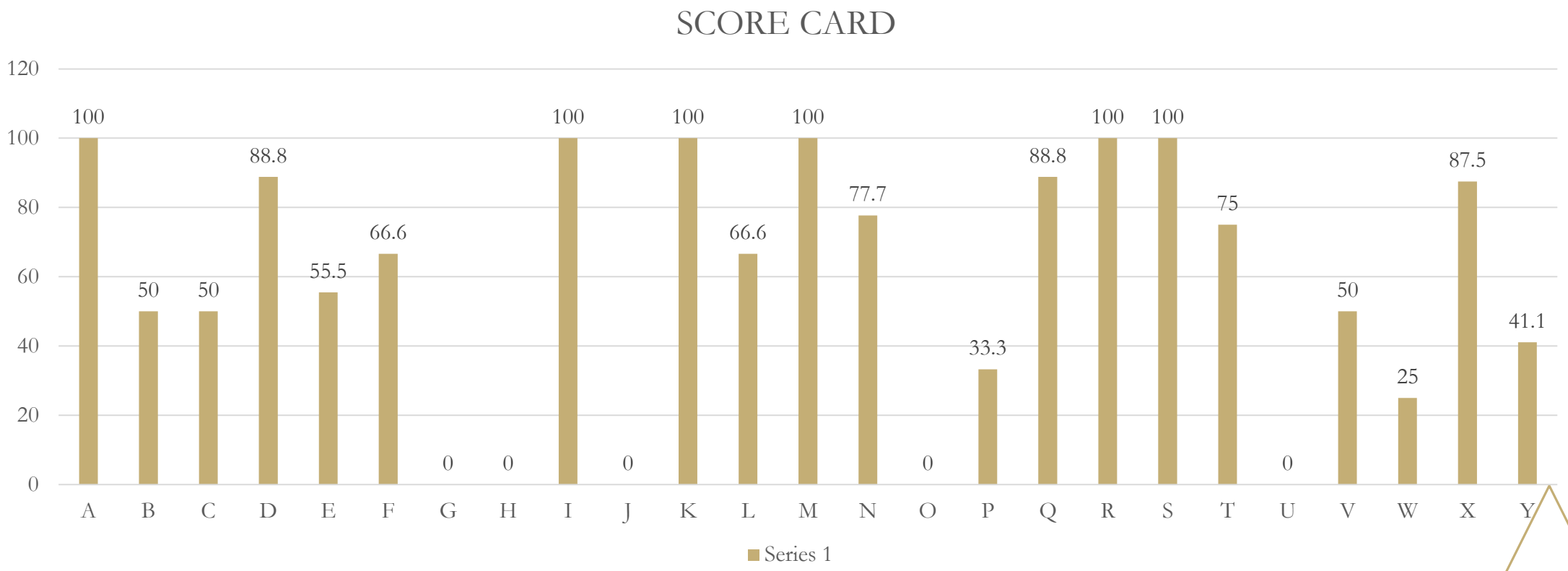
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Osun State passed the ACJL in 2018. From the graph Osun scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Osun scored 50% because they have not sensitized the public and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Osun scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Osun Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 88.8% because they have and use dedicated statement taking room, mobile phones, video recorder, CCTV camera in SCID and all police stations.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 55.5% because they have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder and CCTV camera.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use public address systems, copiers, video recording machines and electronic recording machines in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Osun State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Osun State to send case files to the DPP was not stated.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 0** because it takes the DPP in Osun State ***3-6 months*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because a criminal case is assigned to a court in the state ***immediately*** it is filed.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 6months.
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1year.

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Osun scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Osun scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Osun scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Osun scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates do conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres) and such visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Osun scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 3 Legal Aid officers and 4 OPD counsel, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Osun scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(video link)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Osun scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Osun scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Osun scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state do not rule on objections immediately they are moved, rather, they defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Osun scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service and rehabilitation.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Osun scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Osun scored 87.5% because there is no specific budget provision for the committee.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Osun scored 41.1% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of criminal cases filed, number of final judgment delivered, number of functional toilet facilities, functional air conditioners and fans and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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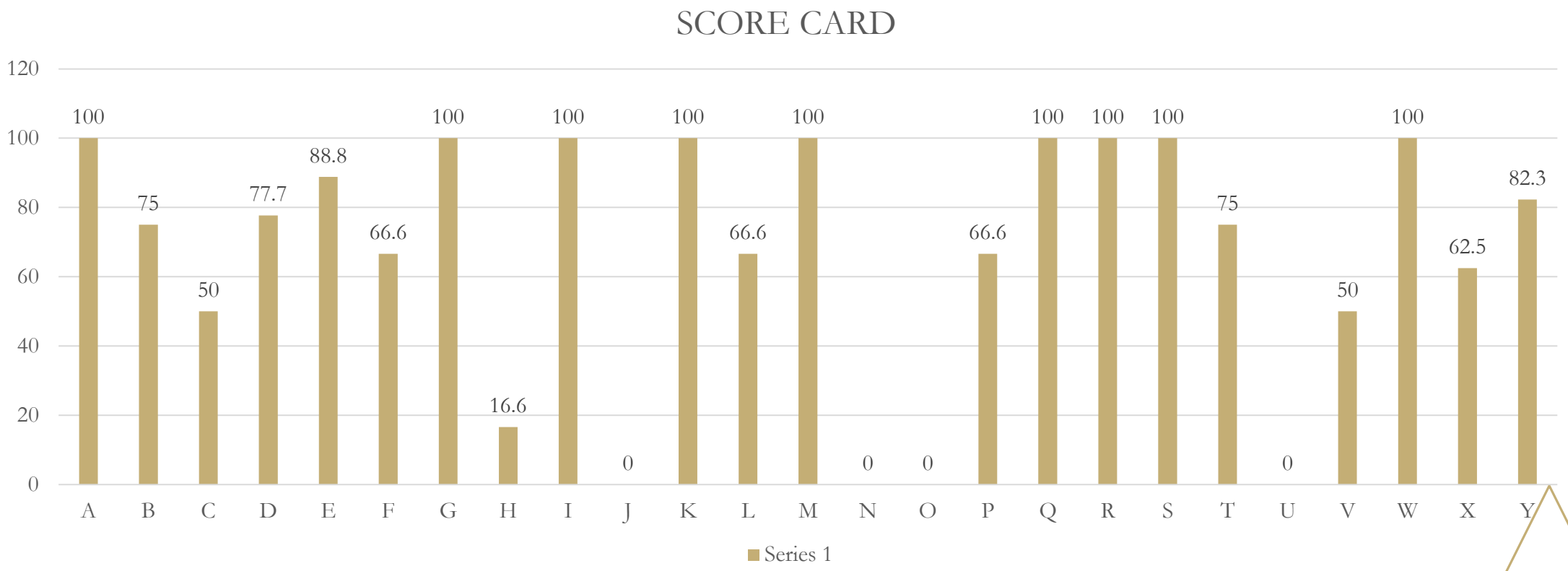
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Oyo State passed the ACJL in 23rd January, 2017. From the graph Oyo scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Oyo scored 75% because they have not sensitized of the general public.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Oyo scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Oyo Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder and mobile phone in eleven police stations.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 88.8% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room, CCTV camera, video recorder and mobile phone in EFCC, ICPC, DSS offices in the state.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Oyo State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 100%** because the average time it takes the police in Oyo State to send case files to the DPP is ***one week***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 16.6%** because it takes the DPP in Oyo State ***one month*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***2-3 days*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 6 months
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 24 months .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Oyo scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Oyo scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

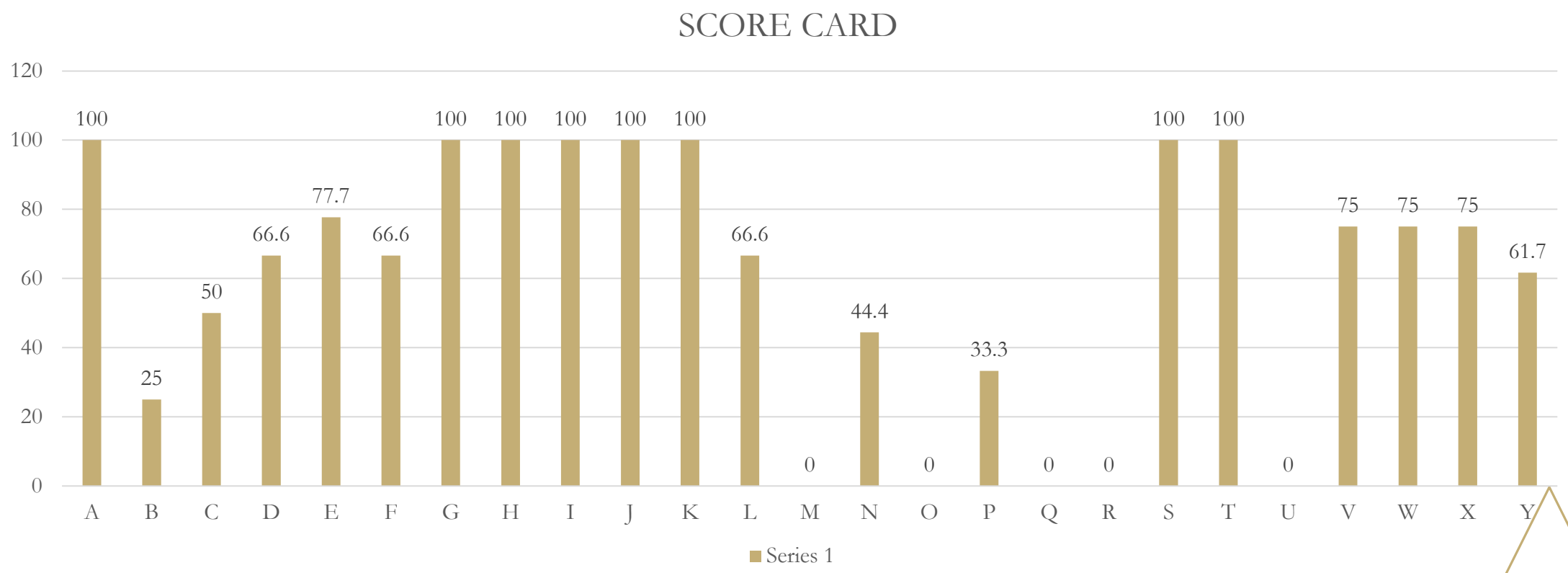
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Oyo scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Oyo scored 100% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). Also, such inspection visits are ***very often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Oyo scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 6 Legal Aid officers, also, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Oyo scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have facilities in place for witness protection in the state (video link and written deposition of witness).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Oyo scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Oyo scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgmen**t(U):** Oyo scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Oyo scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Oyo scored 100% because they indicated that they have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Oyo scored 62.5% because there is no standing rules and operational guidelines that govern the operation of the committee, no specific budget provision for the committee and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Oyo scored 82.3% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made in your state.

PLATEAU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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Plateau State passed the ACJL in 2018. From the graph Plateau scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Plateau scored 25% because they have not sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Plateau scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Plateau Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they have and use dedicated statement taking room and mobile phone.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use video recorder, CCTV camera and mobile phone in NSCDC, NDLEA and DSS offices in the state.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 44.4% because the have and use copiers and public address systems in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Plateau State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 100**% because the average time it takes the police in Plateau State to send case files to the DPP is ***1-7 days***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Plateau State ***10-14 days*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because a criminal case is assigned to a court in the state the same day it was filed.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because it takes 1-5years
- In the High Court: 0 because it takes 1-4years .

- **I,J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Plateau scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Plateau scored 100% because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

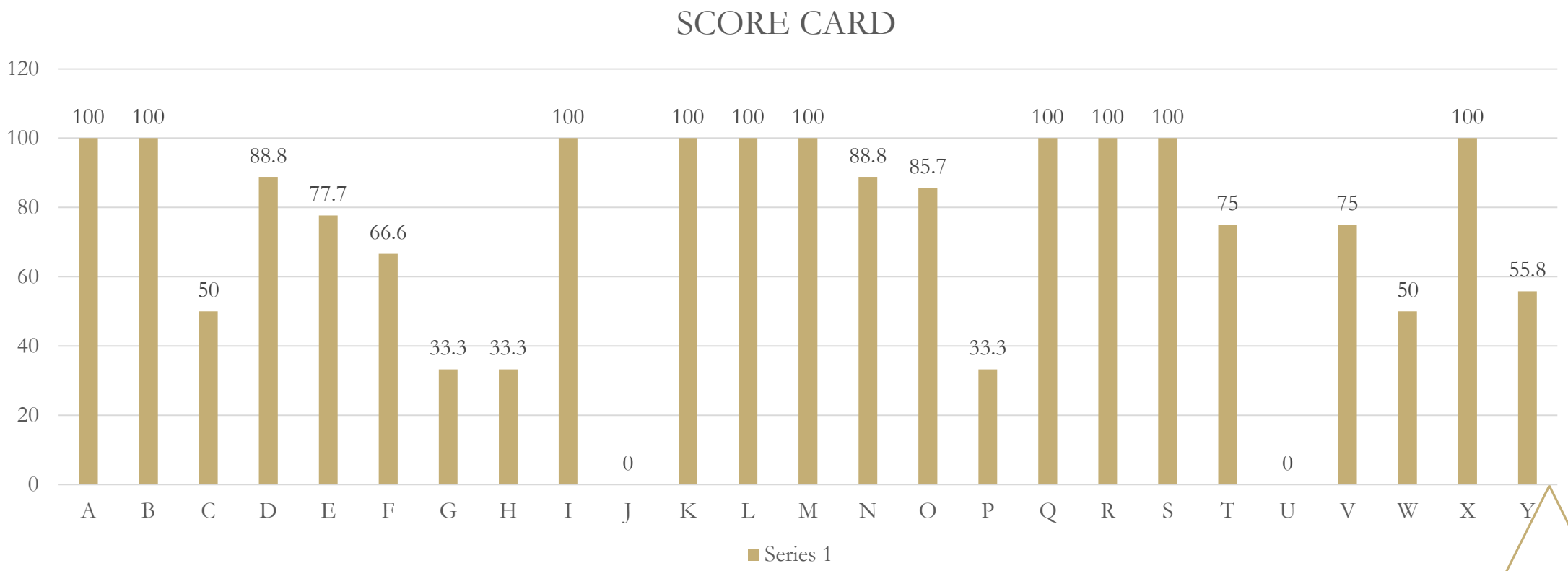
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Plateau scored 0 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do not remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Plateau scored 0 because they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Plateau scored 66.6% because they indicated that they have 6 Legal Aid officers, however, they stated that indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Plateau scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have one facility in place for witness protection in the state (screen/mask to hide witness' identity).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Plateau scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Plateau scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Plateau scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Plateau scored 75% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation and suspended sentence.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Plateau scored 75% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Sentencing Guidelines.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Plateau scored 75% because the Justice Sector Reform Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge and there is no standing rules and operational guidelines that govern the operation of the Committee.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Plateau scored 61.7% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrests made, on the number of functional air conditioners and fans in the courts and the percentage of judiciary budget released within the three years under review.

RIVERS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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Rivers State passed the ACJL in 2015. From the graph Rivers scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Rivers scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Rivers scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.
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- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Rivers Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 88.8% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room, video recorder, CCTV camera and mobile phone.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have dedicated statement taking room, video recorder and mobile phone.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 88.8% because they indicated that they have and use copiers, projectors, public address systems, electronic recording machine and e-library in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 85.7% because the indicated that the courts in Rivers State use the RIVCOMIS platform to record proceedings.

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Rivers State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse, like lawyers from DPP office are assigned to courts to monitor prosecutions by lay prosecutors.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 33.3**% because the average time it takes the police in Rivers State to send case files to the DPP is ***two weeks***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Rivers State ***two weeks*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because a criminal case is automatically (immediately) assigned to a court in the state through e-filing platform.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 1year or more.
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 1year or more.

- **I,J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Rivers scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Rivers scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Rivers scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Rivers scored 100% because they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). Also, such inspection visits are ***very often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Rivers scored 100% because the have 8 Legal Aid officers in the state, and indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Rivers scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have and use facility in place for witness protection in the state (video link).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Rivers scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Rivers scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Rivers scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Rivers scored 75% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Rivers scored 50% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Sentencing Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Rivers scored 100% because they have a functional ACJMC.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Rivers scored 55.8% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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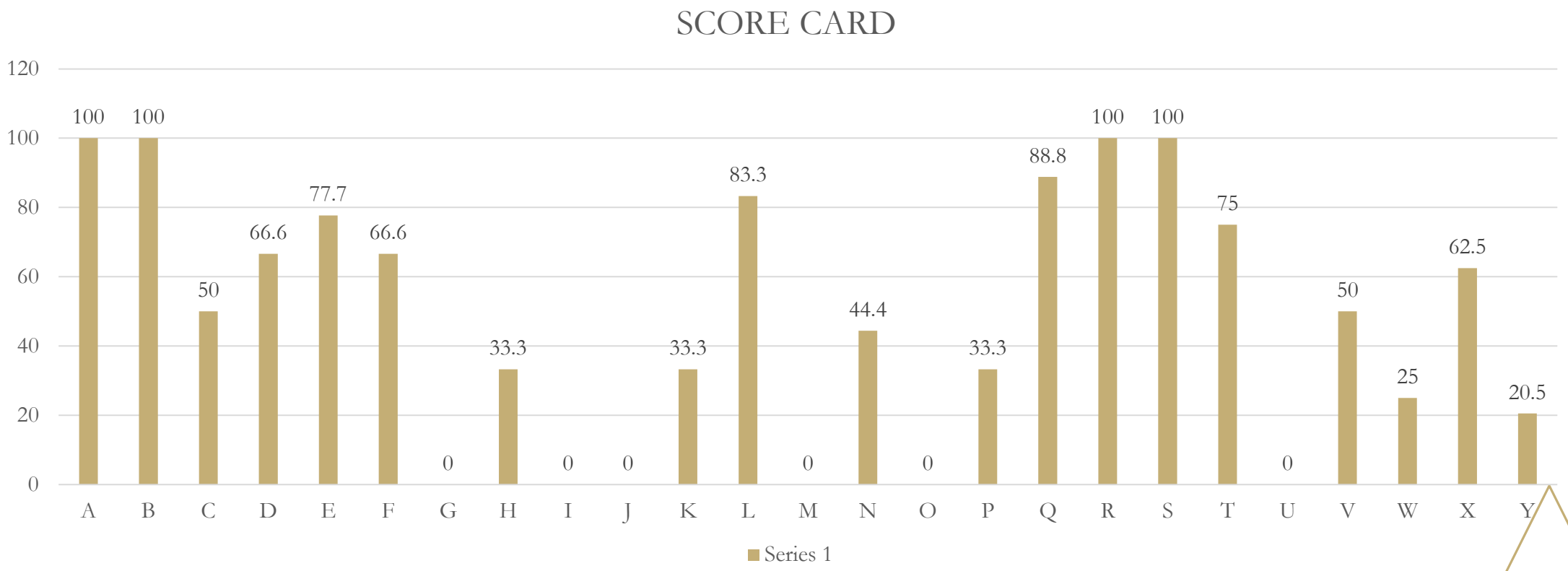
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL: Sokoto** State passed the ACJL in May, 2019. From the graph Sokoto scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Sokoto scored 100% because they have conducted stakeholders sensitization meetings/workshops, has sensitized and educated the public, trained criminal justice operatives and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Sokoto scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Sokoto Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 66.6% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room and mobile phone in all police command.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 77.7% because they indicated that they have and use dedicated statement taking room, CCTV camera and mobile phone.

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 44.4% because they indicated that they have copiers and public address systems in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Sokoto State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Sokoto State to send case files to the DPP is ***1-3months.***

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Sokoto State ***2-3weeks*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 33.3%** because it takes 1-2 weeks to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**

- In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 3months to 1year.
- In the High Court: 100% because it takes 6months to 2years.

- **I,J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Sokoto scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Sokoto scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Sokoto scored 0 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do not remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Sokoto scored 88.8% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). Also, such inspection visits are ***often*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Sokoto scored 83.3% because they indicated that they have 6 Legal Aid officers, and indigent suspects in the state are ***often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Sokoto scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have one facility in place for witness protection in the state (screen/mask to hide witness' identity).
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Sokoto scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Sokoto scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Sokoto scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Sokoto scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for rehabilitation and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Sokoto scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Plea Bargaining Guidelines, Sentencing Guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Sokoto scored 62.5% because there is no specific budget provision for the committee, no standing rules and operational guidelines and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Sokoto scored 20.5% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of criminal cases filed, the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases and no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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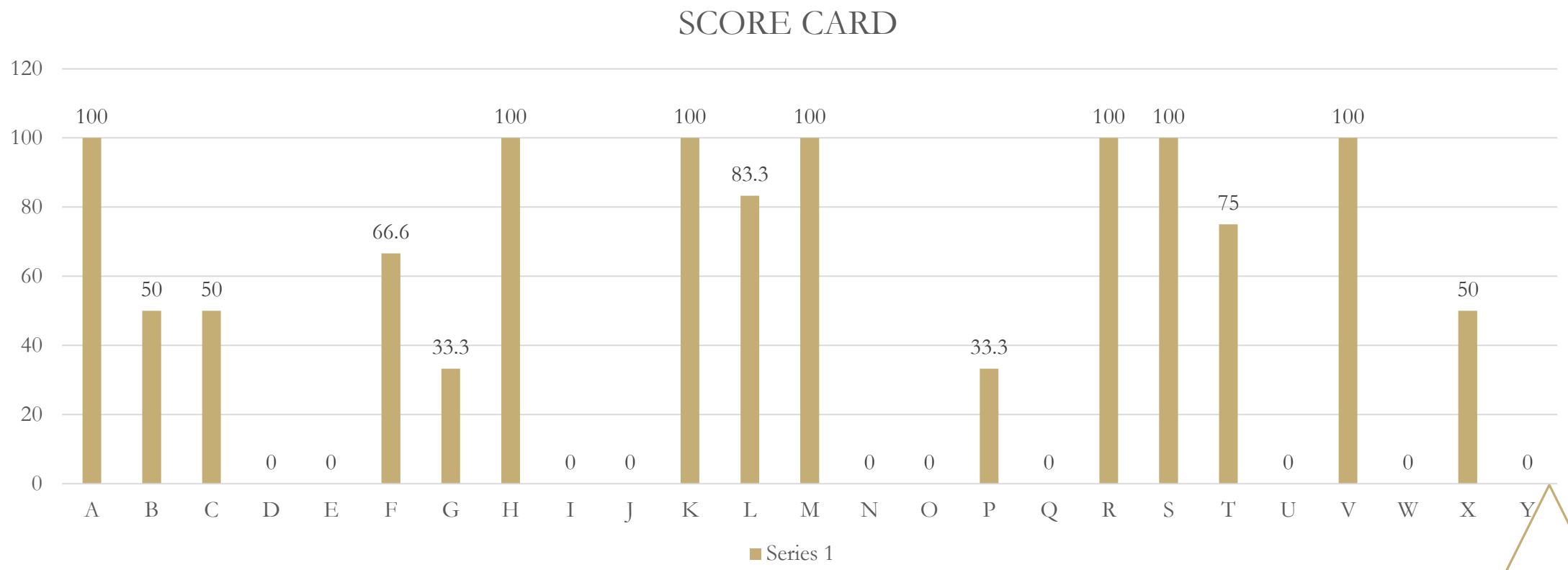
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Taraba State passed the ACJL in 2021. From the graph Taraba scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Taraba scored 50% because they have not sensitized the public and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Taraba scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Taraba Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Taraba State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

- ✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 33.3**% because the average time it takes the police in Taraba State to send case files to the DPP is ***two weeks***.
- ✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Taraba State ***one week*** to send his legal advice.
- ✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***one weeks*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.
- ✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 100%**
  - In the Magistrate court: 100% because it takes 1year
  - In the High Court: 100% because it takes 2years .

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Taraba scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Taraba scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Taraba scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Taraba scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Taraba scored 83.3% because they indicated that they have 4 Legal Aid officers, and indigent suspects in the state are ***very often*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Taraba scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(written deposition of witness)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Taraba scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Taraba scored 75% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***rarely*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Taraba scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Taraba scored 100% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service, rehabilitation, suspended sentence and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Taraba scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Sentencing Guidelines, Plea Bargaining guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Taraba scored 50% because there is no standing rules and operational guidelines that govern the operation of the committee, no specific budget provision for the committee, no secretariat and the Committee does not submit quarterly report to the Chief Judge.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Taraba scored 0 because no answer was provided for this question.

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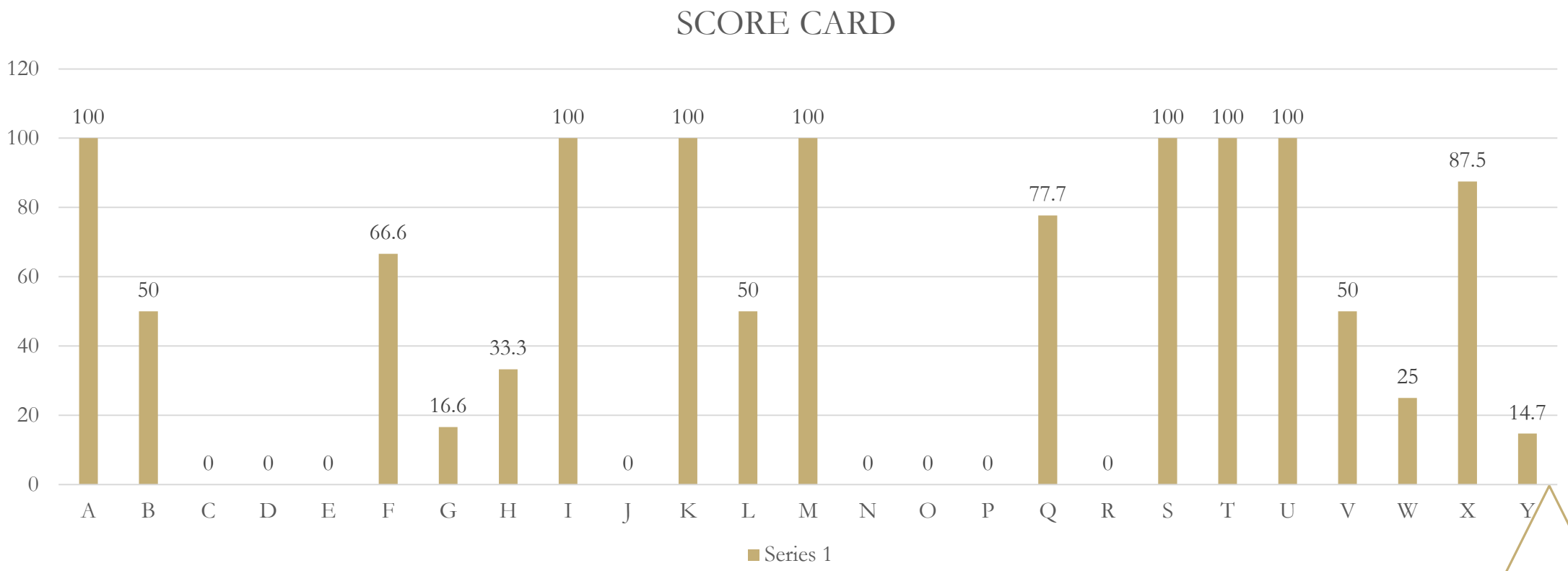
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Yobe State passed the ACJL in January 2020. From the graph Yobe scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Yobe scored 50% because they have not sensitized the public and training of stakeholders on the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Yobe scored 0 because they do not have a criminal records registry.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Yobe Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**=0

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**=0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 0

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

- **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Yobe State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 16.6**% because the average time it takes the police in Yobe State to send case files to the DPP is ***one month***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 33.3%** because it takes the DPP in Yobe State ***two to three weeks*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes an average time of ***one week*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because answer was not clearly stated
- In the High Court: 0 because answer was not clearly stated

- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Yobe scored 100% because they indicated that there is a forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.

  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Yobe scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.

  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Yobe scored 100% because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state remits quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.

  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Yobe scored 77.7% because, they indicated that magistrates conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres). However, such inspection visits are ***rarely*** conducted.

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Yobe scored 50% because they indicated that they have 1 Legal Aid officers, and indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Yobe scored 0 because they indicated that they do not have facilities in place for witness protection in the state.
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Yobe scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Yobe scored 100% because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***never*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Yobe scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do not rule on objections immediately they are moved, rather, they defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Yobe scored 50% because they indicated that they do not have structure and designated personnel for rehabilitation and suspended sentence.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Yobe scored 25% because they indicated that they do not have in existence Practice Directions for the effective application of the ACJL, Plea Bargaining guidelines and Bondsperson Regulation.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Yobe scored 87.5% because they do not have standing rules and operational guidelines that govern the operation of the Committee.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Yobe scored 14.7% because they indicated that they do not have statistic available between 2018-2020 on the number of arrest made, number of criminal cases filed, the number of final judgements delivered in criminal cases, number of functional toilet facilities, air conditioners and fans, no record of the funding of judicial officers and support staff by the government in your state.

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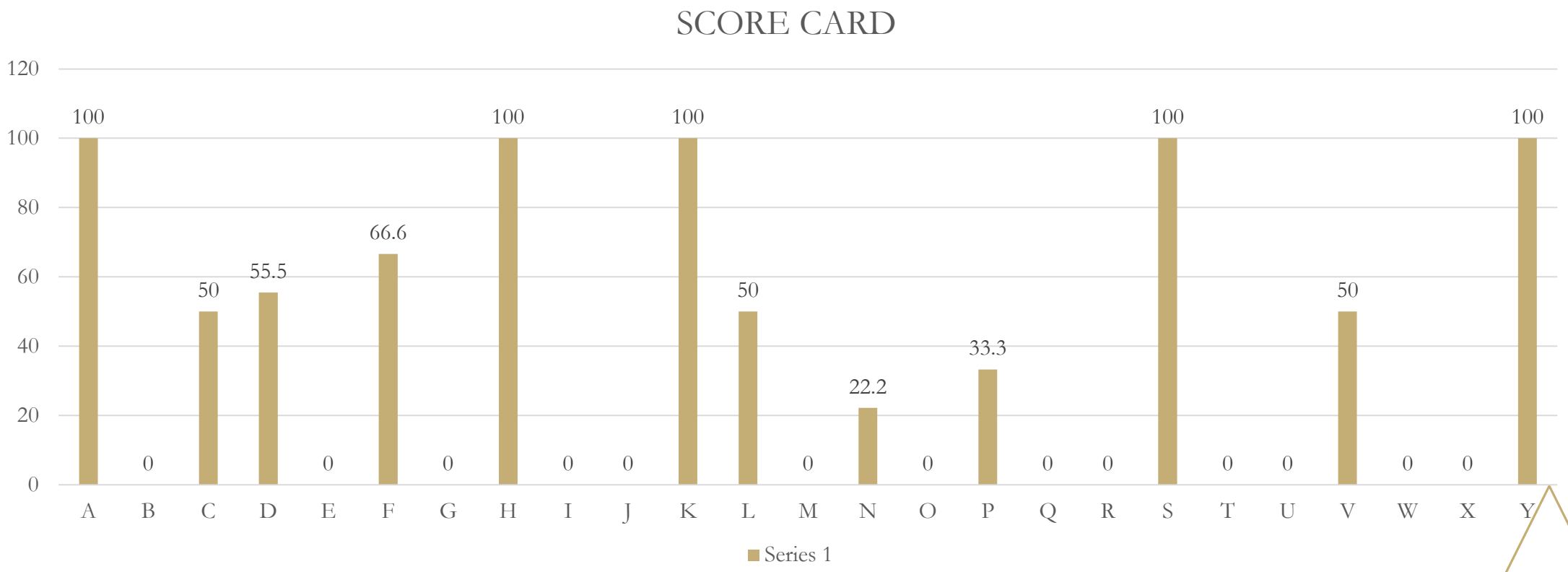
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GRAPH EXPLANATION

- **A= PASSAGE OF THE ACJL:** Zamfara State passed the ACJL in December, 2022. From the graph Zamfara scored 100%.
- **B= Efforts Made to Create Awareness of the Law:** From the Graph, Zamfara scored 0 because they have not sensitized and trained stakeholders on the law, not sensitized the public and conducted a needs assessment of implementing agencies for effective use of the law.
- **C=Existence of Criminal Records Registry:** From the graph, Zamfara scored 50% because they do not collate data electronically in the registry and the registry does not remit records of arrest to the Attorney-General and other oversight body.

- **D, E, N,O= Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System:** From the Graph, Zamfara Scored;

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by the Police **(D)**= 55.5% because the have and use mobile phones.

✓ E-recording of Confessional Statements by Other Law Enforcement Agencies **(E)**= 0

✓ Electronic facilities in Court **(N)**= 22.2% because they indicated that they have projectors in the courts.

✓ E-recording of Court Proceedings**(O)**= 0

✓ **F=Abolition of Lay Prosecution:** Zamfara State scored 66.6% because they have not abolished lay prosecution. However, they have quality control measures in place to avoid abuse.

- **G,H,K,R= Compliance with Time Limits:**

✓ Average Time within which the Police Sends Case Files to the DPP for Legal Advice **(G): 0** because the average time it takes the police in Zamfara State to send case files to the DPP is ***three months***.

✓ Average Time within which the DPP sends Legal Advice to the Police **(H)= 100%** because it takes the DPP in Zamfara State ***less than a week*** to send his legal advice.

✓ Average Time within which a criminal case is assigned to a Court after filing **(K) = 100%** because it takes ***less than one week*** to assign a criminal case to a court in the state.

✓ Average time it takes to complete a criminal case from arraignment to judgment **(R); 0**

- In the Magistrate court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 2years to complete a matter.
- In the High Court: 0 because upon enquiry, it was discovered that contrary to what was stated on the questionnaire it takes more than a year or 3years to complete a matter.

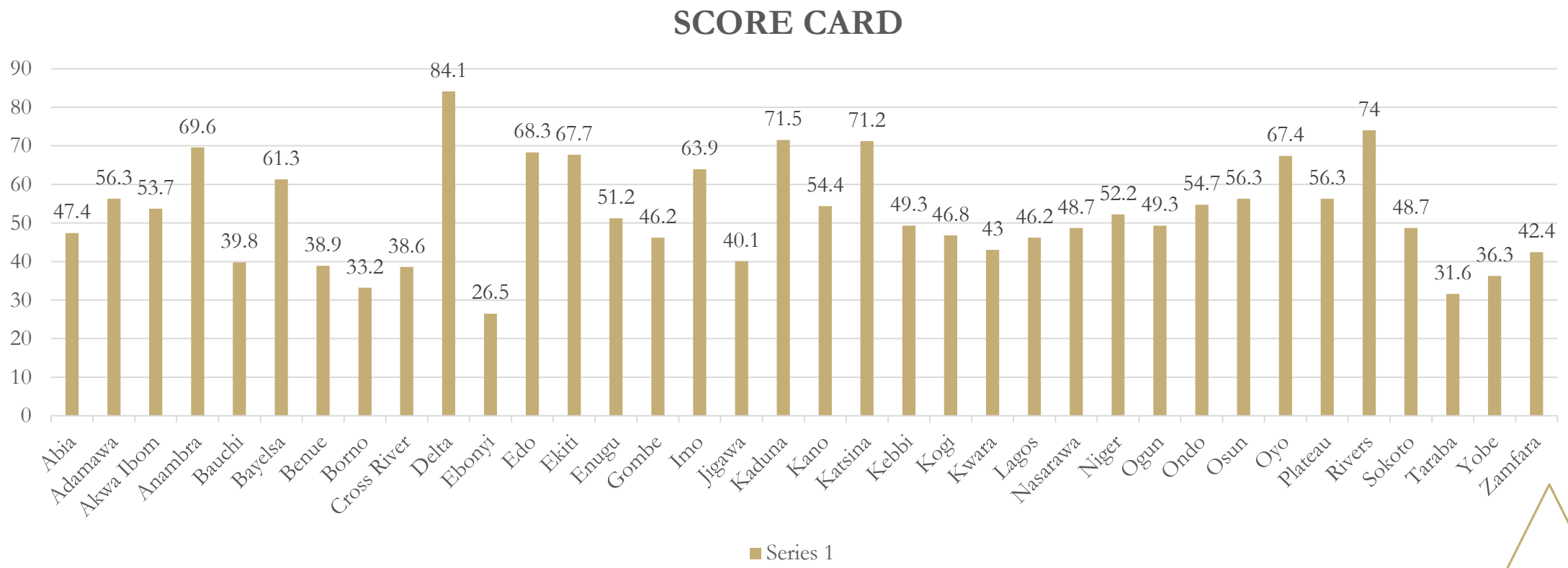
- **I, J,M,Q = Synergy between Law, Enforcement Agencies, the Ministry of Justice and other oversight authorities**

  - Existence of forum for meeting or coordination between the police and the Ministry of Justice**(I)**: Zamfara scored 0 because they indicated that there is no forum for meeting between the police and the ministry of justice in existence in the State.
  - Early engagement of the Ministry of justice in the investigation of cases**(J)**: Zamfara scored 0 because they indicated that the ministry of justice in the state is not involved early(beyond seeking legal advice) in the investigation of cases.
  - Remittance of quarterly report of persons awaiting trial to the Attorney-General by the Nigerian Correctional Service**(M)**: Zamfara scored 0 because the indicated that the Correctional Service in the state do not remit quarterly reports of persons awaiting trial for more than 180 days to the Attorney-General and other oversight offices.
  - Magistrates periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention**(Q)**: Zamfara scored 0 because, they indicated that magistrates do not conduct periodic visits to police stations and other places of detention (other than correctional centres).

- **L= Availability of Legal Aid to Indigent Suspects:** Zamfara scored 50% because they indicated that they have 2 Legal Aid officers, and indigent suspects in the state are ***rarely*** provided legal aid before their matter is taken to court.
- **P= Witness Protection:** Zamfara scored 33.3% because they indicated that they have just one facility in place for witness protection in the state(screen/mask to hide witness' identity)
- **S,T,U= Case Management**
  - Individual cases conducted on day to day basis **(S):** Zamfara scored 100% because they indicated that courts in the state do conduct individual cases on a day-to-day basis.
  - Criminal proceedings stayed on account of interlocutory applications**(T):** Zamfara scored 0 because they indicated that criminal proceedings are ***often*** stayed on account of interlocutory applications.
  - Ruling on objection deferred to judgment**(U):** Zamfara scored 0 because they indicated that courts in the state rule on objections immediately they are moved and they do not defer their rulings to the time of their judgements.

- **V=Formal Structures or Designated Personnel for Community Service, Rehabilitation, Suspended sentence & Parole:** Zamfara scored 50% because they indicated that they have a structure and designated personnel for community service and suspended sentence but do not have for rehabilitation and parole.
- **W= Availability of Complimentary Policy or Regulations to Support ACJL:** Zamfara scored 0 because they did not provide an answer to this question.
- **X= Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee(ACJMC) or Its Equivalent:** Zamfara scored 0 because the indicated that they do not have in existence an Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee or its equivalent.
- **Y= Availability of Statistics:** Zamfara scored 100% because they provided all the statistics required.

GENERAL PERFORMANCE OF STATES



Recommendation and Conclusion

Recommendations

PASSAGE AND AMENDMENT OF THE ACJL

Borno State been the only state yet to pass the Administration of Criminal Justice Law is encouraged to do so as a matter of urgency so that the state can benefit from the innovations introduced by the law for effective criminal justice administration.

States like Ekiti and Anambra who passed the ACJL before the Federal ACJA should follow the steps of Lagos State by amending their laws to capture the innovative provisions not contained in their laws, especially the National Minimum Standards.
Other states whose ACJL falls short of the National Minimum Standard provisions are encouraged to amend their laws.

Recommendation

There is need to sensitize criminal justice actors and the public on the ACJL in each state.

Need to promote synergy and corporation amongst law enforcement agencies, ministries of justice, oversight bodies and the public

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TIME LIMITS

Trial time limits prescribe by the ACJL of each state should be strictly adhere to in order to curb the problem of delay

ACCOUNTABILITY

There is need for accountability amongst criminal justice departments/agencies.

Statistics of arrests, cases and budgets in each state should be made accessible to criminal justice actors and the public.

Recommendation

There is need for states to leverage on technology in data collections and storage, court proceedings etc.

CONCLUSION

- In conclusion, it's not enough to simply have laws in place. Without proper implementation, laws remain lifeless letters on paper. To truly improve the administration of justice in Nigeria, it's crucial to adopt the National Minimum Standards for the Effective Implementation of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act and Laws of each state. This adoption will breathe life and essence into the laws, resulting in improved justice delivery and administration across the country. Let's move beyond rhetoric and take concrete steps towards implementing these standards, thereby ensuring that justice truly prevails in Nigeria.

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