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Fair Digital Finance

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FAIR DIGITAL FINANCE

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FAIR DIGITAL FINANCE ACCELERATOR



- Launched 2022
- Community of Practice: 65 consumer associations in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC) in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.
- Platform for capacity building: Training modules for over 500 consumer advocates, hotline, grants, case studies
- Collaborative impact:
 - 48 initiatives across the network e.g., 10,000+ youth trained through incountry sessions in Nigeria, India, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Fiji.
 - 20+ consumer organisations have been invited, for the first time, to connect with policymakers to engage in digital finance policy
 - Acknowledgements by regulators e.g., in Bangladesh, Ivory Coast, India, Uganda, Rwanda, and Brazil,
 - Commitments to change on safer consumer business practices
- Consumer oriented insight: "The Consumer Experience of Digital Finance" launched during the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting 2023.





CONSUMER PROTECTION NEEDS

Status of DFS risk

Consumer capability

CONSUMER PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

Level of consumer centricity of FCP

Status of FCP framework

Extent of
engagement
between
consumers, their
advocates, FSPs
and regulators

INCLUSION AND PROTECTION "PLAYING FIELD"

Status of DFS enabling infrastructure

DFS inclusivity

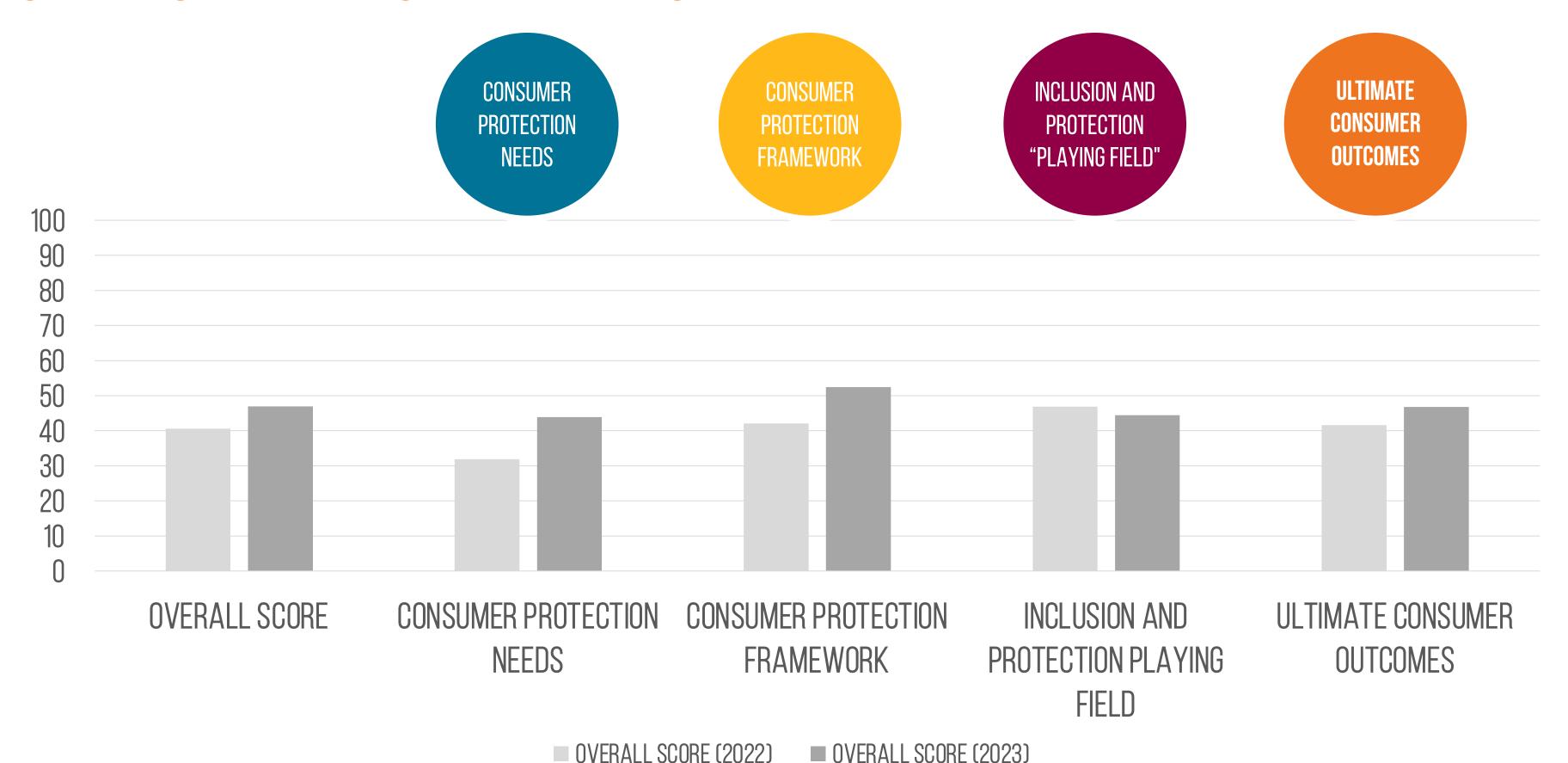
Lived experience with DFS

ULTIMATE CONSUMER OUTCOMES

Extent of positive consumer outcomes

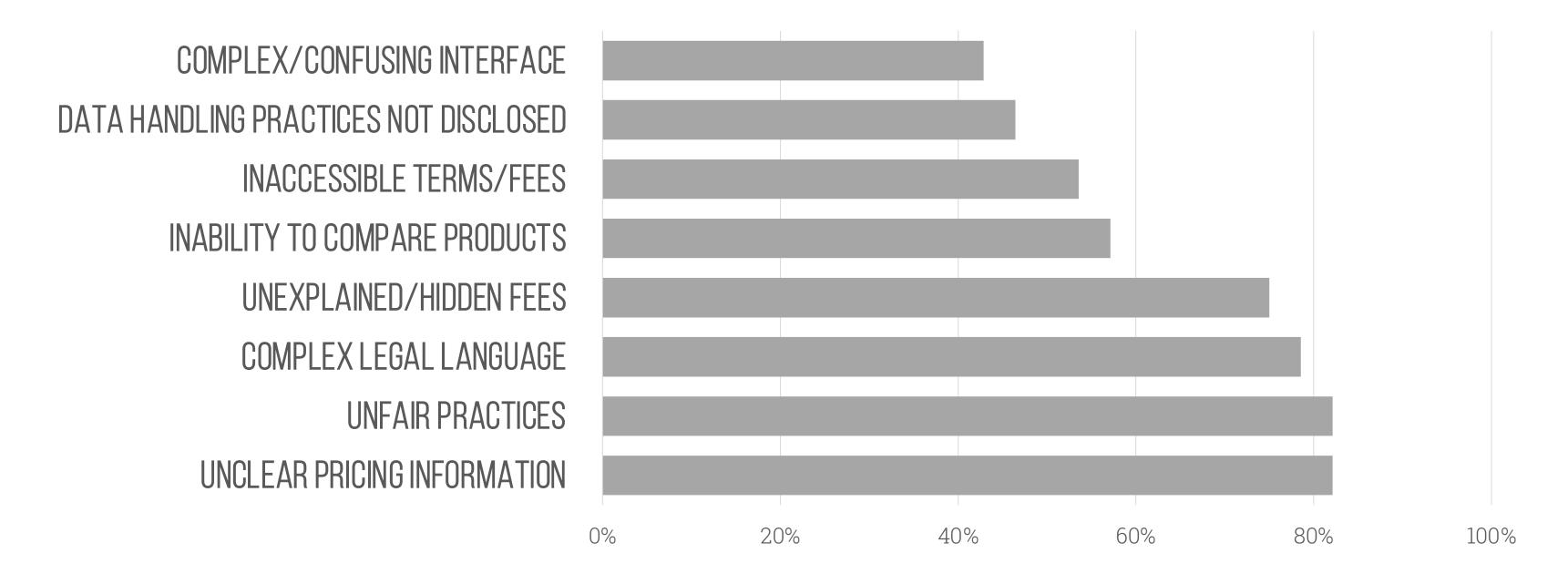
STATE OF FAIR DIGITAL FINANCE





KEY CONSUMER CONCERNS WITH DIGITAL FINANCE PROVIDERS

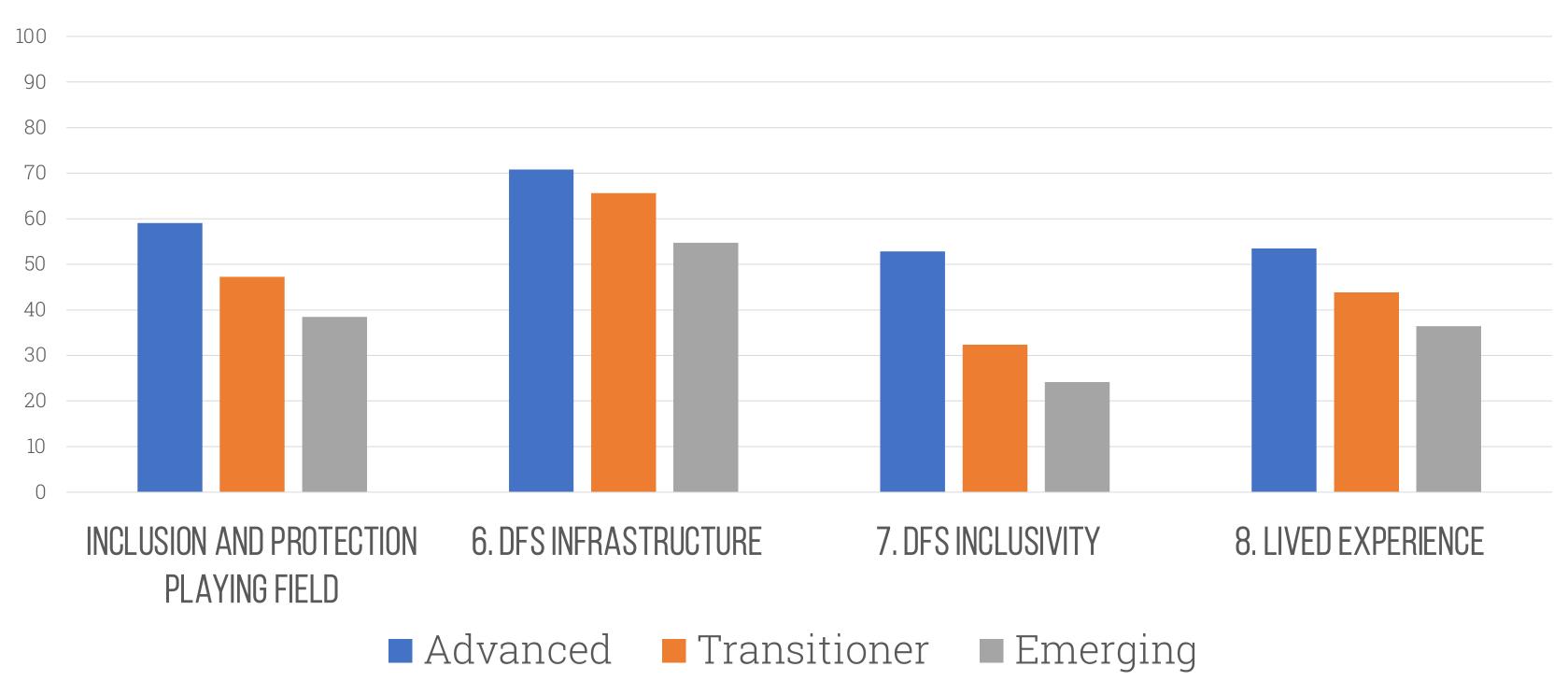






INCLUSION AND LIVED EXPERIENCE BY CLUSTER

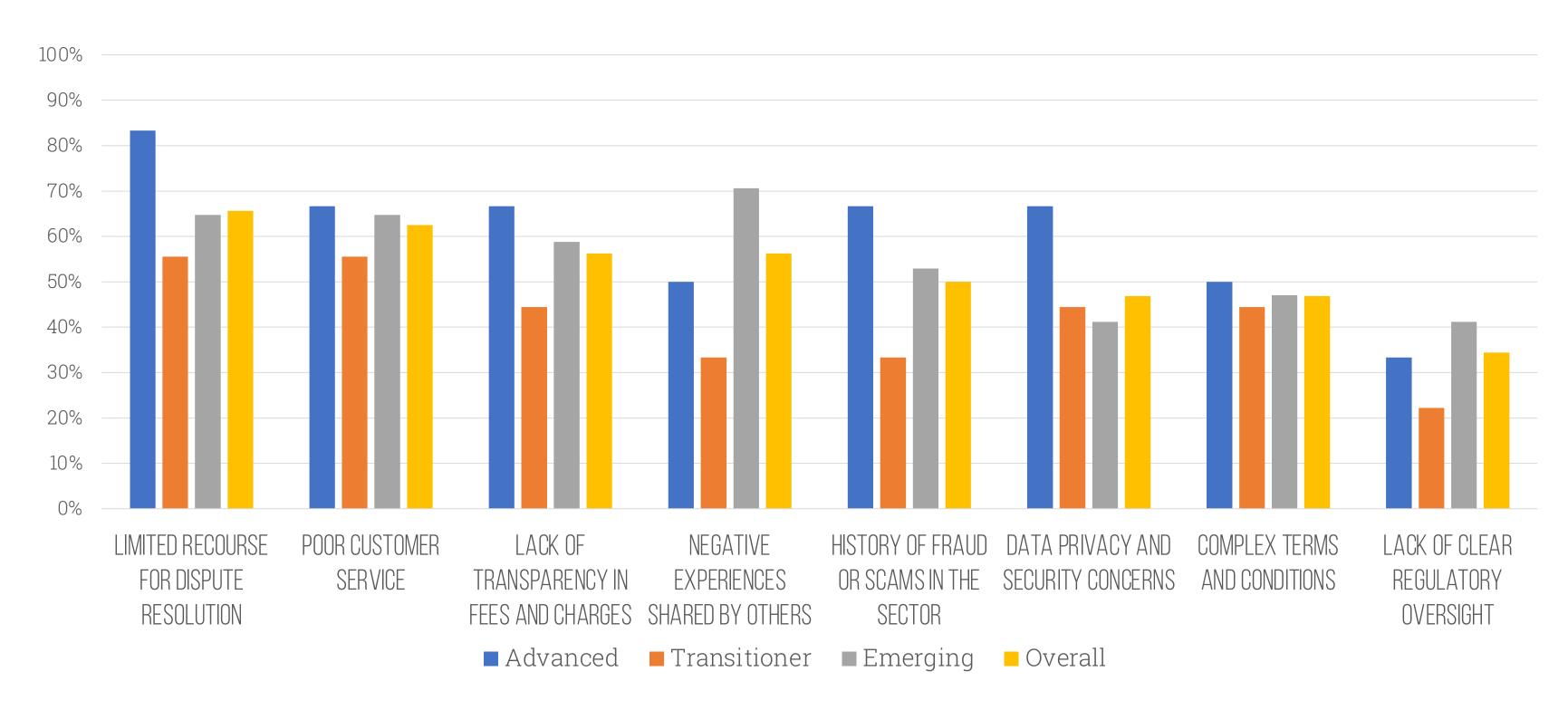






WHAT IMPACTS TRUST?

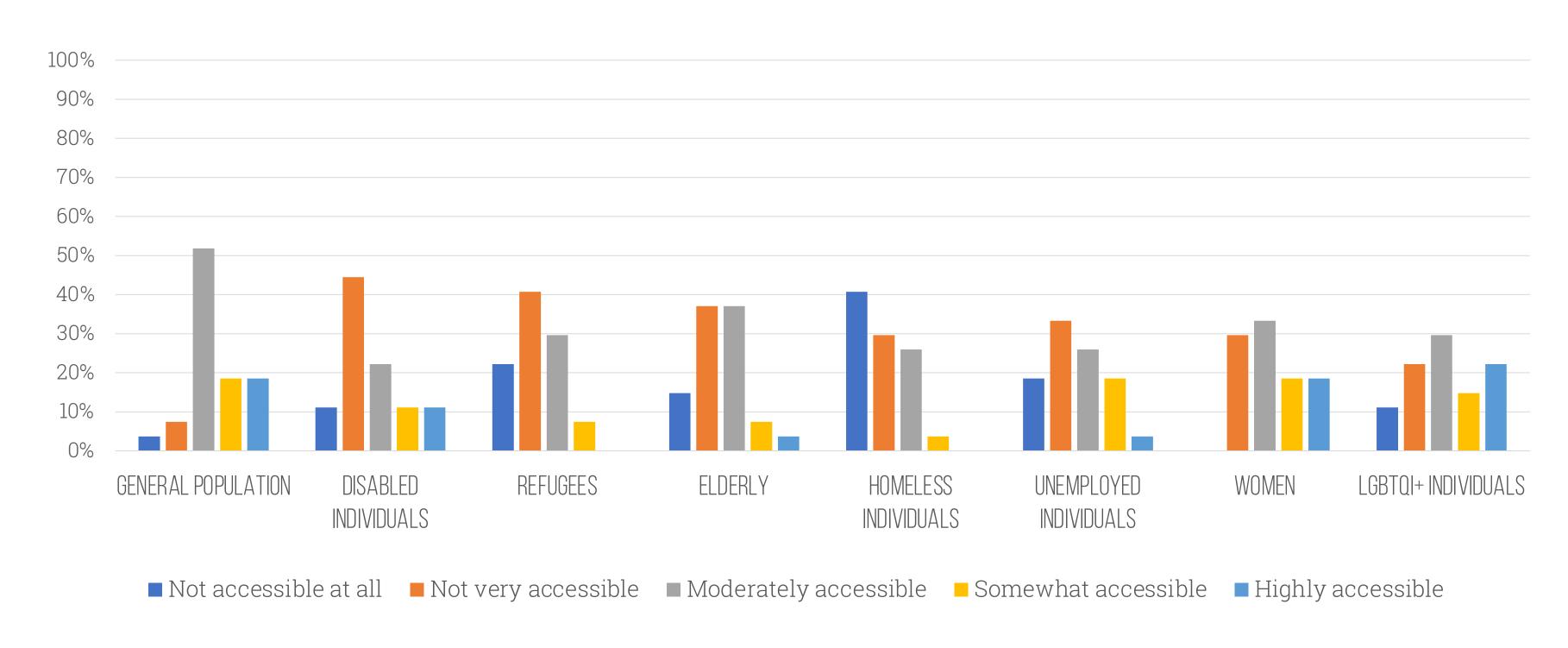






ACCESSIBILITY BY CONSUMER TYPE







LIMITED INITIATIVES TO BUILD RESILIENCE IN FACE CLIMATE CRISIS



The majority of the respondents in the survey answered "No" to the question of whether there are digital finance initiatives in place to help consumers vulnerable to climate change.

Some examples from FDFA member countries are encouraging:

- In Pakistan, the Benazir Income Support Program increases resilience.
- In India, the government constantly encourages farmers and the population living in the rural areas to use DFS, particularly post COVID where the government transferred medical, farming, and other funds directly to their accounts
- In Fiji, vulnerable people have access to parametric insurance registration and payouts.



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