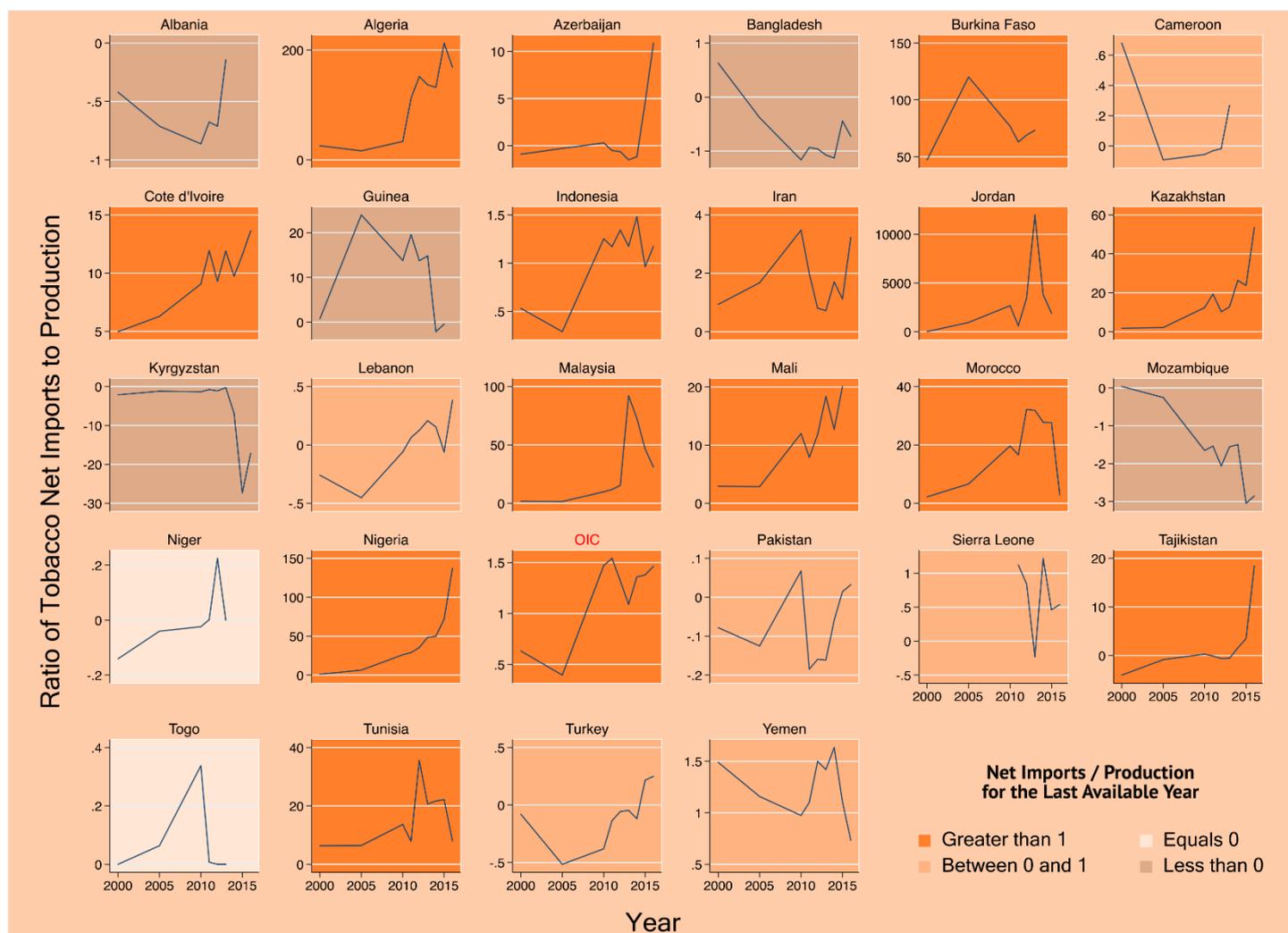


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Ratio of Tobacco Net Imports to Production, 2000-2016



- The ratio of tobacco net imports to production is derived by dividing total net import to total gross production value (current US\$) of tobacco. The total net tobacco import equals to total imports minus total exports in current US\$ of tobacco products including unmanufactured and tobacco products not elsewhere specified (smoking, chewing, snuff tobacco, homogenized or compressed tobacco, manufactured tobacco substitutes, tobacco extracts and essences).
- The higher this ratio, the higher a country depends on imported tobacco products. While positive values show net tobacco importer countries, negative values show net tobacco exporter countries.
- The ratio of tobacco net imports to production in the **OIC countries group** is estimated as **1.5** in 2016, a 0.8-point increase compared to that in 2000.
- Even though **Azerbaijan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Turkey** were **net exporters** in 2000, they became **net importers** in 2016.
- Jordan, Algeria, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Burkina Faso, Tajikistan, Mali, and Azerbaijan** increased their ratios more than 10 points during the 2000-2016 period.
- The ratio in **Indonesia**, having highest prevalence rate of smoking across OIC countries, also **increased from 0.5 in 2000 to 1.2 in 2016**.
- The **upward trend in the ratio of tobacco net imports to production for 19 OIC countries** out of 27 with available data could be an important sign how multinational tobacco industry targets low and middle-income countries to make up for losses in the number of smokers (and revenue) in high income countries.
- It could also explain why some **OIC countries are lagging behind the achievement of the global target of 30% relative reduction in prevalence of current tobacco use** in persons aged 15 and over agreed under the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013-2020.

Note: The graphs are produced for countries which have a gross production value of unmanufactured tobacco.

Source: SESRIC staff calculations based on data extracted on 22/03/2019 from Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAOSTAT Database. Please visit **OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database** (<http://bit.ly/2F7W8cv>) for other indicators under the Tobacco Control category.