The Performance of the PF Government in the Past One Year

Results from the Afrobarometer Round 5 Survey in Zambia

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Background to the Afrobarometer Surveys

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What is the Afrobarometer?

- The Afrobarometer (AB) is a comparative series of public opinion surveys that measure public attitudes toward democracy, governance, the economy, leadership, identity, and other related issues.

- The AB is an independent, non-partisan, African-based network of researchers.

- The first round of surveys took place in 1999-2001 in 12 countries. The Network is now conducting "Round 5" surveys in up to 35 countries during 2011-2012.

- **Purpose**: To measure popular perspectives on the social, political, and economic environments in each country where it is implemented and across Africa.

- **Goal**: To give the public a *voice* in policy making processes by providing high-quality public opinion data to policy-makers, policy advocates and civil society organizations, academics, media, donors and investors, and ordinary Africans.

Country Coverage: 1999-2012

- **Round 1, 1999-2001, 12 countries**
  - ***Southern Africa****: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe*
  - ***West Africa:*** *Ghana, Mali, Nigeria*
  - ***East Africa:*** *Tanzania, Uganda*

- **Round 2, 2002-2003, 16 countries**
  - Cape Verde, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal

- **Round 3, 2005-2006, 18 countries**
  - *Benin, Madagascar*

- **Round 4, 2008-2009, 20 countries**
  - *Burkina Faso, Liberia*

- **Round 5, 2011-2013, up to 35 countries**
  - *Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guinea, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Togo, Tunisia, Sierra Leone, Sudan*

Country Coverage Round 5: 2011-2013

Who is the Afrobarometer?

→A Pan-African Network of survey researchers and analysts.

- In each country there is a ***National Partner*** responsible for survey implementation. In Zambia, the National Partner is RuralNet Associates Ltd.

- Four ***Core Partners*** have been providing technical assistance and

  Network management:

  - *Center for Democratic Development (CDD), Ghana*
  - *Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa), South Africa*
  - *Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi, Kenya*
  - *Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IREEP), Benin*

Who is the Afrobarometer?

- Two ***Support Units*** for capacity building and quality assurance
  - *Michigan State University*
  - *University of Cape Town*
- Round 5 ***Core Funders*** include
  - *DFID*
  - *SIDA*
  - *USAID*
  - *Mo Ibrahim Foundation*

Survey Methodology

- Nationally representative sample of adult citizens
  - *all respondents are randomly selected*
  - *every adult citizen has an equal and known chance of being selected*
- Face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice
- Standard survey instrument across all countries for comparability
- The survey interviewed 1200 adult Zambians; A sample of this size yields results with a margin of error of +/- 3% at a 95% confidence level.
- Field work for Round 5 in Zambia was conducted between 14 January and 8 February in 2013.
- Afrobarometer's work in Zambia is coordinated by RuralNet Associates and field work was carried out by Mr. Stephen Tembo as National Investigator and Mr. Fison Mujenja as Co-National Investigator.

Road or no road!

In the valley, Chama District, Muchinga Province.

Spoke to people at work, at home

An enumerator conducts an interview with a farmer in Choongo West, Monze.

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Survey Demographics

Mean Age	35.7
Gender	
Male	36.1
Female	35.7
Location	
Urban	32.3
Rural	35.5
Education	
None	4%
Primary	39%
Secondary	46%
Higher	11%

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Survey Demographics Cont'd

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Province	Percentage
Lusaka	19
Central	10
Copperbelt	17
Eastern	12
Luapula	7
Northern	8
North-Western	5
Southern	12
Western	7
Muchinga	5

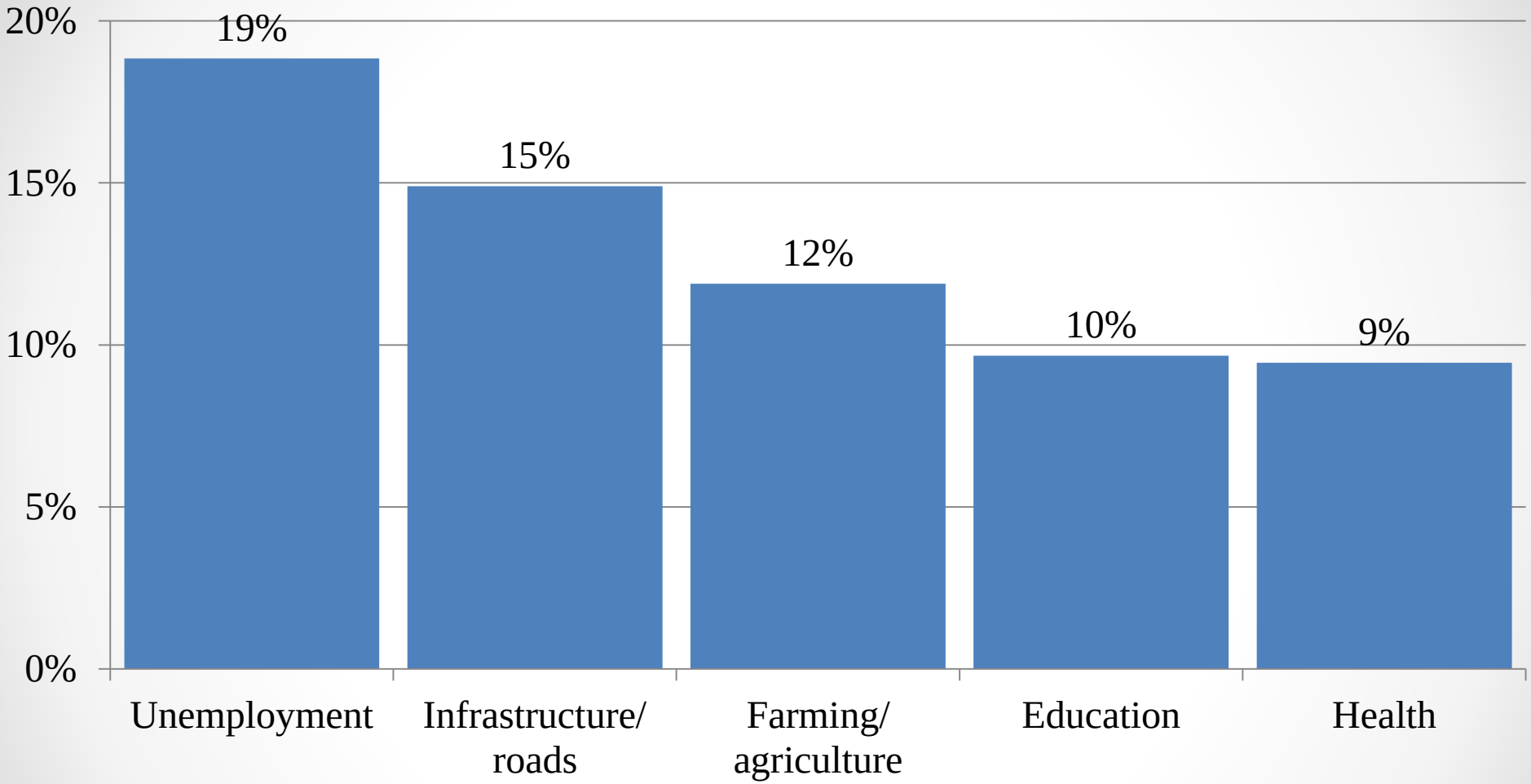
Key Issues – Most Important Problem

- Unemployment is the foremost problem that Zambians say should be addressed by government
- This is followed by infrastructure/roads
- Interestingly, the top 2 problems are the ones government has given priority to in 2013
- Government has began to tackle Farming/Agriculture through the launching of NAIP (2014-2018) on 30.05.13
- NAIP focuses on poverty reduction through appropriate strategies & efficient resource allocation
- Infrastructure had the second least position (3%) in 2009 and the second best (15%) in 2013.

Perceptions of the Most Important Problem Facing the Nation

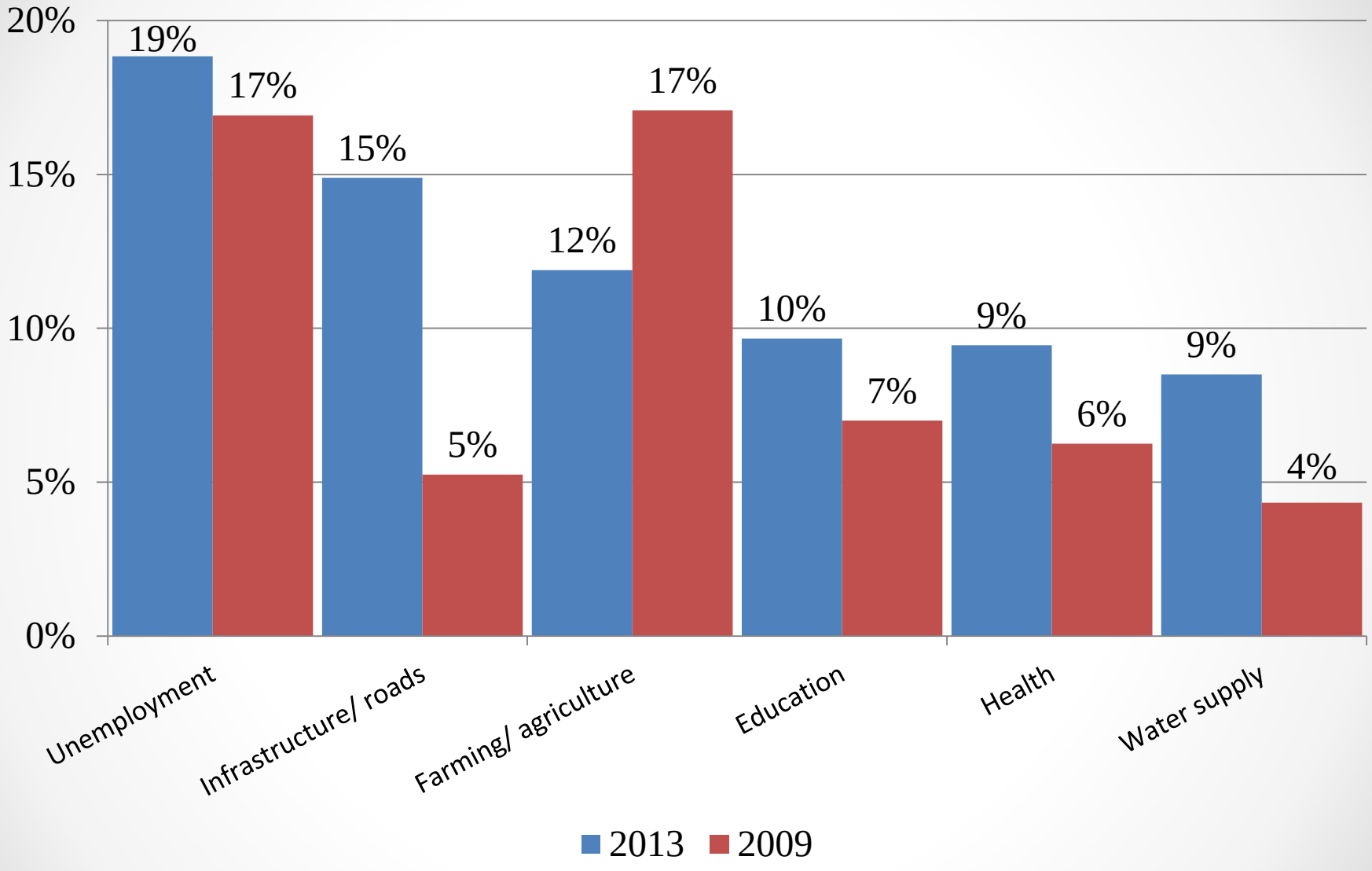
Problem	Percentage (%)
Unemployment	19
Infrastructure/ roads	15
Farming/ agriculture	12
Education	10
Health	9
Water supply	9
Poverty/ destitution	6
Food shortage/ famine	3
Corruption	2
Management of economy	2

Most Important Problem 2013



Survey question: In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?

Most Important Problem 2009 vs 2013



Perceptions on Likelihood of Govt. Solving the Identified Problem in the next 5 years (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Unlikely	19	22	20	20	20
Likely	79	73	76	75	76

Government Performance

Afrobarometer & Ruralnet asked survey participants:

How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say?

Government Performance on Problems

- The majority of people said the government handles the following issues well:
  - Managing the economy
  - Reducing crime
  - Improving basic health services
  - Addressing educational needs
- However, the majority said the government handles the following matters badly:
  - Creating jobs
  - Keeping prices down
  - Improving living conditions
  - Narrowing income gaps

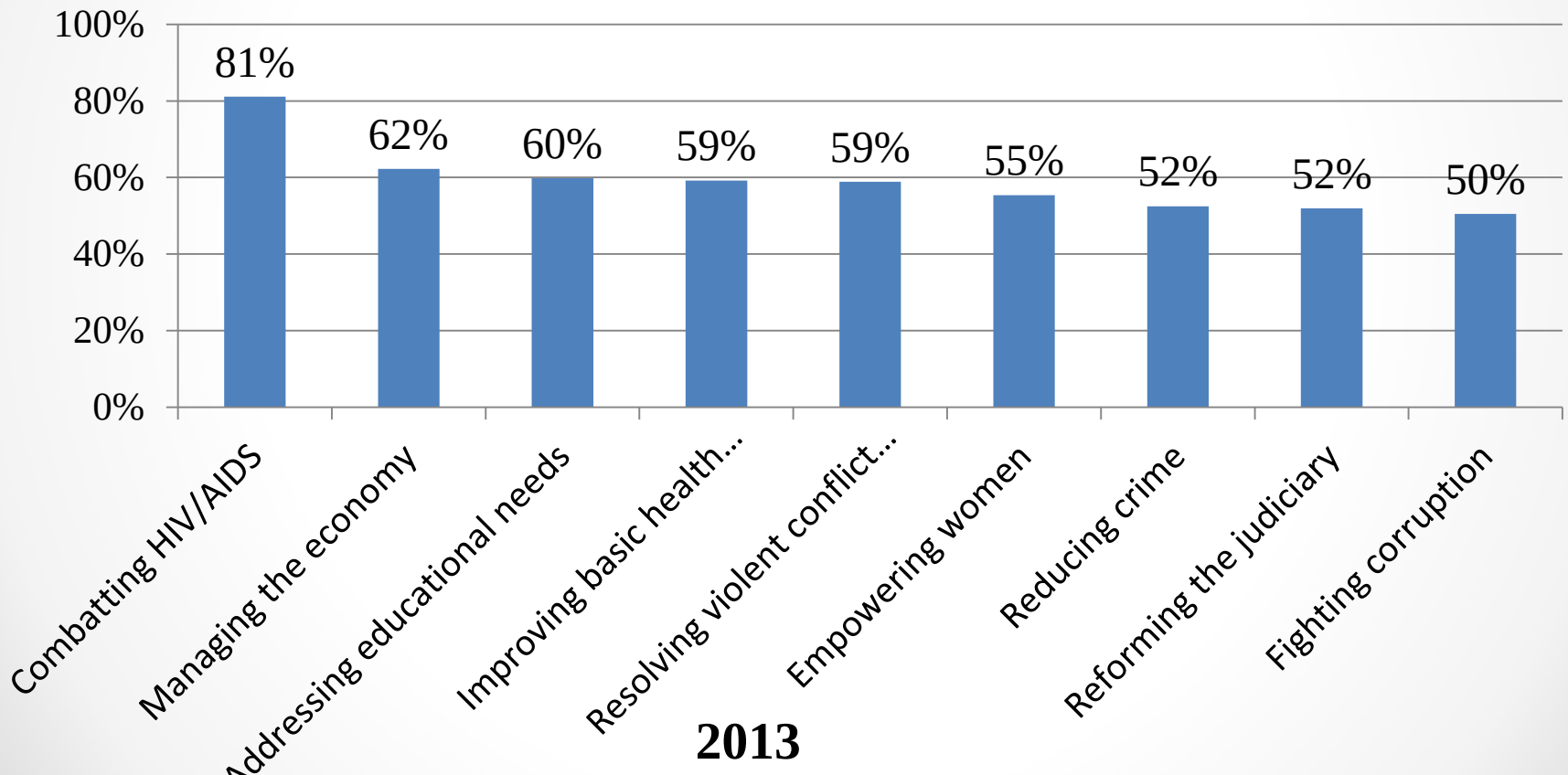
Results on Government Performance (%)

	Badly	Well	Don't Know
Managing the economy	34	62	3
Improving living standards of the poor	55	43	2
Creating jobs	65	32	3
Keeping prices down	65	33	2
Narrowing income gaps	66	29	5
Reducing crime	44	52	3
Improving basic health services	40	59	1
Addressing educational needs	39	60	1

Results on government performance

	Badly	Well	Don't Know
Providing water and sanitation services	58	40	3
Ensuring enough to eat	64	34	2
Fighting corruption	42	50	8
Resolving violent conflict between communities	25	59	16
Combating HIV/AIDS	16	81	5
Maintaining roads and bridges	49	50	1
Providing reliable electric supply	58	39	3
Empowering women	36	55	9
Reforming the judiciary	21	52	27

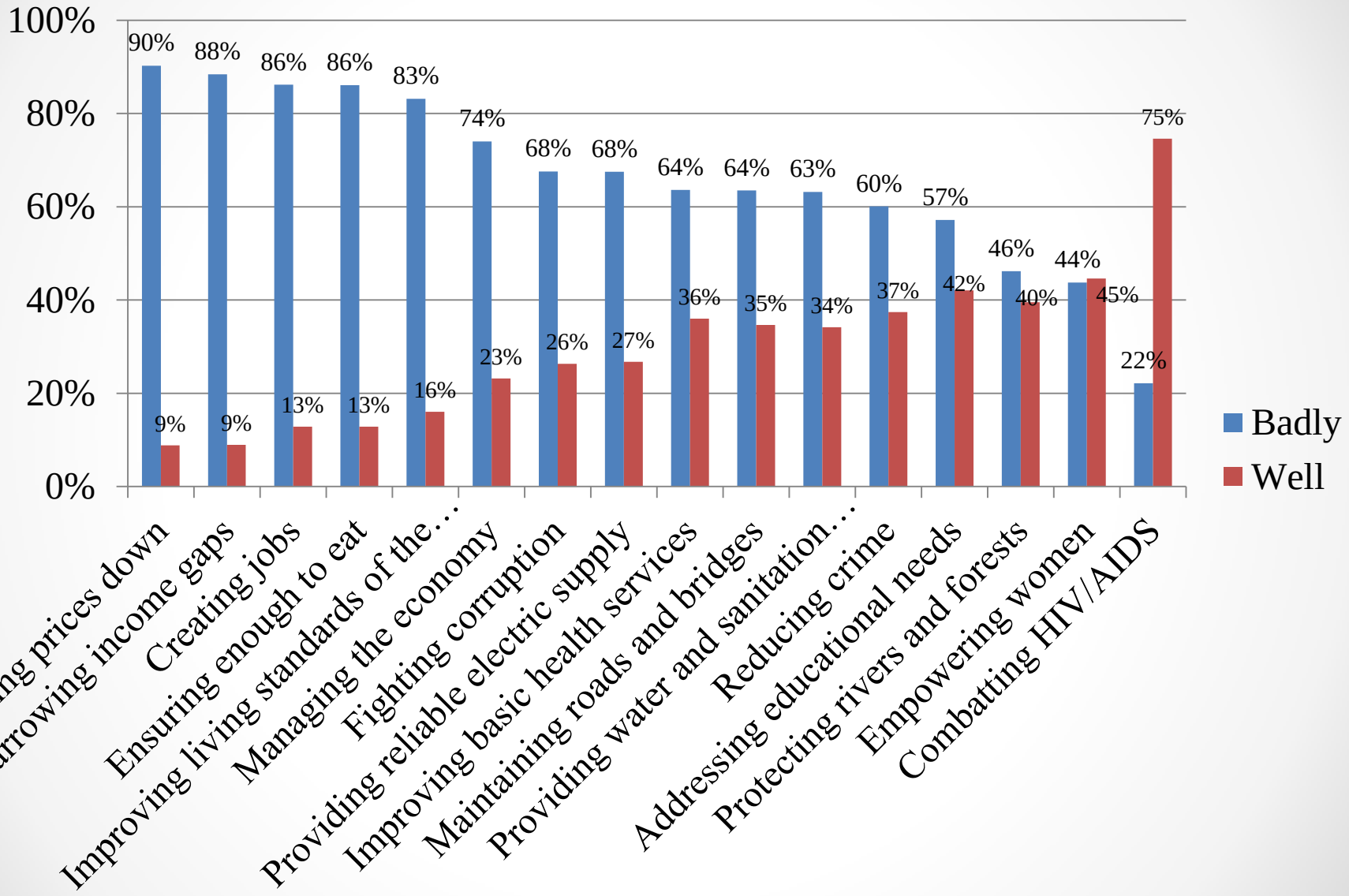
Government Handled These Issues Well, According to a Majority



What Zambians said in 2009

- In 2009, the government was said to do well in handling the issue of combating HIV/AIDS.
- Zambians said government did badly in handling many issues, including:
  - Managing the economy
  - Improving the living standards of the poor
  - Keeping prices down
  - Creating jobs
  - Narrowing income gaps
  - Ensuring enough to eat
  - Fighting corruption

Perceptions on government performance: 2009



Perceptions on how the government is handling issues: gender and location perspectives

- How do women and men compare in their opinions?
- How do those in urban areas compare with those in rural areas?

Perceptions on how government is improving the living standards of the poor (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	**50**	**58**	**51**	**58**	**54**
Well	48	40	48	39	44

Perceptions on how government is handling the issue of job creation (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	**67**	**64**	**64**	**67**	**65**
Well	31	33	34	30	32

Perceptions on government's performance in keeping the prices down (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	61	68	65	65	64
Well	38	29	34	33	34

Perceptions on government's performance regarding reducing crime (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	48	42	41	48	44
Well	**51**	**54**	**56**	**49**	**53**

Perceptions on govt's performance in providing water and sanitation services

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	**54**	**60**	**58**	**57**	**58**
Well	44	36	39	40	40

Perceptions on provision of a reliable supply of electricity (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	**46**	**68**	**58**	**58**	**58**
Well	53	27	40	37	38

Perceptions on the performance of the Local Government

Perceptions of local government performance in maintaining local roads (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	**61**	**70**	**67**	**65**	**66**
Well	38	28	32	33	32

Perceptions on maintenance of local market places (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	**60**	**65**	**63**	**63**	**63**
Well	37	29	33	32	32

Perceptions on keeping the community clean for example, the removal of refuse (%)

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Badly	**66**	**57**	**59**	**63**	**61**
Well	32	34	36	31	33

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