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News release

Mozambicans optimistic about country's overall direction, survey shows

A majority of Mozambicans are optimistic about the overall direction of the country and prospects for a stronger national economy, according to the latest Afrobarometer survey.

About half describe the country's economic condition as good, but only about one-third say the same about their personal living conditions. Nonetheless, most Mozambicans say they expect the country's economic condition to improve during the next year.

Key findings

- A majority (58%) of Mozambicans think the country is moving "in the right direction," an 8-percentage-point decline compared to 2015 (Figure 1).
- A plurality (47%) of Mozambicans consider the current economic condition of the country "fairly good" or very good," although the proportion who describe it as "fairly bad" or "very bad" has increased by 6 percentage points since 2015 (Figure 2).
- The proportion of citizens who say their personal living conditions are "fairly good" or "very good" has increased since 2015, to 36%, but so has the share who say they are fairly/very bad (Figure 3).
- Two-thirds (66%) of Mozambicans expect the country's economic situation to be "better" or "much better" in 12 months' time (Figure 4).

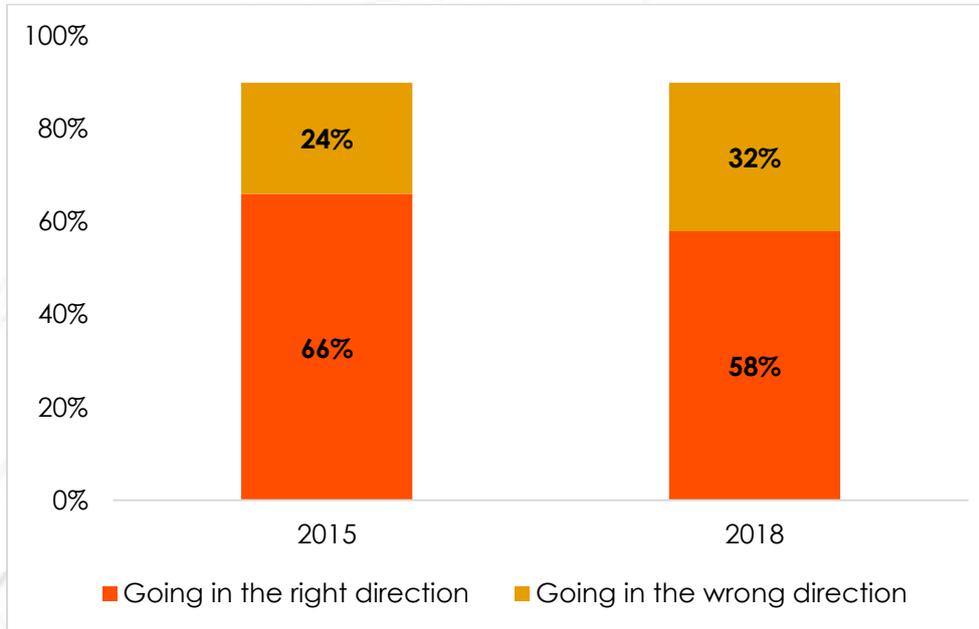
Afrobarometer

Afrobarometer is a pan-African, non-partisan research network that conducts public attitude surveys on democracy, governance, economic conditions, and related issues in Africa. Six rounds of surveys were conducted in up to 37 African countries between 1999 and 2015, and results of Round 7 surveys (2016/2018) are currently being disseminated. Afrobarometer conducts face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice with nationally representative samples.

The Afrobarometer team in Mozambique, led by Ipsos, interviewed 2,400 adult Mozambicans between 3 June and 26 August 2018. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys have been conducted in Mozambique in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2012, and 2015. The 2018 survey was sponsored by the MASC Foundation.

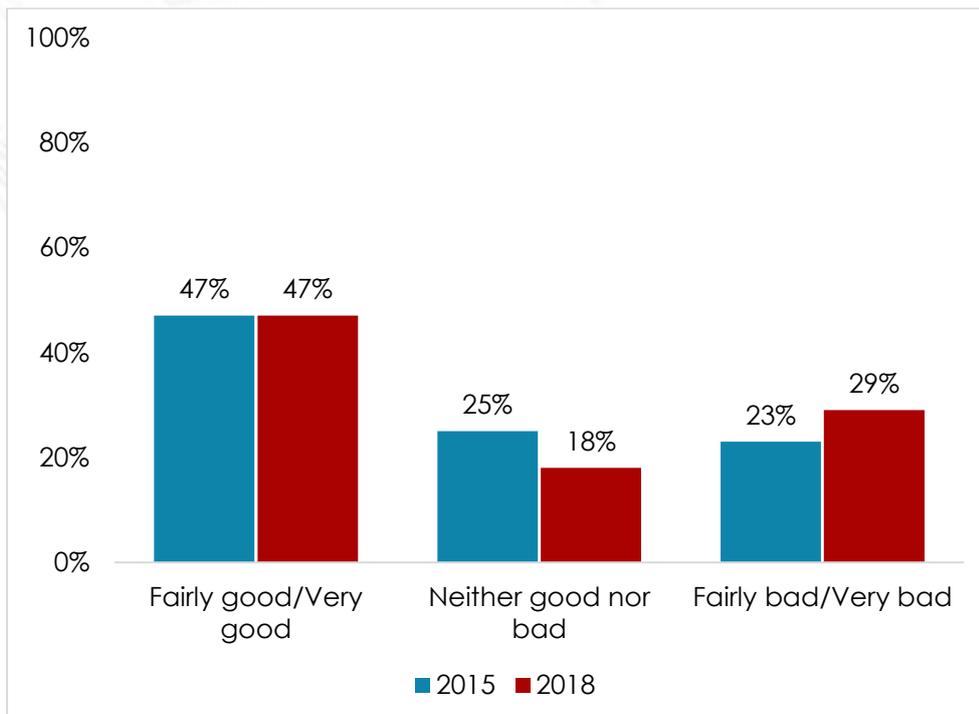
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Figure 1: Country direction | Mozambique | 2015-2018



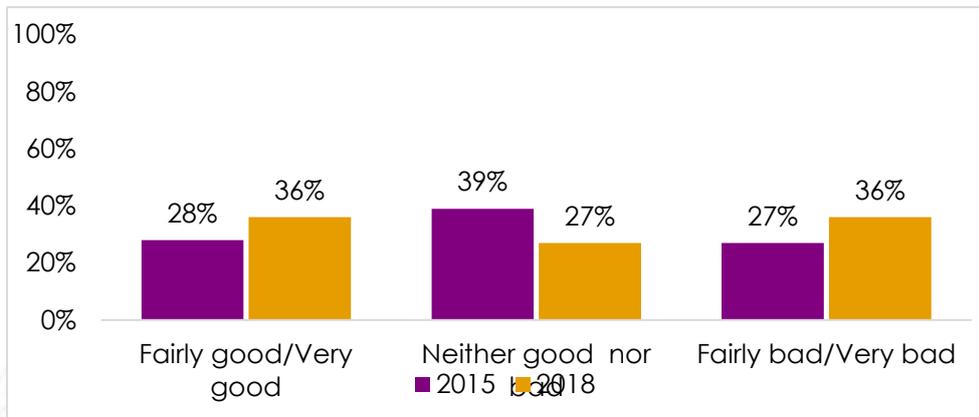
Respondents were asked: Would you say that the country is going in the wrong direction or going in the right direction?

Figure 2: Country's economic condition | Mozambique | 2015-2018



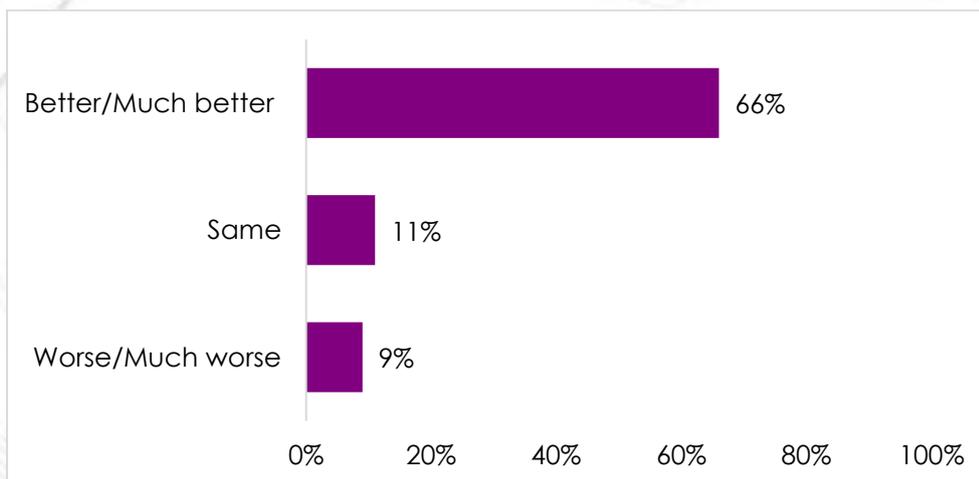
Respondents were asked: In general, how would you describe the present economic condition of this country?

Figure 3: Personal living conditions | Mozambique | 2015-2018



Respondents were asked: In general, how would you describe your own present living conditions?

Figure 4: Better or worse: Country's economic condition in 12 months' time | Mozambique | 2015-2018



Respondents were asked: Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in 12 months' time?

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