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Toward COP26: In Tanzania, farmers lead concerns about climate change, Afrobarometer survey shows on

A majority of Tanzanians who are aware of climate change say it is making life in the country worse, according to the latest Afrobarometer survey. But only about one-third of Tanzanians are aware of climate change.

People who work in the agricultural sector (farming, forestry, and fishing), who are particularly likely to suffer negative effects of climate change, are more likely to be concerned but less likely to be aware of climate change compared to their counterparts in other sectors.

Next month's 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) offers a platform for reviewing international commitments to addressing climate change. While Tanzania contributes only 0.03% of global greenhouse gas emissions, it is already experiencing effects of climate change that threaten human health, safety, food security, and socio-economic development.

Key findings

- Only about one-third (35%) of Tanzanians say they have heard of climate change, a modest increase compared to 2017 (31%) (Figure 1).
 - Awareness of climate change is highest among citizens with post-secondary education (76%) and regular Internet users (64%) (Figure 2).
 - Awareness is particularly low among women (29%), rural residents (29%), and people who work in the agricultural sector (29%) (Figure 2).
- Among citizens who have heard of climate change, almost two-thirds (63%) say it is making life in Tanzania "somewhat worse" or "much worse" (Figure 3).
 - This perception is particularly common among men (68%), older people (70% of those over age 55), those with post-secondary education (68%), and those who work in the agricultural sector (66%) (Figure 4).

Afrobarometer surveys

Afrobarometer is a pan-African, nonpartisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. Eight rounds of surveys have been completed in up to 39 countries since 1999. Round 8 surveys (2019/2021) cover 34 countries. Afrobarometer conducts face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice.

The Afrobarometer team in Tanzania, led by REPOA, interviewed a nationally representative, random, stratified probability sample of 2,398 adults in February-March 2021. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-2 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys were conducted in Tanzania in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2014, and 2017.

Figures

Figure 1: Awareness of climate change | Tanzania | 2017-2021

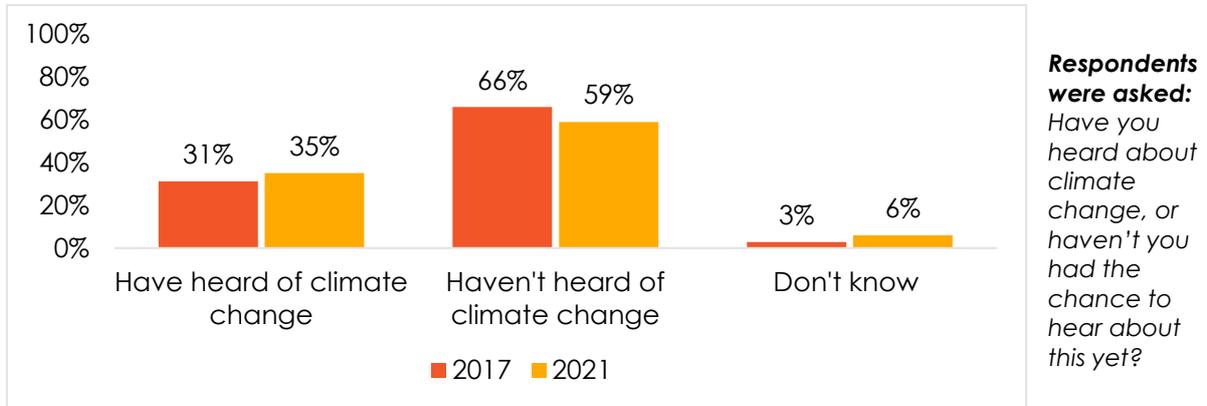
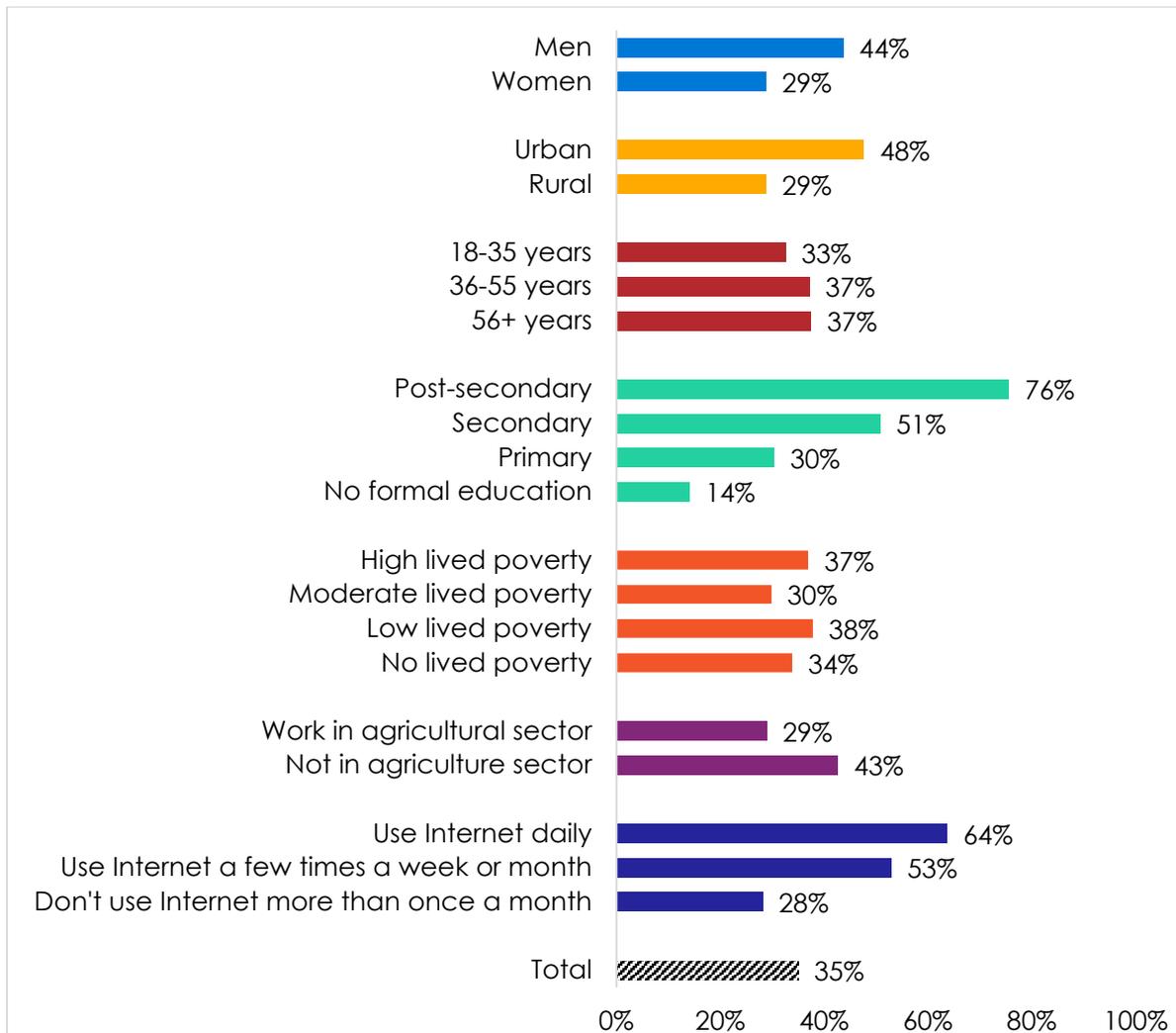
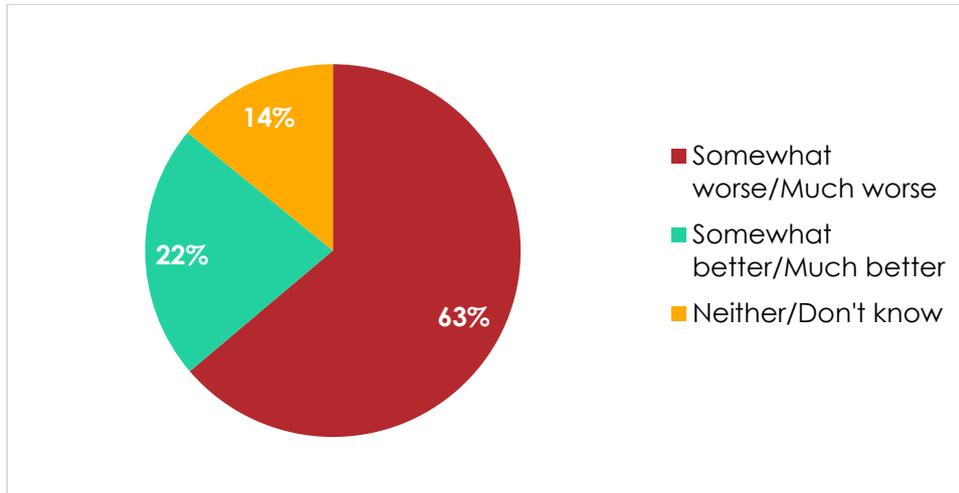


Figure 2: Aware of climate change | by demographic group | Tanzania | 2021



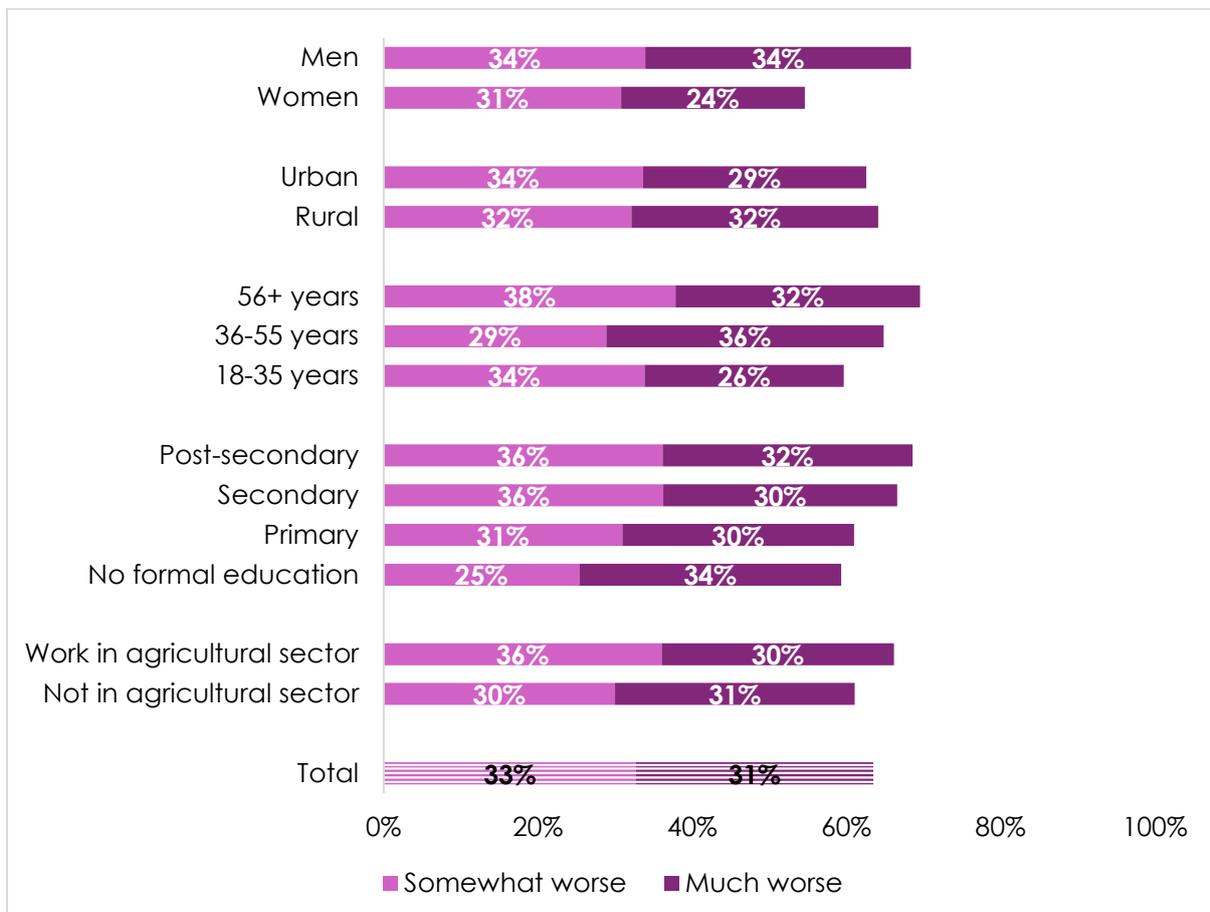
Respondents were asked: Have you heard about climate change, or haven't you had the chance to hear about this yet? (% "yes")

Figure 3: Impact of climate change | Tanzania | 2021



Respondents were asked: Do you think climate change is making life in Tanzania better or worse, or haven't you heard enough to say? (Note: The question was only posed to respondents who say they have heard of climate change)

Figure 4: Perceived effects of Climate change among Tanzanians | Tanzania | 2021



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