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Ugandans increasingly critical of government performance in fighting corruption, see reporting corruption as risky

Ugandans are increasingly dissatisfied with their government's performance in fighting corruption, according to Afrobarometer survey findings.

Seven in 10 Ugandans say their government is performing "fairly badly" or "very badly" in combating corruption.

More than three-quarters of Ugandans believe that citizens who report corruption to the authorities risk retaliation or other negative consequences

Government anti-corruption efforts, including the establishment of the Inspector General of Government's office and a statehouse anti-corruption unit, have not persuaded the public that the level of corruption in the country is decreasing. A corruption-free Uganda is one of five targets that President Yoweri Museveni has tasked his new cabinet with focusing on over the next five years.

Key findings

- Only 14% of Ugandans say the government is performing "fairly well" or "very well" in combating corruption. Satisfaction with government efforts against corruption has dropped by two-thirds since 2005 (Figure 1).
- Compared to other East African governments, Uganda's anti-corruption efforts receives worse public ratings. Tanzania is rated best, with 83% of citizens saying their government is performing "fairly well" or "very well" (Figure 2).
- More than three-quarters (77%) of Ugandans believe that citizens who report corruption to the authorities risk retaliation or other negative consequences (Figure 3).

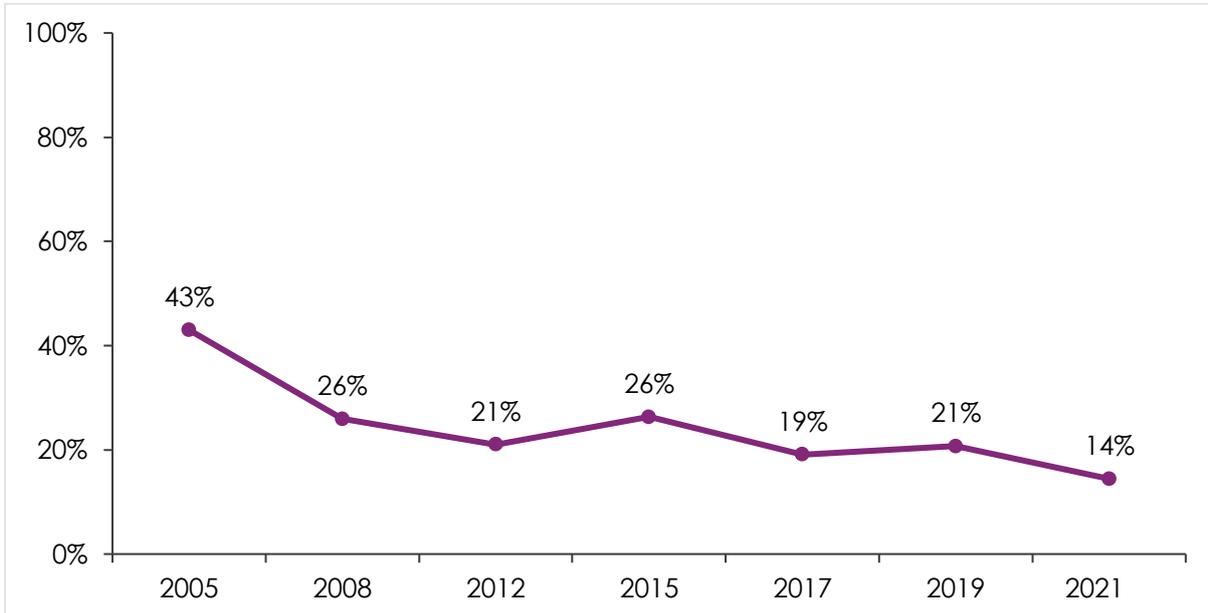
Afrobarometer surveys

Afrobarometer is a pan-African, nonpartisan survey research network that has provided reliable data on experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life in 38 African countries since 1999. Afrobarometer conducts face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice with nationally representative samples.

With financial support from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Uganda, the Afrobarometer team in Uganda, led by Hatchile Consult Limited, interviewed 1,200 adults Ugandans between 30 September and 31 October 2019 and 2,400 adult Ugandans between 22 December 2020 and 7 January 2021 in 300 enumeration areas across 110 districts. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-2 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. This was the 11th Afrobarometer survey in Uganda since 1999.

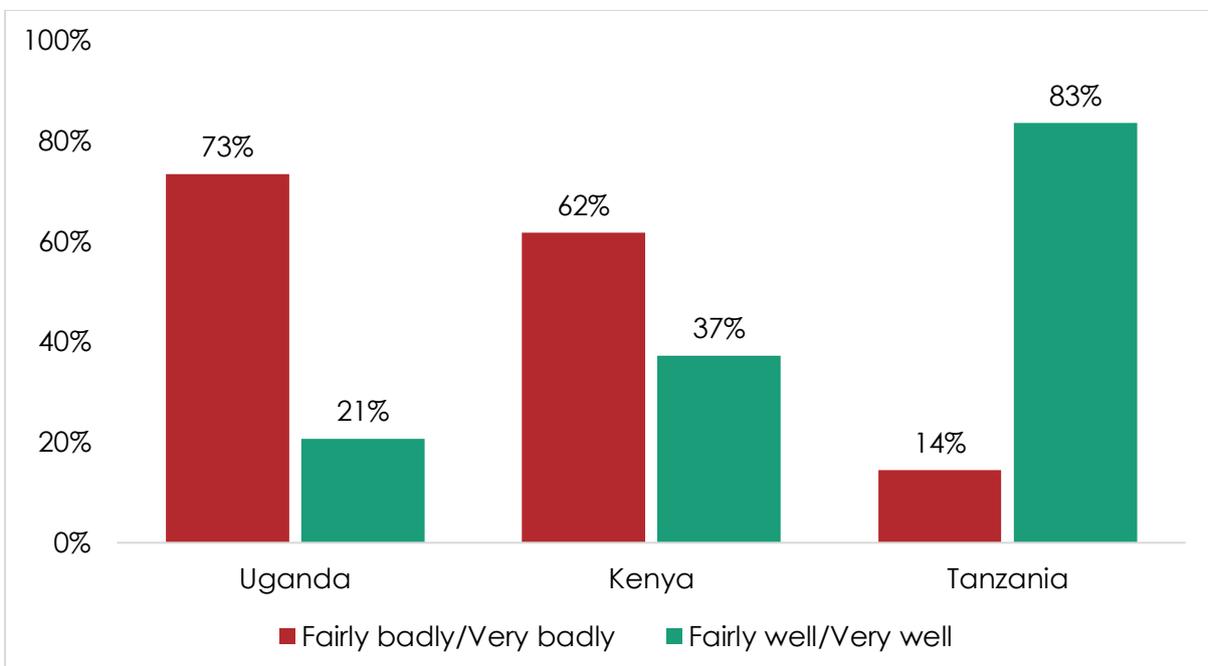
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Figure 1: Government performance in fighting corruption | Uganda | 2021



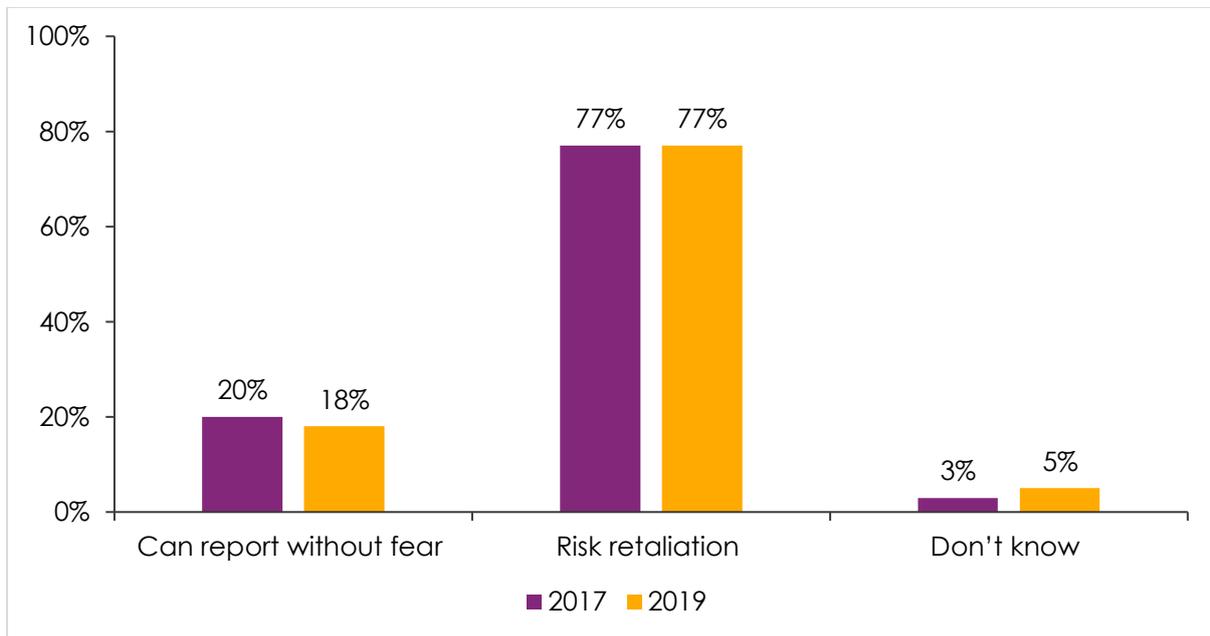
Respondents were asked: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Fighting corruption in government? (% who say "fairly well" or "very well")

Figure 2: Government performance in fighting corruption | East Africa | 2019



Respondents were asked: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Fighting corruption in government?

Figure 3: Risk retaliation if report incidents of corruption | 2017-2019



Respondents were asked: *In this country, can ordinary people report incidents of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out?*

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