

AB update

April 2022 highlights



In the field and around the network

- ✓ Afrobarometer welcomed three leaders in African development to its governance team. **Nozipho January-Bardill**, a retired diplomat and chair of the Council of the Nelson Mandela University, and **Peter M. Lewis**, who directs the African studies program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), have joined AB's board of directors. **Frank Mwiti**, Eastern Africa Markets Leader for Ernst & Young, will serve on the network's International Advisory Council.
- ✓ Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Cameroon completed Round 9 data collection, bringing us to 16 countries, and Madagascar headed into the field. Up next: Senegal, Eswatini. ...
- ✓ With support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, AB will conduct telephone surveys alongside its standard face-to-face Round 9 surveys in Botswana, Burkina Faso, the Gambia, and Zambia.
- ✓ AB is preparing for its francophone summer school in July in Dakar and making plans for an anglophone edition later in the year.

In the news

A total of **233 media hits** were recorded in April across various media outlets, including the [Daily Times Malawi](#), [Financial Times](#), [Gabonews](#), [Ecofin](#), [GhanaWeb](#), [Malawi24](#), [Morning Star](#), [Cornell Alliance for Science](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [StreetInsider.com](#), [Standard](#) (Kenya), [Radio Televisión Española](#). ...



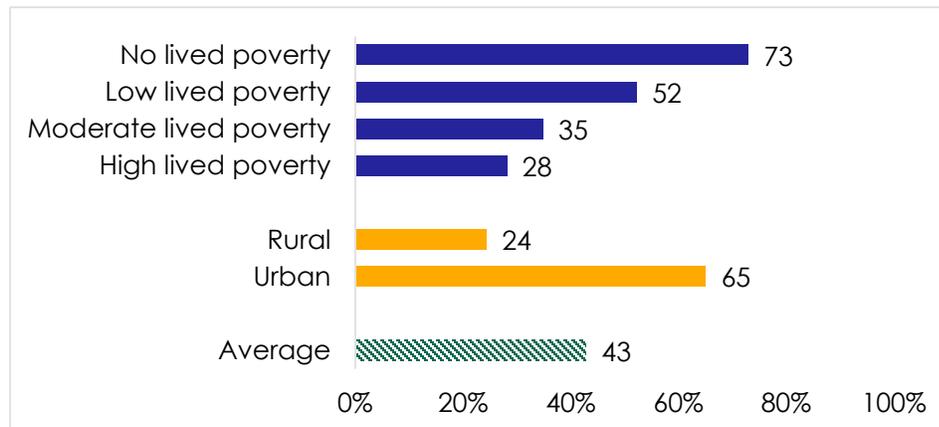
On digital/social media

Website	32,495 users; 6,961 downloads
Online data analysis	5,127 distinct users; 40,218 pages
Twitter	25,177 followers
Facebook	15,048 fans
LinkedIn	3,062 followers



Chart of the month

Reliable electricity supply | by level of poverty and location | 34 countries | 2019/2021



Respondents were asked: Do you have an electric connection to your home from the mains? [If yes:] How often is electricity actually available from this connection? (% of all respondents who say they have electricity that works "most" or "all" of the time)

Publications

- ✓ Dispatch 516: Ties that bind? Evidence of unity and division in 34 African countries
- ✓ Dispatch 515: Limited access to electricity and digital technologies a barrier to e-learning in Uganda
- ✓ Dispatch 514: Still lacking reliable electricity from the grid, many Africans turn to other sources
- ✓ Dispatch 513: Amid progress on women's rights, Namibians see gender-based violence as priority issue to address

Visibility

- ✓ In response to AB findings on corruption, the Malawi Police Service issued a news release calling on the public to report corrupt officers and pledging to continue its fight to end graft in its ranks. The Public Accounts Committee of Parliament requested an "audience" with AB, and President Lazarus Chakwera and Homeland Security Minister Jean Sendeza issued public anti-corruption warnings to government employees.
- ✓ AB Board Chair E. Gyimah-Boadi gave the S.T. Lee Lecture, "Anarchy Foretold: West Africa's Democratic Backsliding" at Stanford University.
- ✓ Gyimah-Boadi was a panelist for a webinar by SAIS Europe titled "A Democratic Future for Africa?"
- ✓ AB continued its series in the Washington Post Monkey Cage with an analysis on electricity supply and its weekly "Data" page in the Continent.
- ✓ AB passed the 25,000-follower mark on Twitter.



Join us Tuesday 4/26 for his S.T. Lee Lecture in-person or online



Can Africa 'leapfrog' the traditional electricity model?

Slow progress on national power grids leaves many households looking to off-grid sources

By Carolyn Logan and Kingspoor Han
Posted 10:00 a.m. EDT

Listen to article 5:00



Presentations:

- ✓ On social cohesion in Africa, for a virtual seminar hosted by the German Development Institute (DIE) and World Bank
- ✓ On gender equality and political participation in Kenya, at the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference

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