AB update

March 2023 highlights

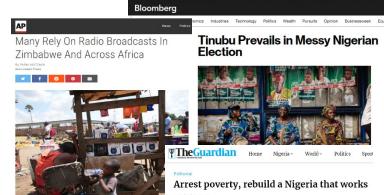


In the field and around the network

- ✓ National partners in Guinea-Bissau, Congo-Brazzaville, and Ethiopia are preparing to start fieldwork to complete Afrobarometer's 40-country Round 9.
- ✓ The Zimbabwe team is finalising the questionnaire for a pre-election survey in May. In addition to planning briefings and publications, national partner Mass Public Opinion Institute will train political parties, the media, and civil-society organisations on the use of AB data.
- ✓ AB has joined the <u>Global Democracy Coalition</u>. The network is also partnering with <u>Statista</u> to make analysis of AB data available to 2,000 major companies around the world.

In the news

A total of **1,716 media hits** were recorded in March across various media outlets, including the Associated Press, Bloomberg, Guardian, Afrique54, DW, Guinée360, LSE Magazine, TV5Monde, Business Day, Fatu Network, Brookings, New York Times, allAfrica.com. ...



On digital/social media

Website	18,414 users; 3,012 downloads
Online data analysis	3,051 user sessions
Twitter	29,623 followers
Facebook	16,332 fans
LinkedIn	4,842 followers

Visibility

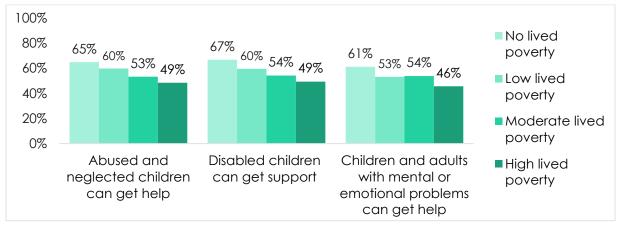
- ✓ AB marked International Women's Day with a Twitter Spaces panel discussion on "Africans' views on gender equality and gender-based violence."
- ✓ As part of a 20th-anniversary event for the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), the ABled Data for Governance Alliance presented a webinar with the APRM and the African Union's Economic, Social & Cultural Council (ECOSOCC).
- ✓ AB Director of Surveys Boniface Dulani served as a commentator for the launch of V-Dem's Democracy Report 2023: Defiance in the Face of Autocratization.
- ✓ AB co-founder and board member Robert Mattes discussed survey findings on <u>protest</u> on Al Jazeera.
- ✓ AB co-founder and board chair E. Gyimah-Boadi delivered a keynote lecture at the University of Ghana College of Humanities as part of the university's 75th-anniversary celebration.
- ✓ The Institute of Development Studies, AB's national partner in Kenya and core partner for East Africa, hosted a weekly series of seminars on climate change, democracy, China-Kenya relations, and gains after Kenya's 2010 constitution.
- "Afrobarometer Corner" in the World Bank's Chief Economists of Government Initiative newsletter focused on Africans' views on economic conditions.
- ✓ AB continued its weekly "Data" page in the Continent.

Presentations:

- On the state of democracy in Africa, at the International IDEA Global Democracy Coalition Forum and as part of the "Youth engagements in Africa" German Social Democratic Caucus Discussion Series at the German Bundestag
- "Listening to the people: Public attitude data as a tool to engage with citizens and society," at the West Africa Parliamentarians Forum, hosted by the Africa Center for Security Studies in Accra
- "Strengthening Ghana's education system," for the Ghana Compact on Education, hosted by the Africa Center for Economic Transformation
- On canvassing in Africa, as part of the Political Parties in Africa Virtual Conference, hosted by the University of Cape Town
- On perceptions of the media, for a PhD seminar on current issues in communication studies at the University of Ghana

Chart of the month

Is help available for vulnerable children? | by lived poverty | Namibia | 2021



Respondents were asked: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree. (% who "agree" or "strongly agree")

In general, people in this community are able to get help for children who are abused, mistreated, or neglected. In my community, children who have a physical disability are generally able to get the support they need to succeed in life.

In my community, children and adults who have mental or emotional problems are generally able to get the help they need to have a good life.

Publications

- ✓ Working Paper 197: Explaining the experience of political violence in Nigeria
- ✓ Dispatch 625: Zimbabweans see their police as lacking in integrity, professionalism
- ✓ Dispatch 624: Malawi youth agenda faces priority of 'wisdom of the elders' and limited political participation
- ✓ Dispatch 623: Ghanaians split on free senior high school policy
- ✓ Dispatch 622: Angolans dissatisfied with government efforts to promote equal rights for women
- Dispatch 621: Traditional leaders have a weak hold on South Africans
- ✓ Dispatch 620: <u>Les Maliens déplorent la situation économique de leur pays mais sont optimistes</u> quant au futur
- Dispatch 619: Ahead of election, should Sierra Leoneans be worried about social cohesion?
- ✓ Dispatch 618: Zimbabweans voice dissatisfaction with government performance on child welfare
- ✓ Dispatch 617: <u>South Africans endorse taxation</u>, say it is fair to tax the rich at higher rates to support the poor
- ✓ Dispatch 616: <u>Ghanaians look to one another and government for action to protect the</u> environment
- Dispatch 615: Despite growing evidence, climate change is still unknown to many South Africans

- Dispatch 614: Liberians fault government performance on promoting child welfare
- ✓ Dispatch 613: <u>Angolans see child abuse and neglect as common, say government is not doing</u> enough
- ✓ Dispatch 612: Ensuring children's welfare remains a challenge in Namibia, especially for the poor
- ✓ Dispatch 611: <u>Les Camerounais n'approuvent pas la gestion de l'économie par le gouvernement</u>

Support for Afrobarometer



Afrobarometer is grateful for financial support from Sweden via the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) via the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the Open Society Foundations - Africa, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the European Union, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Mastercard Foundation, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Konrad

Adenauer Foundation, the University of California San Diego, the Global Centre for Pluralism, the World Bank Group, Freedom House, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Uganda, GIZ, and Humanity United.





