AB update

April 2023 highlights

In the field and around the network

- National partners in Congo-Brazzaville and Ethiopia will be in the field in May to wrap up Round 9 data collection, while the Zimbabwe team will conduct a pre-election survey. Because of upcoming elections, AB will not be able to survey Guinea-Bissau until Round 10.
- AB organised an online Round 9 debrief meeting with national partners and is making final preparations for its Round 10 planning meeting in May in Accra, the first network-wide in-person meeting since before the COVID-19 pandemic.
- AB conducted a five-day writing workshop to support seven researchers in completing their AB Summer School writing projects.
- The network has received a clean bill of health from PwC after completing annual audits for AB and its partners.
- The Hewlett Foundation has awarded AB a two-year grant in support of a Round 10 questionnaire module on climate change.

In the news

A total of 944 media hits were recorded in April across various media outlets, including the Conversation, Economist, Ghana News Agency, Slate France, MaliJet, Bulawayo24News, Namibian Sun, Citizen (Tanzania), Financial Times, Front Page Africa, Christian Science Monitor, News24, Watchdog News... 

On digital/social media

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Visibility

- As part of Ibrahim Governance Weekend in Nairobi, AB Board Chair E. Gyimah-Boadi served as a panelist on “Harnessing the power of data to achieve Africa’s development goals,” and communications coordinator Asafika Mpako participated in an Africa-Europe Foundation Now Narratives session connecting youth-led platforms.
- The Carter Center featured AB’s work in its “Advancing peace through health in Mali: Baseline study.”
- The U.S. National Library of Medicine published a study on “Trust and COVID precautionary measures during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic: Evidence from two African countries” featuring AB data.

Presentations:

- On China-Africa relations, as part of an Aspen Initiative Africa – Nairobi webinar series and a U.S. State Department-sponsored conference
- On “Moving gender data up the value chain,” for the UN World Data Forum
On the state of democracy in Africa, in a German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) speaker series
On “Transitions to good governance,” for a research class at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin
On democracy, human development, and solidarity, for the 40th-anniversary celebration of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
On AB Round 9 highlights, for an OECD briefing in Paris

Chart of the month

Figure 8: Paid a bribe to avoid problems with the police | Liberia | 2022

Respondents were asked: In the past 12 months, how often have you encountered the police [in situations such as] checkpoints, during identity checks or traffic stops, or during an investigation? [If at least once:] And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to avoid a problem during one of these encounters?

Publications

- Dispatch 635: Namibians see police falling short of professional conduct and respect for citizens’ rights
- Dispatch 634: Tanzanians express trust in police, but cite shortcomings in professional conduct
- Dispatch 633: Malawians demand greater government efforts for gender equality
- Dispatch 632: Liberians cite corruption, lack of professionalism among police failings
- Dispatch 631: Angolans see growing corruption, government failure to contain it
- Dispatch 630: Zimbabweans support multiparty competition, say policy preferences inform voter decisions
- Dispatch 629: Égalité des genres et droits des femmes : Les Nigériens exigent plus d’efforts de leurs gouvernants
- Dispatch 628: Changements climatiques au Sénégal : Entre méconnaissances et ressentis
- Dispatch 627: Dans une situation économique qu’ils déplorent, les Guinéens accueillent favorablement l’influence des puissances mondiales
- Dispatch 626: Face à l’insécurité, les Togolais font de plus en plus confiance à la police et à l’armée

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