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Majority of Mozambicans see country going in right direction, Afrobarometer survey shows

A majority of Mozambicans say their country is going in the right direction, the latest Afrobarometer survey shows.

A plurality (46%) of citizens consider the current economic condition of the country “fairly good” or very good,” although a substantial minority describe it as bad. Fewer than four in 10 citizens describe their personal living conditions as good.

While many Mozambicans report going without enough food and without a cash income during the past year, most say they expect the country's economic condition to improve in the near future.

Key findings

- More than half (54%) of Mozambicans say the country is going in the right direction, while 41% say it is headed in the wrong direction (Figure 1).
 - The view that the country is heading in the wrong direction is particularly common in the South (62%, vs. 32% and 39% in the Centre and North) and in cities (51%, vs. 35% in rural areas).
- A plurality (46%) of citizens consider the current economic condition of the country “fairly good” or very good,” although nearly four in 10 (38%) say it is “fairly bad” or “very bad” (Figure 2).
 - Again, residents in the South (53%) and in cities (47%) are more likely to describe the country's economic condition as bad than their counterparts in other regions and in rural areas.
- Only about one-third (35%) of citizens say their personal living conditions are “fairly good” or “very good,” while the same proportion describe them as “fairly bad” or “very bad.” Women are somewhat more likely than men to describe their personal living conditions as good (37% vs. 32%), while rural residents are more likely than urbanites to say they are bad (47% vs. 36%) (Figure 3).
- More than four in 10 Mozambicans (44%) say they or family members went without enough food “several times,” “many times,” or “always” during the past year (Figure 4).
 - Frequent food shortages were more common in the North (54%) than in the Centre (44%) and South (29%), and more common in rural areas (51%) than in cities (33%).
- Nearly two-thirds (64%) of citizens report frequently going without a cash income during the past year (Figure 5).
 - Again, citizens in the North (73%) and in rural areas (73%) are considerably more likely than their counterparts in other regions and in cities to report going without a cash income.

- Half (50%) of Mozambicans expect the country's economic situation to be “better” (34%) or “much better” (16%) in 12 months' time, while 20% say it will be worse and 24% expect no change (Figure 6).

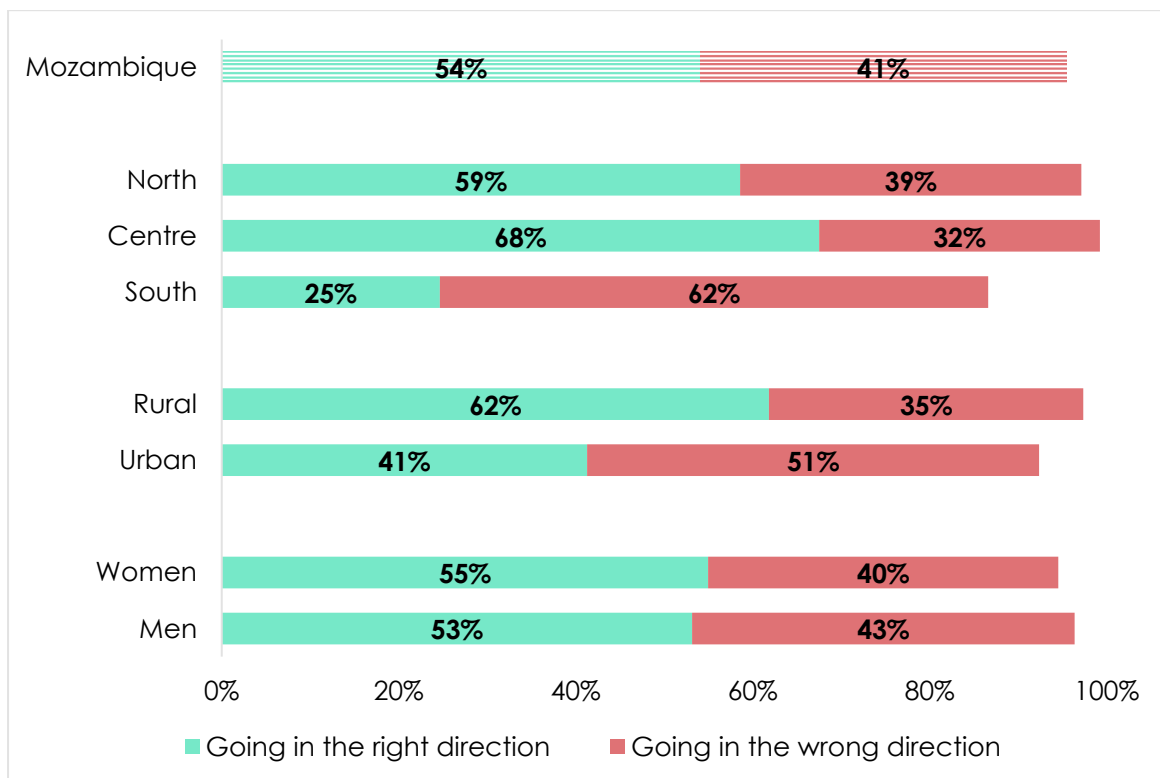
Afrobarometer surveys

Afrobarometer is a pan-African, non-partisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. Nine rounds of surveys have been conducted in up to 42 countries since 1999. Round 9 surveys (2021/2023) cover 39 countries. Afrobarometer conducts face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice.

The Afrobarometer team in Mozambique, led by Ipsos, interviewed a nationally representative sample of 1,120 adult Mozambicans in October, November, and December, 2022. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys were conducted in Mozambique in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2015, 2018, and 2021.

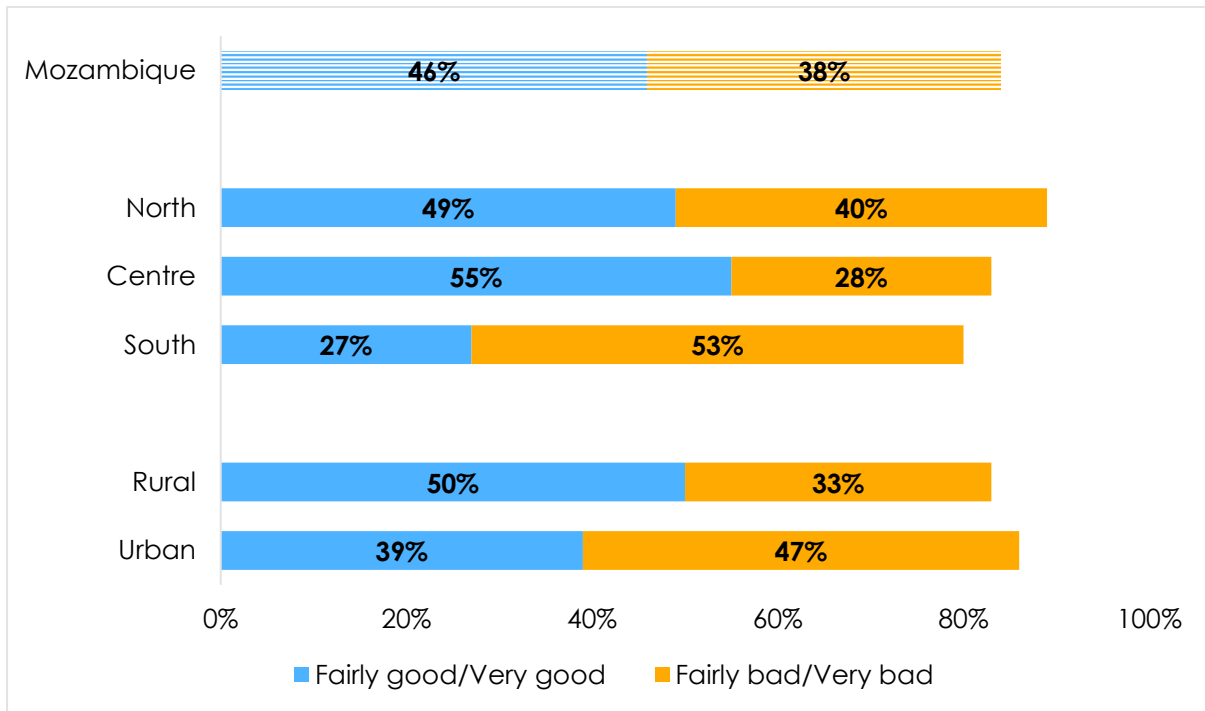
Charts

Figure 1: Overall direction of the country | Mozambique | 2022



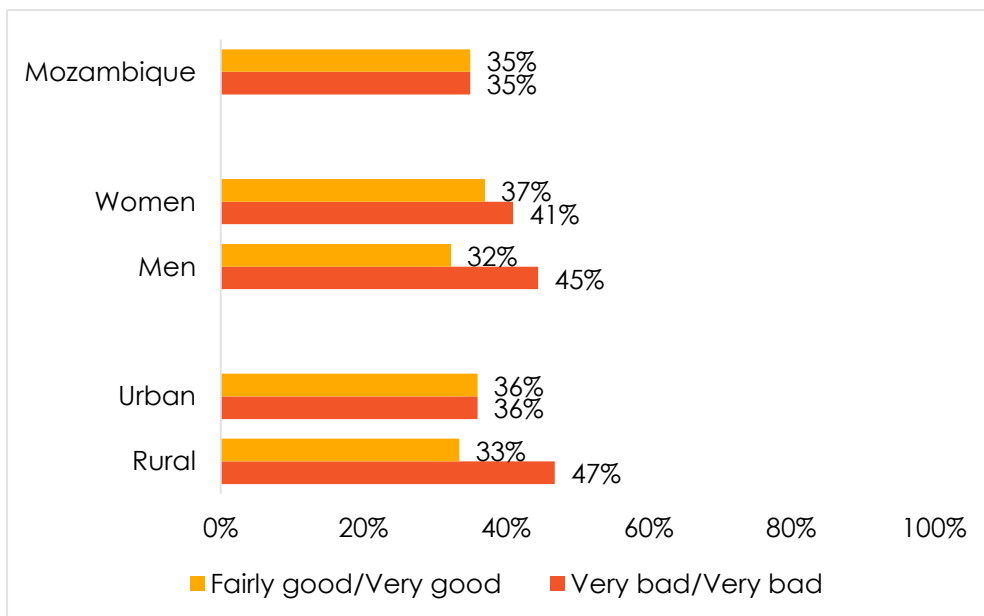
Respondents were asked: *Would you say that the country is going in the wrong direction or going in the right direction?*

Figure 2: Country's economic condition | Mozambique | 2022



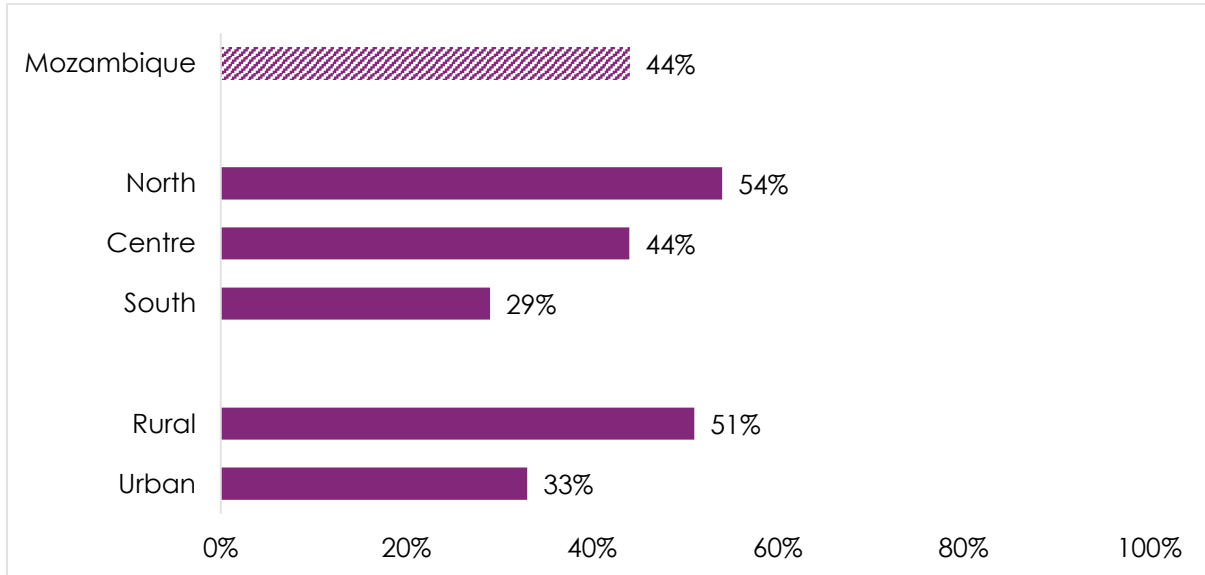
Respondents were asked: In general, how would you describe the present economic condition of this country?

Figure 3: Personal living conditions | Mozambique | 2022



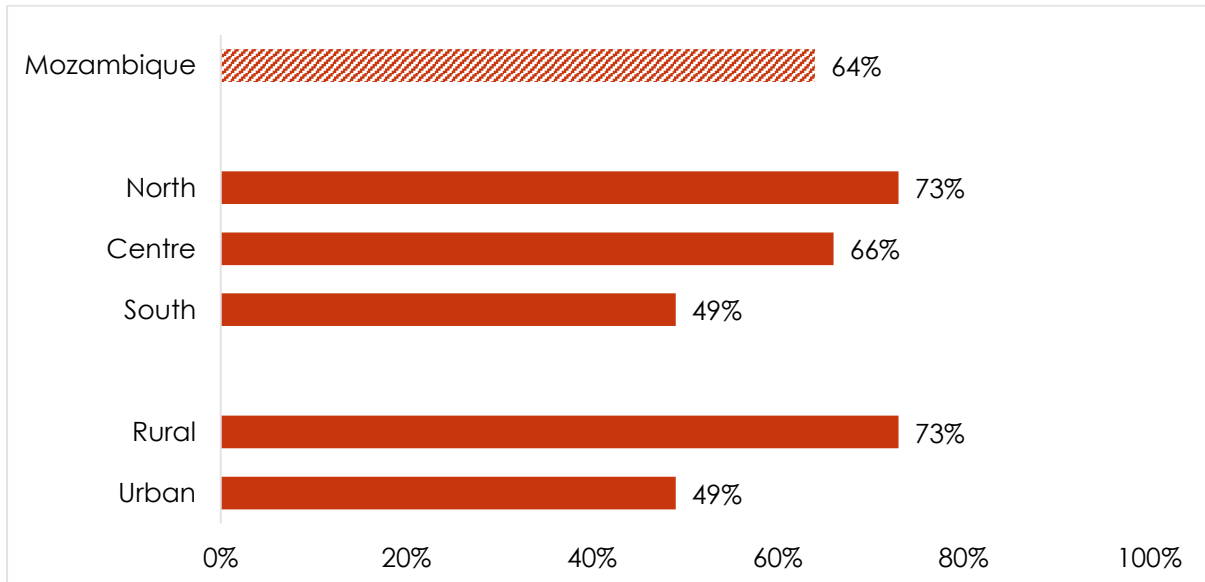
Respondents were asked: In general, how would you describe your own present living conditions?

Figure 4: Went without enough food several times, many times, or always
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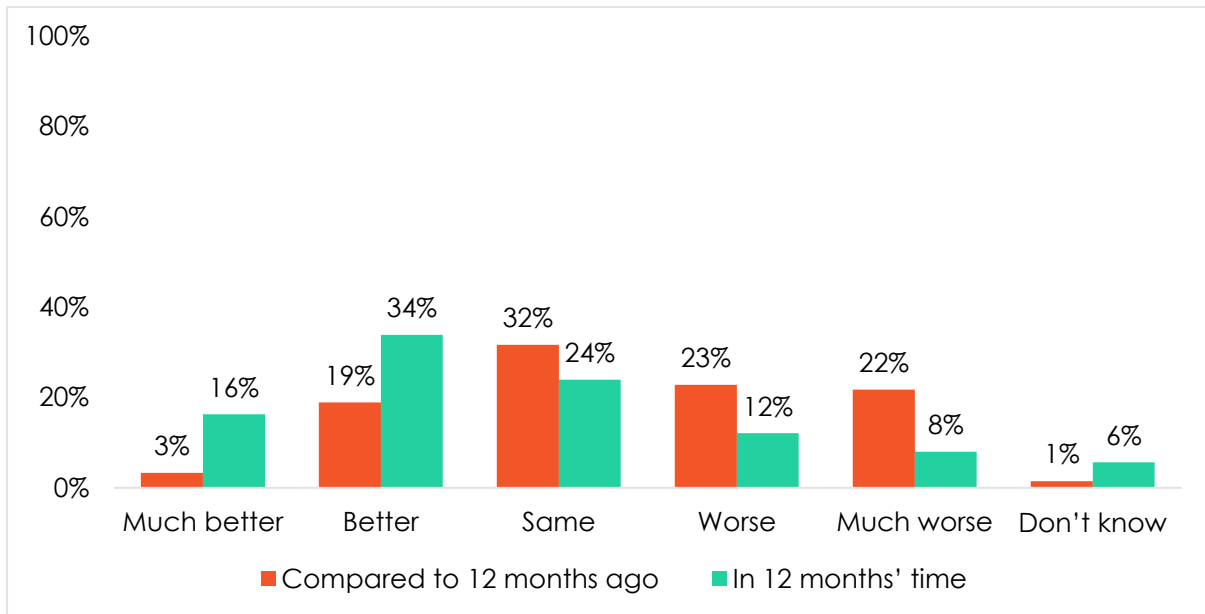
Respondents were asked: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without enough food to eat? (% who say "several times," "many times," or "always")

Figure 5: Went without a cash income several times, many times, or always
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Figure 6: Country's economic condition | Mozambique | 2022



Respondents were asked:

*Looking back, how do you rate economic conditions in this country compared to 12 months ago?
 Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in 12 months' time?*

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