

AB update

June 2024 highlights



In the field and around the network

- ✓ AB finalised plans for its 25th anniversary celebration in Accra in July, which will include a webinar with its founders, the release of its first flagship report (on democratic trends) with panel discussions, the introduction of new board members, and the official launch of the Africa Judicial Independence Fund.
- ✓ Round 10 data collection forged ahead as Zimbabwe and Guinea wrapped up fieldwork, Nigeria and Tanzania teams went into the field, and Zambia enumerators started training. Coming up: Niger, Malawi, Botswana, Liberia. ...
- ✓ Results dissemination continued with the release of a Pan-Africa Profile on COVID-19 management and first country-level Round 10 findings.
- ✓ AB completed the first of three pilot surveys with 16- and 17-year-olds, this one in Kenya.



In the news

A total of **1,006 media hits** were recorded in June across various media outlets, including the [BBC](#), [New York Times](#), [Naver](#), [Substack](#), [Conversation](#), [News 24](#), [British Medical Journal](#), [Independent Online](#), [Investing.com](#), [Vanguard](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [Hespress](#), [Guardian](#), [GhanaWeb](#), [Daily Post](#), [Trouw](#), [Foreign Policy](#), [Brookings](#), [Myjoyonline.com](#), [ArcaMax](#). ...

HESPRESS English - Morocco News | Society
Poll: Only 15% of Moroccans think government is unprepared for future health crises



How ECOWAS Lost Its Way

An inability to stand up to constitutional courts – most recently in Togo – has weakened the bloc's credibility.

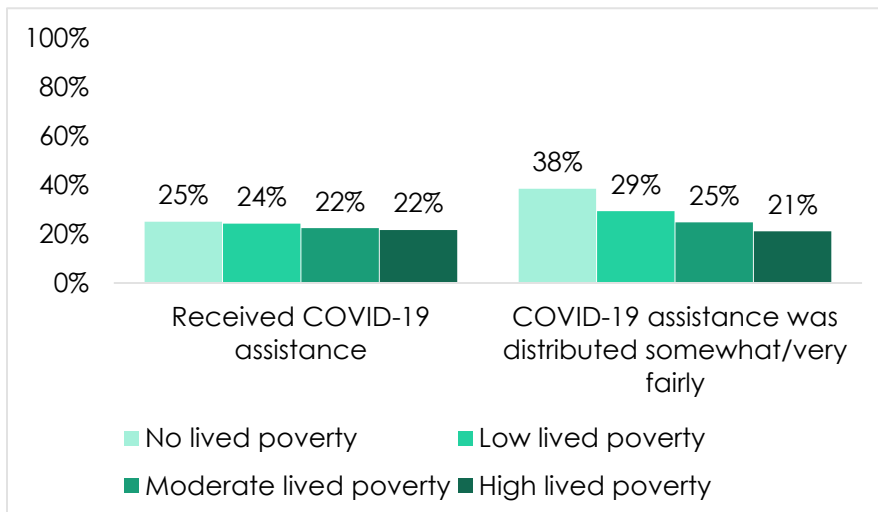


On digital/social media

Website	19,581 users; 5,837 downloads	X (formerly Twitter)	34,135 followers
Online data analysis	3,245 user sessions	Facebook	16,997 fans

Chart of the month

COVID-19 relief assistance | by lived poverty | 39 countries | 2021/2023



Respondents were asked:

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, have you or your household received any assistance from government, like food, cash payments, relief from bill payments, or other assistance that you were not normally receiving before the pandemic?

Do you think that the distribution of government support to people during the COVID-19 pandemic, for example through food packages or cash payments, has been fair or unfair?

Visibility

- ✓ AB Board Chair E. Gyimah-Boadi offered insights on African governance and development as a speaker in the IMF Africa Perspectives series.
- ✓ AB CEO Joseph Asunka served as a panelist on “Think tanks and policy making in Africa” at the Fourth Annual Forum of the Africa Chief Economists of Government, hosted by the Africa Region Chief Economist Office of the World Bank on the theme “Job creation in Africa: Constraints and policy options.”
 - Asunka also participated in the Justice and Rule of Law Global Forum in Washington, D.C., convened by the World Bank on the theme “Fostering inclusive and sustainable development.”
- ✓ Good Authority published Afrobarometer analysis on electoral democracy in Mauritania ahead of the country's presidential election.



Presentations

- ✓ On “Data beyond bias: Shaping policy through gender-responsive strategies and collection,” at the Investment Climate Reforms for Women's Economic Empowerment Conference in Kigali, Rwanda
- ✓ On “Attitudes toward same-sex relationships in Africa 2014-2023,” to USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance team
- ✓ On “Youth and political participation” at the Institute for Social and Economic Research, Rhodes University, in Makhanda, South Africa

Publications

- ✓ Policy Paper No. 92: Learning from experience: Are African governments prepared for another pandemic?
- ✓ Dispatch 817: Amid adaptations to changes in weather, Ugandans call for collective climate action
- ✓ Dispatch 816: South Africans score their government poorly on its economic performance
- ✓ Dispatch 815: Emaswati dissatisfied with government efforts on child well-being
- ✓ Dispatch 814: Nigerians lack reliable electricity, leaving most discontent with government's efforts
- ✓ Dispatch 813: Ethiopians rate government highly on promotion of gender equality, though disparities persist
- ✓ Dispatch 812: Mozambicans endorse media's watchdog role but wary of media freedom
- ✓ Dispatch 811: Basotho say government is doing a poor job of providing a reliable electricity supply
- ✓ Dispatch 810: Tanzanian youth cite health, water, economy as priority problems government should address

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