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## News release

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### **Tanzanians happy with government's economic management, but vast majority were short of cash at least once over the last year**

Tanzanians are pleased with the government's management of the economy, the latest Afrobarometer survey reveals.

The share of Tanzanians who positively evaluate the country's economic condition is up by 9 percentage points from the previous survey in 2022.

Despite the positivity, the overwhelming majority of respondents report experiencing inadequate cash income at least once over the past year, while two-fifths say they were frequently or constantly without cash.

And nearly two-fifths of citizens assess their own living conditions as bad, with women more likely to report poor living conditions than men.

#### **Key findings**

- Four in 10 (39%) Tanzanians say the country's economic condition is "fairly good" or "very good," a 9-percentage-point increase from 2022 (30%) (Figure 1).
  - The share of citizens who negatively evaluate the state of the economy dropped by 16 percentage points (from 54% to 38%).
- Two-thirds (67%) of citizens say the government is managing the economy well, and a slim majority (53%) applaud its efforts to improve the living standards of the poor (Figure 2).
- Nearly two-fifths (38%) of Tanzanians describe their personal living conditions as "fairly bad" or "very bad" (Figure 3).
  - Self-reports of poor living conditions are more common among women (41%) than men (35%).
- More than eight in 10 respondents (84%) report experiencing a lack of cash income at least once over the past year, including 39% who say they went without cash "many times" or "always" (Figure 4).
  - Nearly half say they lacked water (48%) or medical care (47%) at least once.
- Health is identified by citizens as the most important problem the government should address (cited by 45% of survey participants), followed by the water supply (36%) and infrastructure/roads (34%) (Figure 5).

#### **Afrobarometer surveys**

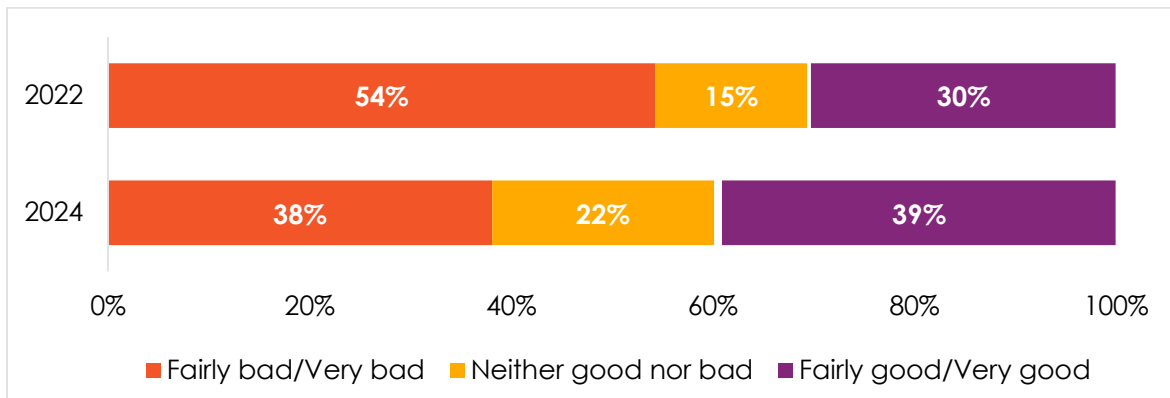
Afrobarometer is a pan-African, non-partisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. Nine survey rounds in up to 42 countries have been completed since 1999. Round 10 were

launched in January 2024. Afrobarometer's national partners conduct face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice.

The Afrobarometer team in Tanzania, led by REPOA, interviewed a nationally representative sample of 2,400 adult Tanzanians in August-September 2024. 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 Tanzania in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2021, 2022, and 2024.

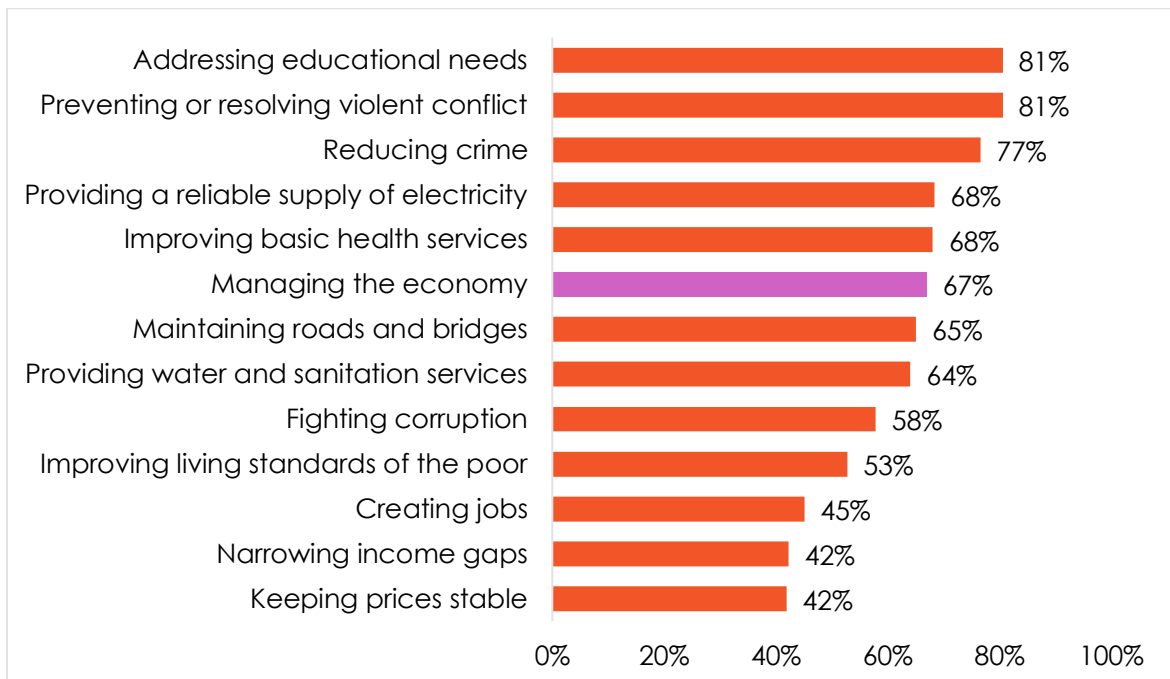
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**Figure 1: Country's economic condition | Tanzania | 2022 vs. 2024**



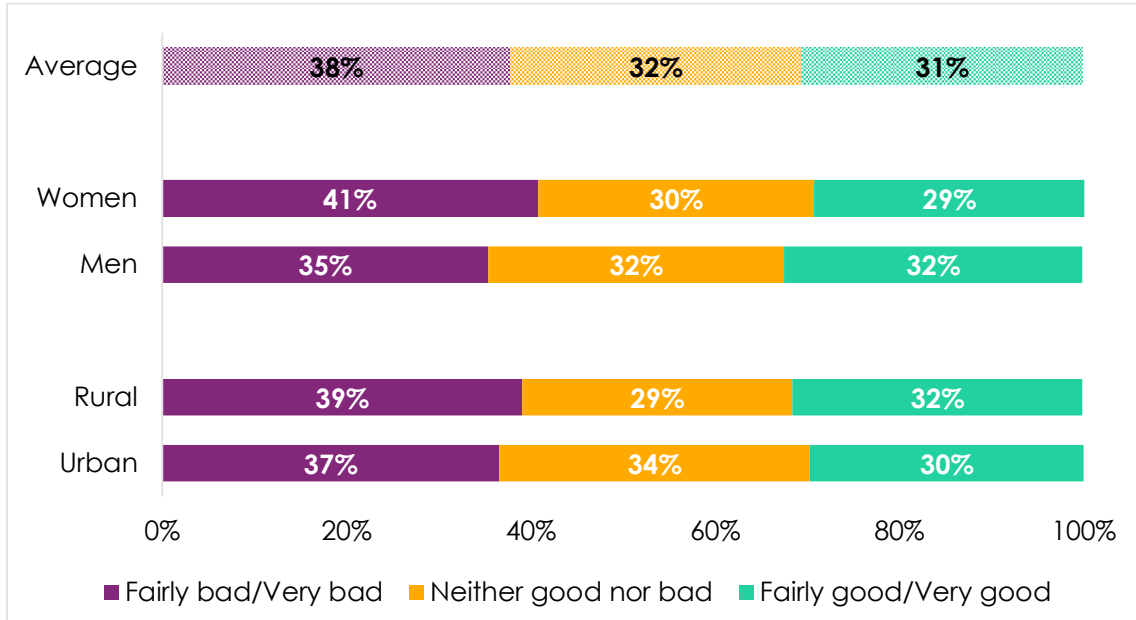
**Respondents were asked:** *In general, how would you describe the country's present economic condition?*

**Figure 2: Government performance | Tanzania | 2024**



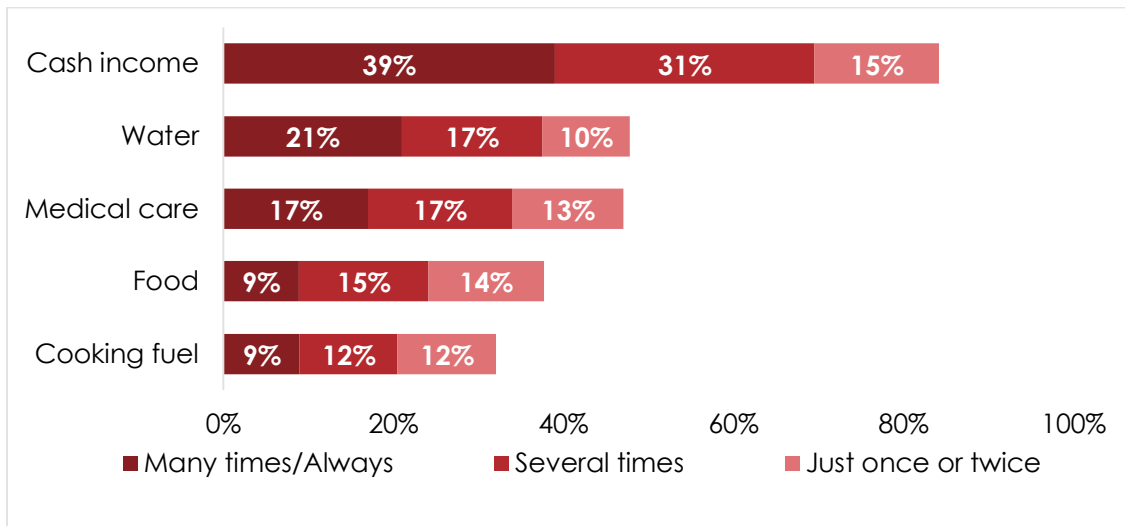
**Respondents were asked:** *How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say? (% who say "fairly well" or "very well")*

**Figure 3: Present personal living condition** | Tanzania | by urban-rural location and gender | 2024



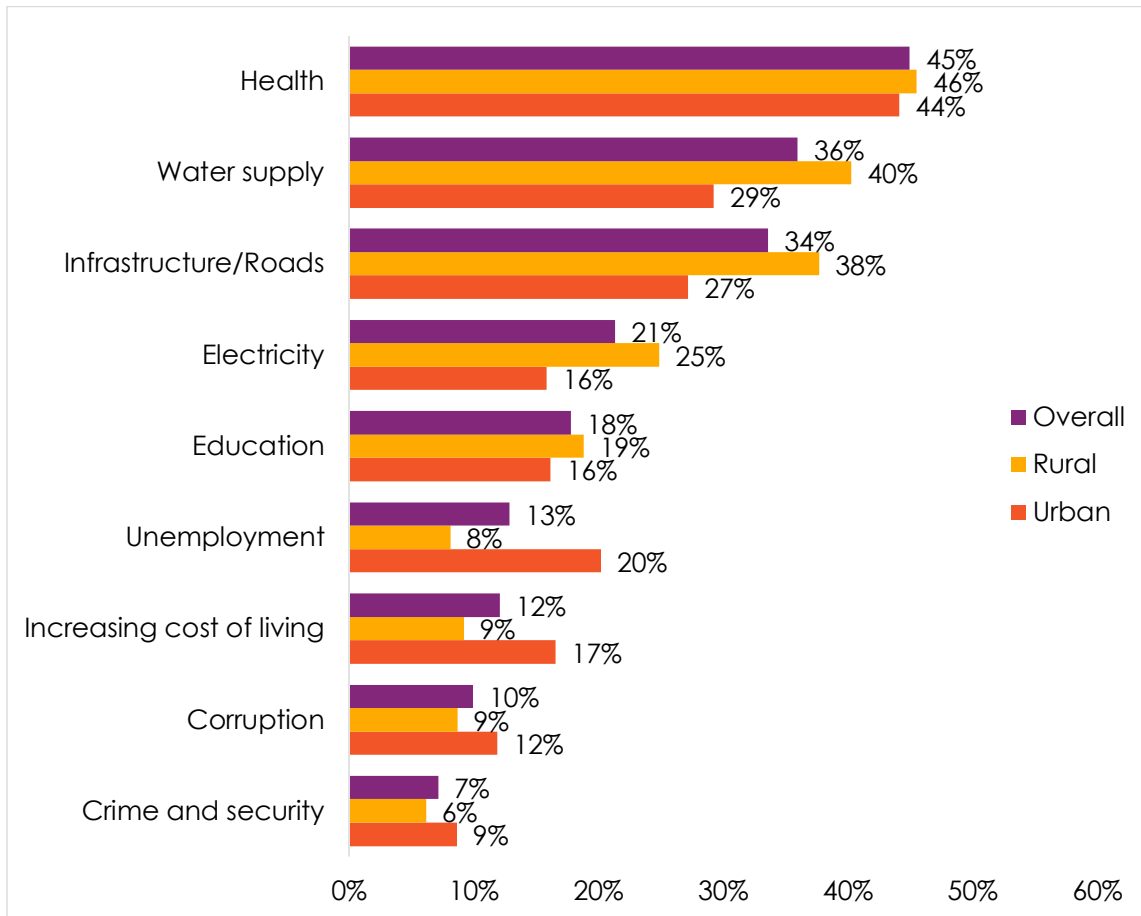
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**Figure 4: Frequency of deprivation of basic life necessities** | Tanzania | 2024



**Respondents were asked:** Over the past year, how often, have you or anyone in your family gone without: enough food, clean water, medicine or medical treatment, enough cooking fuel, cash income?

**Figure 5: Most important problems | Tanzania | 2024**



**Respondents were asked:** In your opinion what are the most important problems facing this country that the government should address? (Up to three responses were recorded. The figure shows the % of respondents who cite each problem among their three priorities.)

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