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News release

Mozambicans want government to improve efforts on job creation, according to latest Afrobarometer survey

Most Mozambicans are dissatisfied with their government's performance on job creation, a recent Afrobarometer survey shows.

Unemployed individuals are more likely than their working peers to voice disapproval. That is significant in a country where six in 10 respondents report being jobless and looking for work, while fewer than one in six are either full-time or part-time workers.

Half of citizens see their personal living conditions as bad. The same proportion report turning to family members during the previous year to make ends meet; one in three sought help from friends or neighbours, and one in 10 from religious or community organisations.

Key findings

- Three-fifths (61%) of Mozambicans say they are not working and looking for a job. Fewer than one-sixth (15%) report working full time (8%) or part time (7%) (Figure 1).
- Eight in 10 respondents (81%) disapprove of the government's performance on job creation, including 69% who say it is performing "very badly" (Figure 2).
    - Negative assessments are higher among unemployed citizens (85%) than those working part time (73%) or full time (68%) (Figure 3).
- Half (50%) of the population consider their living conditions as "fairly bad" (16%) or "very bad" (34%), while 36% say they are good. The remainder (14%) describe their living conditions as "neither good nor bad" (Figure 4).
- Five in 10 citizens (50%) say they had to turn to family members to make ends meet at least once over the past year, while about one-third (35%) say they had to turn to friends or neighbours for assistance (Figure 5).
    - One in 10 (10%) say they sought assistance from a religious organisation, community group, or charity.

Afrobarometer surveys

Afrobarometer is a pan-African, nonpartisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. Ten survey rounds in up to 45 countries have been completed since 1999. Round 10 surveys (2024/2025) cover 38 countries. Afrobarometer's National Partners conduct face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice.

The Afrobarometer team in Mozambique, led by CS Research, interviewed a nationally representative, random, stratified probability sample of 1,200 adult citizens between July and September 2025. 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, 2021, and 2022.

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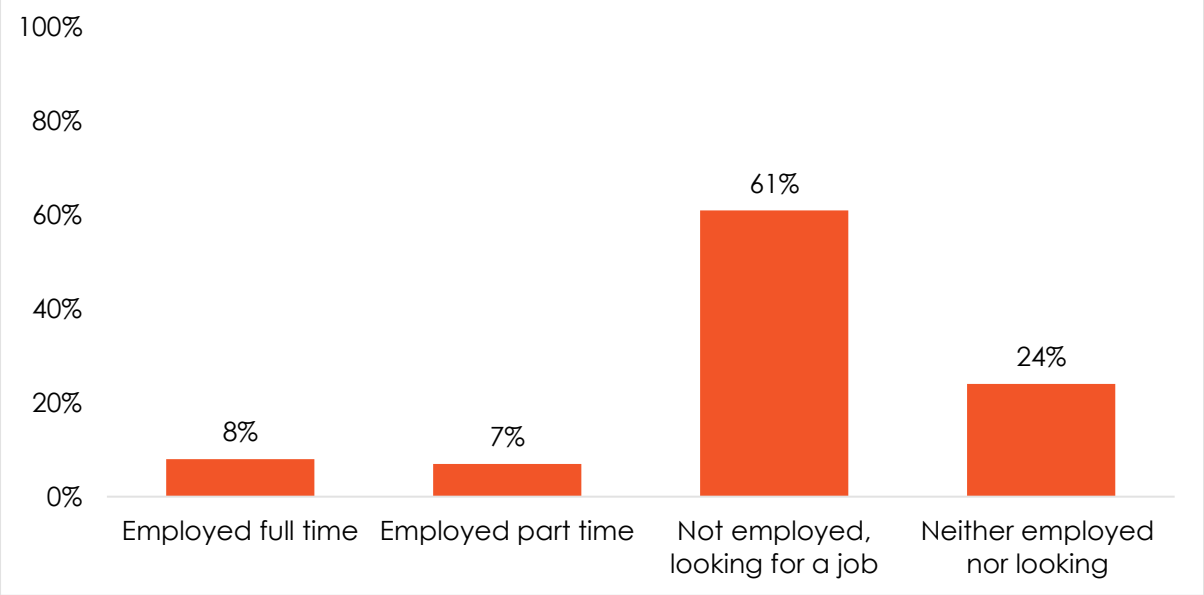
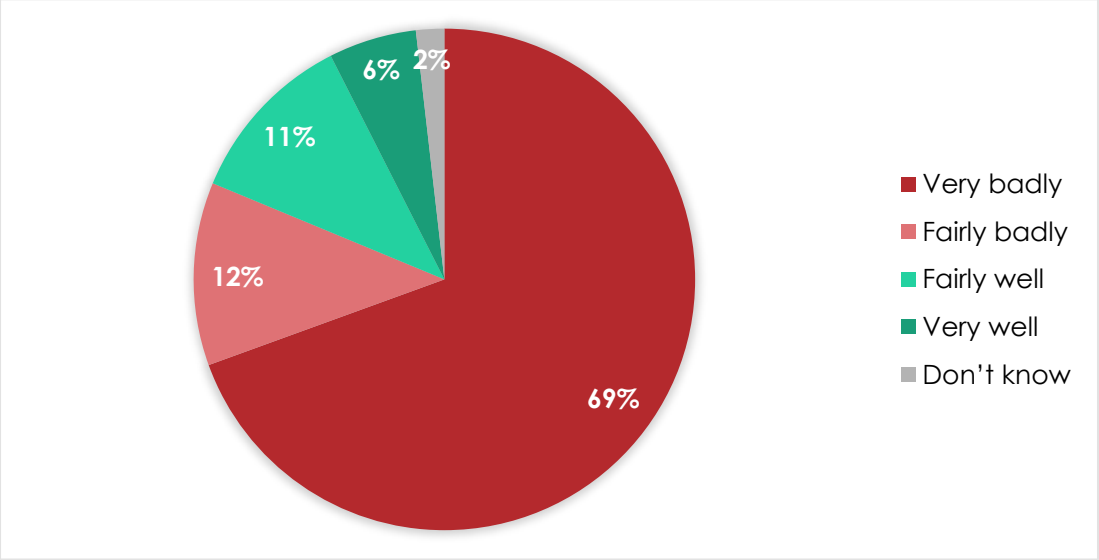
Charts

Figure 1: Employment status | Mozambique | 2025



Respondents were asked: *Do you have a job that pays a cash income? [If yes:] Is it full time or part time? [If no:] Are you currently looking for a job?*

Figure 2: Government performance on job creation | Mozambique | 2025



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: Creating jobs?*

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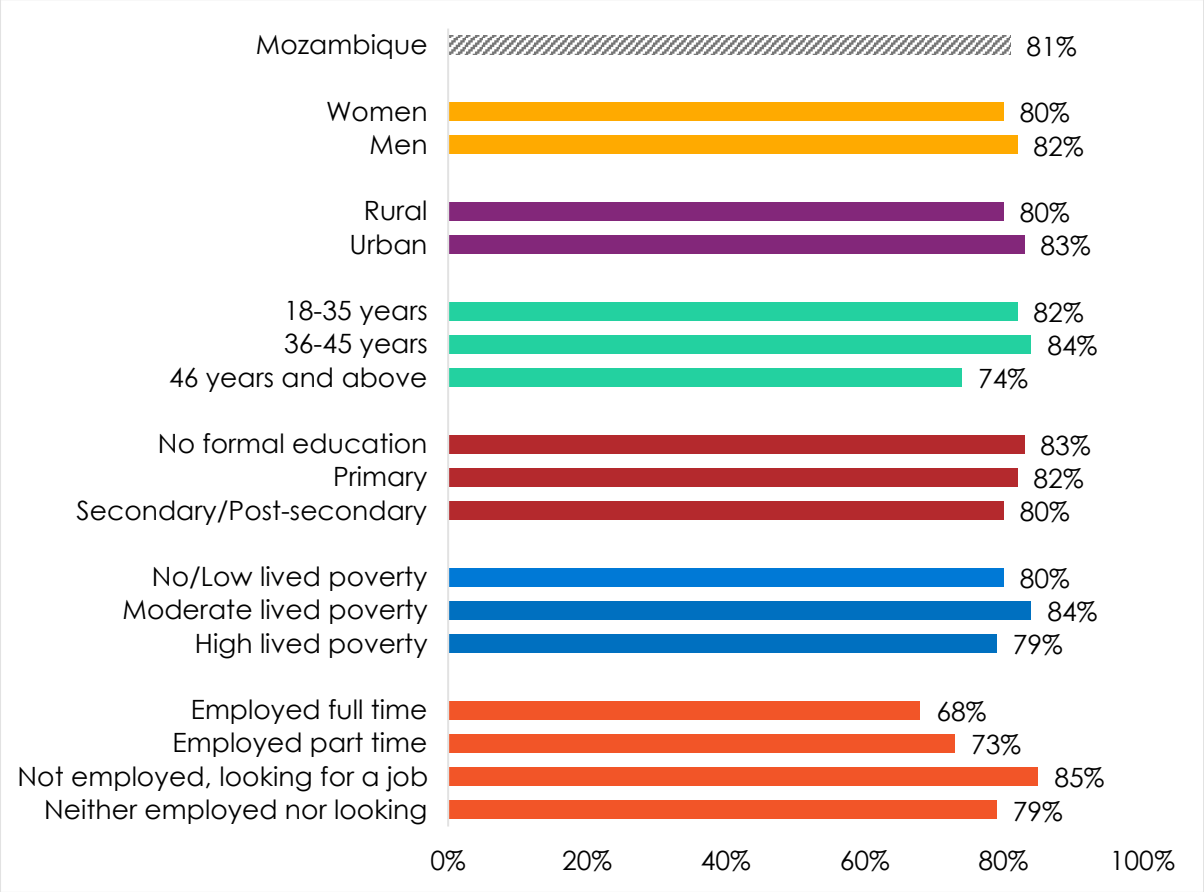
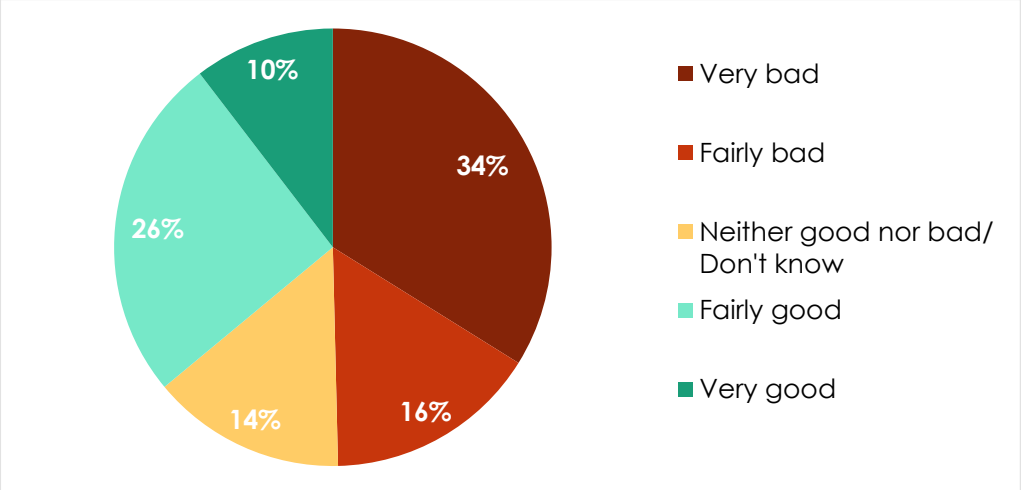
Figure 3: Government performing badly on job creation | by demographic group | Mozambique | 2025



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: Creating jobs? (% who say "fairly badly" or "very badly")*

Figure 4: Personal living conditions | Mozambique | 2025



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

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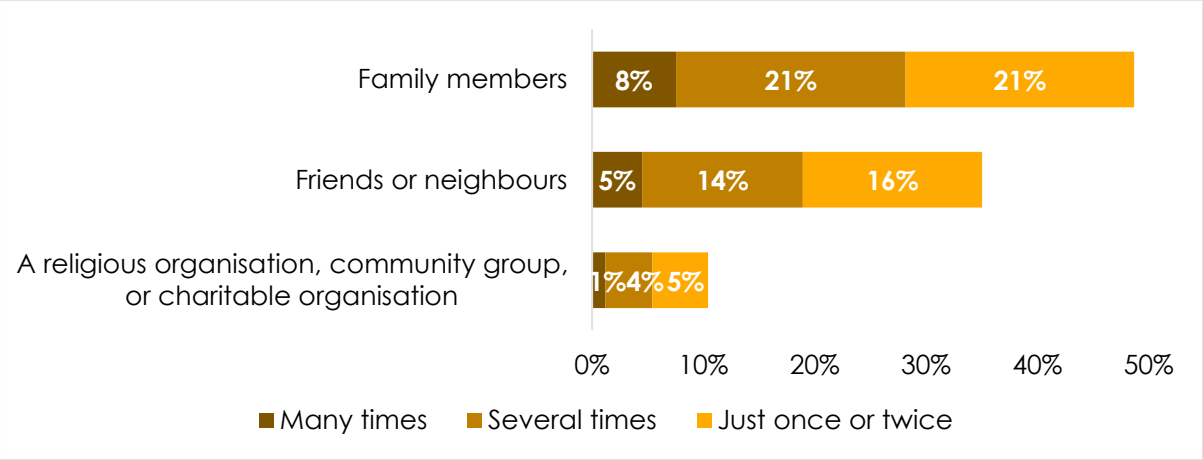
Figure 5: Requested financial assistance | Mozambique | 2025



Respondents were asked: *In the past year, did you have to turn to any of the following for assistance to make ends meet: Family members? Friends or neighbours? A religious organisation, community group, or charitable organisation?*

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