

# AB update

June 2017 highlights



## Scaling up country coverage

With renewed financial support from the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Afrobarometer will increase Round 7 coverage from 20 to at least 33 countries.

## In the field

- ✓ Botswana was wrapping up fieldwork, bringing the number of countries with completed Round 7 surveys to 12. Next up: Burkina Faso, Togo, Cape Verde.
- ✓ Five countries have completed (Malawi, Zimbabwe) or launched (Benin, Kenya, Uganda) in-country results dissemination.



## On the data front

**New geocoded data 1999-2015:** In partnership with the development research lab AidData, Afrobarometer released subnationally geocoded data sets for Rounds 1-6. These first-of-their-kind data sets open up exciting new possibilities for research, such as rigorous, quasi-experimental impact evaluations of aid programs and targeting/coordination decisions for development policies and projects in Africa. (See more on our geocoded data and the AidData-Afrobarometer partnership [here](#)).

**Data for development:** Afrobarometer highlighted key public-opinion survey findings at the High Level Meeting on Data for Development in Africa, hosted in Nairobi by the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data and partners.

## In the news

**AB in the media:** 119 media hits were recorded in June across various media outlets, including the [Economist](#), [Financial Times](#), [Democracy Digest](#), [Der Tagesspiegel](#), [Newsweek](#), [Pan-African News Wire](#), [Malawi Nyasa Times](#), [Huffington Post](#), ...



## On digital/social media

<b>Website</b>	- 7,360 users; 2,976 data/publication downloads - Most popular download: WP173: <a href="#">Explaining South African xenophobia</a>
<b>Online data analysis tool</b>	2,745 users
<b>Twitter</b>	125 new followers (9,680 total)
<b>Facebook</b>	21,879 impressions

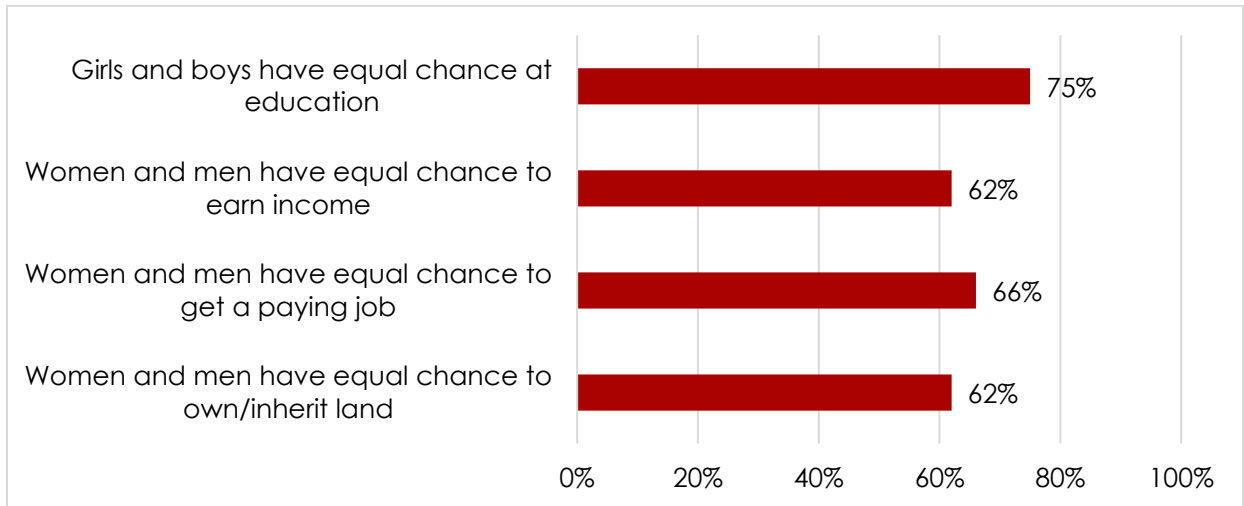
New #geocoded Afrobarometer #data 1999-2015 opens exciting research possibilities [bit.ly/2sSTgYq](http://bit.ly/2sSTgYq)



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24 Retweets 25 Likes

## Chart of the month

### Equal access to life opportunities | Malawi | 2017



**Respondents were asked:** For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree, or haven't you heard enough to say: In our country today. ...? (% who "agree" or "strongly agree")

## New publications

- ✓ [Burkinabè preference for truth over forgetting put to test in ex-president's trial over 2014 uprising](#)
- ✓ [Crime and insecurity remain near the top of South Africans' agenda](#)
- ✓ [Les changements climatiques détériorent la production agricole et la vie, selon les Béninois](#)
- ✓ [In Malawi, gender gaps persist despite popular support for equal opportunity](#)
- ✓ [As Liberia's election approaches, what will citizens be looking for in their next government?](#)
- ✓ [Explaining South African xenophobia](#)

## Support for Afrobarometer



Thanks to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. State Department, the National Endowment for Democracy, and Transparency International, Afrobarometer surveys are continuing in 2017. But Afrobarometer's longer-term survival remains uncertain; voices of support will continue to be essential.



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