

## **Afrobarometer**

**The entity that has organized the survey and is responsible for data collection - as well as key data on the entity's membership, governance arrangements, source of funding etc.**

There are a number of [Core Partners](#) that organize the Afrobarometer survey. First, the Center for Democratic Development in Ghana. This is where the Afrobarometer Executive Director, mr. E. Gyimah-Boadi, works. Second, the Institute for Democracy in South Africa. Third, the Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy. Finally, the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Nairobi.

In addition to the Core Partners, there are a number of [national partners](#) from several African countries. There are two [support units](#): the Department of Political Science at the Michigan State University, USA and Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU), Center for Social Science Research at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. An [international advisory board](#) assists the Afrobarometer as well.

The Afrobarometer is mainly funded by The Mo Ibrahim Foundation; the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA); the Department for International Development, UK, and the United States Agency for International Development (UNAID). The World Bank and the Institute for Security Studies provide supplemental funding for round 5.

For a list of past supporters, please see this [list of funders](#).

**A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey.**

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**Internet links to the website of the responsible organization**

[The official website of Afrobarometer](#)

The survey results are found under the header «Data» on their website. Due to the nature of the script used, it is not possible to link directly to the section.

**The frequency or repetitions of the survey. Possible explanation of this.**

Round 1: 1999-2001

Round 2: 2002-2003

Round 3: 2005-2006

Round 4: 2008-2009

Round 5: 2011-2013

**A description of the survey's content, i.e. both focused rotational and / or core modules of the survey**

The Afrobarometer seems to cover issues of sustainability to a high degree. The core topics are:

- democracy
- governance
- livelihoods
- macro-economics and markets
- social capital
- conflict and crime
- participation and national identity

There are also special topics modules. For the fifth round, these special topics were:

- taxation
- gender issues
- crime, conflict and insecurity
- globalization
- social service delivery

For more details on each topic, please visit the [Afrobarometer Survey Topics](#).

**An outline of the type of sample and main data collection methods used.**

Afrobarometer uses national probability samples. The chance of being selected for an interview has to be equal and known for each person of voting age, normally 18 years and older. In other words, the sample universe is all adults, with two important exceptions. First, they exclude institutionalized persons – students living in dormitories, patients in hospitals, prisoners, etc. Second, they sometimes exclude people living in unsecure areas due to conflict. All exclusions are noted in the Technical Information Report that accompanies every data set. The sample size per

country is either 1200 or 2400. The sampling procedure yields a clustered, stratified, multi-stage, area probability sample. The procedure is explained in detail [here](#).

The interviews are conducted face-to-face, ideally in the language of the respondent. Afrobarometer provides a list of [all the languages in which they conduct interviews](#).

### **An account of the availability of the data to researchers, restrictions on access, etc.**

Afrobarometer regards its data as a public good, and as such all data are released via the website for free use – given that acknowledgement is given. However, the data is not released until a year after completion of the fieldwork, to allow «initial in-house analysis and publication».

### **Questionnaires, English version**

The questionnaires are available [here](#).

### **The countries included in the different rounds**

Round 1: 12 countries

Round 2: 16 countries

Round 3: 18 countries

Round 4: 20 countries

Round 5: 30+ countries.

For detailed information, see the section on [Countries and Rounds](#).

### **Cumulative file**

There is no cumulative file.

### **Publications based on data**

[Afrobarometer Working Papers](#)

[Afrobarometer Briefing Papers](#)

[Afrobarometer Books](#)

### **Analytical summary...**

### **Sources**

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from Afrobarometer's website.