

AB update

December 2017 highlights

In the field

- ✓ Lesotho, Cape Verde, and Senegal completed fieldwork.
- ✓ Next up for R7 training and fieldwork: Madagascar, Niger, Tunisia. ...

In the news

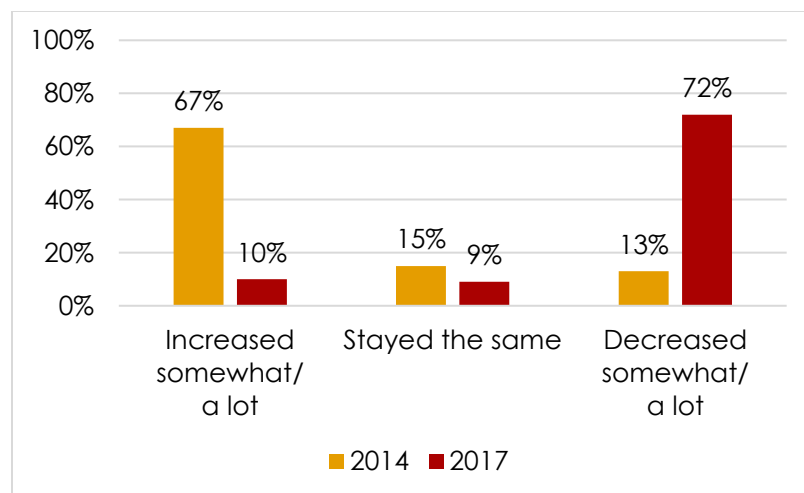
AB in the media: 224 media hits were recorded in December across various media outlets, including [GhanaWeb](#), [Washington Post](#), [Citizen \(Tanzania\)](#), [African Politics and Policy - Online Journal](#), [African Planet](#), [Zimbabwe Independent](#), [Premium Times Nigeria](#), [Sogotrade](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [Political News \(Netherlands\)](#), [Daily Times Malawi](#)

On digital/social media

Website	- 7,150 users, 3,140 data/publication downloads - Most popular download: PP43: Tax compliance: Africans affirm civic duty but lack trust in tax department
Twitter	153 new followers
Facebook	56,986 impressions

Chart of the month

Level of corruption | Tanzania | 2014-2017



Respondents were asked: In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?



A heartfelt **thank-you** and **happy new year** to all whose support makes our work possible. Closing out 2017, we celebrate:

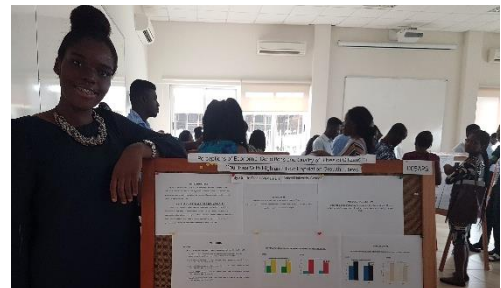
- Finding funding for a full Round 7
- Completing R7 surveys in 21 countries using our new electronic data collection system. And at least 14 more to go in 2018.
- Wrapping up R6 global releases and starting R7 country releases. Look for a steady flow of releases throughout 2018.
- Redesigning our [website](#) and [online data analysis tool](#).
- Releasing two new videos: [How tolerant are Africans?](#) and [How good are Africa's elections?](#)
- Launching a new M&E system.
- Improving our data visualization with staff training and Infogram software.
- Releasing geocoded AB data sets for 1999-2015 in partnership with AidData.
- Enjoying high visibility across Africa and around the world, ranging from the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, "20 Solution Proposals for the G20," and AU and UN platforms to hundreds of news media reports
- Toasting our co-founder and executive director, Prof. E. Gyimah-Boadi, who received the [2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Peace and Social Justice](#) in recognition of his role in advancing democracy, good governance, and economic opportunity in Ghana and throughout Africa.

New publications

- ✓ Working Paper 178: [Viewing society from space: Image-based sociocultural prediction models](#)
- ✓ Working Paper 177: [One team, one nation: Football, ethnic identity, and conflict in Africa](#)
- ✓ Policy Paper 44: [Tax compliance Africans affirm civic duty but lack trust in tax department](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 182: [Election quality: Ugandans skeptical of electoral commission, back reforms to gain transparency](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 181: [Zimbabweans see progress on women's rights, applaud government efforts to promote equality](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 180: [Les Ivoiriens révèlent un sentiment d'insécurité mêlé d'un défaut de confiance](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 179: [La question de l'emploi, un véritable casse-tête pour les citoyens ivoiriens](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 178: [In Tanzania, anti-corruption efforts seen as paying dividends, need citizen engagement](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 177: [Popular trust in national electoral commission a question mark as Zimbabwe enters new era](#)

Presentations and events

- ✓ On measuring the level of democracy, at the African Economic Research Consortium Biannual Research Workshop in Arusha, Tanzania
- ✓ On tracking Sustainable Development Goals, at the UN Africa Symposium in Addis Ababa
- ✓ On African perspectives on democracy, elections, and government, at the African Union's ACDEG meeting in Pretoria
- ✓ On political attitudes and democracy support, at a German Development Institute workshop in Bonn, Germany
- ✓ On emigration and citizen priorities, at a town hall meeting at the University of Ghana
- ✓ On food security, access to information, and collective action, at the Summer Institute for Economic Research at the African School of Economics in Abomey-Calavi, Benin
- ✓ Passion Driven Statistics Academic Poster Session at Ashesi University in Accra (see photo at right)



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