



Kenyans register mixed feelings about devolution and KDF's withdrawal from Somalia

Findings from Afrobarometer Round 6 survey in Kenya



At a glance

- **County governments:** Kenyans are divided in their assessment of county government leadership and want more involvement in key county affairs.
- **Fight against terror:** Most Kenyans support the Kenya Defence Forces' involvement in Somalia and the Nyumba Kumi initiative as good security measures against terrorism in the country.
- **The International Criminal Court (ICC):** Most Kenyans do not support the country's withdrawal from the ICC because it is impartial and plays an important role in the fight against impunity.



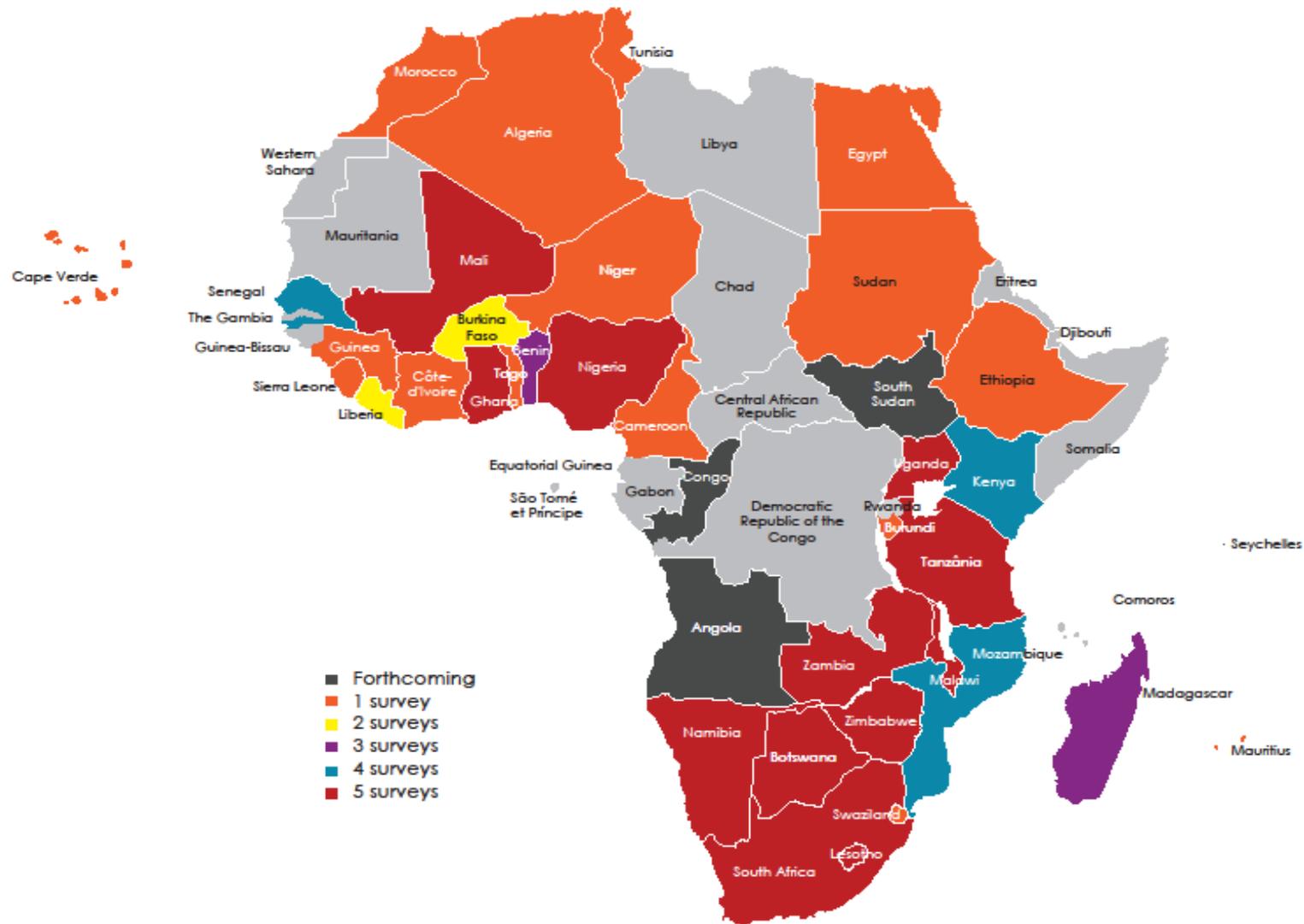
What is Afrobarometer?



- An African-led, non-partisan survey research project that measures citizen attitudes on democracy and governance, the economy, civil society, and other topics.
- Started in 12 countries in 1999; expanded to 35 African countries in Round 5 (2011-2013); round 6 surveys ongoing (2014 -2015)
- **Goal:** To give the public a voice in policymaking by providing high-quality public opinion data to policymakers, policy advocates, civil society organizations, academics, news media, donors and investors, and ordinary Africans.
- A national partner in each country conducts the survey. In Kenya, Afrobarometer Round 6 survey was conducted by the University of Nairobi's Institute for Development Studies (IDS).



Where Afrobarometer works



Methodology

- Nationally representative sample of adult citizens
 - ❑ All respondents are *randomly* selected.
 - ❑ Sample is distributed across all 47 countries and along urban/rural divide in proportion to their share in the national *adult* population.
 - ❑ Every adult citizen thus has *known* and *equal* chance of being selected/included in the survey.
- Face-to-face interviews in language of respondent's choice.
- Standard questionnaire which allows comparisons across countries and over time.
- Sample size in Kenya of 2,397 adult citizens yields a margin of error of +/-2% at a 95% confidence level.
- Fieldwork for Round 6 survey in Kenya was conducted between 12th November and 5th December 2014.



Survey demographics

Gender	%
Male	50
Female	50
Location	
Urban	36
Rural	64
Education	
No formal education	8
Primary	36
Secondary	36
Post-secondary	20

Age	%
18-25	22
26-35	36
36-45	21
46-55	11
56-65	7
Over 65	3
Religion	
Christians	86
Muslims	9
Other	4





Results





Mixed score for devolution and call for improved participation

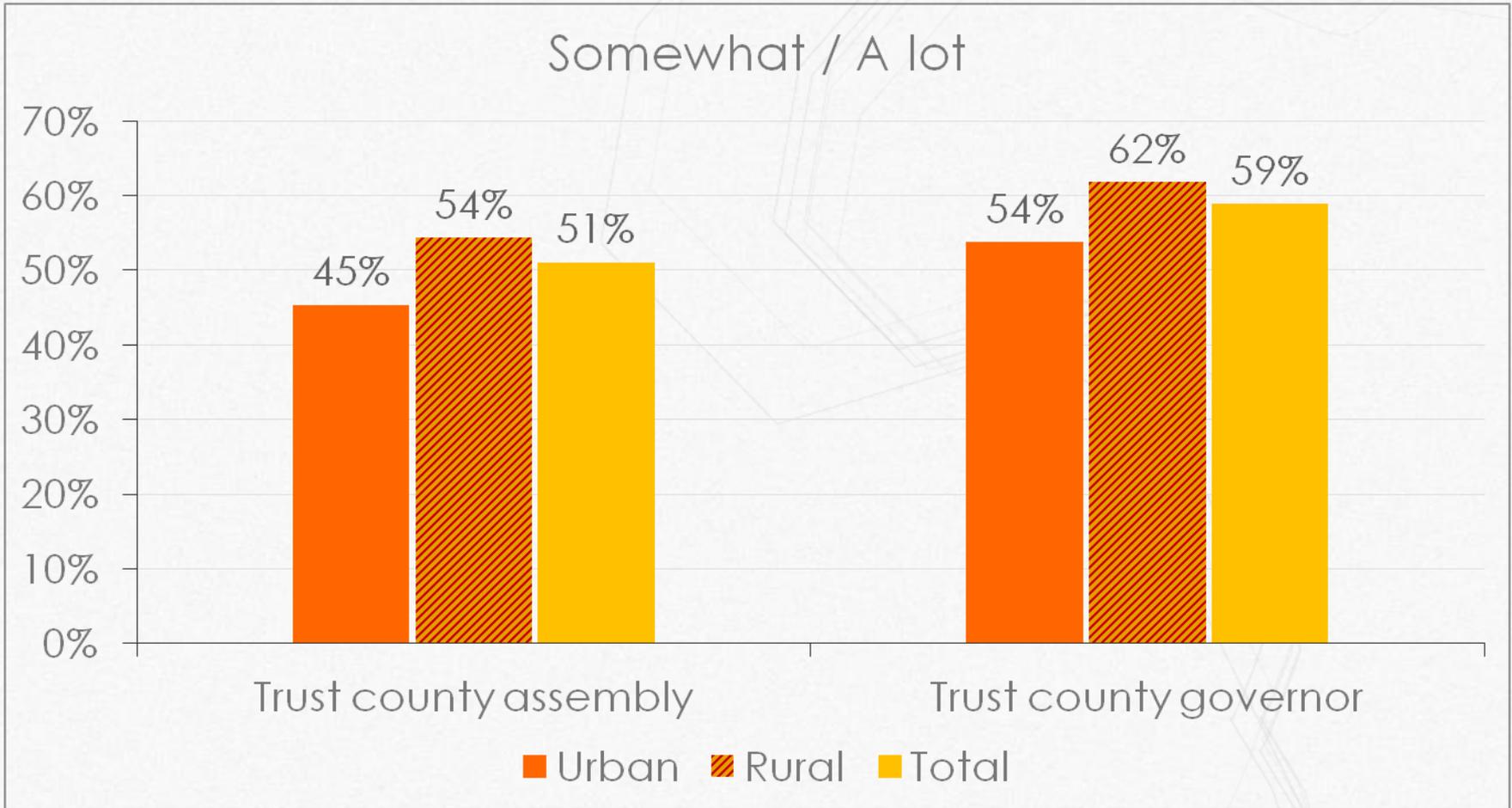


Key findings

- A majority of Kenyans have confidence in their county leadership and approve of their performance.
- Trust ratings are higher in rural than urban areas.
- More Kenyans trust their governors than their county assemblies.
- More than half of Kenyans support a referendum to change constitutional provisions for revenue sharing between county and national governments.
- About eight in 10 Kenyans find it difficult to participate in key county activities and to access information on county budgets, legislation, and project plans.

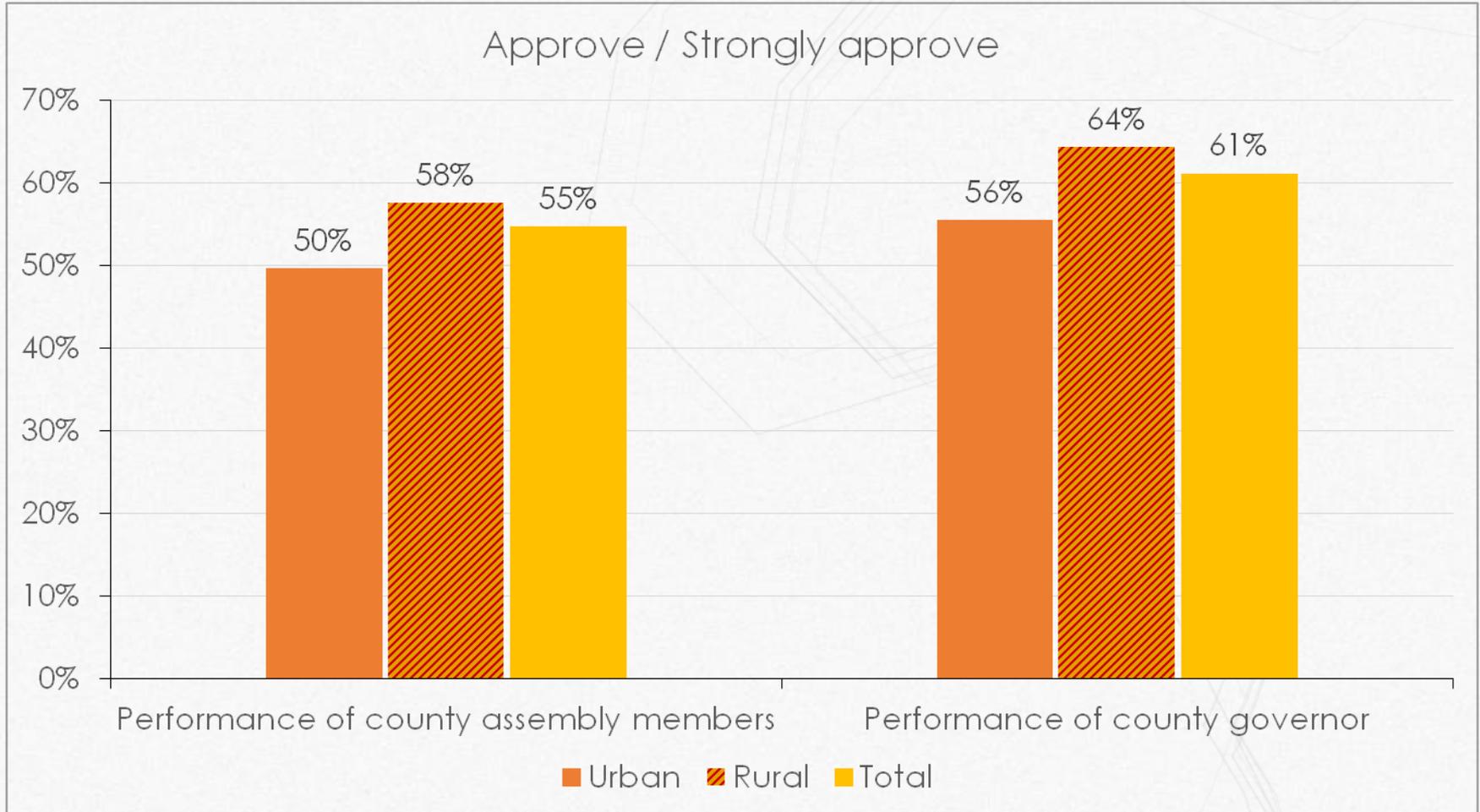


Trust in county leadership



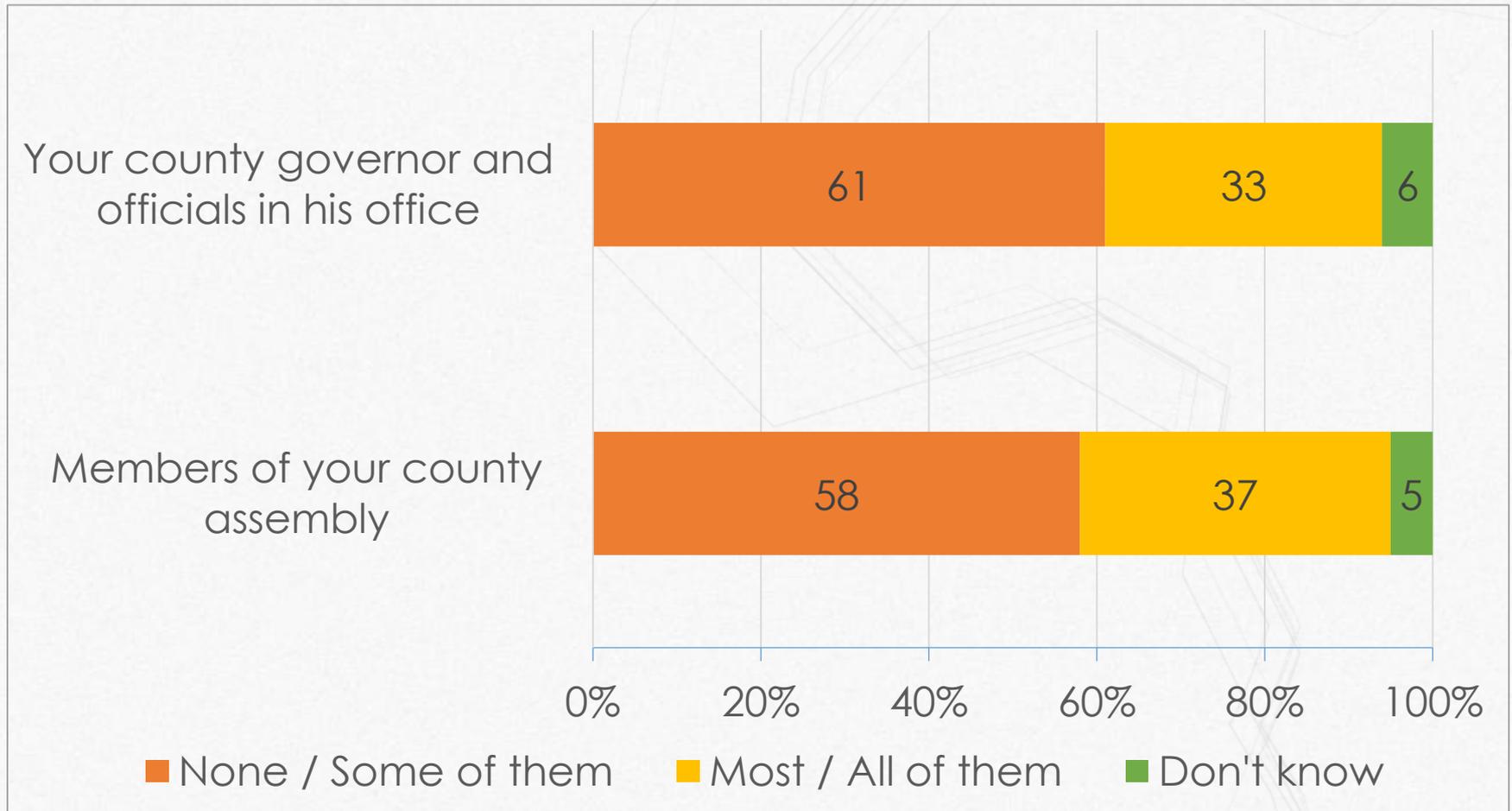
Respondents were asked: *How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: County assembly? County governor?*

Performance of county leadership



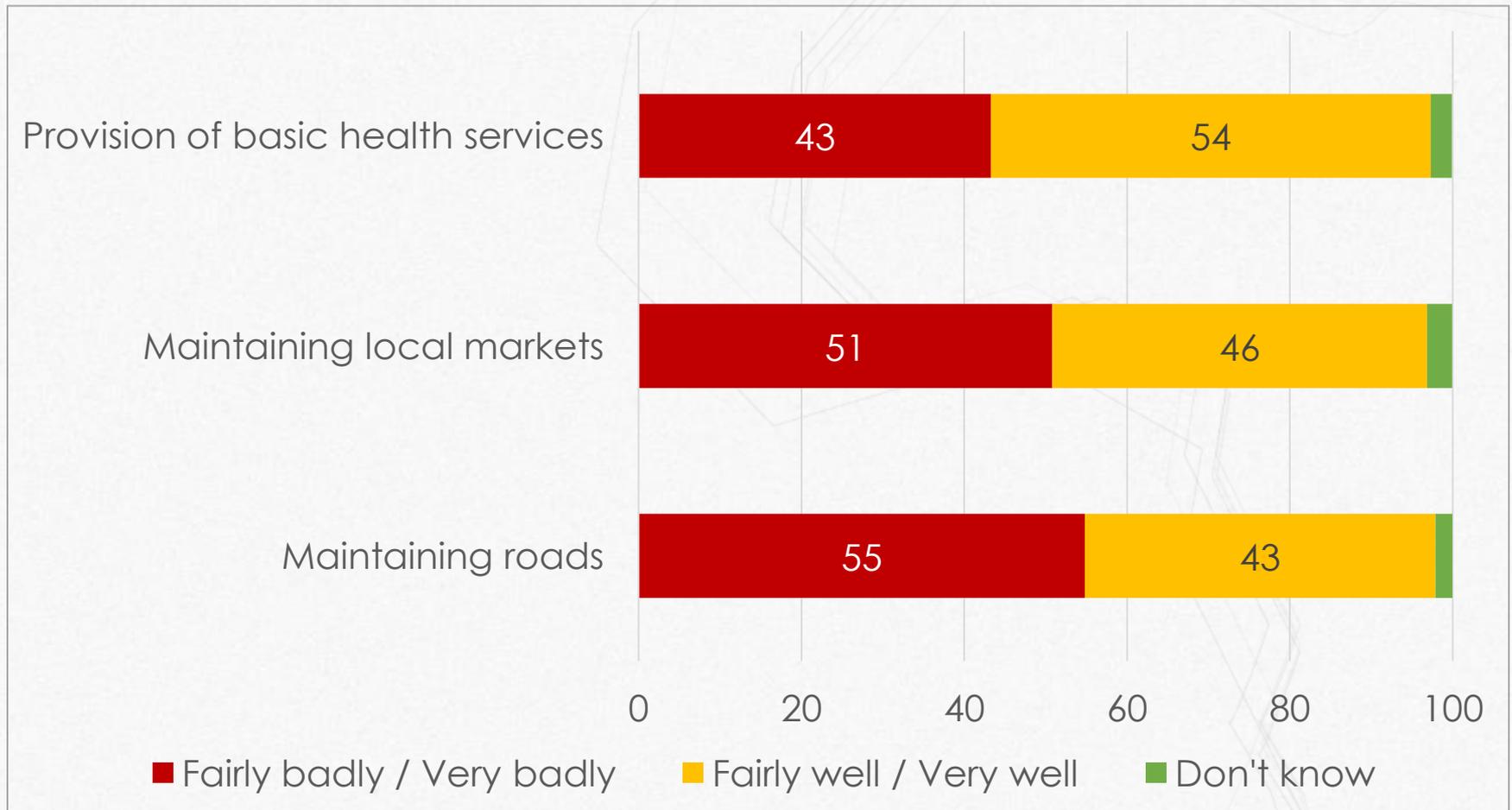
Respondents were asked: Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Members of the county assembly? County governor?

Corruption in the county leadership



Respondents were asked: *How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?*

County service delivery



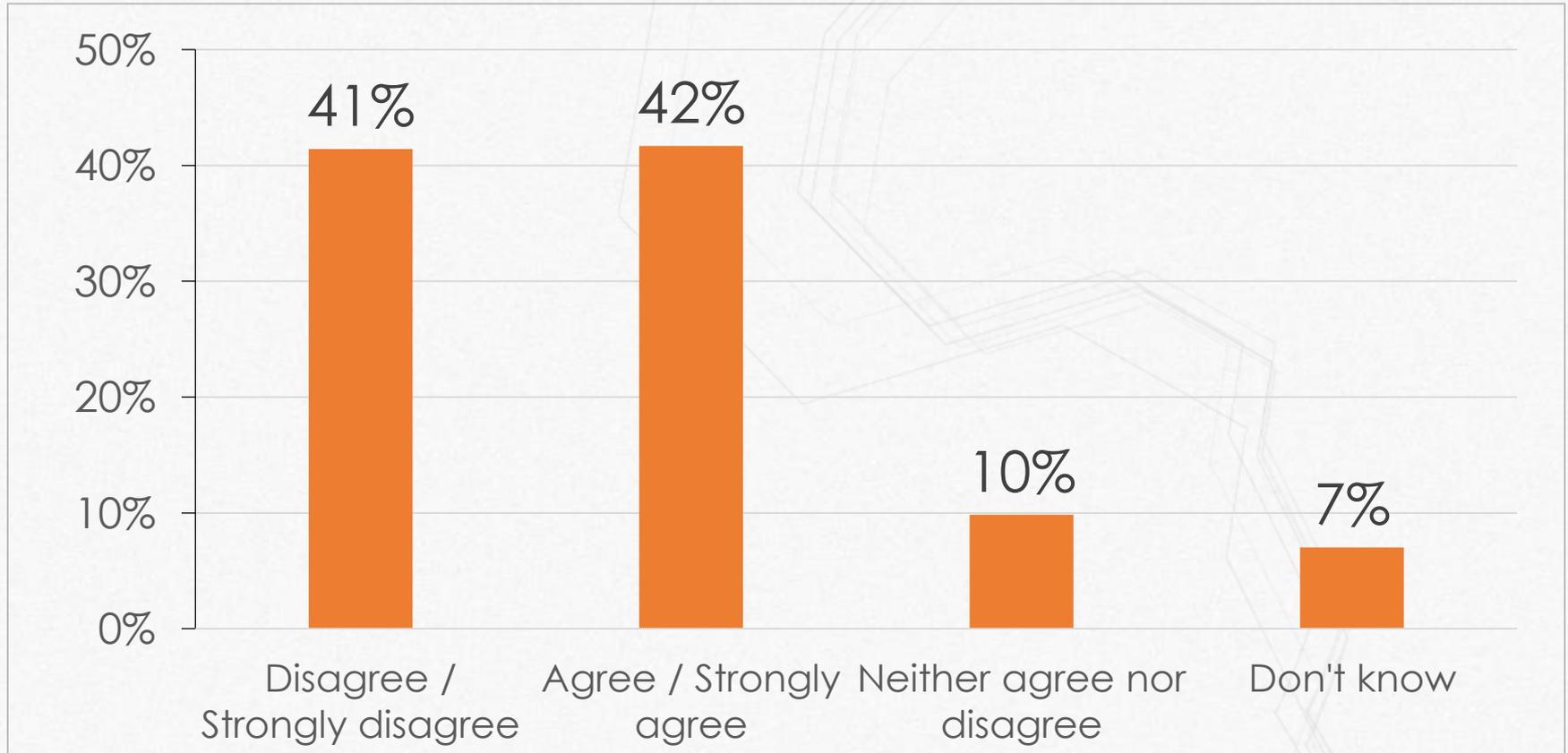
Respondents were asked: *How well or badly would you say your county government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough about them to say? (%)*

Disbursement of funds to counties inadequate

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Disagree / Strongly disagree	36%	32%	36%	31%	34%
Agree / Strongly agree	46%	48%	50%	44%	47%
Neither agree nor disagree	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Don't know	13%	15%	9%	19%	14%

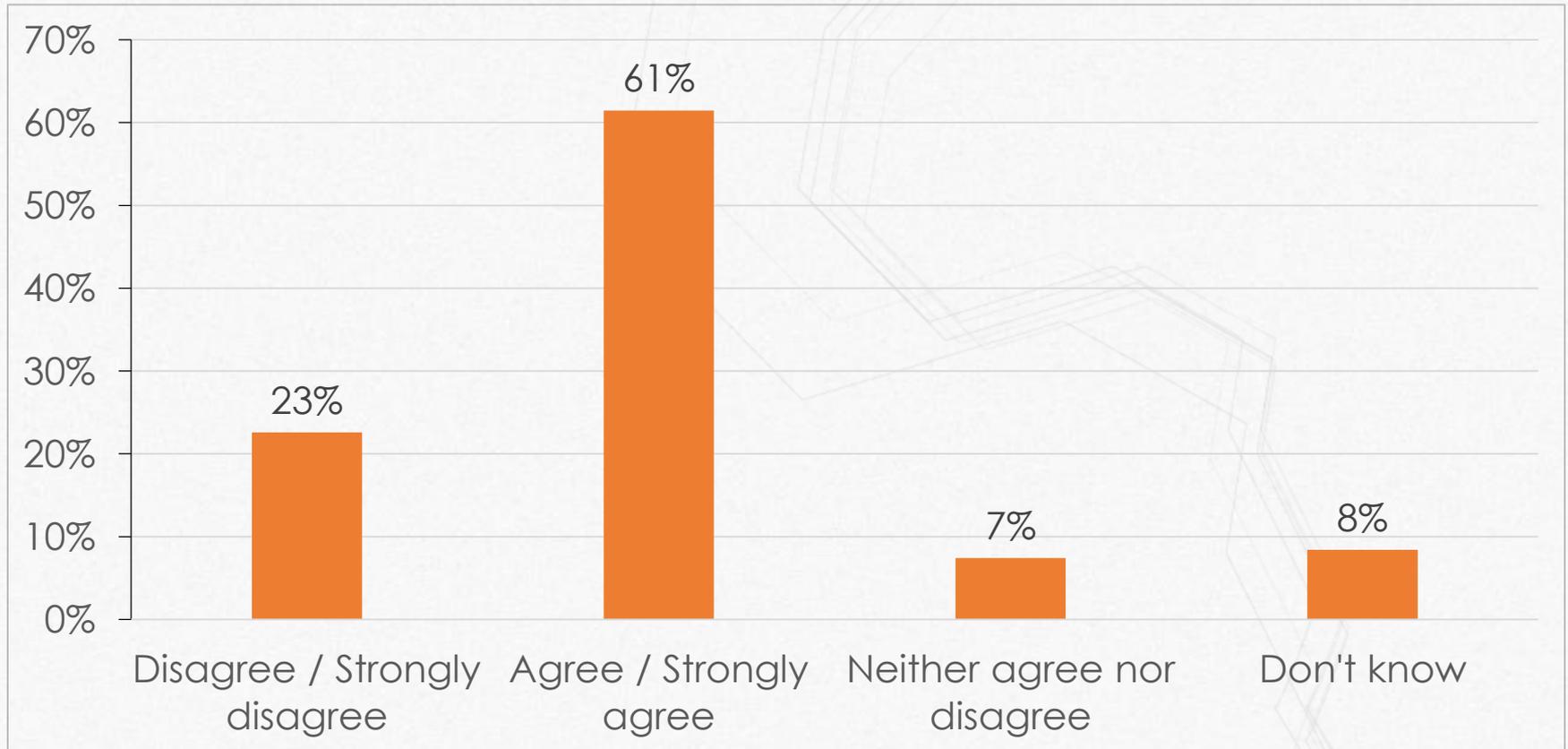
Respondents were asked: *Please tell me whether you disagree or agree, or haven't you heard enough to say: The national government has not been disbursing adequate funds to county governments as required by the new constitution?*

Divided about county government's ability to raise own resources



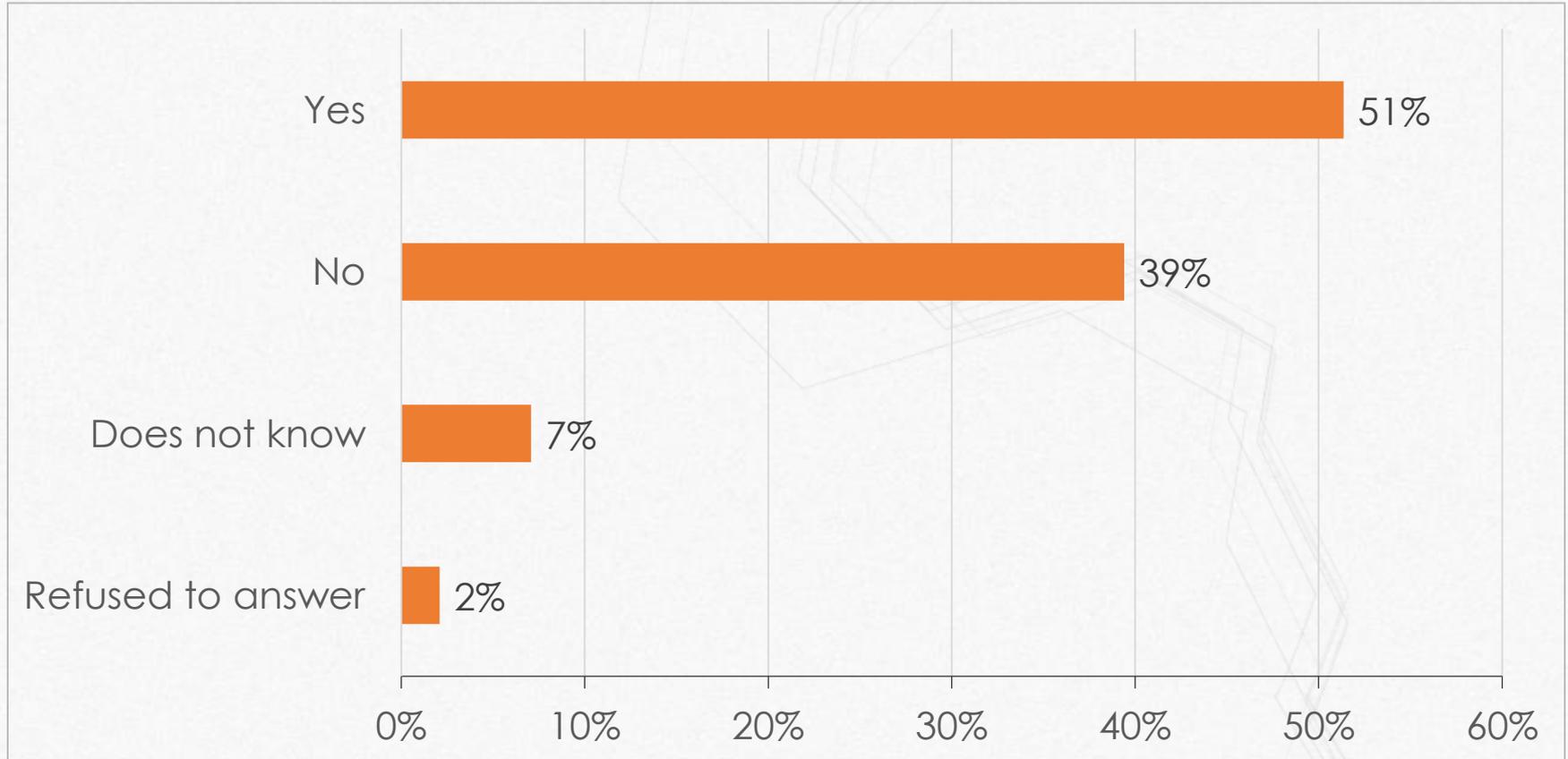
Respondents were asked: *Please tell me whether you disagree or agree, or haven't you heard enough to say: County governments can raise enough extra resources through their own taxes to meet each county's needs?*

Support for addressing revenue sharing through constitutional amendment



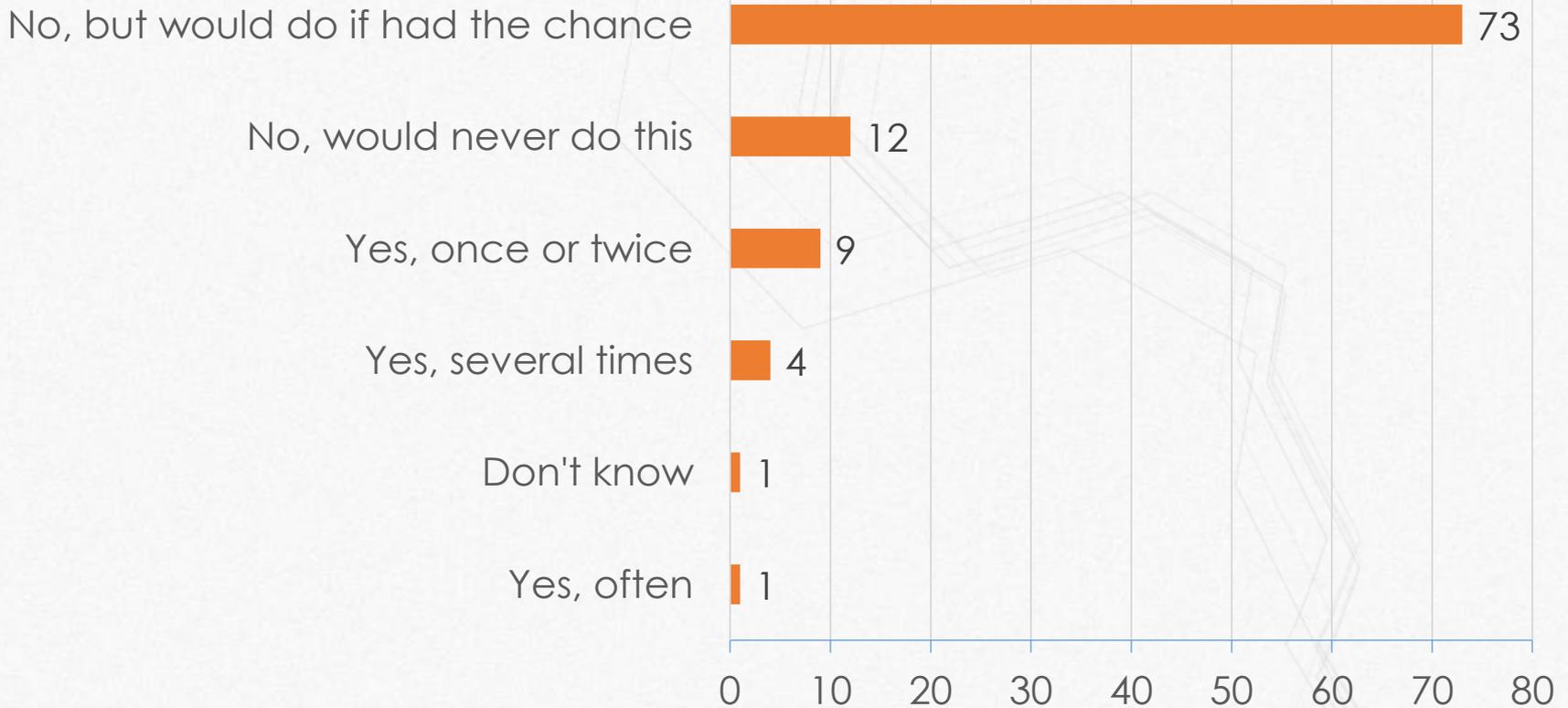
Respondents were asked: *Please tell me whether you disagree or agree, or haven't you heard enough to say: The constitution should be amended to strengthen the provisions for sharing revenue and resolving disputes between county and national governments?*

Support for referendum on revenue sharing



Respondents were asked: *Do you support the call to hold a public referendum about changing the provisions for revenue sharing between county and national governments?*

Poor contact with the county leadership



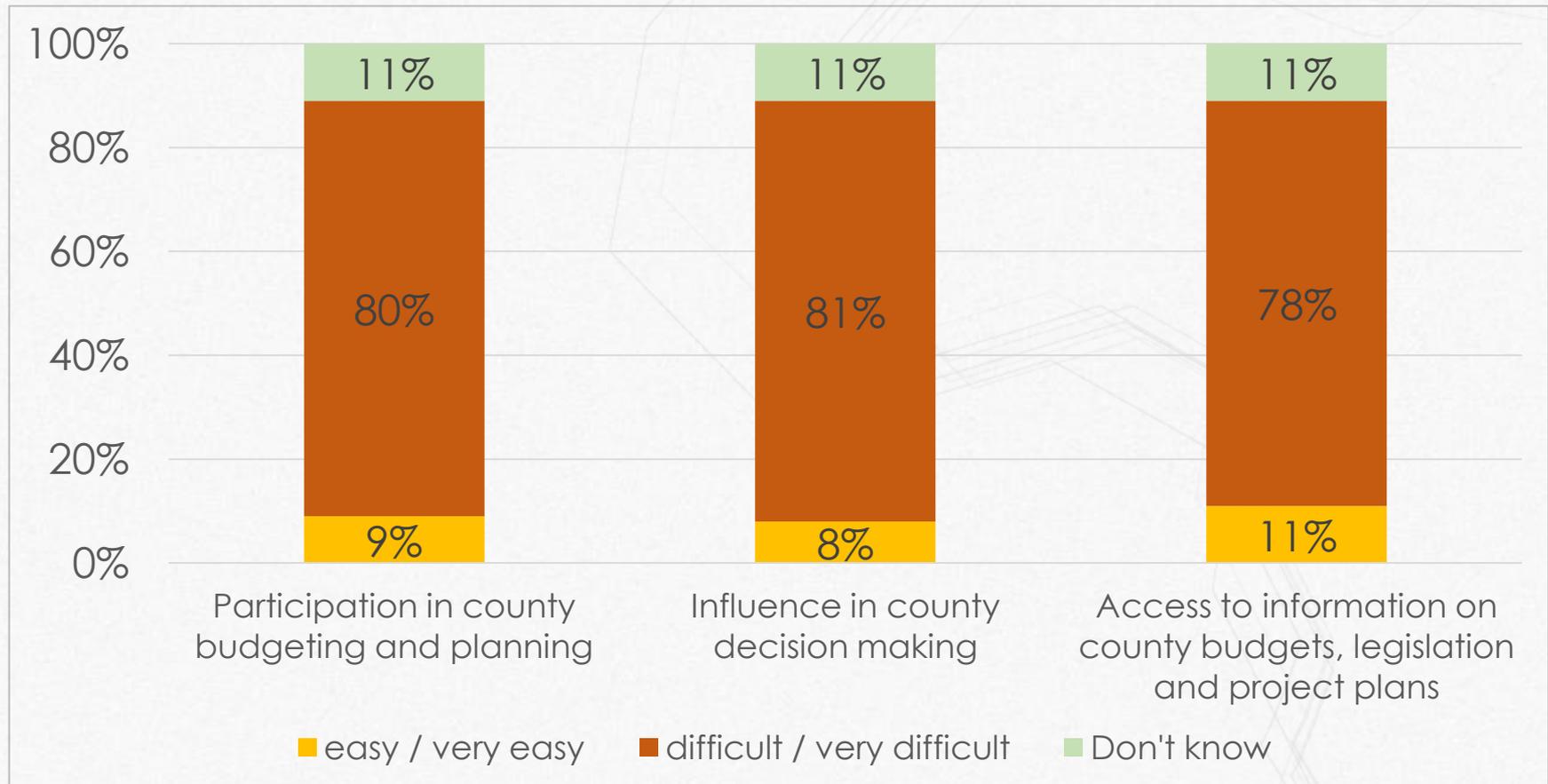
Respondents were asked: *Please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year: Attended a county government meeting? If not, would you do this if you had the chance?*

Poor contact with the county leadership

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, would never do this	13	11	8	15	12
No, but would do if had the chance	72	73	72	73	73
Yes, once or twice	8	9	11	7	9
Yes, several times	5	4	6	3	4
Yes, often	1	2	2	1	1
Don't know		1	1	1	1

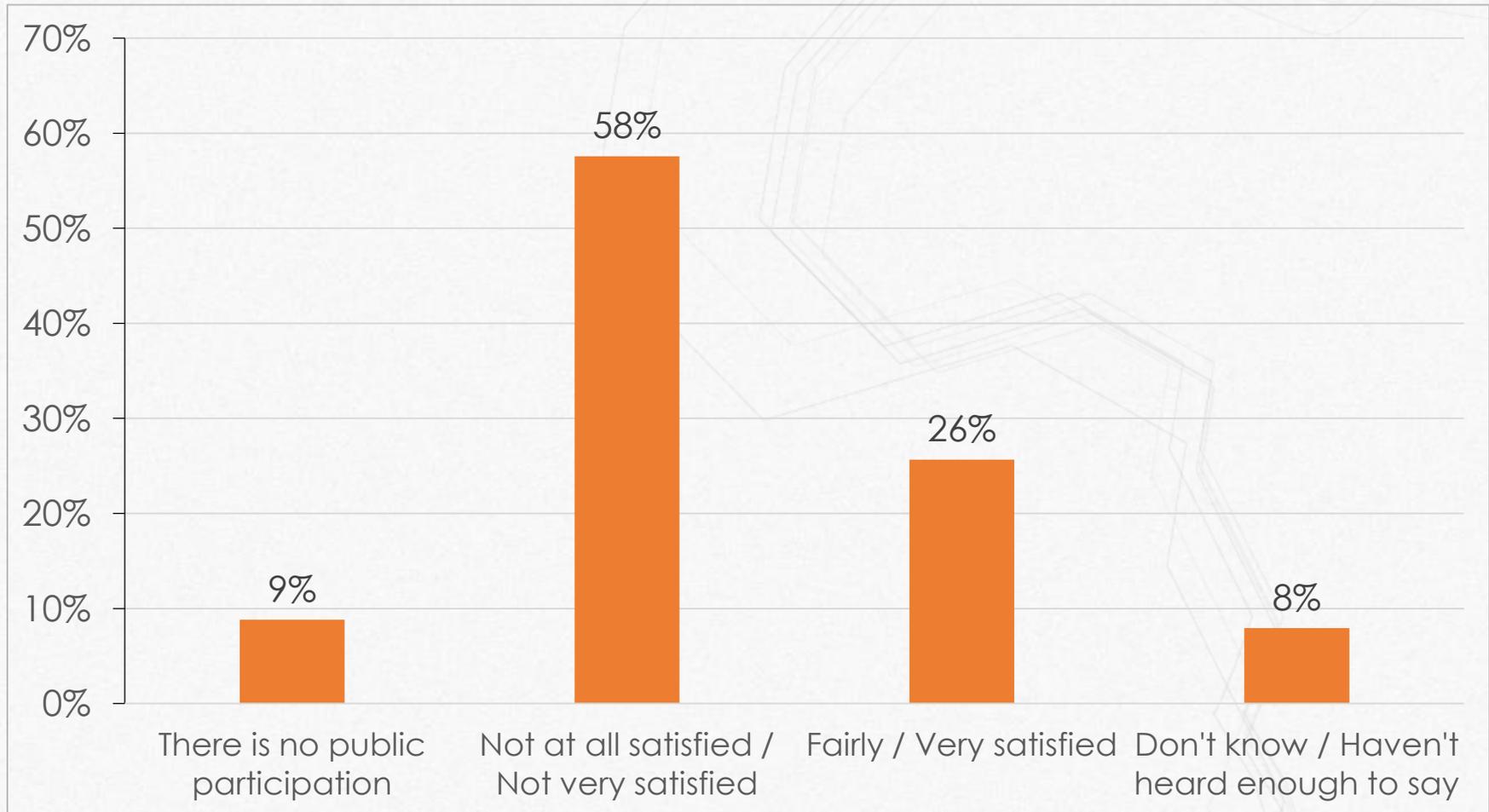
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Most Kenyans not participating in county affairs



Respondents were asked: *Thinking about public participation as enshrined in the new constitution, how easy or difficult would you say it is: To participate in county budgeting and planning? To influence county decision making? To access information on county budgets, legislation, and project plans?*

Dissatisfaction with participation in county activities



Respondents were asked: Overall, how satisfied are you with the extent of public participation in the operations of your county government?



Fight against terrorism and insecurity

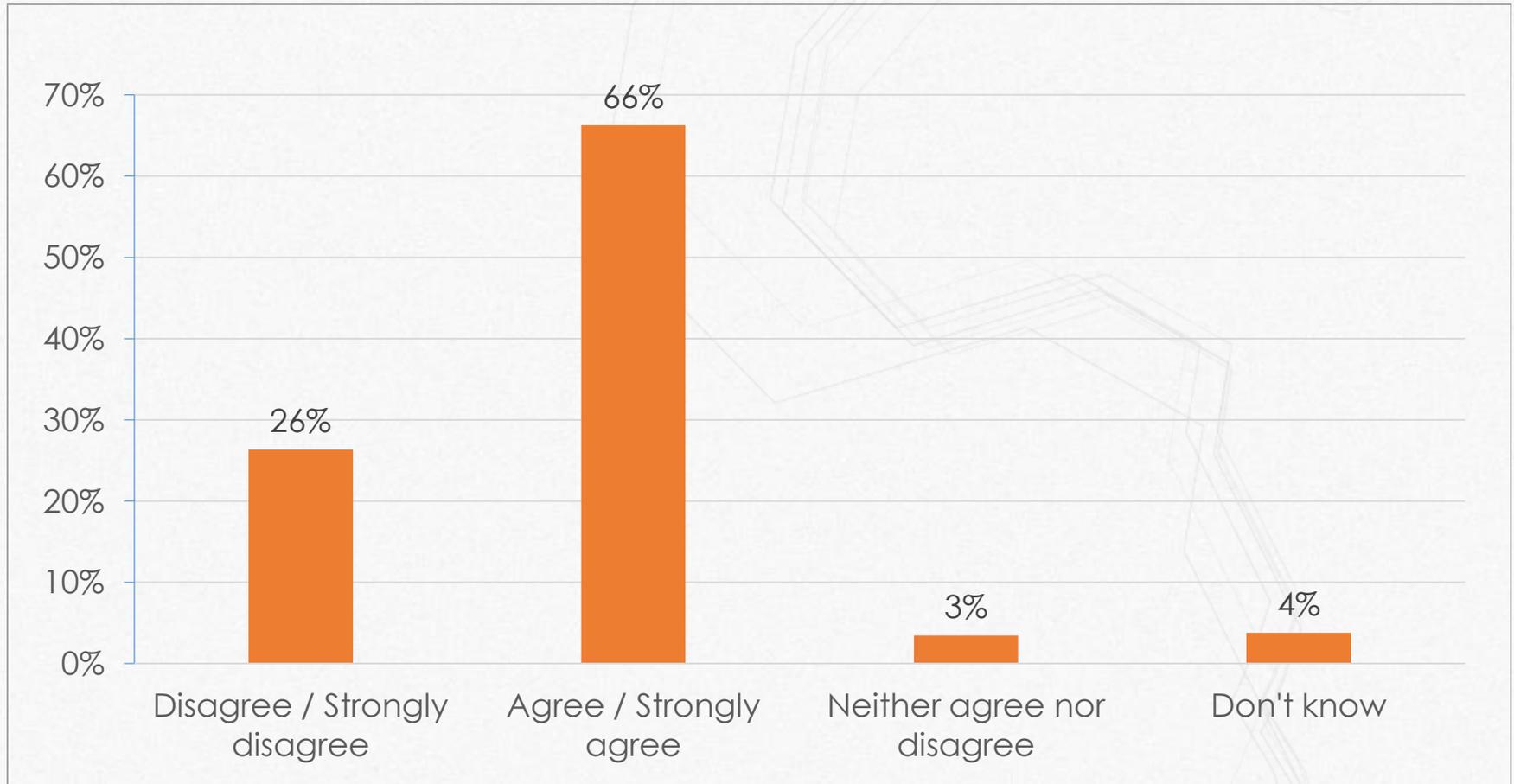


Key findings

- Two-thirds (66%) of Kenyans say the involvement of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) in Somalia has been necessary despite terrorist problems resulting from it.
- But citizens are divided as to whether the KDF should pull out of Somalia. Support for continued stay is less strong among women and among citizens aged 50 and older.
- Kenyans are similarly divided on the question of whether the KDF should be deployed for internal security matters or limited to external aggressions.
- A majority of Kenyans support the Nyumba Kumi initiative.
- Six in 10 Kenyans say the International Criminal Court is an important safeguard against impunity.



KDF involvement in Somalia



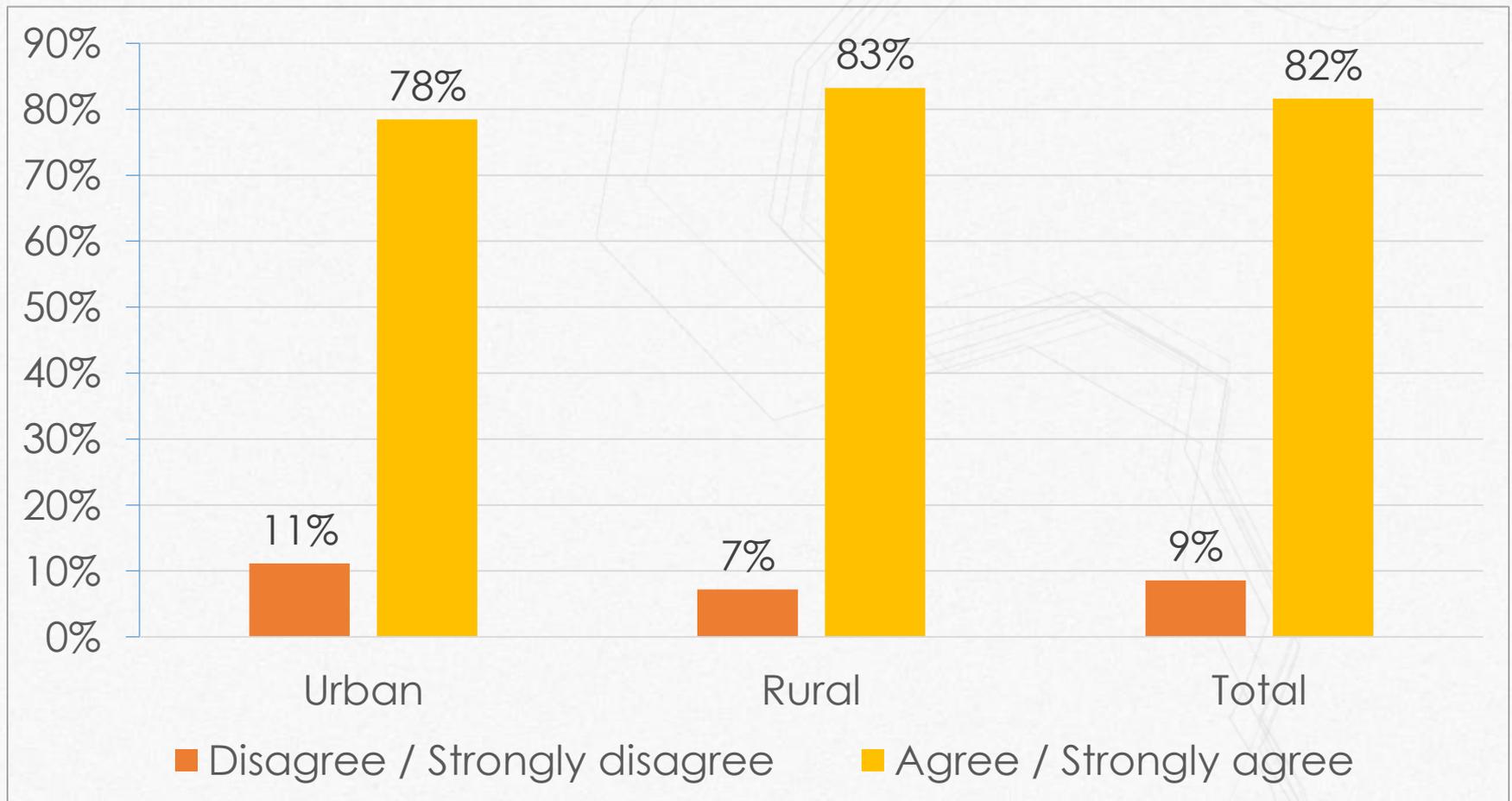
Respondents were asked: Please tell me if you agree or disagree: The involvement of Kenya Defense Forces or KDF in Somalia has been necessary despite the terrorist problems resulting from it.

Mixed reactions to calls for KDF withdrawal from Somalia

	KDF should not pull out	KDF should pull out	Neither agree nor disagree	Don't know
Total	43%	48%	5%	4%
18 - 35 years	44%	48%	4%	4%
36 - 50 years	45%	46%	7%	2%
Above 50 years	35%	49%	7%	8%
Male	47%	46%	5%	2%
Female	39%	50%	5%	6%
Urban	46%	46%	4%	3%
Rural	41%	48%	6%	4%

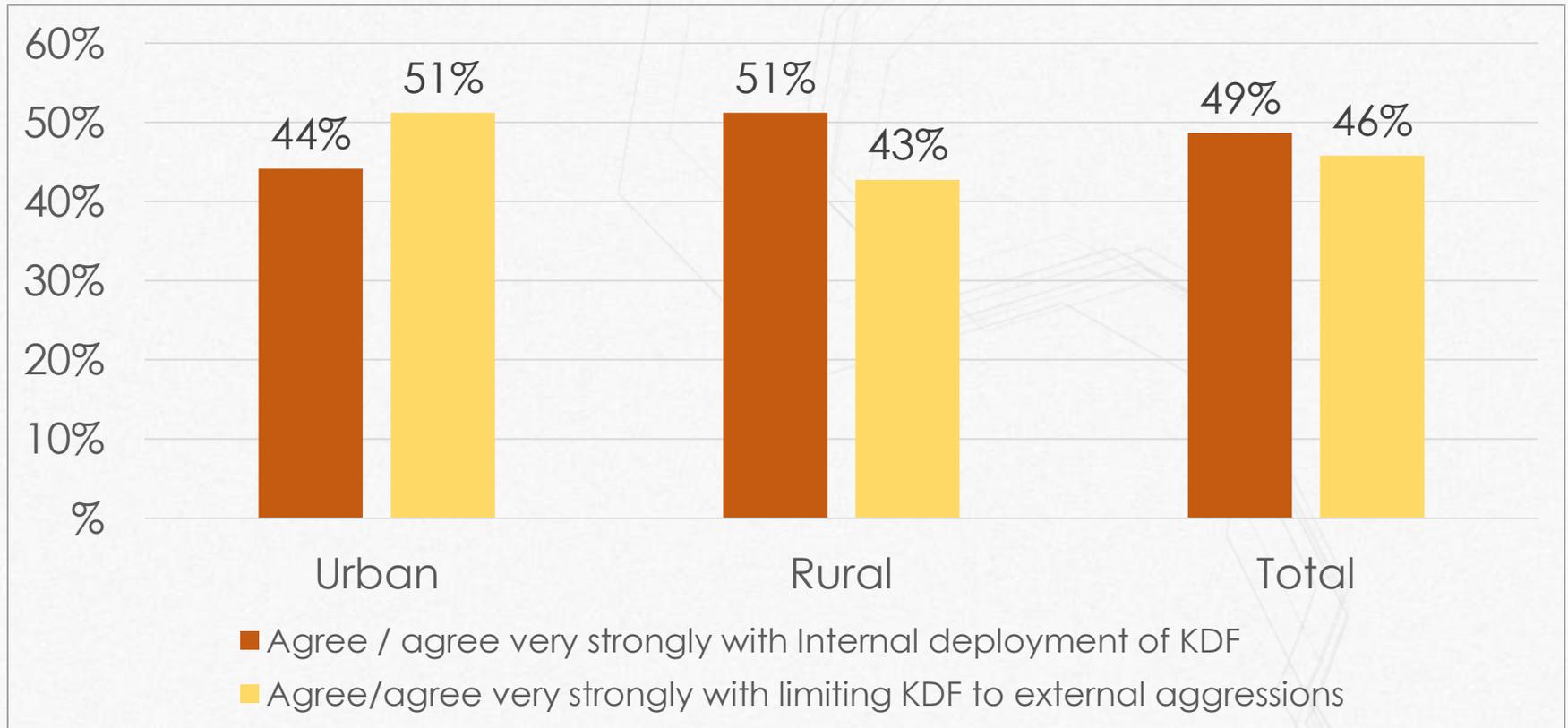
Respondents were asked: *Please tell me if you agree or disagree: The KDF should pull out of Somalia?*

Strong support for the Nyumba Kumi initiative



Respondents were asked: Please tell me if you agree or disagree: "Nyumba Kumi" is a good security initiative that should be supported.

Internal vs. external KDF deployment



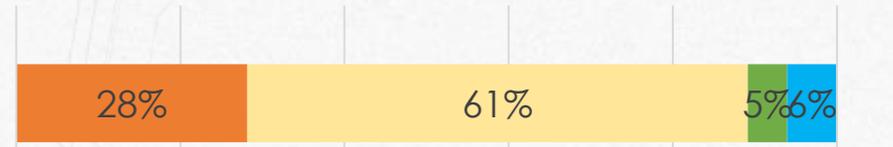
Respondents were asked: Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The Kenya Defence Forces or KDF should be deployed to handle internal security matters just like the police.

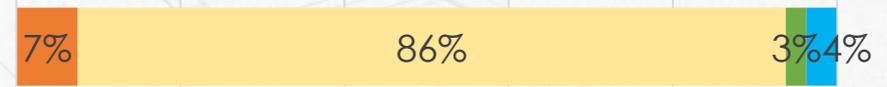
Statement 2: The KDF should only be used for matters involving external aggressions.

Support for the International Criminal Court

Prosecution of Kenyan leaders by the ICC is an important effort in fighting impunity



President Uhuru Kenyatta made right decision to honor ICC summons



Parliament should pass legislation to withdraw Kenya from the ICC



0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Disagree / Strongly disagree

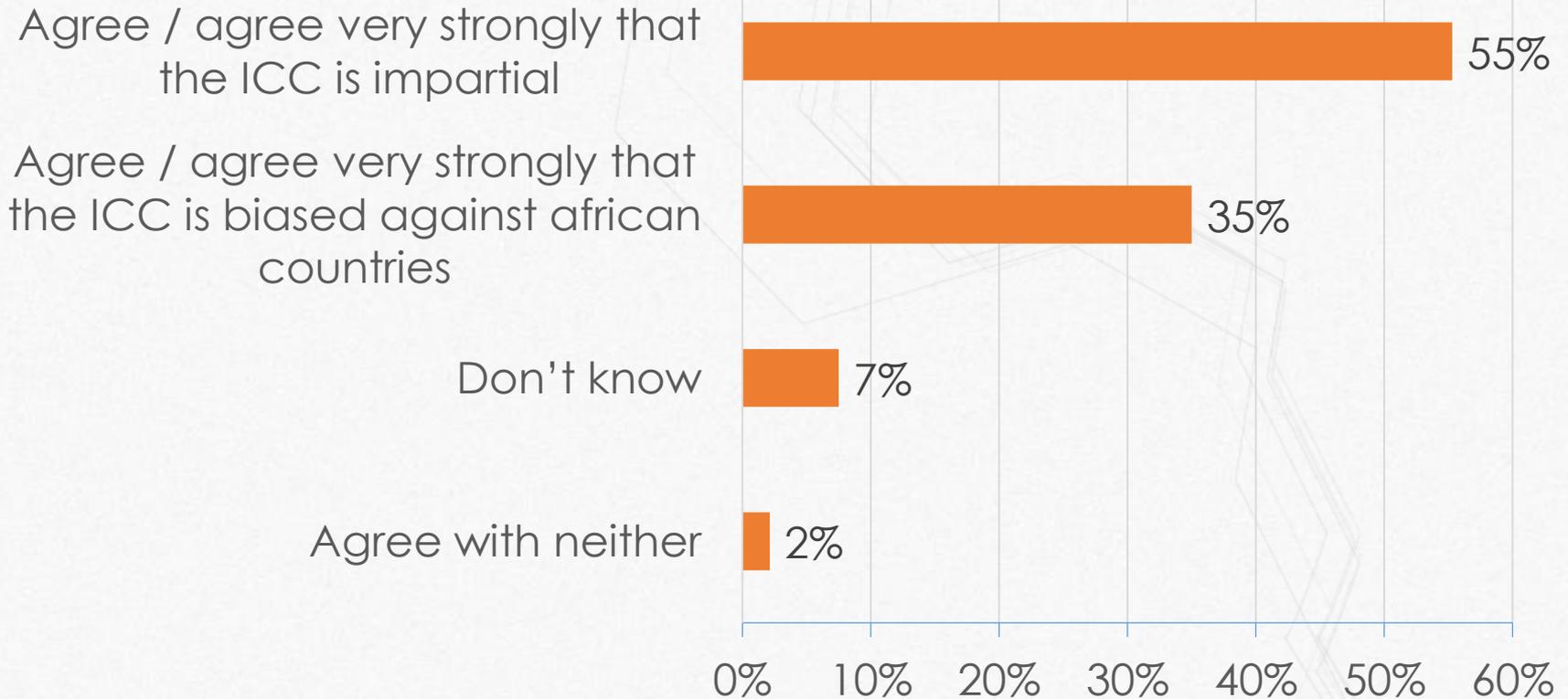
Agree / Strongly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Don't know / Haven't heard enough to say

Respondents were asked: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree.

Perceived impartiality of the ICC



Respondents were asked: Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The ICC is an impartial international institution for justice.

Statement 2: The ICC is biased against Kenya and other African countries.



Conclusions



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- There is minimal participation in county decision-making and budget processes.
 - *Citizens demand more resources.*
 - *They score handling of services poorly.*
 - *73% say they would contact county government if they had a chance.*
- Overwhelming support for Nyumba Kumi initiative calls for robust strategies against insecurity.
- The ICC remains relevant in fighting impunity.



Thank you

