

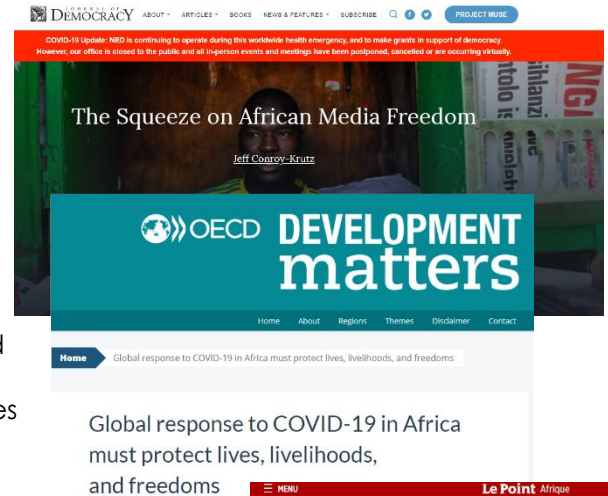
# AB update

April 2020 highlights



## In the field and around the network

- ✓ To help protect our staff, our partners, and our communities from COVID-19, all AB data collection and in-person results dissemination activities remained suspended. Analysis and electronic dissemination of survey findings, preparations for future fieldwork, and other network activities continued from our homes.
- ✓ AB worked to ensure that African voices are heard during the pandemic, including publications by *OECD Development Matters* and the *Journal of Democracy*, Pan-Africa Profiles on [health](#) and [education](#), and country-level analyses related to COVID-19 (see "Publications" below).



## In the news

A total of 116 media hits were recorded in April across various media outlets, including [Reuters](#), [MyJoyOnline.com](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [allAfrica.com](#), [Washington Post](#), [Le Point](#), [La Libre](#) (Belgium), [Namibian Sun](#), [War on the Rocks](#), [Noticias ao Minuto](#) (Portugal), [Daily Times Malawi](#), [Média Guinée](#), [Daily Hunt](#) (India). ...

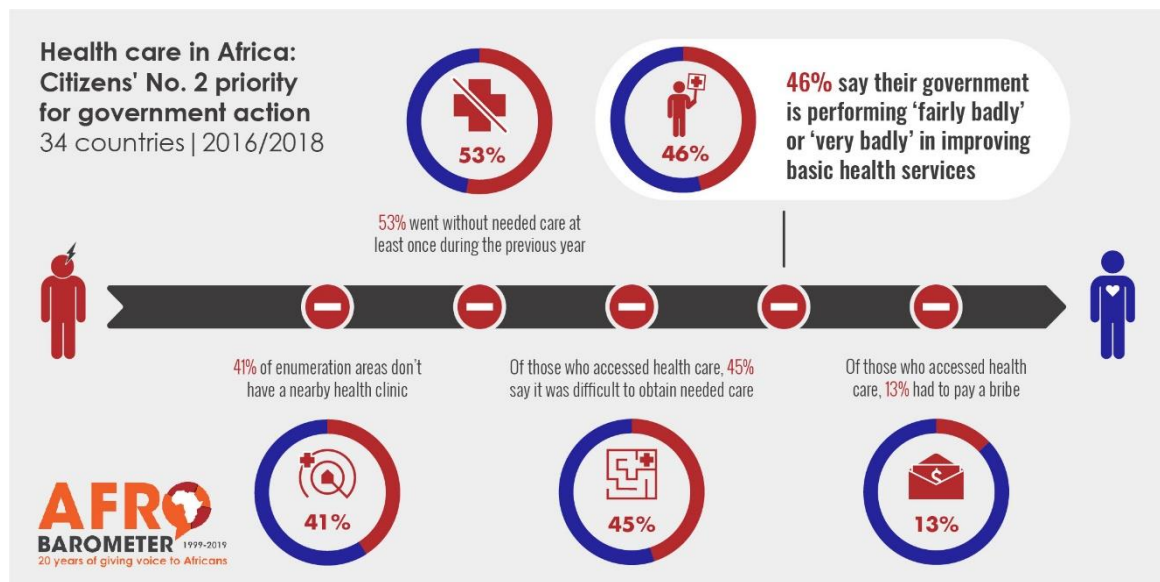


## On digital/social media

Website	14,496 users; 5,53 downloads
Online data analysis	2,947 distinct users
Twitter	377 new followers
Facebook	12,604 total followers



## Chart of the month



## Publications

- ✓ Policy Paper 63: Democratic dividend: The road to quality education in Africa
- ✓ Dispatch 358: COVID-19 lockdown in South Africa highlights unequal access to services
- ✓ Dispatch 357: Cash shortages pose a threat to Zimbabwe's fight against COVID-19
- ✓ Dispatch 356: Malawians see inequalities but say federalism is not the answer
- ✓ Dispatch 355: Trusted and influential: Religious and traditional leaders can be assets in COVID-19 fight
- ✓ Dispatch 354: Malawians support 2019 post-election demonstrations but split on government power to limit protests
- ✓ Dispatch 353: La structure de l'activité économique du Sénégal: Un obstacle pour un confinement total face au COVID-19
- ✓ Dispatch 352: Even before COVID-19, more than half of Africans experienced lack of needed health care
- ✓ Dispatch 351: Ghanaians' acceptance of security-related restrictions faces test with COVID-19 lockdown

## Visibility

- ✓ OECD's *Development Matters* published an AB blog post on the global response to COVID-19 in Africa.
- ✓ The April issue of the Journal of Democracy has two articles based on AB data: "The squeeze on African media freedom" and "A lost decade for third-wave democracies?"
- ✓ AB hosted a live Twitter chat on health in Africa in the time of COVID-19, on World Health Day (7 April).
- ✓ **Presentations:**
  - On AB's stakeholder engagement strategy and the importance of research in effective policy- and decision-making, at the University of Ghana in Accra
  - On democratic governance in Africa, to the Danish Institute for Politics and Democracy, in Accra, Ghana

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