AB update

December 2019 highlights

In the field
✓ Country teams completed Round 8 data collection in Malawi, Angola, Guinea, Cabo Verde, and Burkina Faso, and started fieldwork in Ethiopia. Next up: Nigeria, Benin, Lesotho. …
✓ Dissemination of R8 findings continued in Namibia, Ghana, and Kenya.
✓ AB wrapped up its Anglophone Summer School at the University of Cape Town.
✓ AB’s board of directors and technical teams met in Cape Town to review progress and refine plans for organizational strengthening and Round 8 surveys.

In the spotlight
✓ AB in the media: 343 media hits were recorded in December across various local and international outlets, including the Africa Report, News Ghana, Foreign Affairs, Brookings Institution Blogs, Ghana Web, My Joy Online (Ghana), Citi Newsroom, Nigeria Sun, El País, UNU-WIDER, Jornal de Angola, DW, New Zimbabwe, allAfrica.com, Africa Portal, Nyasa Times (Malawi), Global Times (Sierra Leone). …
✓ Sierra Leone President Julius Maada Bio cited Afrobarometer in his International Anti-Corruption Day address.

On digital/social media

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<td><strong>Website</strong></td>
<td>- 14,244 users, for a monthly average of 13,796 in 2019</td>
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<td>- 4,350 downloads, for a monthly average of 2,158 in 2019</td>
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<td><strong>Twitter</strong></td>
<td>252 new followers</td>
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<td><strong>Facebook</strong></td>
<td>12,109 total followers</td>
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<td><strong>Online data analysis</strong></td>
<td>2,620 distinct users, for a 2019 total of 33,839, an increase of 21% from 2018</td>
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Happy new year!

We wish all of our supporters and friends a new year filled with joy, good health, and success. Our heartfelt thanks for making our 2019 accomplishments possible, including:
- Celebrating AB’s 20th anniversary of giving voice to African citizens
- Reorganizing as a registered nonprofit with a board of directors and new staff to strengthen governance, management oversight, strategic adaptability, resource mobilization, and African capacity-building programs
- Securing additional funds to support R8 and beyond
- Completing competitive-bidding processes, signing MOUs, and conducting technical meetings with national partners, including new partners in seven countries
- Launching Round 8 data collection in 12 countries
- Wrapping up R7 required country-level dissemination
- Releasing more than 120 publications on AB findings, including 10 Pan-Africa Profiles
- Earning high visibility across Africa and around the world, including citations by presidents, credits in global governance indices, and record levels of use of the AB website and data analysis tool
- Training researchers in AB anglophone and francophone summer schools
- Toasting AB co-founder and interim CEO E. Gyimah-Boadi’s election to the National Academy of Sciences
Chart of the month

Access to the electric grid | 18 and 31 countries | 2005-2018

Surveyors recorded whether the enumeration area had an electricity grid that most houses could access. (% “yes”)

Publications

✓ Dispatch 334: Prerequisite for progress: Accessible, reliable power still in short supply across Africa
✓ Dispatch 333: Ghanaians perceive increase in corruption level, give government low marks on fighting graft
✓ Dispatch 332: Ghanaians voice dissatisfaction with living conditions, government economic performance

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