

AB update

January 2020 highlights



In the field ...

- ✓ AB's national partners in Ethiopia and Nigeria were collecting Round 8 data, while Gabon was training fieldworkers (photo at left) and getting ready to head into the field. Next up: Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Lesotho. ...
- ✓ Dissemination of survey findings continued with a [Pan-Africa Profile on religion](#) and R8 results from Botswana.

In the news

A total of 127 media hits were recorded in January across various media outlets, including the [Economist](#), [Ghanaian Times](#), [Conversation](#), [Center for Strategic & International Studies](#), [AYV Newspaper](#) (Sierra Leone), [Citizen](#) (South Africa), [Namibian Sun](#), [Gabonreview.com](#). ...

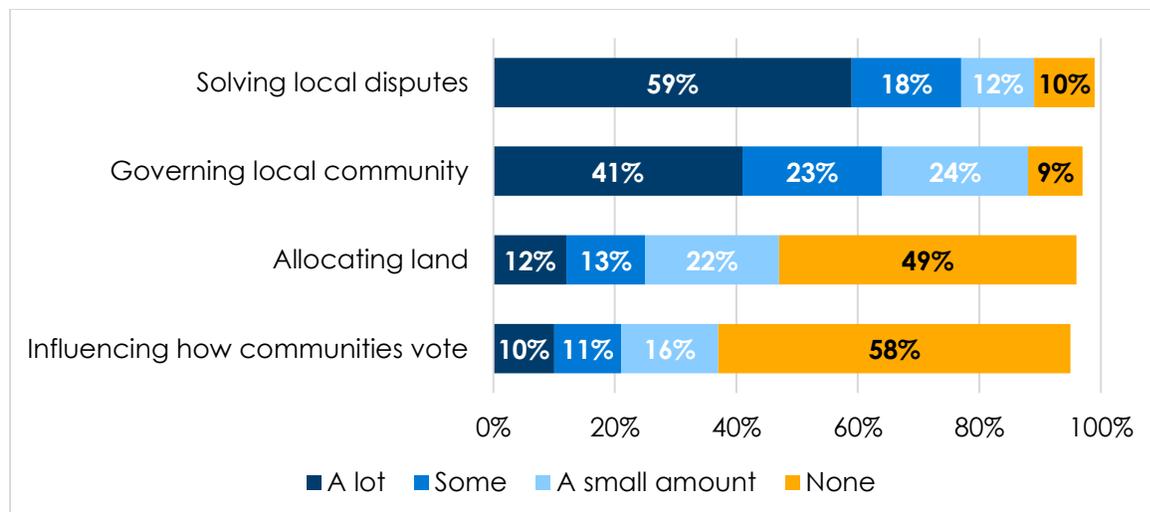


On digital/social media

Website	12,985 users; 4,195 downloads Most popular download: Change ahead: Experience and awareness of climate change in Africa
Online data analysis	2,075 distinct users; 31,563 pages
Twitter	211 new followers
Facebook	12,197 total followers

Chart of the month

Influence of traditional leaders | Botswana | 2019



Respondents were asked: How much influence do traditional leaders currently have on ... ?

Publications

- ✓ Working Paper 184: Curbing intolerance of persons in same-sex relationships in Ghana: The important role of education
- ✓ Dispatch 339 (Pan-Africa Profile): Religion in Africa: Tolerance and trust in leaders are high, but many would allow regulation of religious speech
- ✓ Dispatch 338: The Gambia's draft Constitution reflects citizens' preference for term limits, gender quota
- ✓ Dispatch 337: Batswana say traditional leaders strengthen democracy – but should stay out of politics
- ✓ Dispatch 336: Despite freedoms seen as growing, Tunisians show limited citizen engagement
- ✓ Dispatch 335: Gabonese say president should be accountable to courts and Parliament, but often ignores both

Visibility

- ✓ AB data continue to be part of the Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index 2019, released in January.
- ✓ **Presentations:**
 - On tracking and understanding "lived poverty" in Africa, at the Centre for African Research on Enterprise and Economic Development, University of West Scotland, in Paisley
 - On citizens' policy priorities and migration, to Germany's CDU/CSU parliamentary group, in Berlin
 - On highlights of AB Round 7 findings, at Germany's Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, in Berlin
 - On AB Round 8 findings in Ghana, to the IMF resident representative and his team, in Accra

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A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest

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