AB update

January 2021 highlights

In the field and around the network

✓ National partners in Togo and Senegal completed Round 8 data collection. Coming up: the Gambia, Morocco, Sudan, Cameroon. …
✓ First findings from AB’s new question module on COVID-19 shed light on Liberia’s experience of the pandemic.
✓ AB signed an MoU with the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) to strengthen collaboration on policy research in Africa and Europe.
✓ Afrobarometer was ranked No. 5 Best Institutional Collaboration Involving Two or More Think Tanks in the Global Go To Think Tank Index.

In the news

A total of 178 media hits were recorded in January across various media outlets, including Time, Axios, Brookings, Morocco World News, Independent (Uganda), Bloomberg, Christian Science Monitor, Daily Observer (Liberia). …

On digital/social media

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Chart of the month

Attitudes toward COVID-19 vaccines | Liberia | 2020

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Respondents were asked:

How much do you trust the government to ensure that any vaccine for COVID-19 that is developed or offered to Liberian citizens is safe before it is used in this country?
If a vaccine for COVID-19 becomes available and the government says it is safe, how likely are you to try to get vaccinated?
Publications

✓ Dispatch 422: Kenyans grow more discontent with country’s economic performance
✓ Dispatch 421: Africans see growing corruption, poor government response, but fear retaliation if they speak out
✓ Dispatch 420: Liberians laud government’s COVID-19 response but claim unfair distribution of relief assistance
✓ Dispatch 419: En Côte d’Ivoire, les changements climatiques sont moyennement connus mais beaucoup ressentis
✓ Dispatch 418: Africans say governments aren’t doing enough to help youth

Visibility

✓ AB’s paper on voluntary civic engagement was published in a UN Volunteers Innovation Challenge anthology titled Measuring the Economic and Social Contributions of Volunteering.
✓ AB continued its biweekly series of Pan-Africa Profiles and posts in the Washington Post Monkey Cage with releases on youth and corruption.

Presentations:

✓ On AB findings in Liberia, in presentations to Liberia’s Private Sector Coronavirus Platform, the minister of information, and former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Support for Afrobarometer

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