

AB update

July 2020 highlights



In the field and around the network

- ✓ Because of COVID-19, **all data collection remains suspended**. Analysis and electronic dissemination of survey findings, preparations for future fieldwork, and other network activities continue from our homes. A seven-point list of criteria is in place for assessing when individual countries might be able to resume Round 8 surveys.
- ✓ Country teams released **Round 8 findings** in Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, and Sierra Leone. Watch for Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tunisia, and Uganda to follow soon.

In the news

A total of 63 media hits were recorded in July across various media outlets, including the [Economist](#), [Peace FM](#), [GuinéeNews](#), [Citizen \(Tanzania\)](#), [Lesotho Times](#), [O Pais \(Angola\)](#), [African Arguments](#), [News Ghana](#), [Angola 24 Horas](#). ...



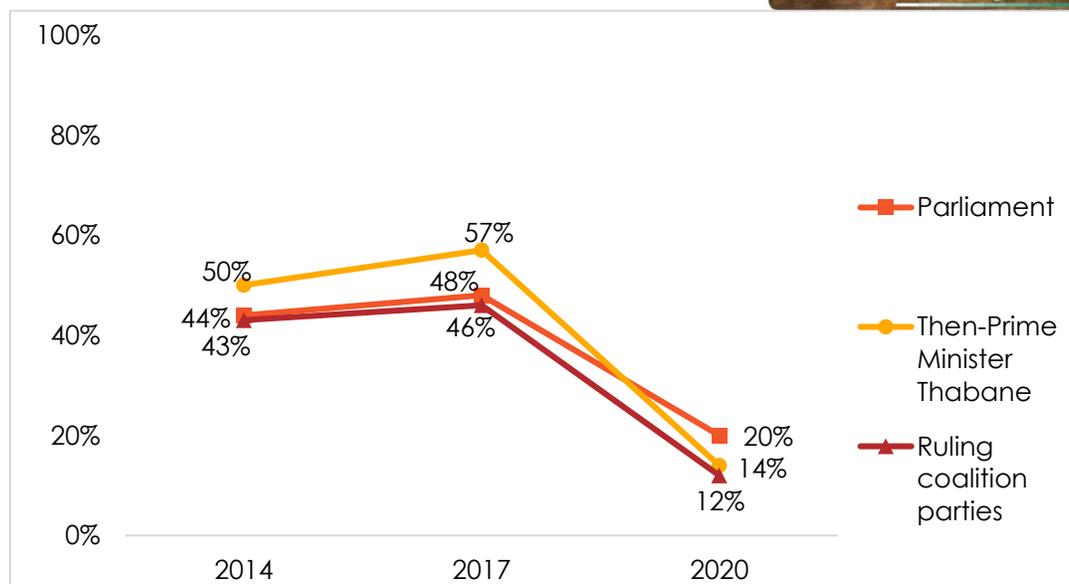
On digital/social media

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| Website | 9,471 users; 3,276 downloads |
| Online data analysis | 1,671 distinct users |
| Twitter | 159 new followers |
| Facebook | 12,914 total followers |



Chart of the month

Decline in popular trust | Lesotho | 2014-2020



Respondents were asked:
How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say? (% who say "somewhat" or "a lot")

Publications

- ✓ Dispatch 379: Face à l'hégémonie de la télévision et la radio, l'Internet et les médias sociaux continuent leur popularité grandissante en Côte d'Ivoire
- ✓ Dispatch 378: Majority of Sierra Leoneans like universal free education but call for greater investment
- ✓ Dispatch 377: Face à la montée du terrorisme, les Burkinabè accepteraient des restrictions de libertés pour plus de sécurité
- ✓ Dispatch 376: Access to remote-education tools unequal in Kenya; radio best way to reach most
- ✓ Dispatch 375: Zimbabweans trust police and military, but not enough to criticize them
- ✓ Dispatch 374: Ghana's e-learning program during pandemic presents access challenges for many students
- Dispatch 373: La nouvelle CEI et le pari d'une élection présidentielle juste et apaisée en Côte d'Ivoire
- ✓ Dispatch 372: Are South Africans giving up on democracy?
- ✓ Dispatch 371: Limited Internet access in Zimbabwe a major hurdle for remote learning during pandemic

Visibility

- ✓ AB publications continued to draw attention to the impact of COVID-19 on Africa. See a list [here](#).
- ✓ AB presentation on measuring gender equality in Africa, at "Gender equality and empowerment: Survey measures at scale" hosted by the EMERGE Project at the Center on Gender Equity and Health at the University of California San Diego
- ✓ AB presentations on health vulnerabilities in West Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic, to the West Africa and Liberia private-sector coronavirus platforms
- ✓ AB contributed to "Serving Justice in a Time of Global Crisis: Having Inconvenient Conversations," the Community Chest/Institute for Justice and Reconciliation publication in observance of World Day for International Justice.

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