

# AB update

March 2020 highlights

## In the field and around the network

- ✓ To help protect our staff, our partners, and our communities from **COVID-19**, AB has **suspended all data collection and in-person results dissemination**. Analysis and electronic dissemination of survey findings, preparations for future fieldwork, and other network activities continue from our homes. To all our supporters and friends, our wishes for **safe passage** through this uncertain time.
- ✓ Lesotho, Tunisia, Sierra Leone, and Mali completed R8 fieldwork.
- ✓ Results dissemination continued, including the release of Pan-Africa Profiles on lived poverty and water/sanitation. Upcoming Pan-Africa Profiles focus on health and education.
- ✓ The **Mo Ibrahim Foundation** awarded AB a new three-year grant.

## In the news

A total of 100 media hits were recorded in March across various media outlets, including the Economist, Washington Post, Monkey Cage, Business Daily, DW, Brookings, Council on Foreign Relations, Allgemeine Zeitung (Namibia), News Ghana, MediaCongo.net, African Business, ZimEye. ...

**Millions of Africans lack access to clean water. This makes coronavirus a bigger threat.**

Today is World Water Day. Here's what we learned.

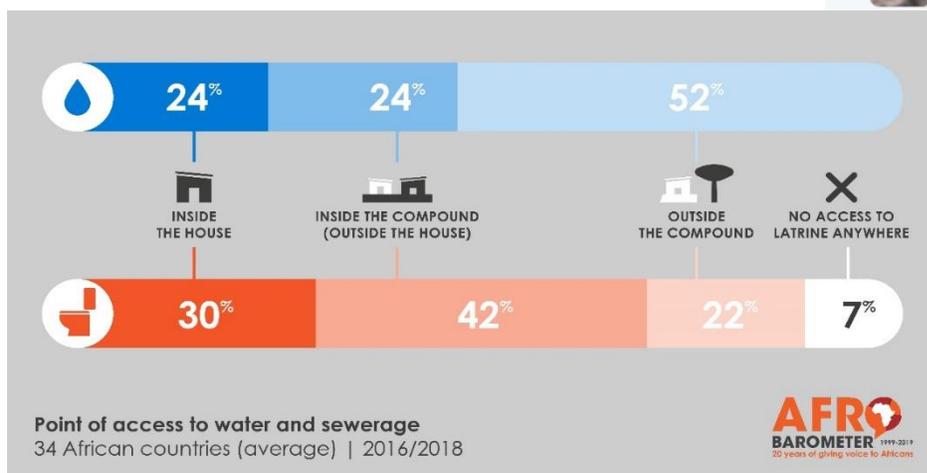


## On digital/social media

Website	13,621 users; 5,118 downloads
Online data analysis	3,264 distinct users
Twitter	204 new followers
Facebook	12,515 total followers



## Chart of the month



**Respondents were asked:** Please tell me whether each of the following are available inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound:

- Your main source of water for household use?
- A toilet or latrine?

## New publications

- ✓ Policy Paper 62: Lived poverty on the rise: Decade of living-standard gains ends in Africa
- ✓ Dispatch 350: Batswana see civil liberties as largely intact, split on possible trade-offs for security
- ✓ Dispatch 349: African governments failing in provision of water and sanitation, majority of citizens say
- ✓ Dispatch 348: Citizen engagement in Gambia: Enough to secure democratic gains?

## Presentations

- ✓ On the "democratic dividend," at the Africa Symposium 2020 in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ On "Building excellence: Afrobarometer's next decade of delivery," to senior U.S. government and NGO representatives at the U.S. Institute of Peace, and to U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ On gender equality in Ghana, for a roundtable on feminism organized by CDD-Ghana, in Accra
- ✓ On democracy, elections, and political parties, for a roundtable on electoral democracy in Africa, hosted by the African Network of Constitutional Lawyers and the Stellenbosch University law faculty, in Stellenbosch, South Africa

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