Afrobarometer SDG Scorecard

The people’s take on country performance

Survey findings provide citizens’ perspectives that can be compared to official UN indicators tracking progress on 12 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Zambia

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Afrobarometer is a pan-African, nonpartisan survey research network that has provided reliable data since 1999 on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. National partners conduct face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent’s choice with nationally representative samples. In the most recent survey in Zambia, the Institute of Economic and Social Research (INESOR), University of Zambia, interviewed 1,200 adult citizens in November-December 2020. The sample yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level.
SDG 1: No poverty
Moderate or high “lived poverty”

SDG 2: Zero hunger
Went without enough food

SDG 3: Good health and well-being
Went without medical care

SDG 4: Quality education
Secondary/higher education, by gender

SDG 5: Gender equality
Digital connection, by gender

Financial decision-making, by gender
SDG 6: Affordable and clean energy
Household connection to the grid

SDG 7: Decent work and economic growth
Unemployment, by gender

SDG 8: Industry, innovation and infrastructure
Infrastructure in enumeration area

SDG 9: Clean water and sanitation
Went without enough clean water

Location of water and toilet

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**SDG 10: Reduced inequalities**

**Economic inequality**

![Graph showing economic inequality](image)

**Ethnic group treated unfairly by government**

![Graph showing ethnic inequality](image)

**SDG 13: Climate action**

**Heard of climate change**

![Graph showing heard of climate change](image)

**Impact of climate change on life**

![Graph showing impact of climate change](image)

**SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions**

**Trust in key state institutions**

![Graph showing trust in institutions](image)
SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions
Perceived corruption in key state institutions

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Colored circles ("stoplights") generally illustrate changes between the Afrobarometer Round 6 survey in 2014 and Round 8 survey in 2020 in Zambia. For climate action (SDG 13) and bribes for public services (SDG 16), comparisons are between Round 7 (2017) and Round 8 (2020).

- **Red circle**: Performance worsened by >3 percentage points
- **Yellow circle**: Change between -3 and +3 percentage points (not statistically significant)
- **Green circle**: Performance improved by >3 percentage points
- **Blue circle**: Meeting this target
- **Half-filled circles**: Indicate that results are mixed when there is more than one indicator.

Survey questions

Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without:
- Enough food to eat?
- Enough clean water for home use?
- Medicines or medical treatment?
- Enough fuel to cook your food?
- A cash income?

What is your highest level of education?

How often do you use: A mobile phone? The Internet?

What is the main way that decisions are made about how to use any money that you have or earn, for example from a job, a business, selling things, or other activities?

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What is your main source of water for household use?

Do you have a toilet, water closet, or latrine available for your use?
• [If yes:] Is it inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound, or is there none available?

Do you have an electric connection to your home from the [national power grid]?
• [If yes:] How often is electricity actually available from this connection?

What is your main occupation?

Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area:
• Electricity grid that most houses can access?
• Mobile phone service?

Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area or in easy walking distance:
• School (private or public or both)?
• Health clinic (private or public or both)?

Thinking of the journey here, what was the most common surface of the road over the last five kilometers before arriving at the start point of the primary sampling unit/enumeration area?

How often, if ever, are [respondent’s ethnic group] treated unfairly by the government?

Have you heard about climate change, or haven’t you had the chance to hear about this yet?
• [If yes:] Do you think climate change is making life in [this country] better or worse, or haven’t you heard enough to say?

How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say?

How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say?

And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for [an official in order to obtain the needed services]?

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