



# Selected findings from Afrobarometer Round 8 surveys (18 countries, 2019/2020)

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# What is Afrobarometer?



- A pan-African, non-partisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences, evaluations, and aspirations regarding democracy, governance, and quality of life.
- **Core objectives:**
  - To produce scientifically reliable data and analysis on public opinion in Africa;
  - To strengthen the capacity of African institutions for democratic governance survey research and analysis; and
  - To broadly disseminate and apply democratic governance survey results.
- Leading source of reliable data on **what Africans think, their experiences and political behaviors**; all data is made publicly available.
- **Goal: To give the public a voice in policymaking** by providing high-quality public opinion data to policymakers, policy advocates, civil society organizations, academics, news media, donors and investors, and ordinary Africans.

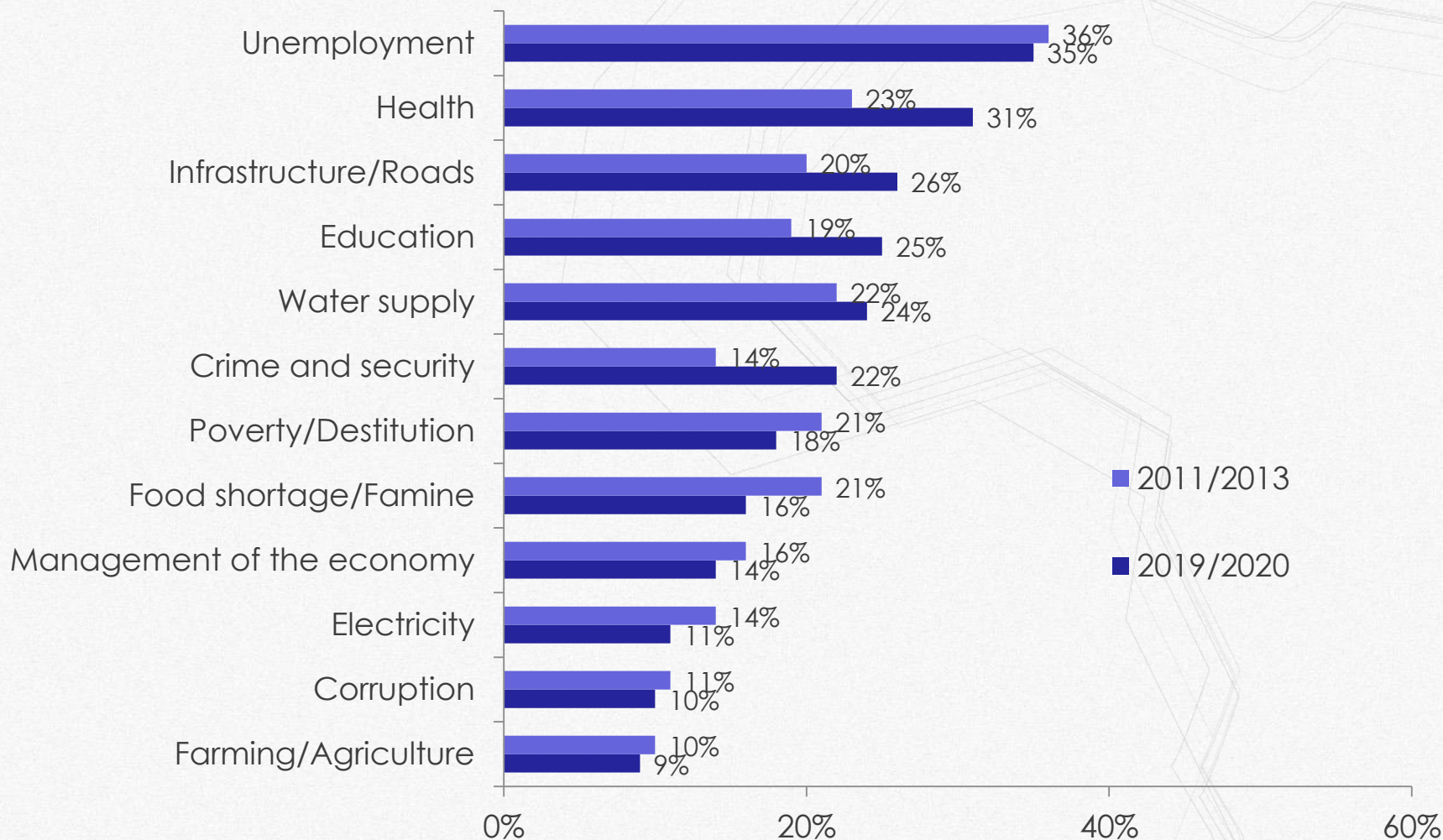
# Methodology



- **Nationally representative** sample of adult citizens
  - All respondents are **randomly** selected.
  - Sample is distributed across [regions/states/provinces] and urban/rural areas in **proportion** to their share in the national population.
  - Every adult citizen has an **equal chance** of being selected.
- **Face-to-face interviews** in the **language of the respondent's choice**.
- **Standard questionnaire** allows comparisons across countries and over time.
- **Sample sizes** of 1,200 or 2,400 adult citizens yield margins of sampling error of +/-2 to 3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level.

*“Afrobarometer ... is the gold standard for independent opinion polls in Africa”* – **Linda Thomas-Greenfield**

# The people's policy priorities | 15 countries | 2011-2020



**Respondents were asked:** *In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address? (Respondents could give up to three responses; % of respondents who mention the issue)*

# Feeling unsafe

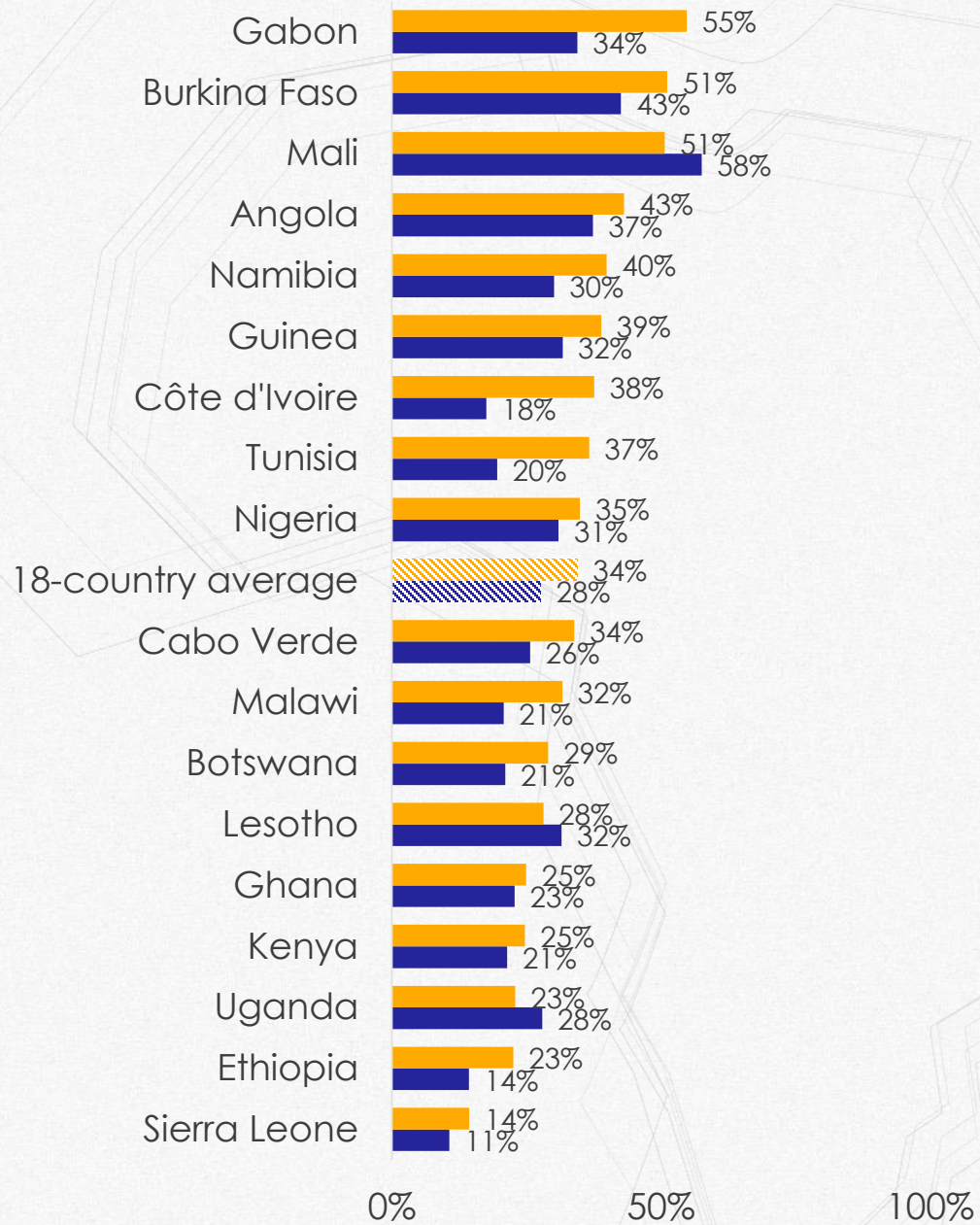
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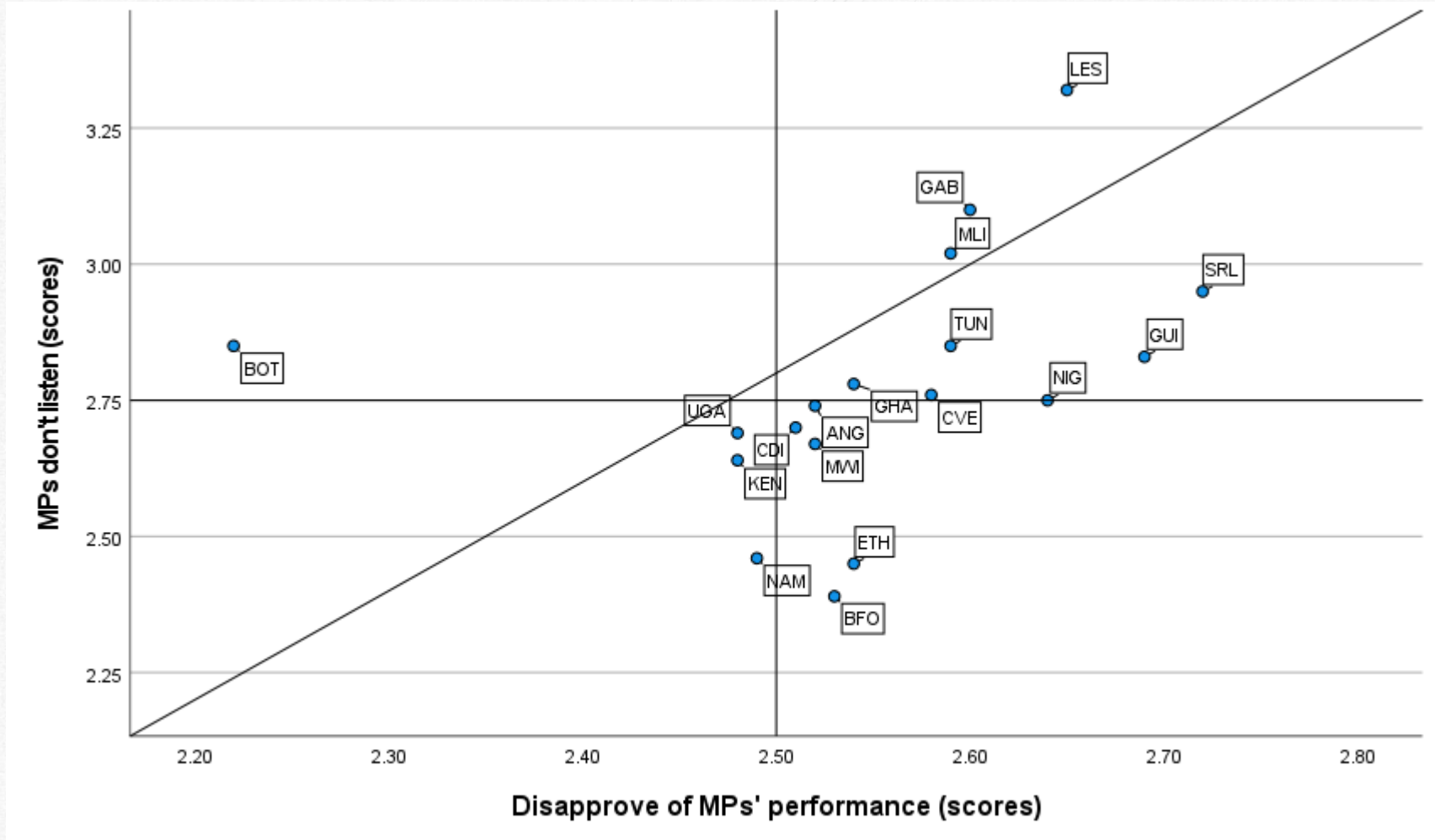
Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family:

- Felt unsafe walking in your neighbourhood?
- Feared crime in your own home?

(% who say "always," "many times," or "several times")



# Correlation: MPs don't listen vs. disapproval of MPs' performance | 18 countries | 2019/2020



# Thank you



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