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Bibliographic Description

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Title: Afrobarometer: Round II Survey of Lesotho, 2003

Principal Investigator(s): Thuso Green, Sechaba Consultants

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Scope of Study

Summary: The Afrobarometer project assesses attitudes toward democracy, markets, and civil society in several sub-Saharan African nations. This survey of Lesotho recorded Lesotho citizens' opinions about recent political and economic changes within their country. Respondents were asked about their current satisfaction with economic conditions in Lesotho, how they currently obtained food to eat, what resources they relied on for safety, and how they obtained health care. They were also asked how often in the last 12 months they or their family had gone without food, felt unsafe in terms of crime, gone without medicine, or gone without shelter. Their opinions were elicited on how they compare the past and present in terms of job opportunities, the gap between rich and poor, and the availability of goods, as well as people's living standards. Respondents were also asked how often they obtained news from such sources as radio, television, or newspapers and how closely they followed what was going on in government and public affairs. Other questions involved the respondent's preference for a market- or government-run economy, free schooling versus user fees, privatized agriculture marketing versus government control and more jobs with low wages versus fewer jobs with high wages. Respondents were asked to rate the way the country was handling creating jobs, keeping prices stable, managing the economy, fighting corruption, addressing educational needs, and combating diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS. They were also asked if they trusted the prime minister, the National Assembly, the Independent Electoral Commissions, the army, and other governmental and nongovernmental institutions. Demographic

information was elicited from respondents, including age, language spoken, education, and employment status.

Subject Term(s): democracy, economic conditions, food security, government, government performance, health care access, markets, national interests, personal security, political attitudes, political awareness, political change, public confidence, political participation, political systems, quality of life, social attitudes, trust in government

Geographic Coverage: Africa, Lesotho

Time Period: 2003

Date(s) of Collection: February 24, 2003 - April 7, 2003

Universe: Citizens of Lesotho aged 18 years and older.

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: Additional information on Afrobarometer research projects is provided on the Afrobarometer Web site ([Link](#)).

Methodology

Sample: Multi-stage, clustered, stratified area probability sample.

Weight: none

Mode of Data Collection: personal interview

Response Rates: 91.4 percent

Extent of Processing: CDBK.ICPSR/ CONCHK.PR/ DDEF.ICPSR/ FREQ.ICPSR/ MDATA.PR/ REFORM.DATA/ REFORM.DOC/ UNDOCCHK.PR

Access and Availability

Extent of Collection: 1 data file + machine-readable documentation (PDF) + SAS setup file + SPSS setup file + Stata setup file + SAS supplementary syntax file

Data Format: Logical Record Length with SAS, SPSS, and Stata setup files, SAS transport (XPORT) file, SPSS portable file, and Stata system file

Original ICPSR Release: 2006-12-01

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