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LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE *Report*

Across All Local Government Areas in Kwara State.





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About the Local Government Performance *Report*

The Local Government Performance Report comprises the survey report to assess the delivery of public goods & effective service by Local Governments Authorities in Kwara State.

The report is borne out of the current local government framework in Nigeria, which is burdened with the absence of a talented labour force and experts with the wherewithal to propose and actualize groundbreaking thoughts, thereby affecting the delivery of public services for the wellbeing of citizens in grassroots.

The project has also been executed in Lagos and Cross River states where the residents were engaged on the need for better local government administration. The Local Government Performance Report serves as a means for citizens at the grassroots to assess the performance of their local government stakeholders in terms of public service delivery and make demands for better governance.

The report also provides crucial recommendations for the authorities to revitalise the Local Government systems in Nigeria.

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Rationale

To assess the performance of Local Government Administration in Kwara State.

Objective

- To examine how the people of Kwara describe local government administration.
- To examine the knowledge of the people of Kwara with regards to Local Government administration.
- To assess the performance of local governments in Kwara State.
- To find out the level of satisfaction of the people of Kwara with their Local Government administration.



Action Plan

Findings from this study would provide insights for the improvement of Local Government Administration and stimulate political consciousness in Kwara State.



Background

Local government as a unit of government is built on the fundamental need to facilitate development right from the grassroots. Being the lowest level of government and the closest to the people, the local government sits at the nucleus of sustainable national development. Though a subordinate sub-unit to the federal/central and state government, it is charged with legislative, administrative and quasi-judicial functions which are meant to bring the dividends of democracy closer to the people.

As agents of rural development, local governments exist to improve the lives of the common people by initiating and attracting development projects such as access roads, water and rural electricity; providing credit facilities for agriculture, arts, crafts and small scale business and encouraging the formation of cooperative societies and other economic groupings; as well as providing public services including basic health and education among others at the grassroots.

Unfortunately, the reverse is the case in Nigerian local governments, as successive admin-

istrations have failed to provide essential services and projects which will translate to sustainable development at the grassroots. Equally, Nigerian local governments lack institutional and human capacity that could promote principles of good governance such as transparency, accountability, foresightedness, equity, justice, prudent management of public funds, as well as strong and people-oriented leadership. These failures are largely the results of unbridled corruption, lack of autonomy, poor leadership, poor funding, inadequate resources, unskilled personnel, amongst several other factors.

As a result, the citizens are losing interest in grassroots governance in Nigeria, a situation that has dire consequences on promoting transparency and accountability and building political consciousness for the improvement of local government administration. Hence, this study aimed to assess the performance of Local Government administration in Kwara State, find ways to improve the relevance of local governments and stimulate political consciousness.



Methodology

The study employed a quantitative research approach, under which the survey method was used. Data was collected with the help of a structured questionnaire using Google forms through face-to-face CAPI interviews.

Face-to-Face CAPI interviews were conducted with 1304 respondents selected across the 16 local government areas of Kwara using the simple random, quota and purposive sampling methods. Out of the 1304 responses gathered from the above mentioned local government areas, 1250 responses were considered valid for analyses.

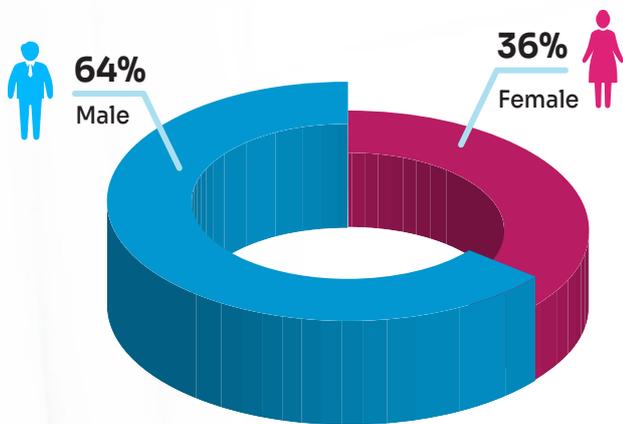
The target population comprised of adults who have resided in Kwara for the last three years in rent/owned/inherited apartment.

Information collected from the respondents include their socio-demographic profile, awareness of Local Government projects/services, assessment of the performance of local government administration, level of satisfaction with local government performance among other relevant indices that aligns with the objectives of the study.

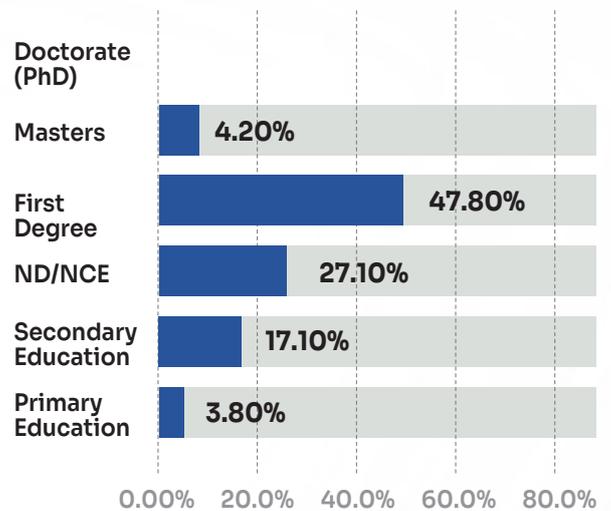


Profile/Demographics of Survey Participants

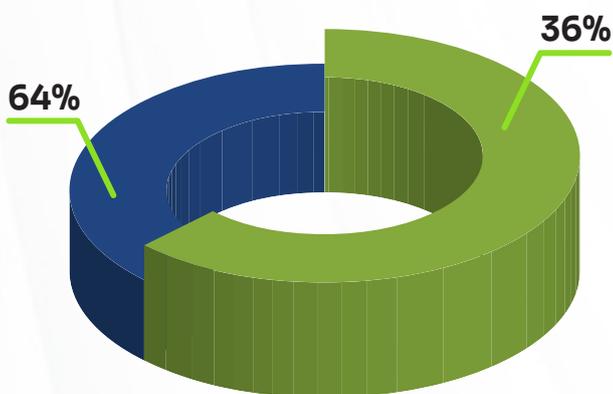
Gender



Education



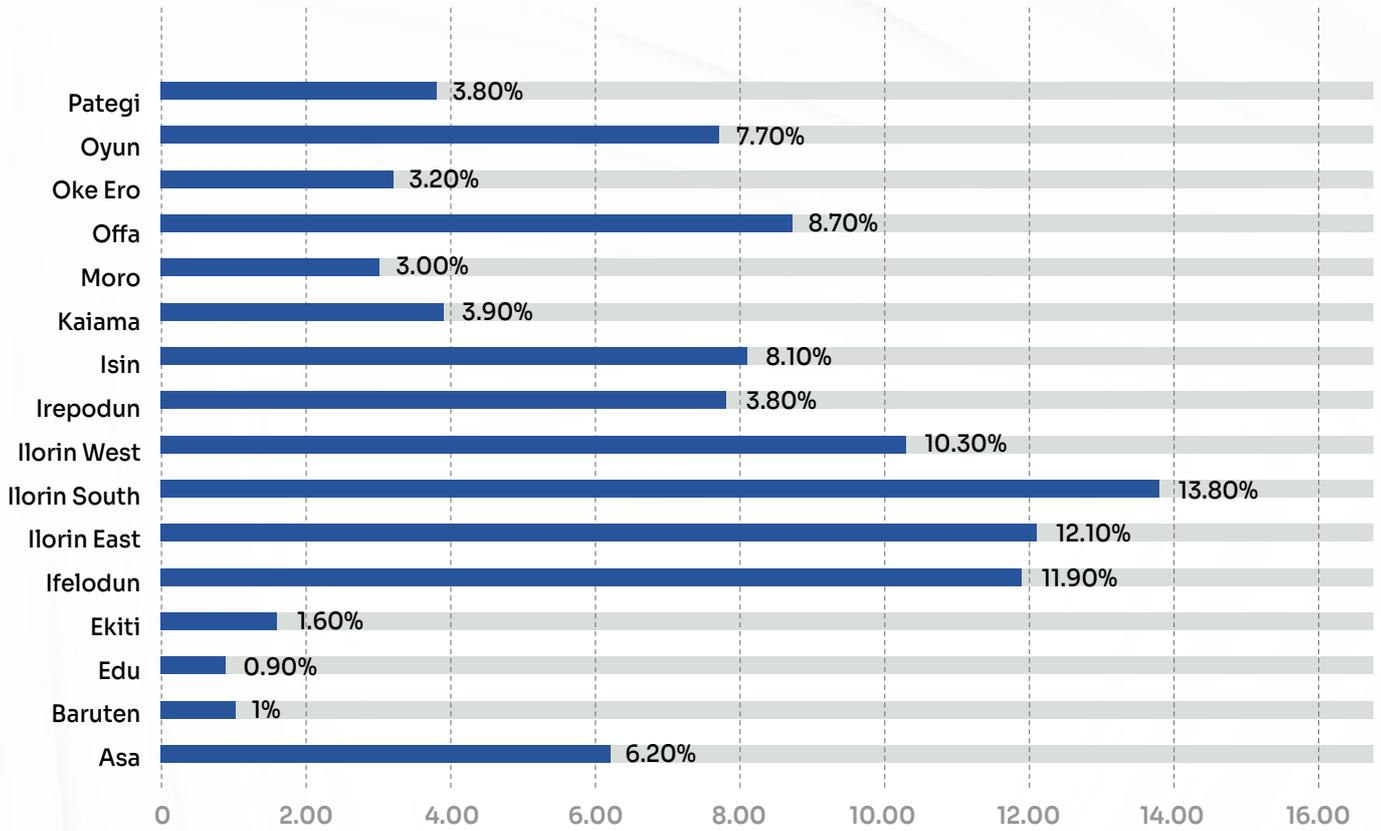
Religion



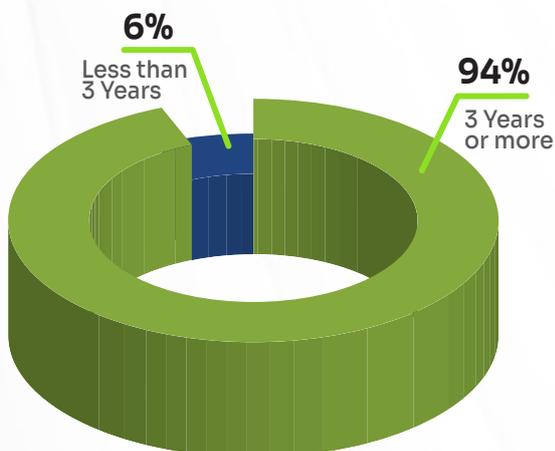
Tapes of Residence



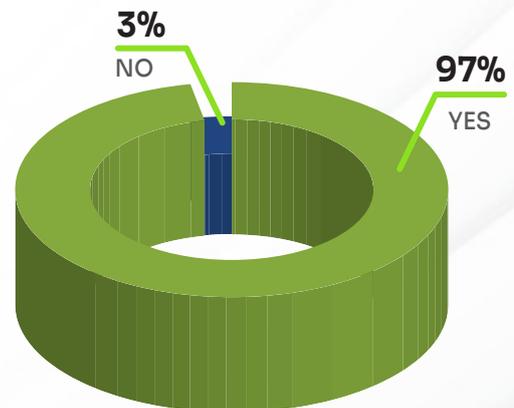
Local Government of Residence



Duration of Stay in the Local Government



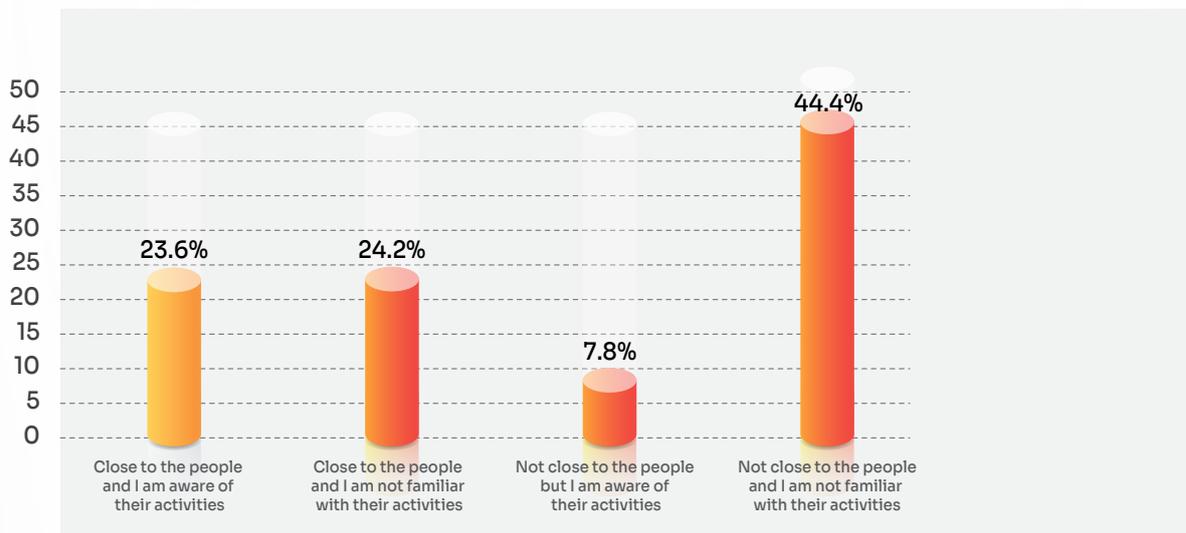
Registered to vote



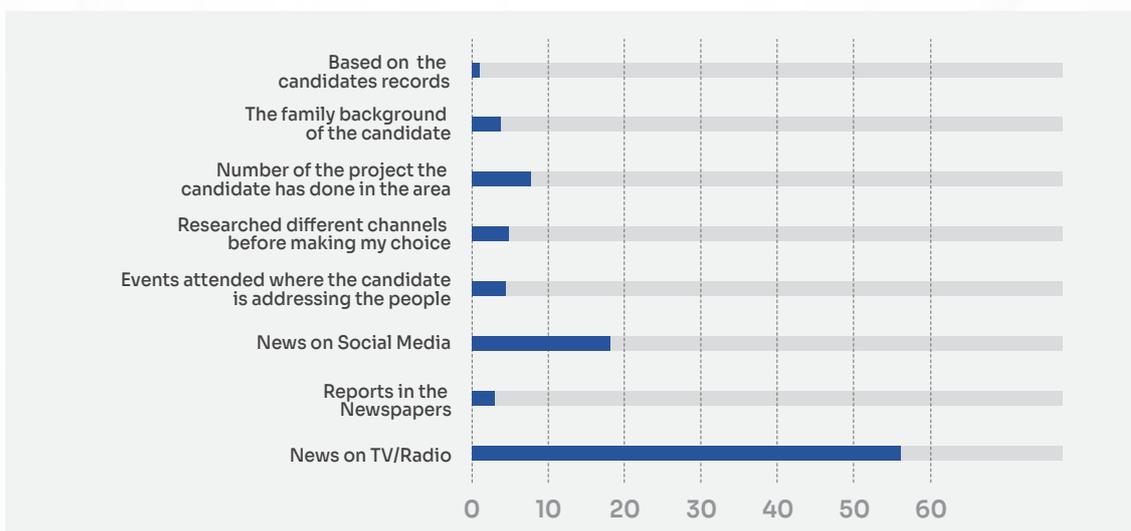
Assessment Of Local Government Administration By The Participants

Majority of the participants described their Local government administration as “not close to them and that they are not aware of their activities”. Only about 23.6% opined that their local government is close to them and they are aware of their activities.

Description of Local Government Authorities



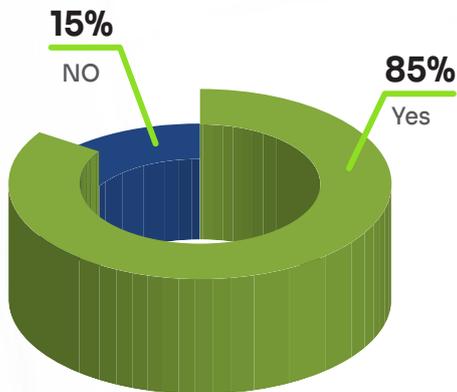
Basis of Assessing Local Government Candidate



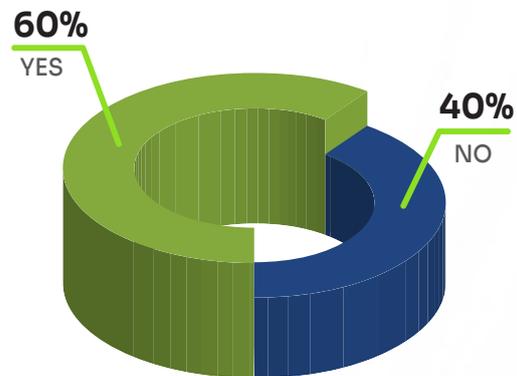
Although respondents acknowledged that they deploy different criteria in assessing local government chairmanship candidates, more than 70% of the respondents based their assessment on information derived from news broadcast and social media.

Knowledge of the Location of Local Government Secretariat and the Use of LG Services

Knowledge of LG secretariat location

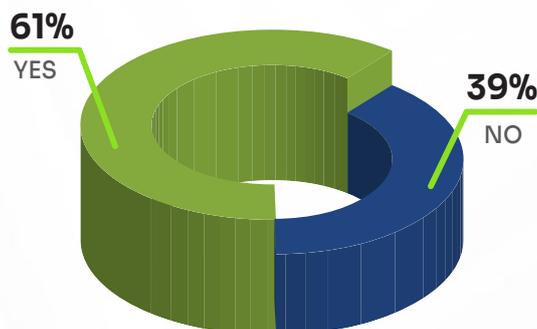


Knowledge of LG Officials by name



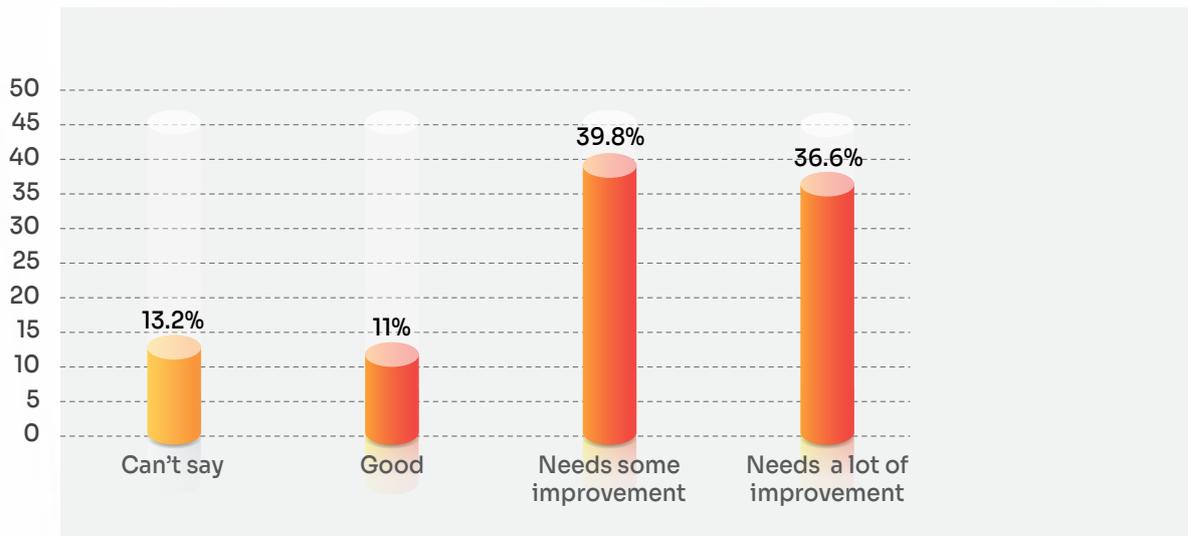
While most residents in Kwara state are aware of where their local government secretariat is located, only 60% of them know the name of any elected public officials in their local government.

Awareness of Local Government Projects in the last 3 years

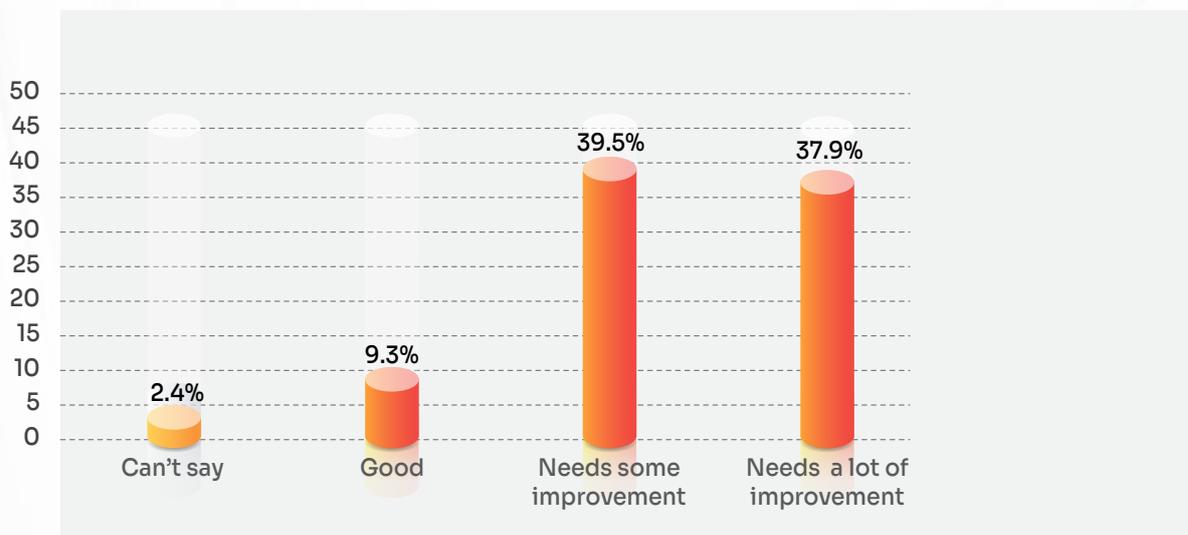


Local Government Performance Assessment

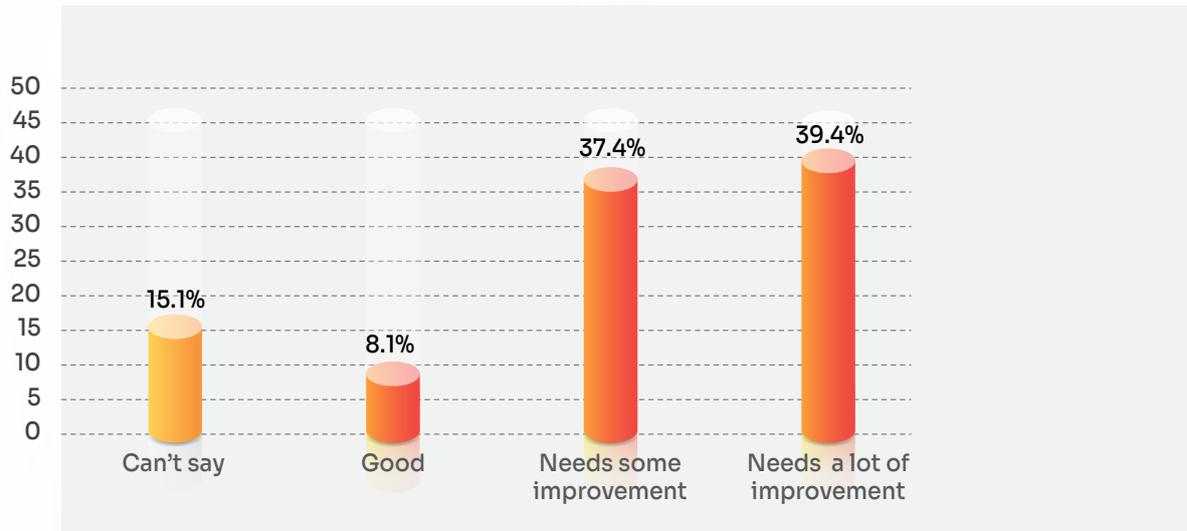
Establishment, maintenance and regulation of slaughter houses, slaughter slabs, markets, motor parks and public conveniences



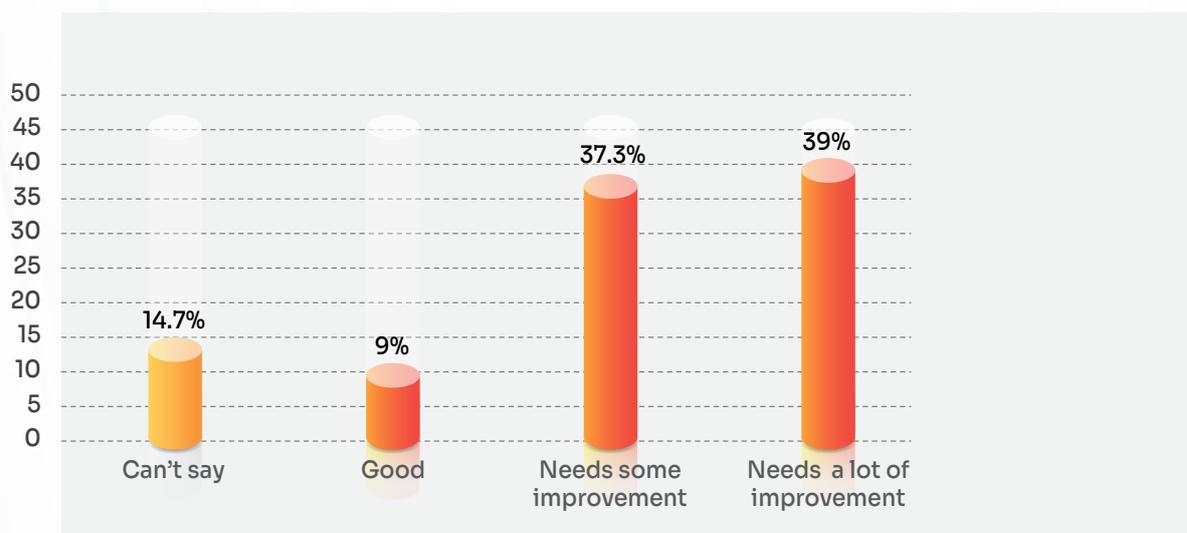
Construction and maintenance of roads, streets, streets lightings, drains and other public highways, parks, gardens, open spaces, or such public facilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the House of Assembly of a State



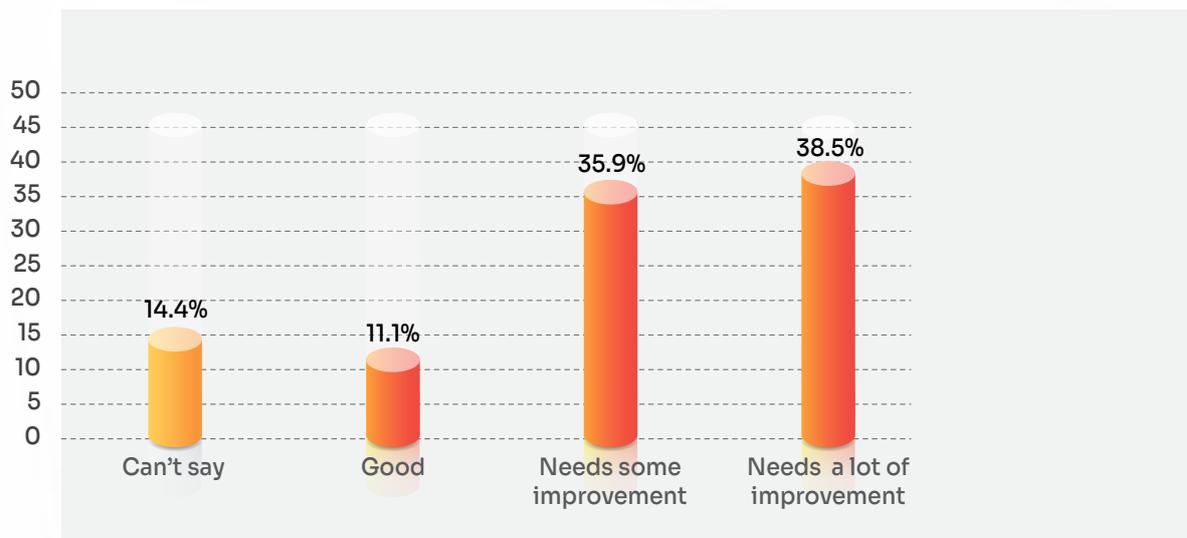
Naming of roads and streets, and numbering of houses



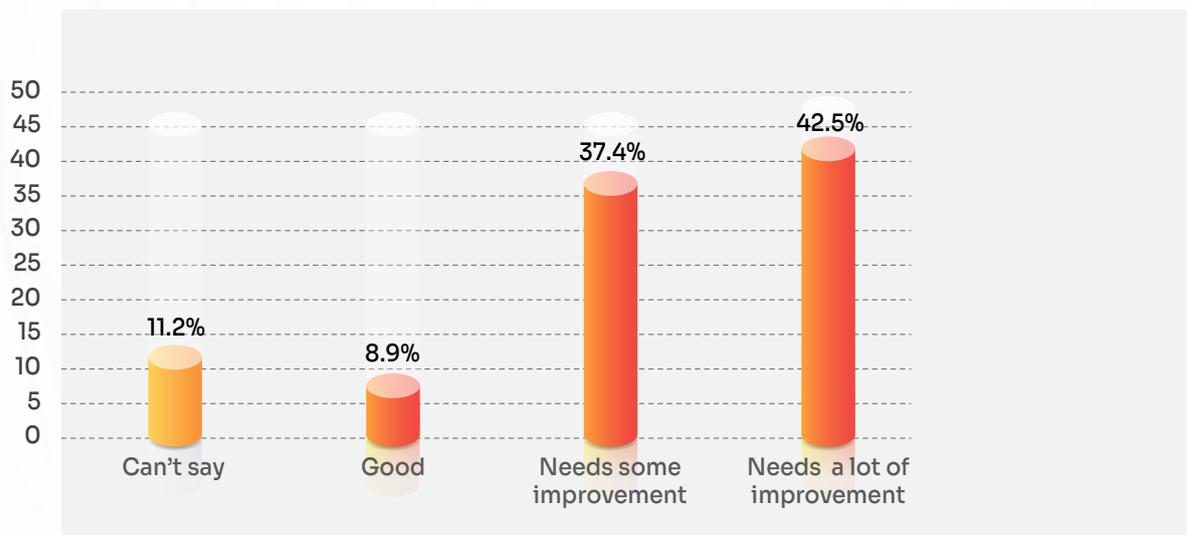
Establishment & maintenance of cemeteries, burial grounds and homes for the destitute or infirm



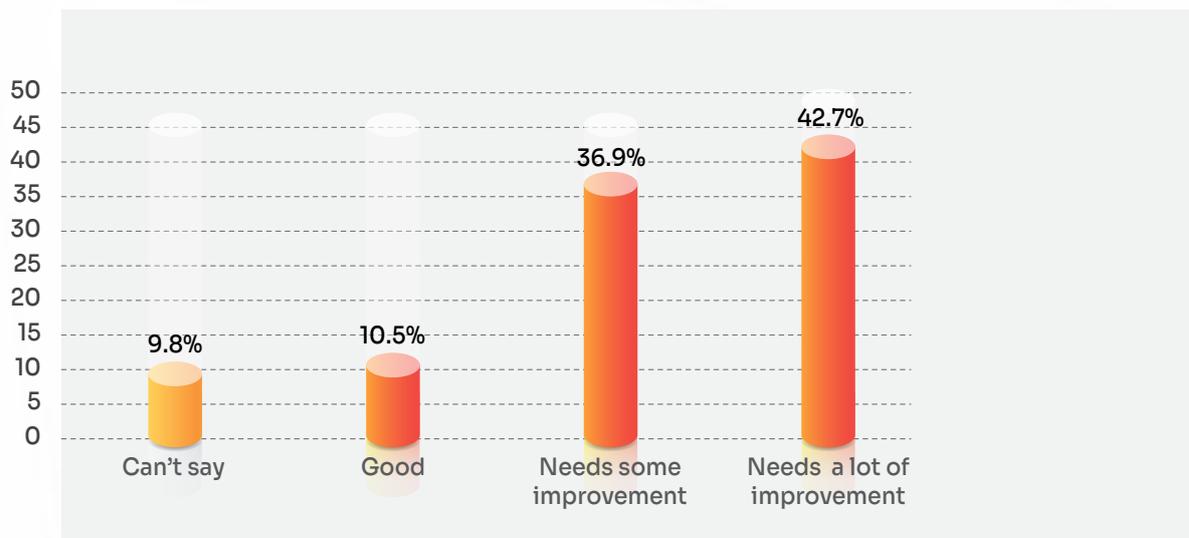
Provision and maintenance of public conveniences, sewage & refuse disposal



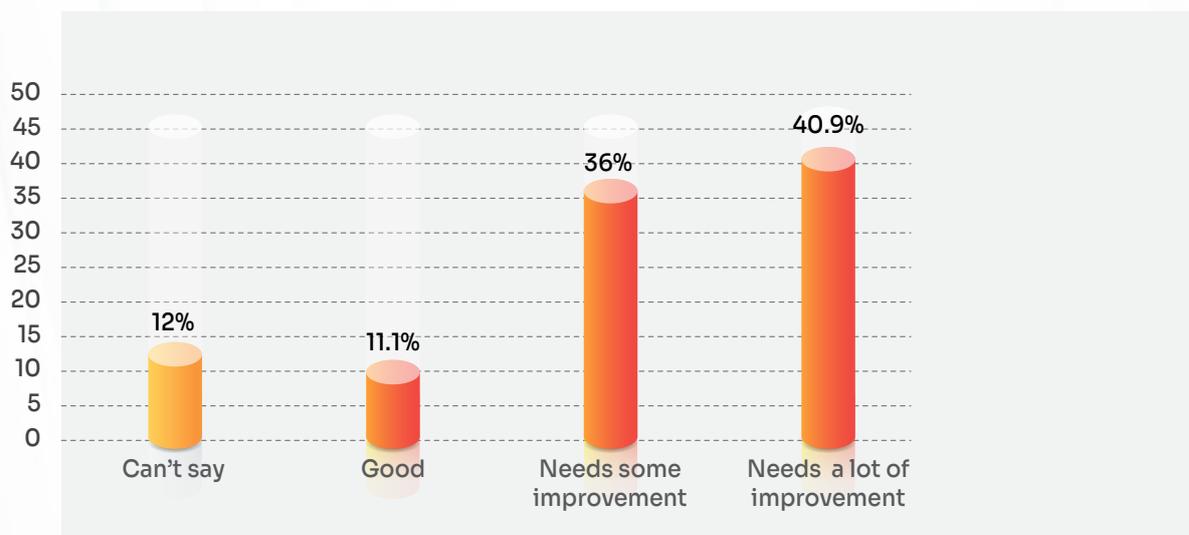
Registration of all birth, death and marriages



Advocating for community economic development priorities with governments and industry



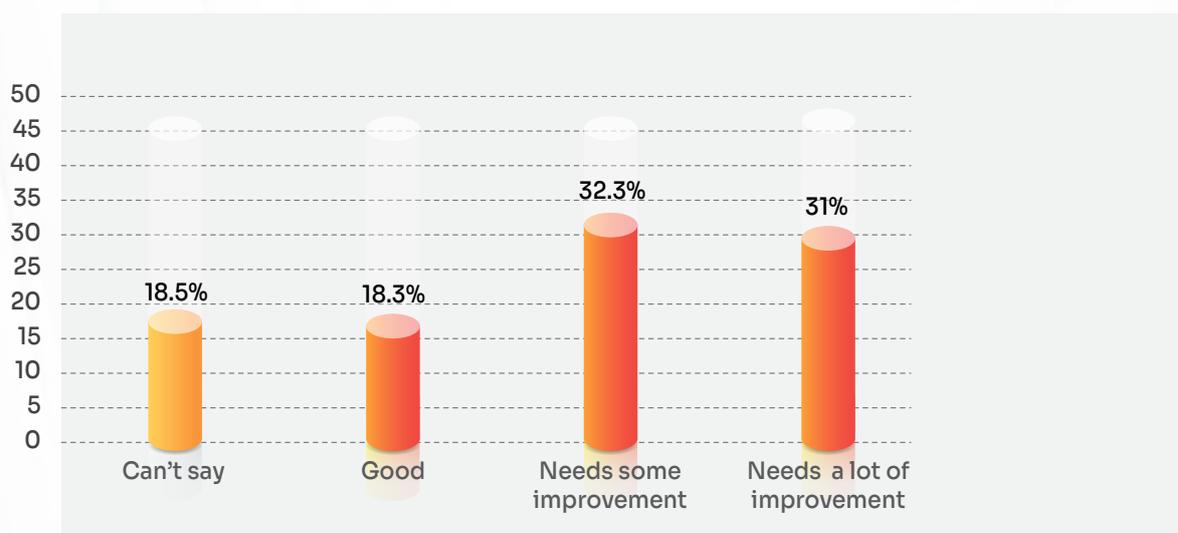
Construction and Maintenance of Primary Health Care/Maternity Centers



Construction and Maintenance of Primary Schools

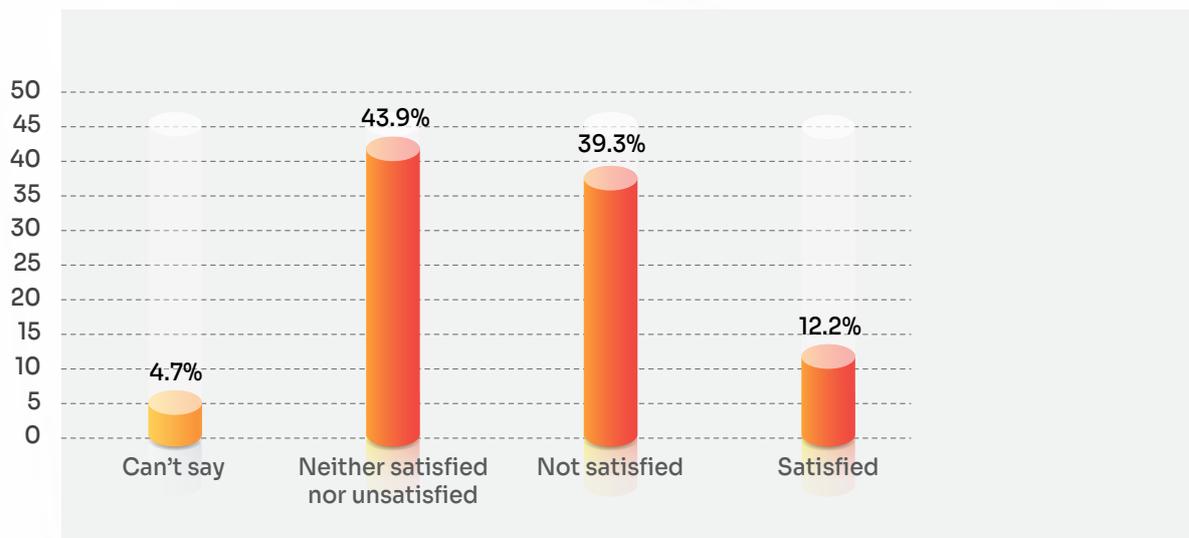


Basic Environmental Sanitation -Waste Management

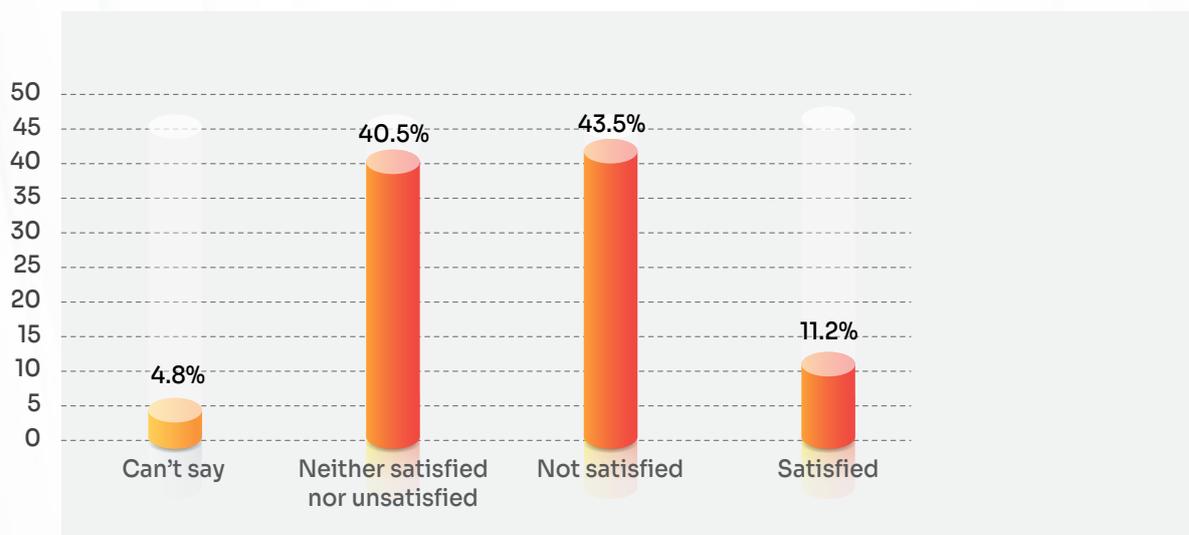


Satisfaction with Local Government Performance

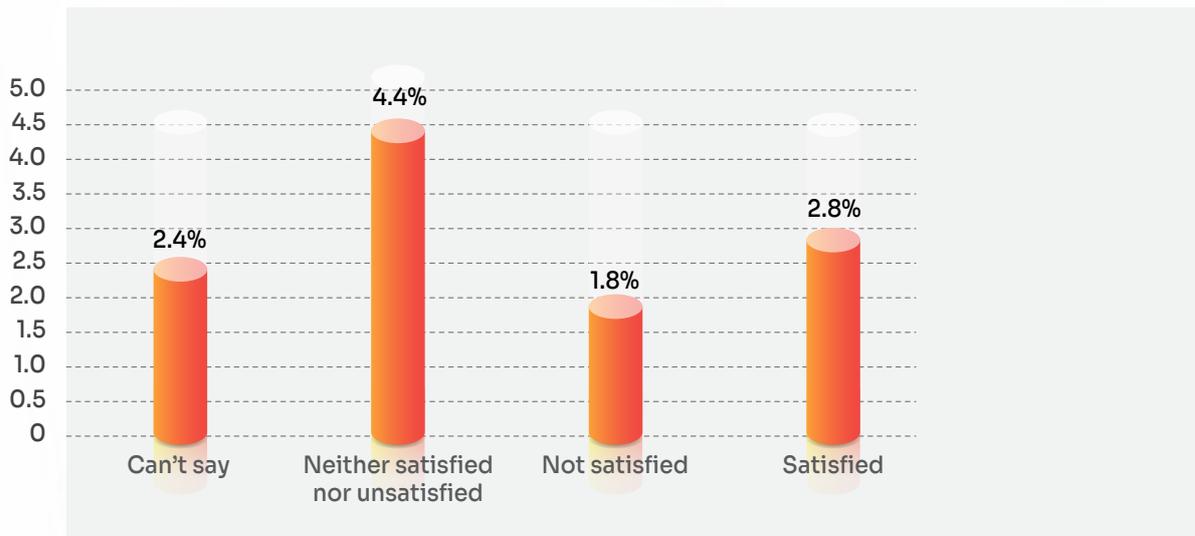
Responding to key local issues



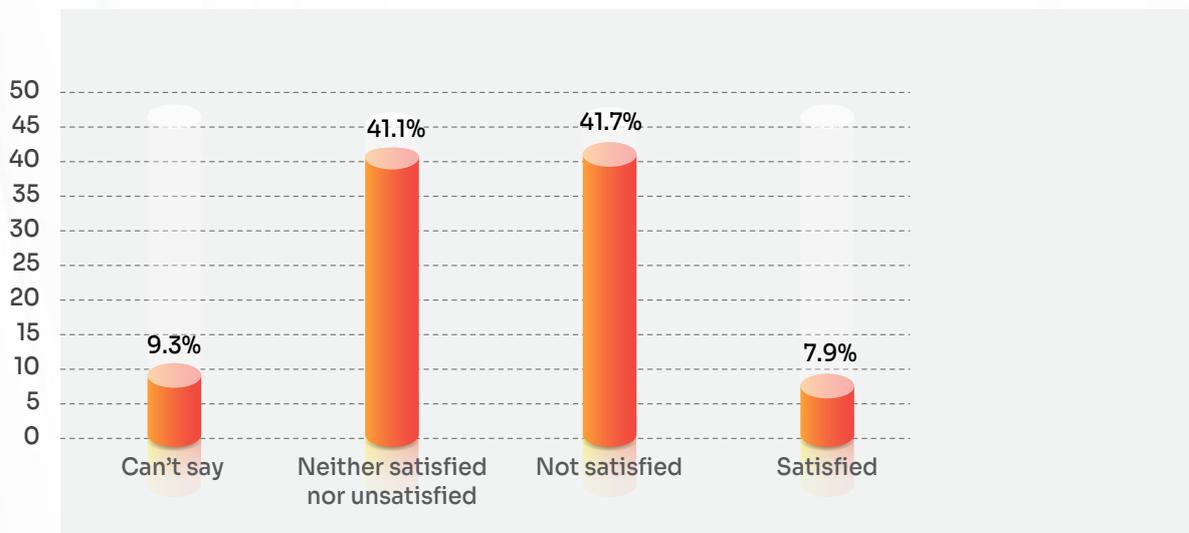
Keeping communities better informed



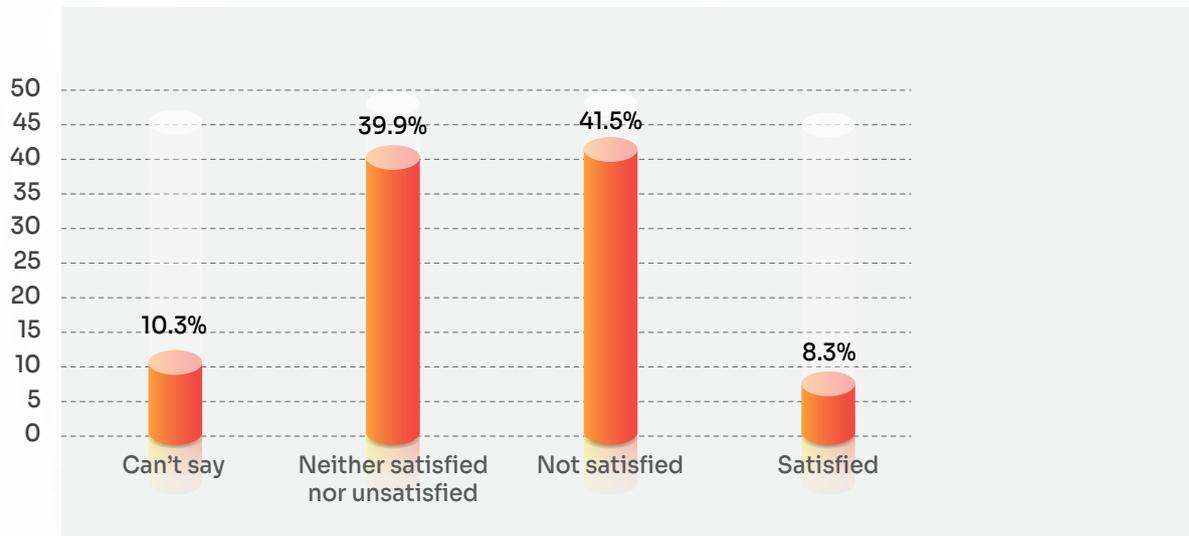
Consulting sufficiently with entire community



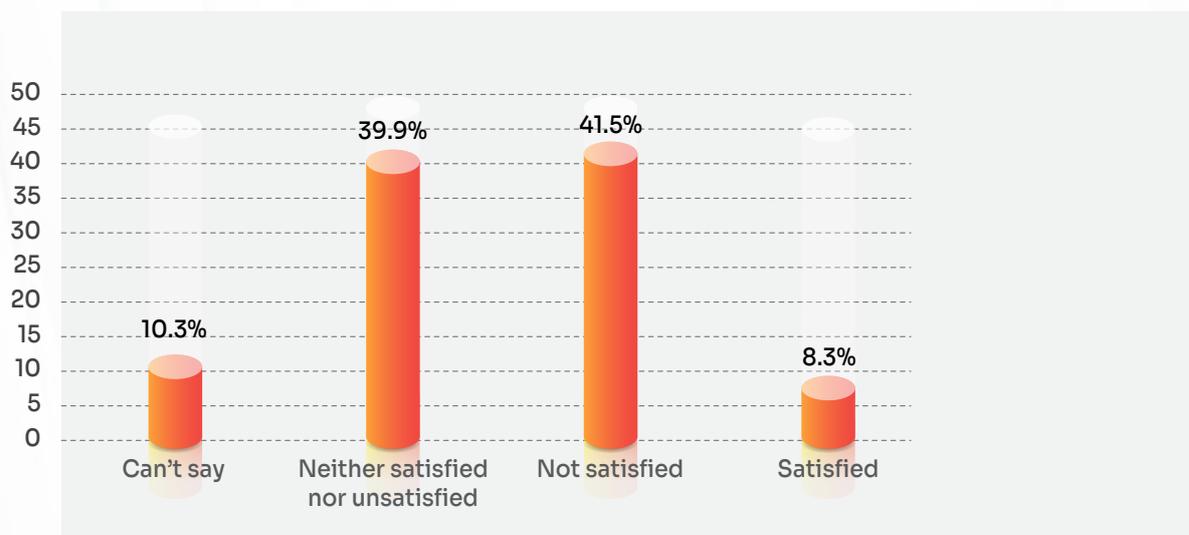
Represented and lobbied on behalf of the community with other levels of government and private organisations, on key local issues



Traffic management and parking facilities



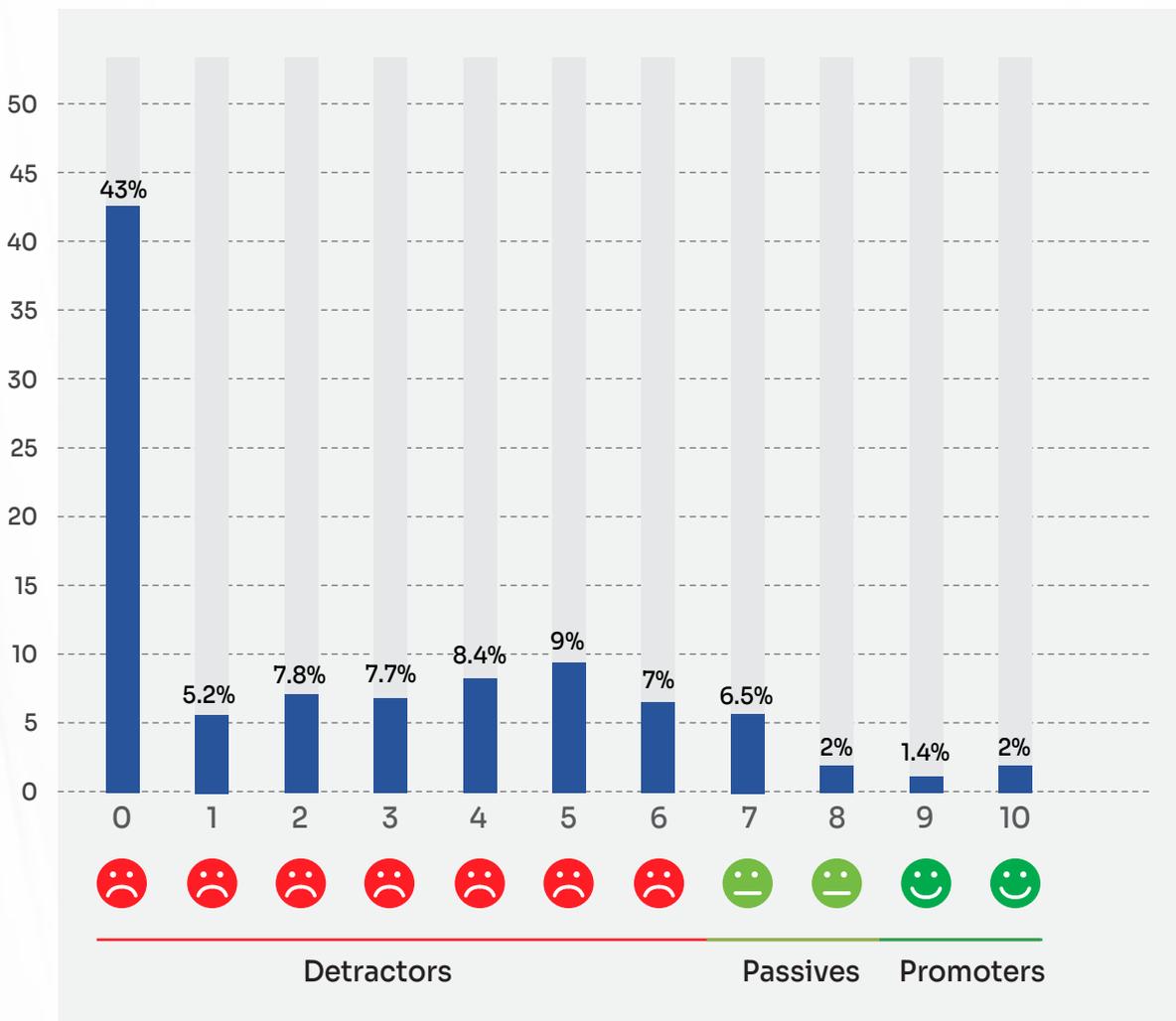
Enforcement of local laws



Recommendation of Local Government Chairman for Higher Position Rating

More than 80% of the respondents are not satisfied with the performance of their Local Government administration and are unlikely to recommend their Local Government chairman for higher appointment. Those who are loyal and enthusiastic about their Local Government administration are less than 4%.

On a scale of 0-10 how likely would you recommend your local government chairman for higher appointment?

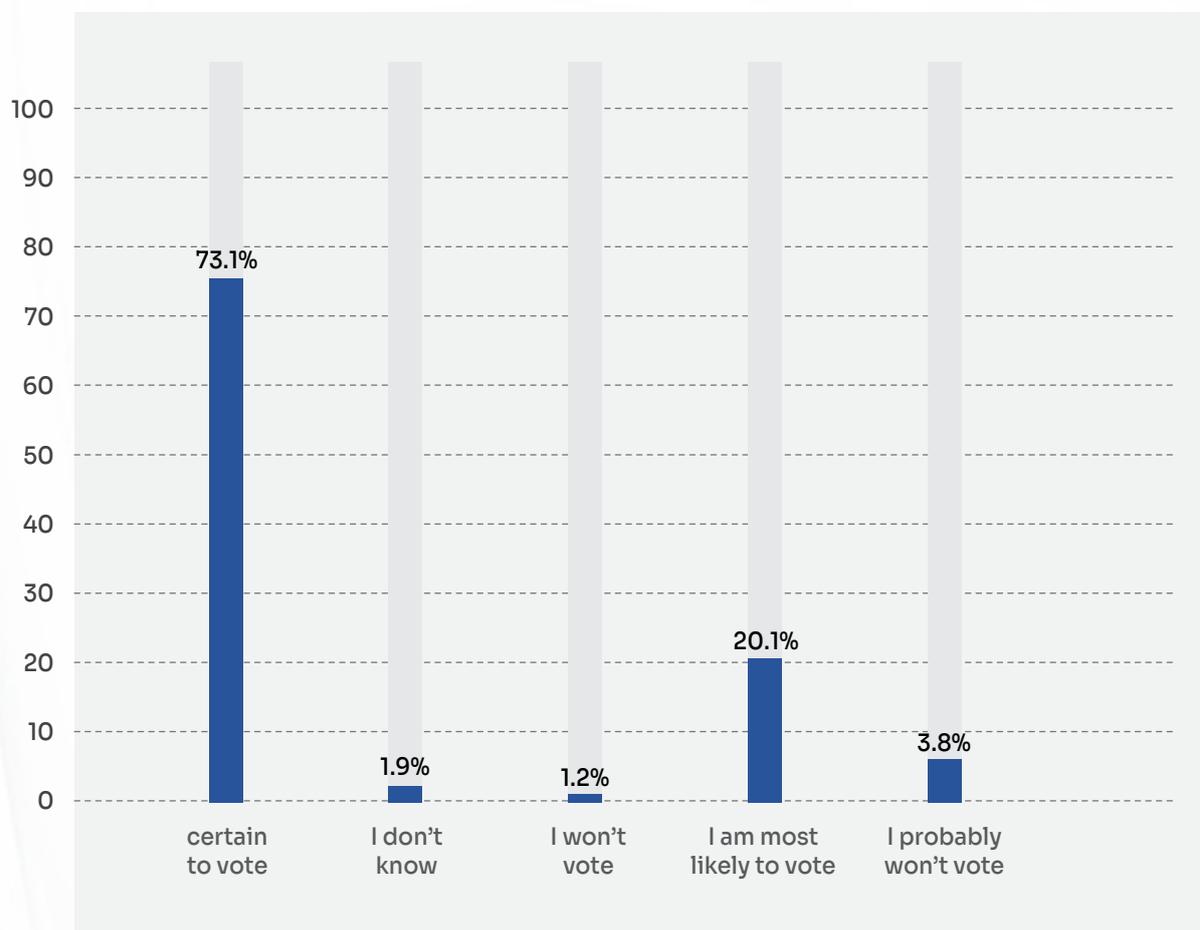


 % -  % = Net Promoter Score

Likelihood to Vote in The Coming Elections

The majority of the respondents have a high likelihood of voting in the coming elections, while about 5% would likely not vote.

Likelihood to vote in the coming elections



Executive Summary

- The gender split of the respondents tilted towards the males, as about 64% are male while 36% are female. The average age range of the respondents was between 24 to 48 years. This implies that most of the sampled respondents are young adults.
- A majority of the respondents of this study live in owned/inherited apartments (63.8%) while about 36.2% live in currently live in rented apartments.
- All the respondents interviewed are eligible voters; while 97% are currently registered to vote.
- Residents of Kwara State have high likelihood of voting in the coming elections.
- Majority of the participants described their Local government administration as “not close to them and that they are not aware of their activities”. Only about 23.6% opined that their local government is close to them and they are aware of their activities.
- Most of the respondents based their assessment of local government chairmanship candidates on information derived broadcast (56.2%) and social media (18.2%).
- Although most Kwarans are aware of the location of their local government secretariat, only 60% of them know the name of any elected public officials in their local government.
- The level of awareness of project or actions of the Local Government Administration is slightly high among Kwarans as findings revealed that 61% of respondents are aware of the projects carried out by their LG in the last three years.
- Many of the respondents are of the opinion that the performance of local governments in Kwara in the expected basic functions need lots of improvement.
- The Net Promoter Score used to assess LG performance showed a negative recommendation rating for local government chairmen in Kwara.

Conclusion

- Most residents of Kwara state are unhappy and dissatisfied with the state of affairs in their local government areas.
- Although there is a high rate of political participation among the people, the failure of local government administrations is affecting the relevance of local government in the minds of the people.

Recommendations

- Local government authorities in Kwara State should be duly elected to replace the Transitional Implementation Committees (TIC) in operation.
- Elected LG officials should bring the dividend of democracy closer to the grassroots by engendering democratic participation in order to build confidence and facilitate awareness among the people.
- Residents of Kwara should be sensitised on the significance of local government to grassroots development and approaches to holding the local administrators accountable.
- There is a need for institutional and human capacity building for local councils to take advantage of modern tools of local governance that are being developed world wide.
- There is an urgent need to put in place effective and efficient institutional mechanisms in all local councils across the state to check the menace of corruption.

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