

SURVEY OF SOMALILAND PUBLIC OPINION

Fieldwork Conducted: June 16-24, 2012

Overview of Survey Methodology

- Analysis, supervision and execution of the poll was performed by Opinion Research Business (ORB), an international opinion research firm.
- This survey was undertaken throughout Somaliland and follows a similar poll conducted by IRI and ORB of Hargeisa Electoral District in 2011. A representative random sample was designed based on the number of registered voters in each of Somaliland's regions, which were further broken down into districts. Hargeisa was also divided into sub-districts.
- Enumeration areas within each sub-district were randomly selected from a list of established polling centers; households within each sampling point were then identified using a random walk method and a skip pattern; respondents were randomly chosen using a Kish grid.
- The sample size is 1,266. The questionnaire was offered in Somali language only.
- The total number of registered voters in the sample universe is equal to 1,189,541 (SOURCE: IRI/SOMALILAND N.E.C.). The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 2.75 percent. The margin of error for subsets (region, gender, urban/rural, etc.) is higher and should be treated as indicative only.
- The overall response rate (defined as the number of successful interviews divided by eligible households visited) is 64 percent. To complete 1,266 interviews 1,967 households were contacted.
- Data was collected via face-to-face interviews from June 16 – 24, 2012 using a local polling firm, Data and Research Solutions (DARS).
- Due to rounding and multiple response questions, not all percentages add up to 100.

Respondents' Demographic Information

Sex

Male	49%
Female	51%

Age Group

16-20	26%
21-25	19%
26-35	25%
36-45	17%
46+	13%

Education

No formal schooling	15%
Some primary schooling	13%
Primary complete	8%
Some secondary	12%
Secondary	9%
Post-secondary	0%
Some university	5%
University complete	3%
No schooling whatsoever	33%

Area Type

Urban	59%
Rural	41%

Region

Maroodi-Jeex & Sahil	39%
Awdal	15%
Togdheer	24%
Sool	9%
Sanaag	13%

Occupation over last 30 days

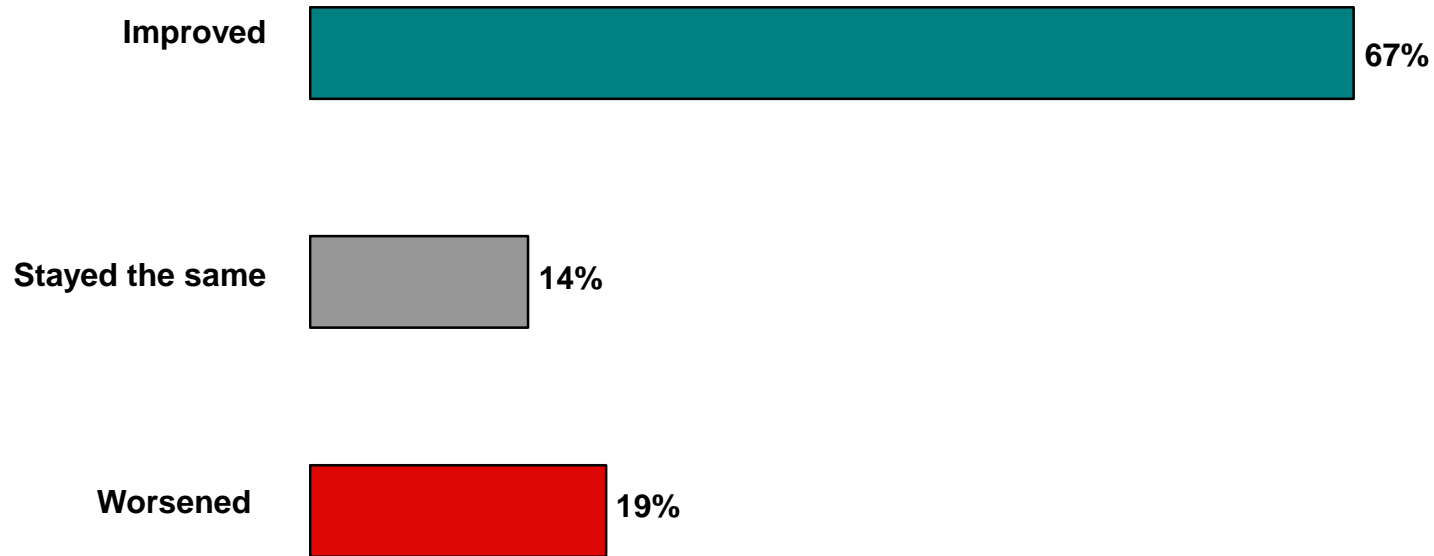
Working, full-time employee	7%
Working, part-time employee	7%
Business owner/ self employed	16%
Housewife	32%
Student	20%
Retired	3%
Unemployed	15%

Marital Status

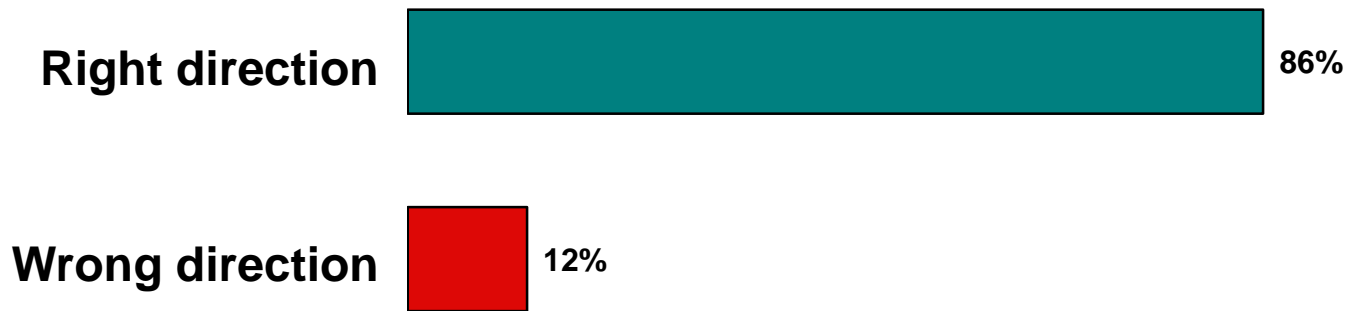
Single	38%
Married	57%
Widowed	3%
Divorced	2%

General Direction and Institutional Support

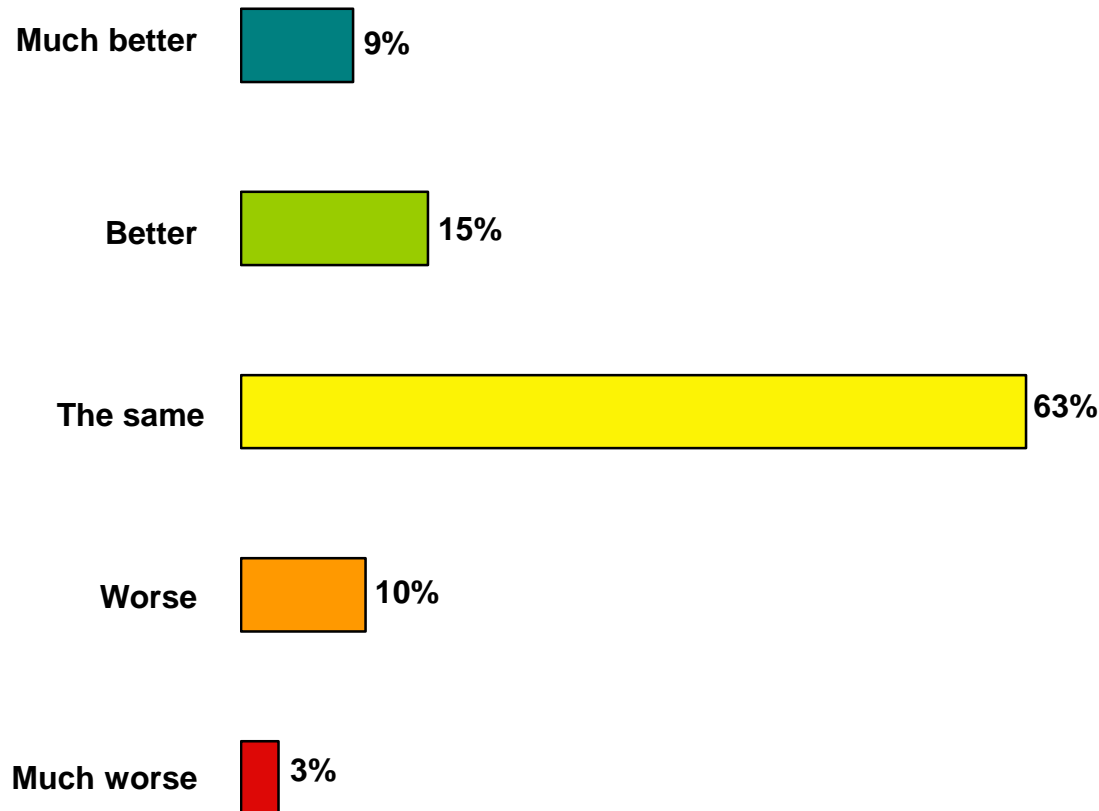
Would you say things in Somaliland have improved over the past year, stayed the same or worsened?



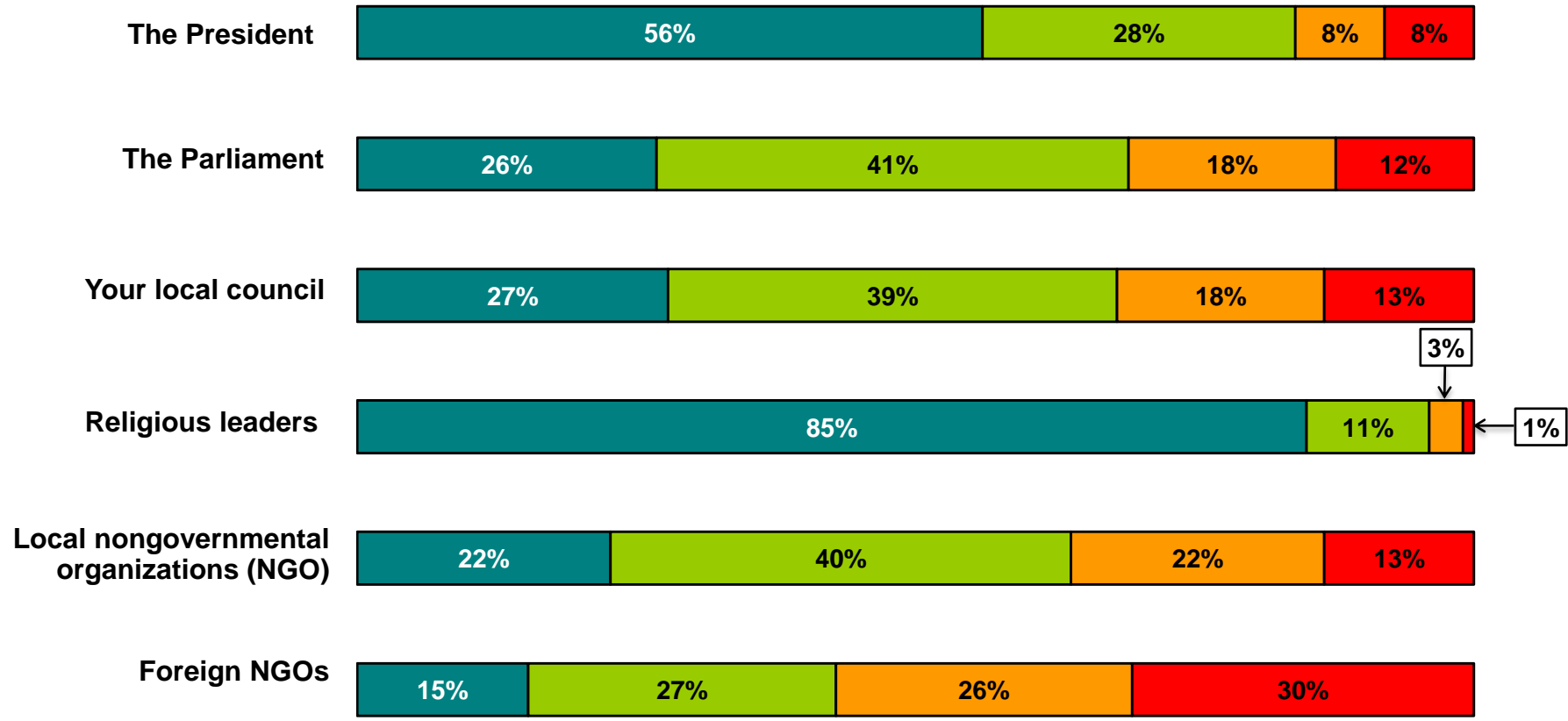
Overall, do you think things in Somaliland are headed in the right direction or wrong direction?



In general, how would you compare your own economic situation to that of other Somalilanders? Is it much better, better, the same, worse or much worse?

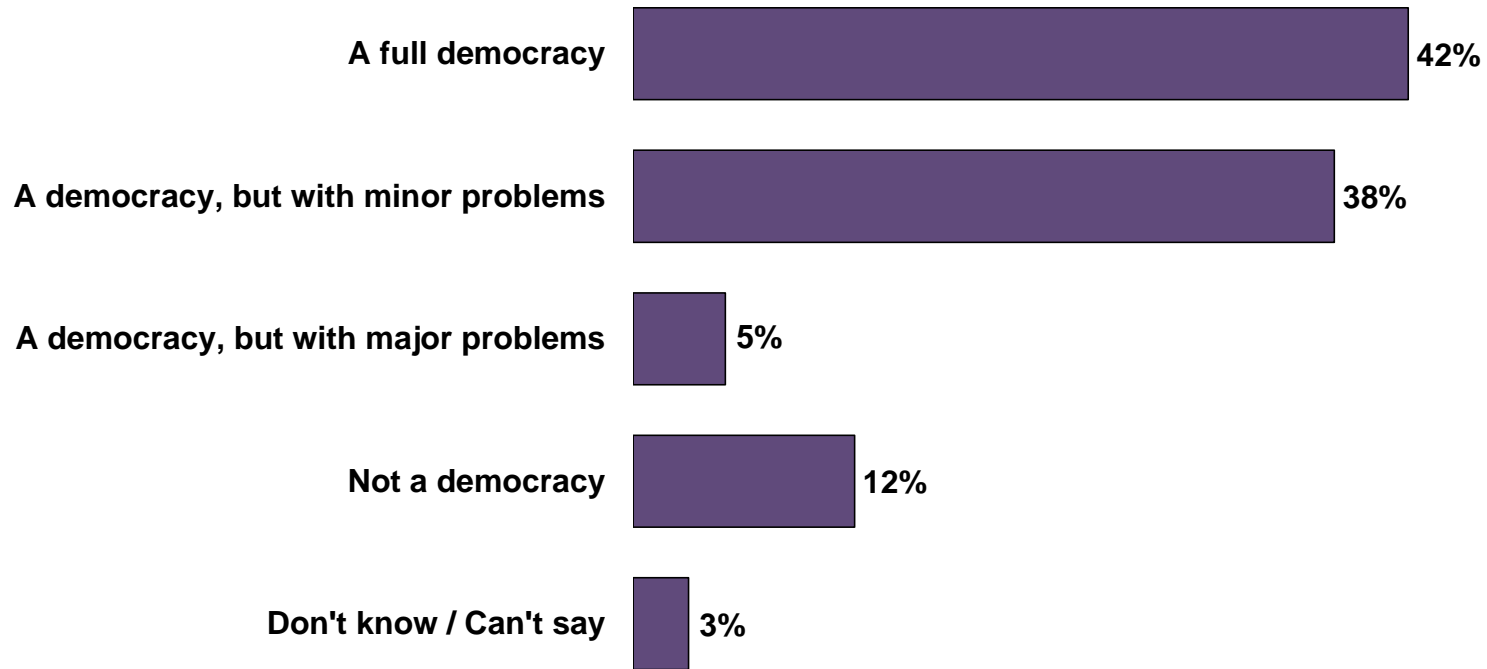


For each of these organizations and leaders, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably about each of them.

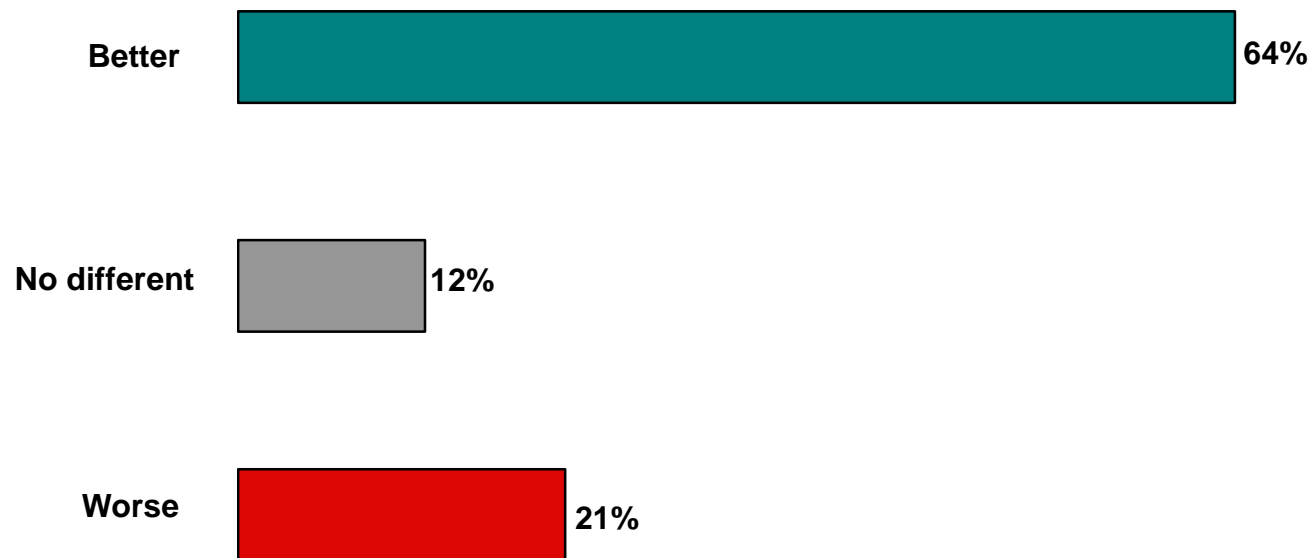


Democratization

In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Somaliland today?



From what you have observed do you think that opening elections to political associations will make politics better, worse or make no difference here in Somaliland?



In your opinion, how likely is it that you could get together with others and make...



Your elected local council listen to your concerns about a matter of importance to the community

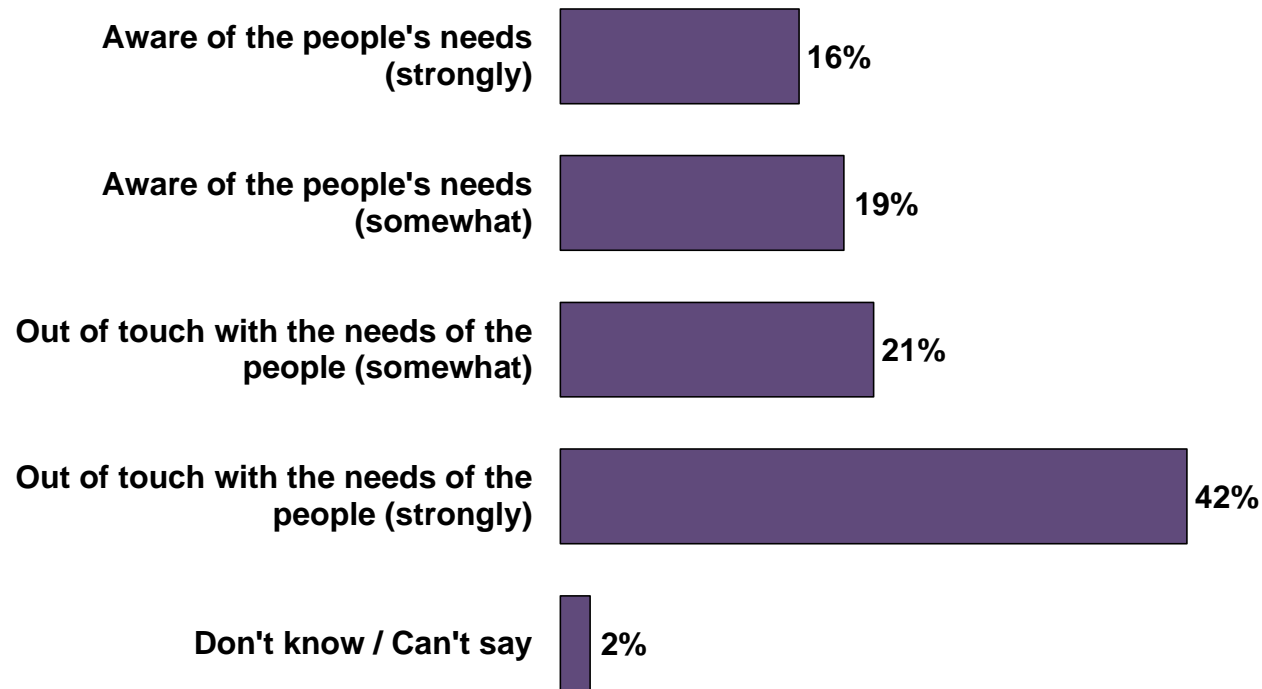


Your Member of Parliament listen to your concerns about a matter of importance to the community

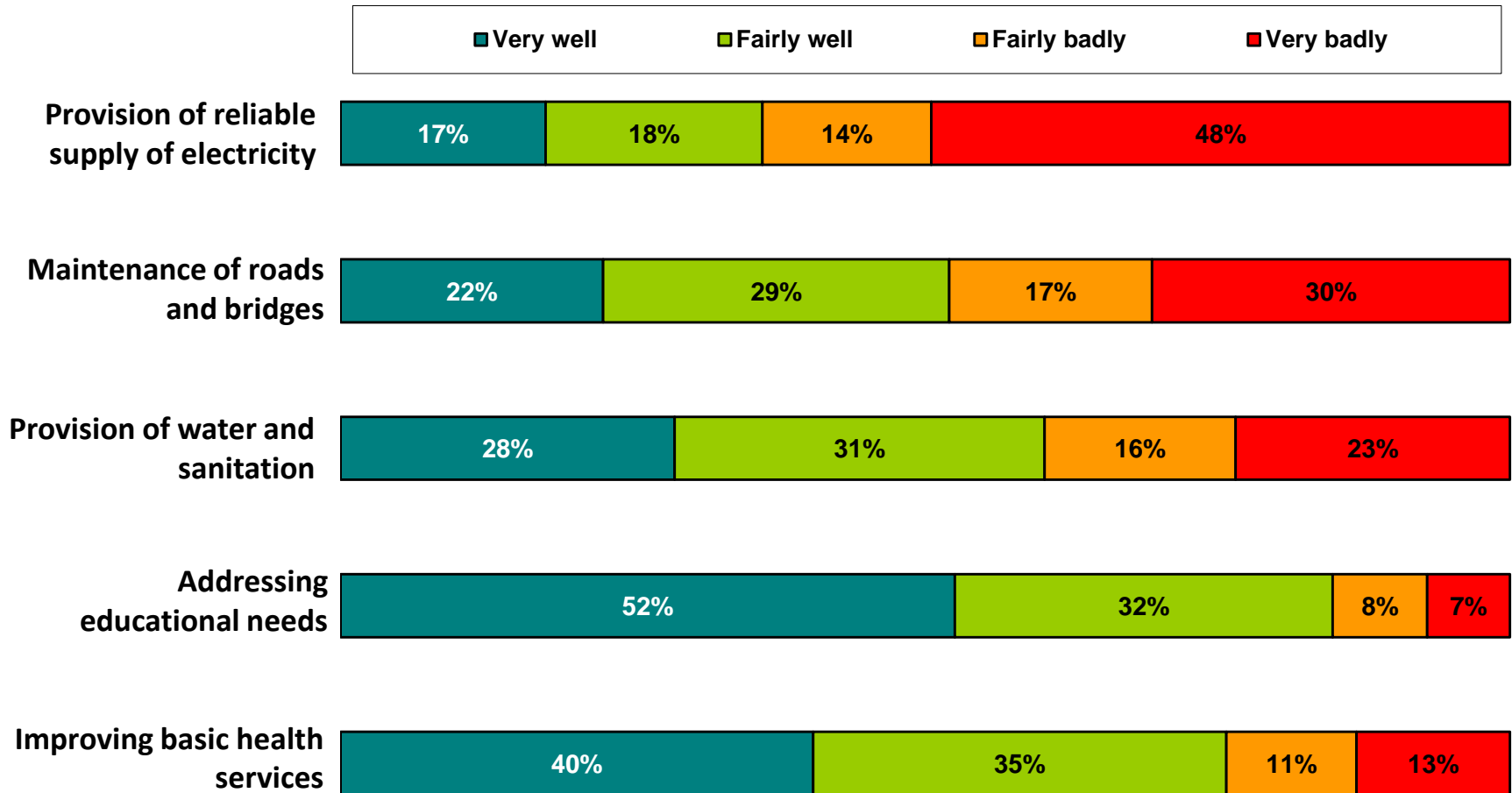


Government Performance

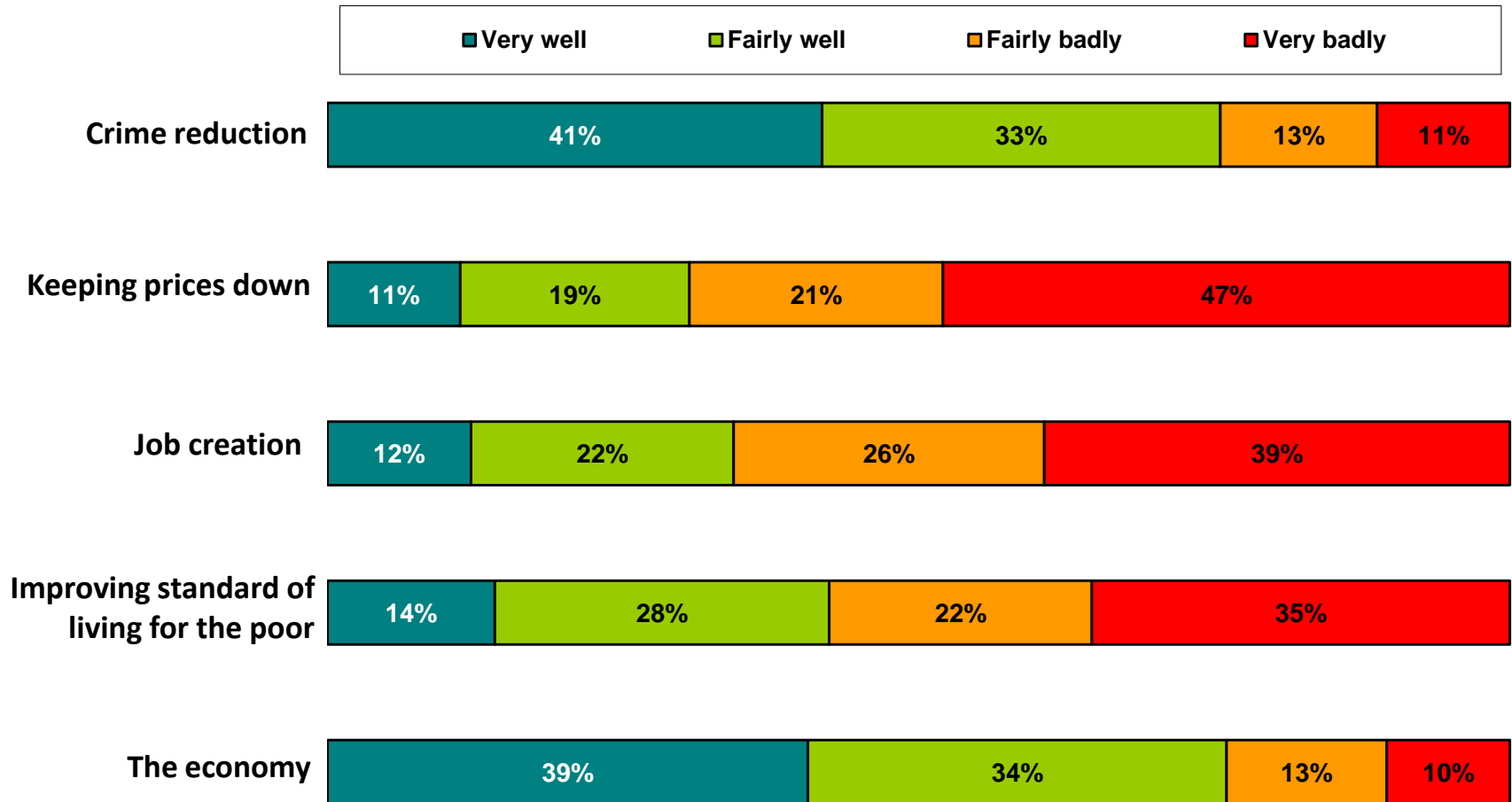
Do you feel that the national government is out of touch with the needs of the people and is not doing enough to improve their situation or do you feel that the government is aware of the people's needs and is working to improve their situation? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?



How well or badly would you say that the current government is handling...?

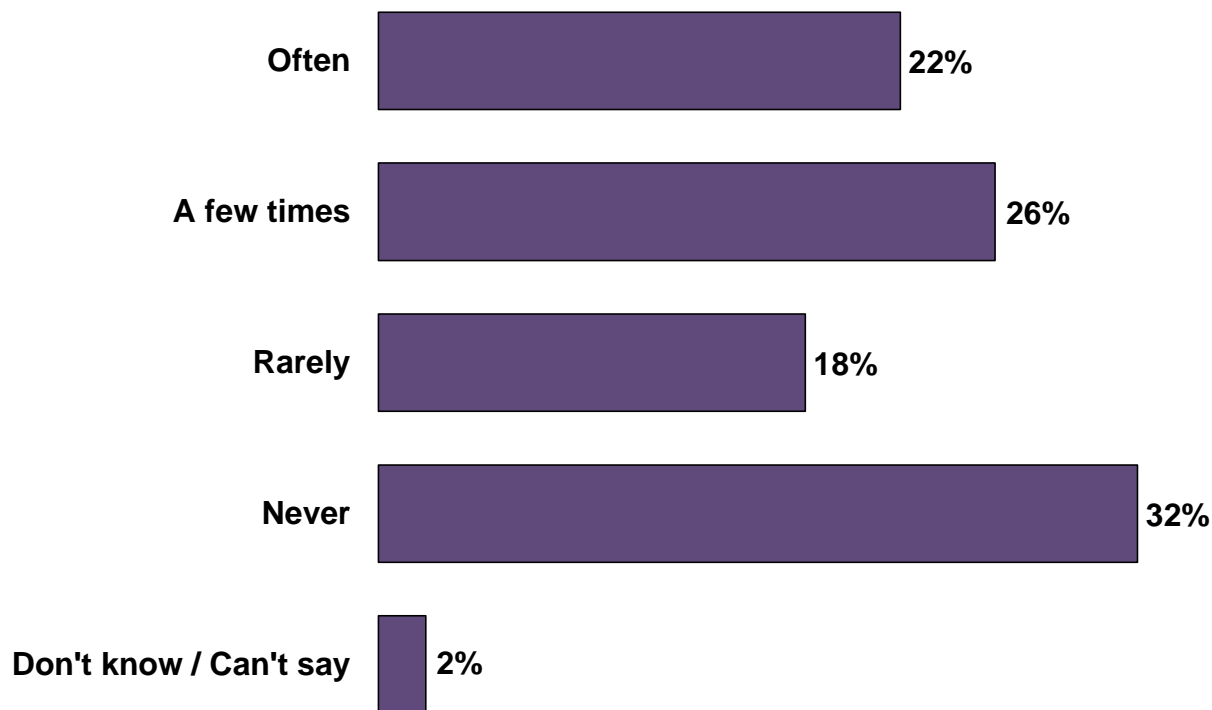


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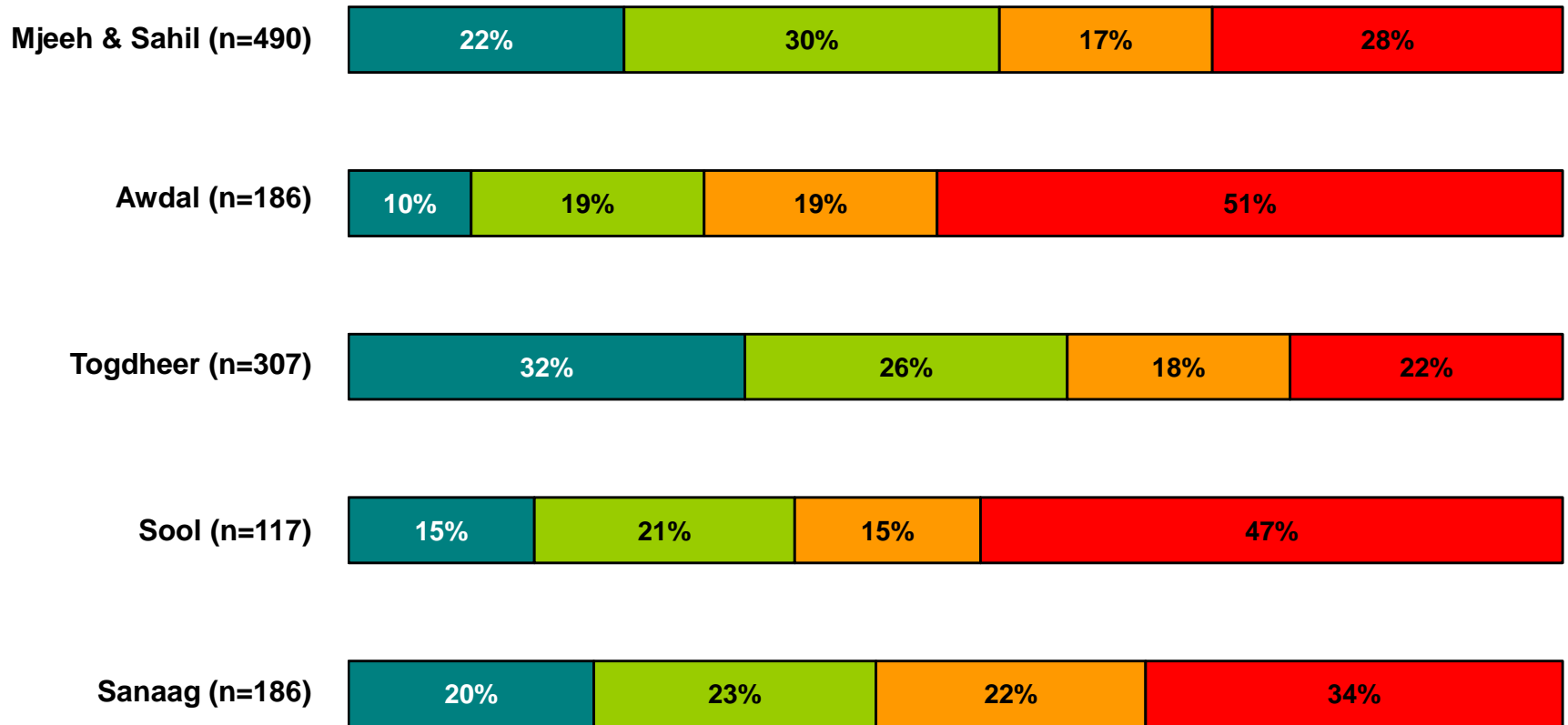


Parliamentary Performance

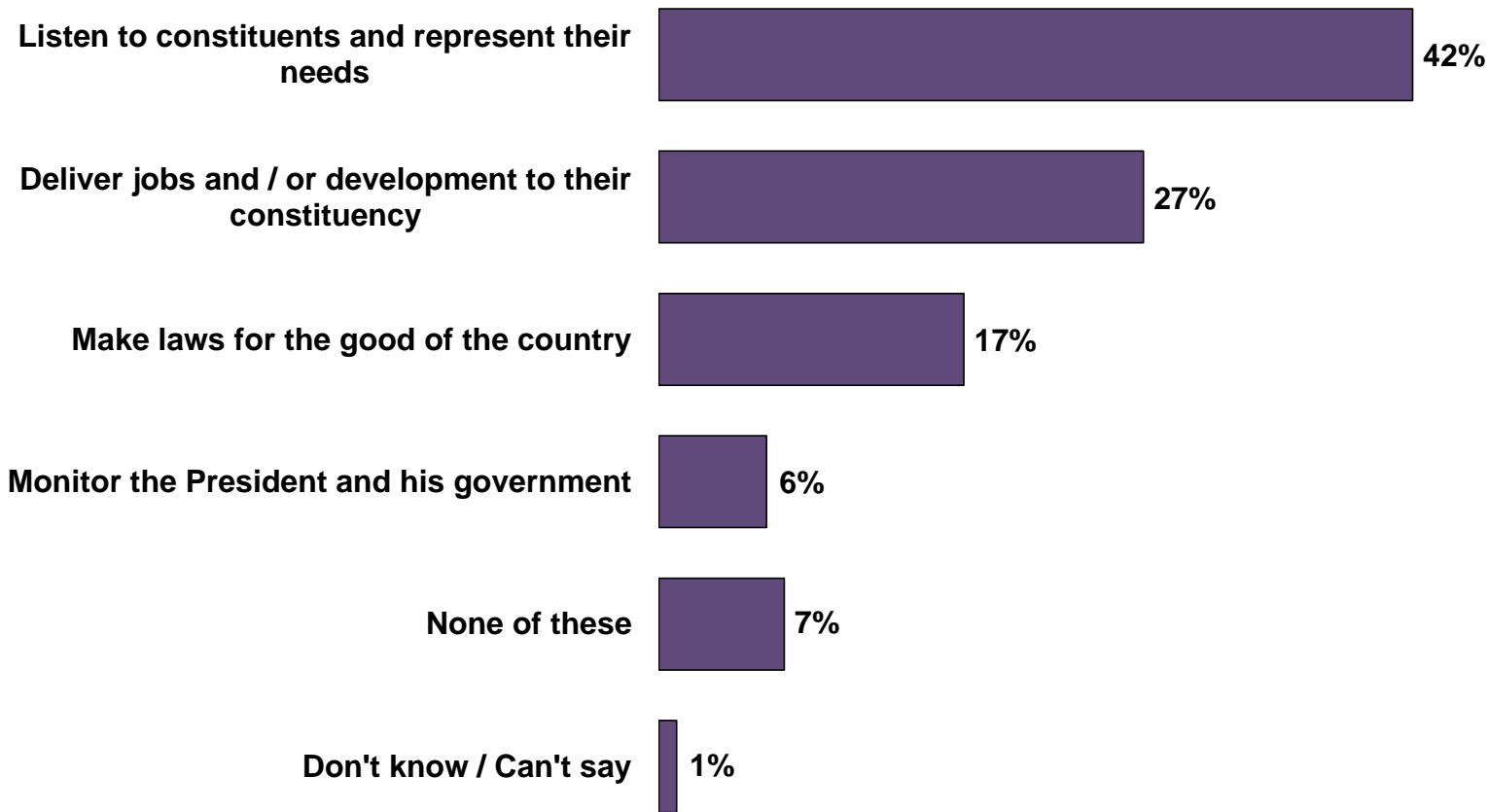
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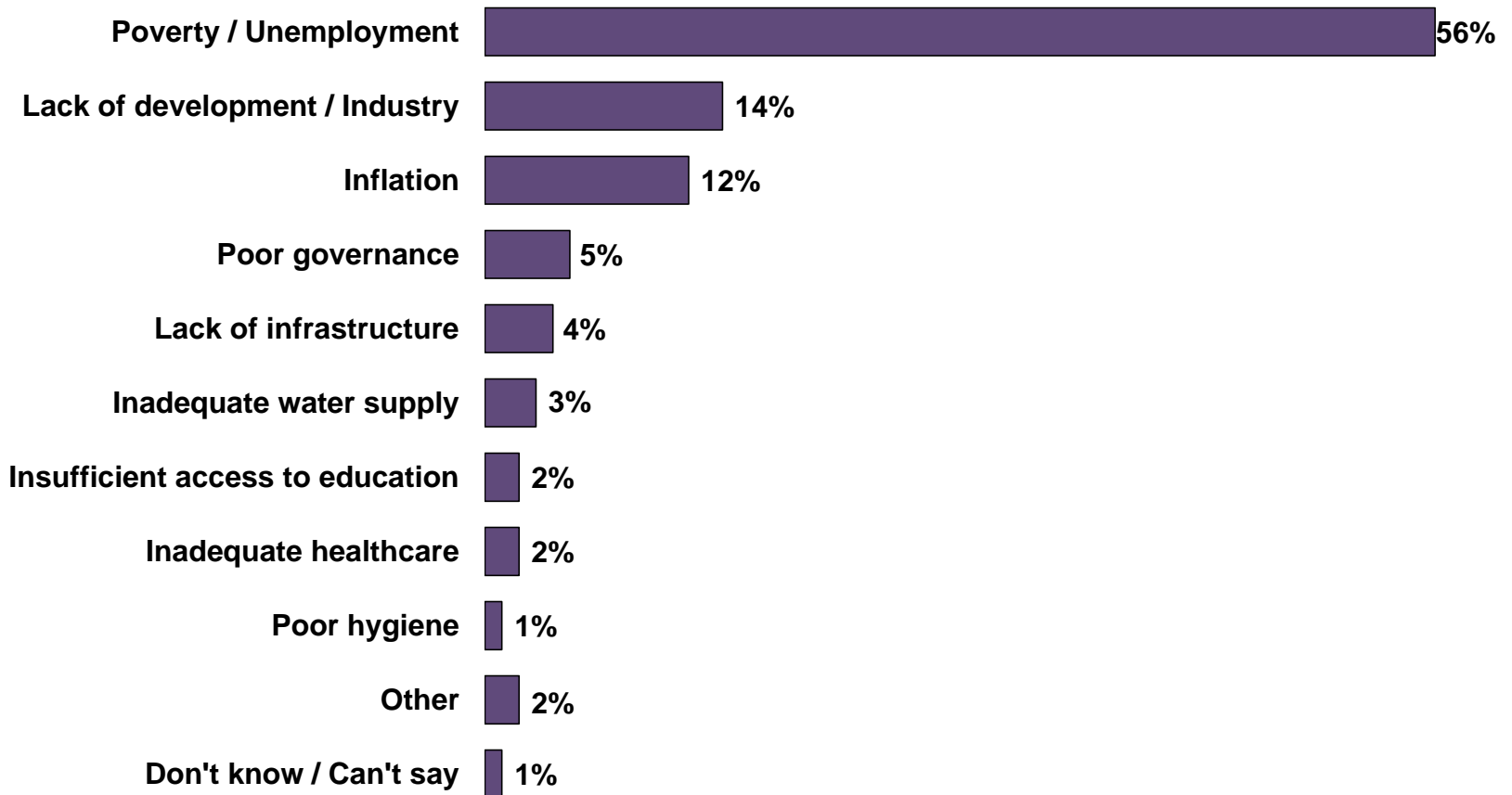


Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. Which of the following do you think is the most important for your own Member of Parliament?



General Issues Facing Somaliland

Which of the following is the most important issue or problem facing Somaliland at the present time?

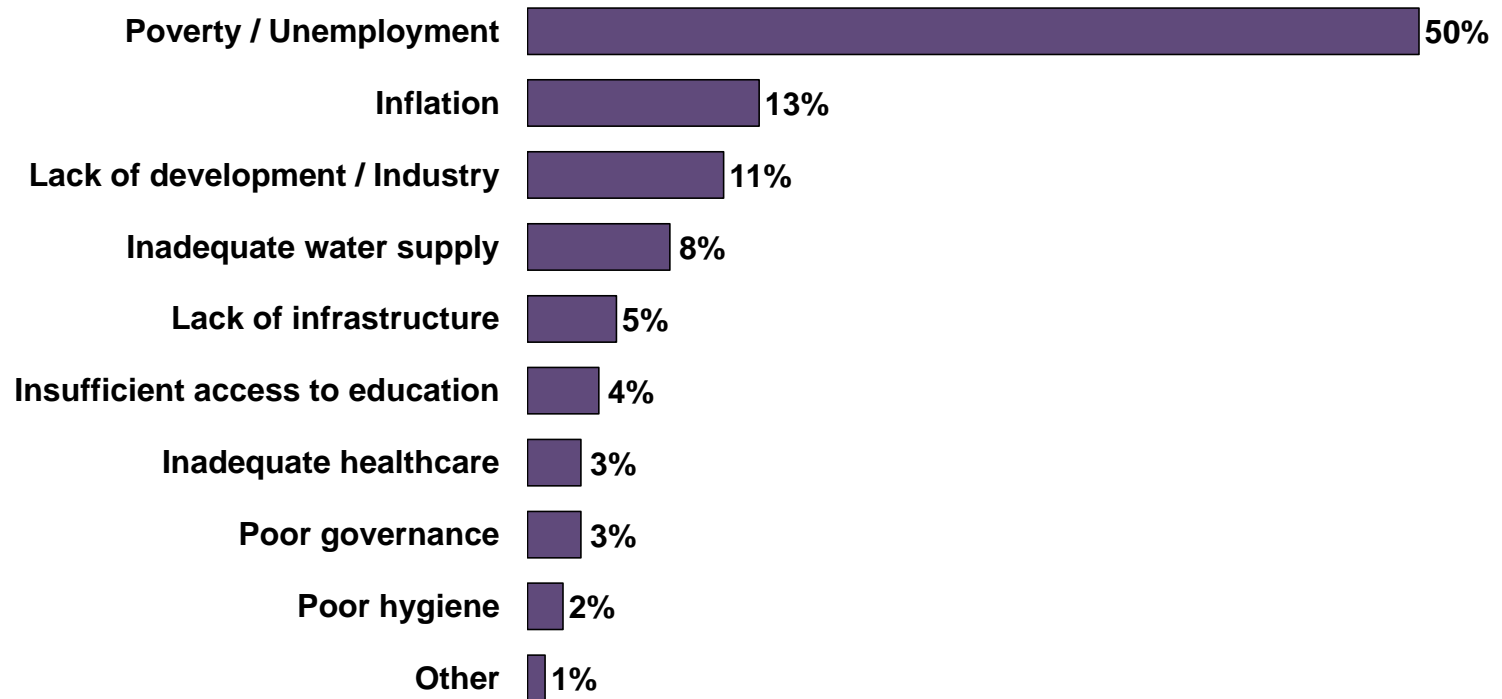


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Top 3 issues by region

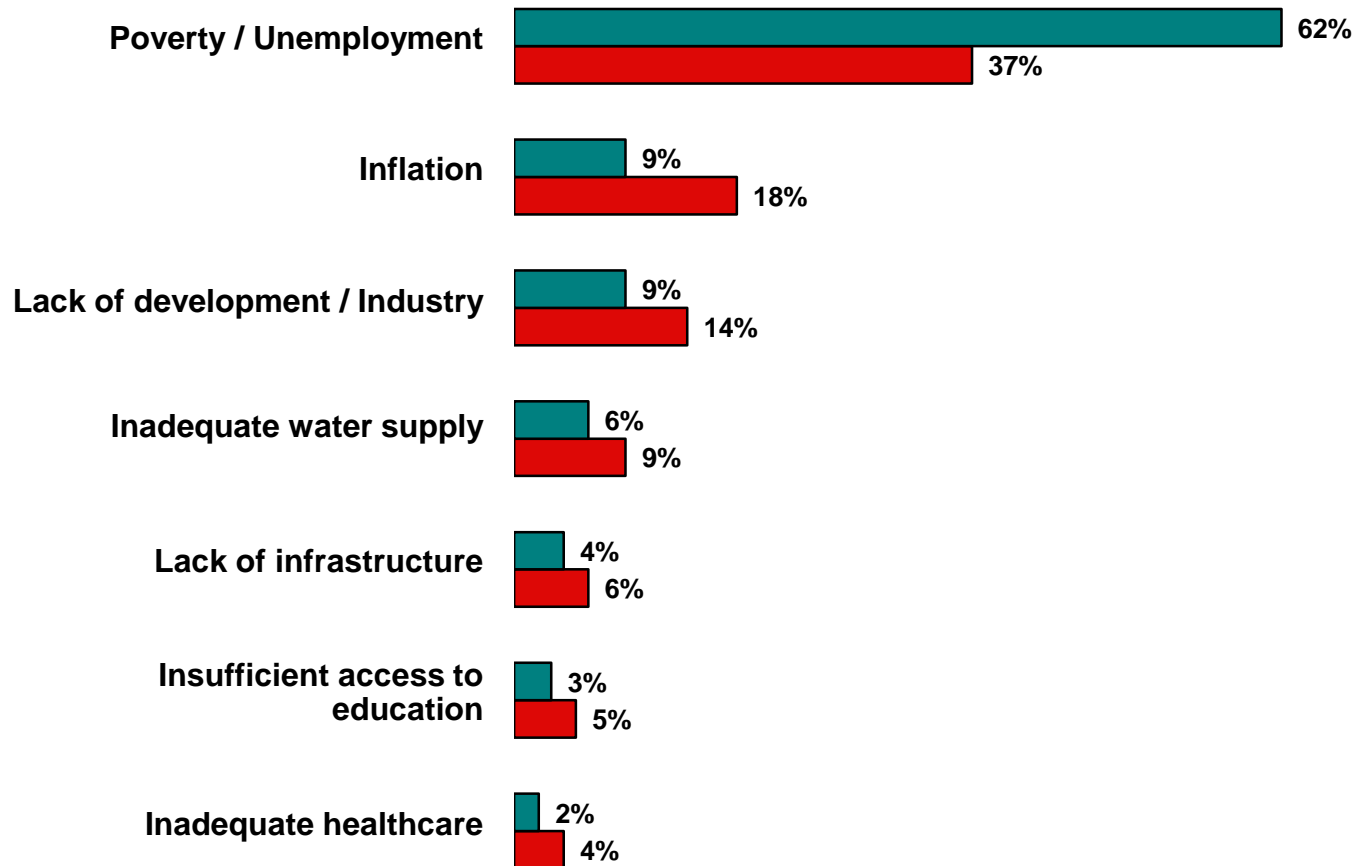
	Mjeeh & Sahil (n=490)	Awdal (n=186)	Togdheer (n=307)	Sool (n=117)	Sanaag (n=166)
1	Poverty / Unemployment (43%)	Poverty / Unemployment (77%)	Poverty / Unemployment (70%)	Poverty / Unemployment (53%)	Poverty / Unemployment (46%)
2	Inflation (18%)	Inflation (9%)	Lack of development / Industry (13%)	Lack of development / Industry (10%)	Lack of development / Industry (20%)
3	Lack of development / Industry (17%)	Lack of development / Industry (5%)	Inflation (7%)	Poor governance (9%)	Inflation (11%)

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Male (n=623) Female (n=643)

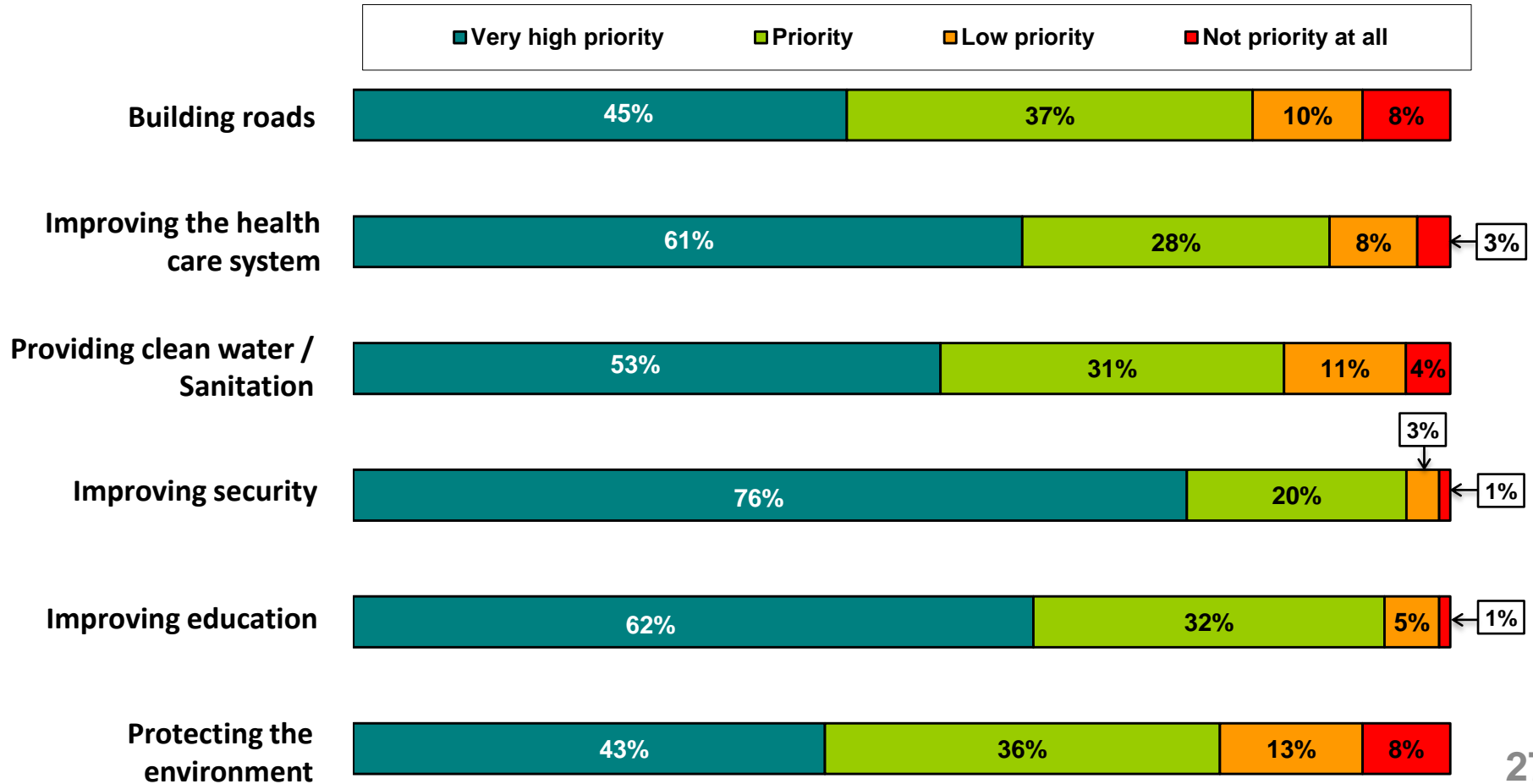


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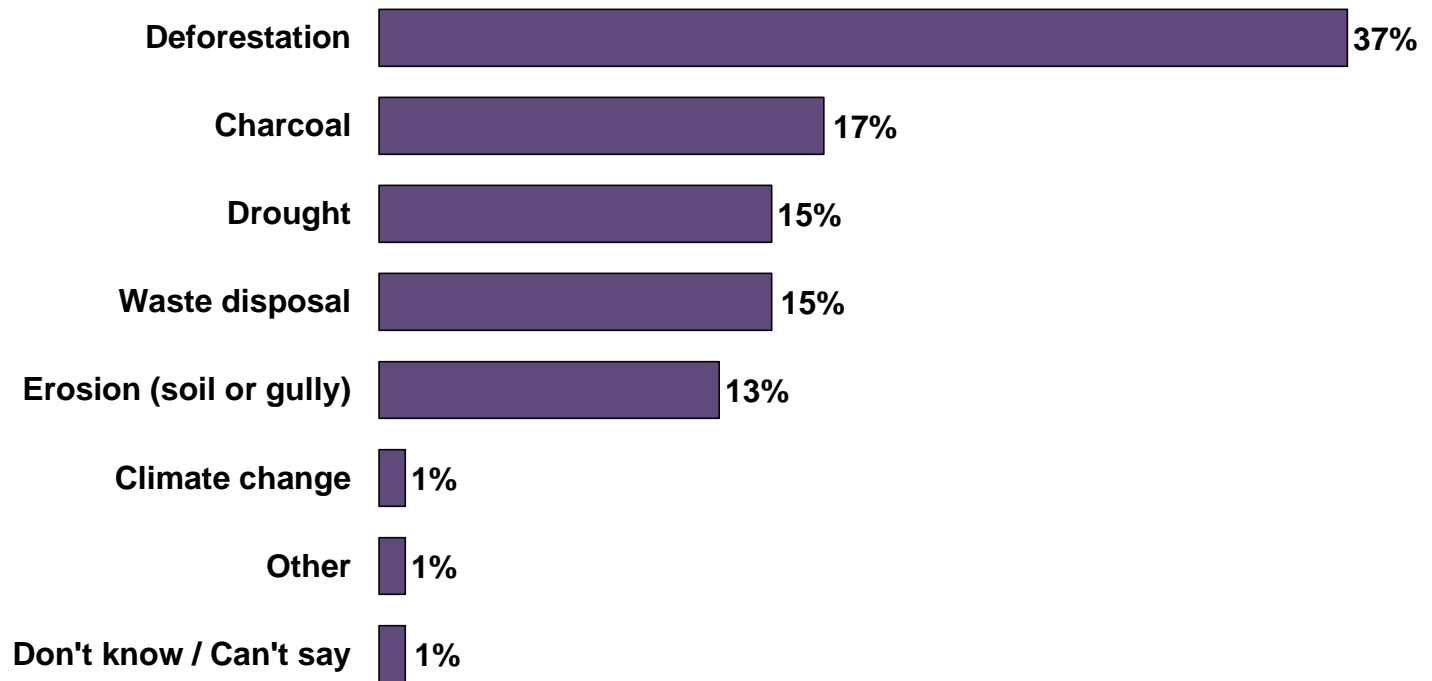
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	Mjeeh & Sahil (n=490)	Awdal (n=186)	Togdheer (n=307)	Sool (n=117)	Sanaag (n=166)
1	Poverty / Unemployment (37%)	Poverty / Unemployment (63%)	Poverty / Unemployment (66%)	Poverty / Unemployment (51%)	Poverty / Unemployment (39%)
2	Inflation (17%)	Inflation (16%)	Lack of development / Industry (14%)	Lack of development / Industry (21%)	Inflation (11%)
3	Inadequate water supply (14%)	Lack of development / Industry (5%)	Inflation (10%)	Insufficient access to education (6%)	Lack of development / Industry (10%)

For each of the following, please tell me whether you think it is a very high priority, a priority, a low priority or not a priority at all.



Thinking specifically about environmental issues, what do you think are the most important priorities government / political leaders should address?

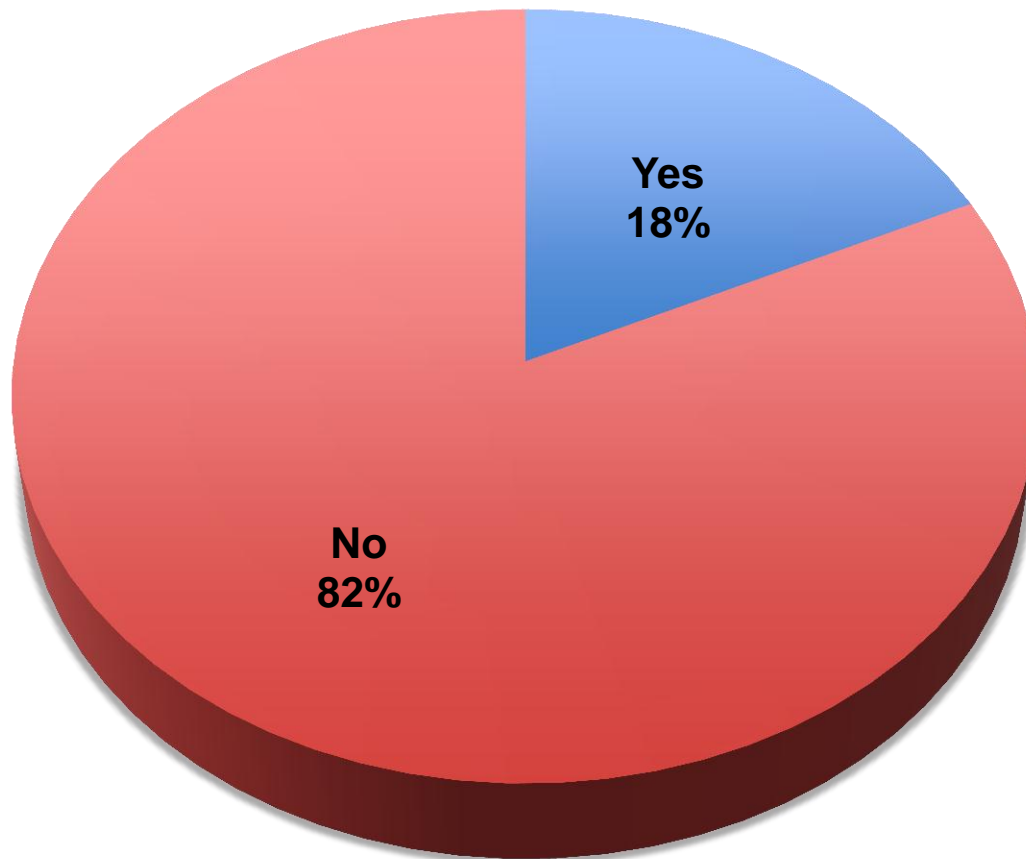


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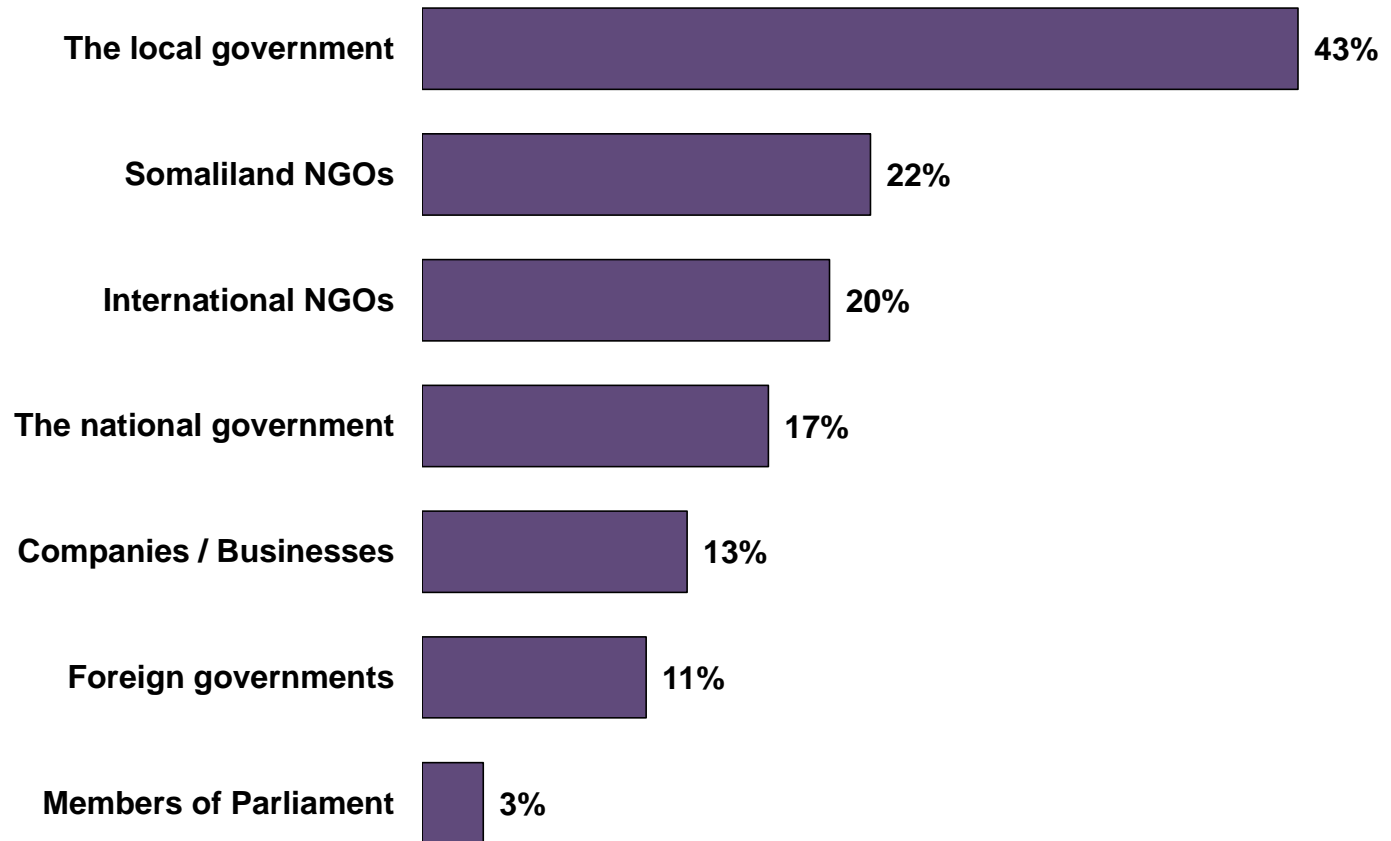
	Mjeeh & Sahil (n=490)	Awdal (n=186)	Togdheer (n=307)	Sool (n=117)	Sanaag (n=166)
1	Deforestation (37%)	Drought (42%)	Deforestation (42%)	Deforestation (38%)	Deforestation (33%)
2	Waste disposal (18%)	Deforestation (31%)	Charcoal (19%)	Charcoal (21%)	Charcoal (25%)
3	Charcoal (17%)	Waste disposal (10%) Erosion (10%)	Waste disposal (18%)	Erosion (20%)	Erosion (19%)

In the last six months, have you seen or are you aware of a development project in your area addressing environmental issues?

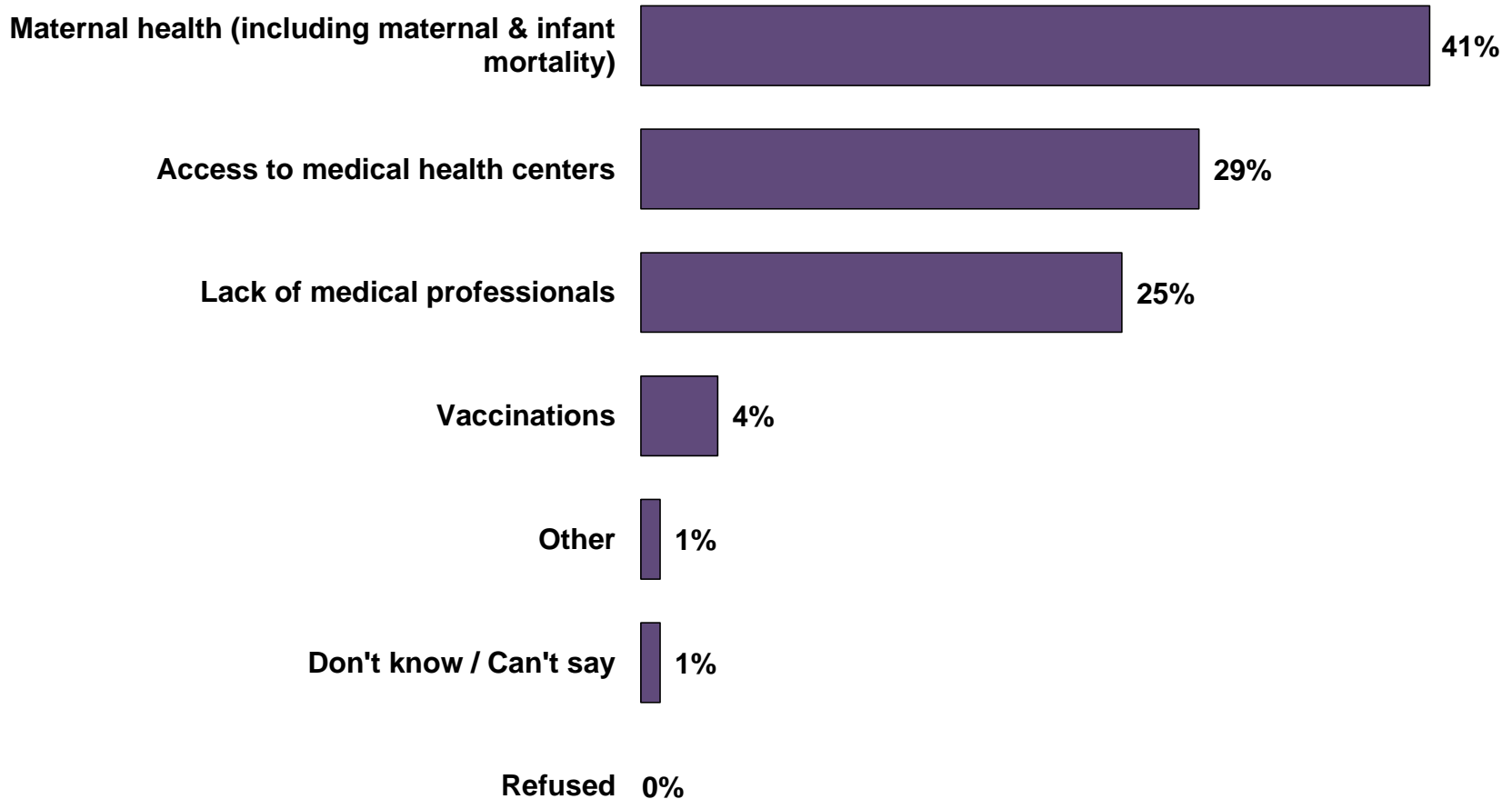


If yes, who is responsible for the project(s)?

Multiple response, N = 223: All those aware of a development project in their area addressing environmental issues



Thinking specifically about health issues, what is the most important priority government / political leaders should address?

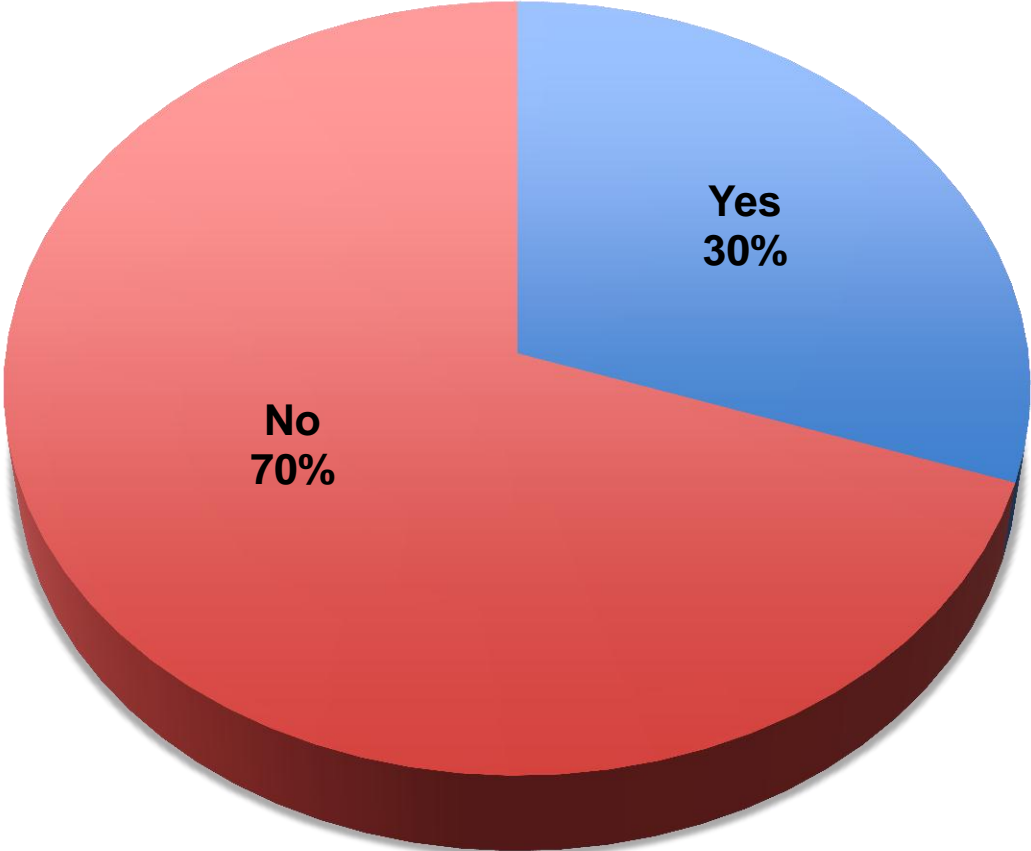


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Top 3 issues by region

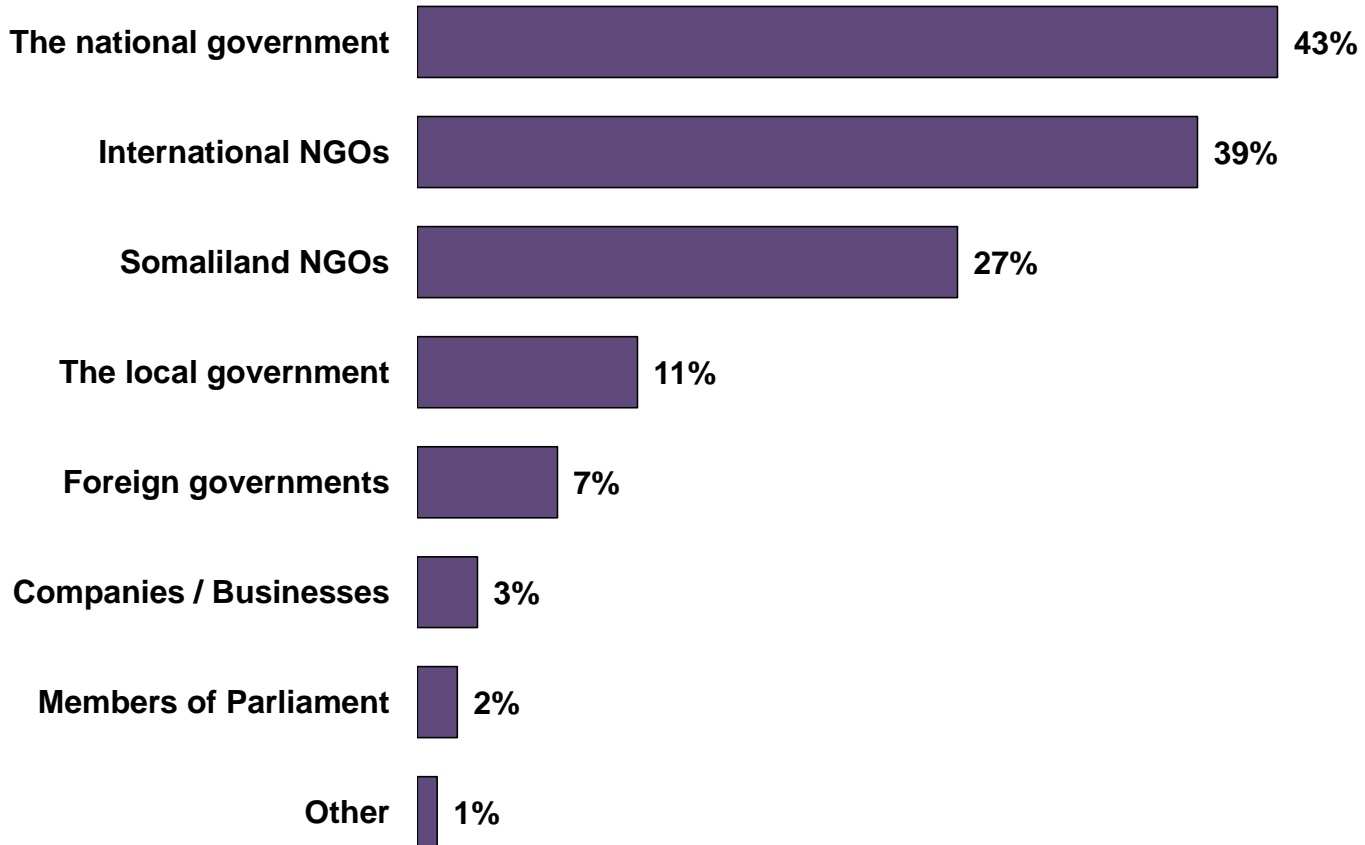
	Mjeeh & Sahil (n=490)	Awdal (n=186)	Togdheer (n=307)	Sool (n=117)	Sanaag (n=166)
1	Maternal health (38%)	Maternal health (40%)	Maternal health (45%)	Maternal health (50%)	Access to medical health centers (35%)
2	Access to medical health centers (31%)	Lack of medical professionals (32%)	Access to medical health centers (29%)	Access to medical health centers (23%)	Maternal health (32%)
3	Lack of medical professionals (27%)	Access to medical health centers (23%)	Lack of medical professionals (21%)	Lack of medical professionals (19%)	Lack of medical professionals (20%)

In the last six months, have you seen or are you aware of a development project in your area addressing health issues?

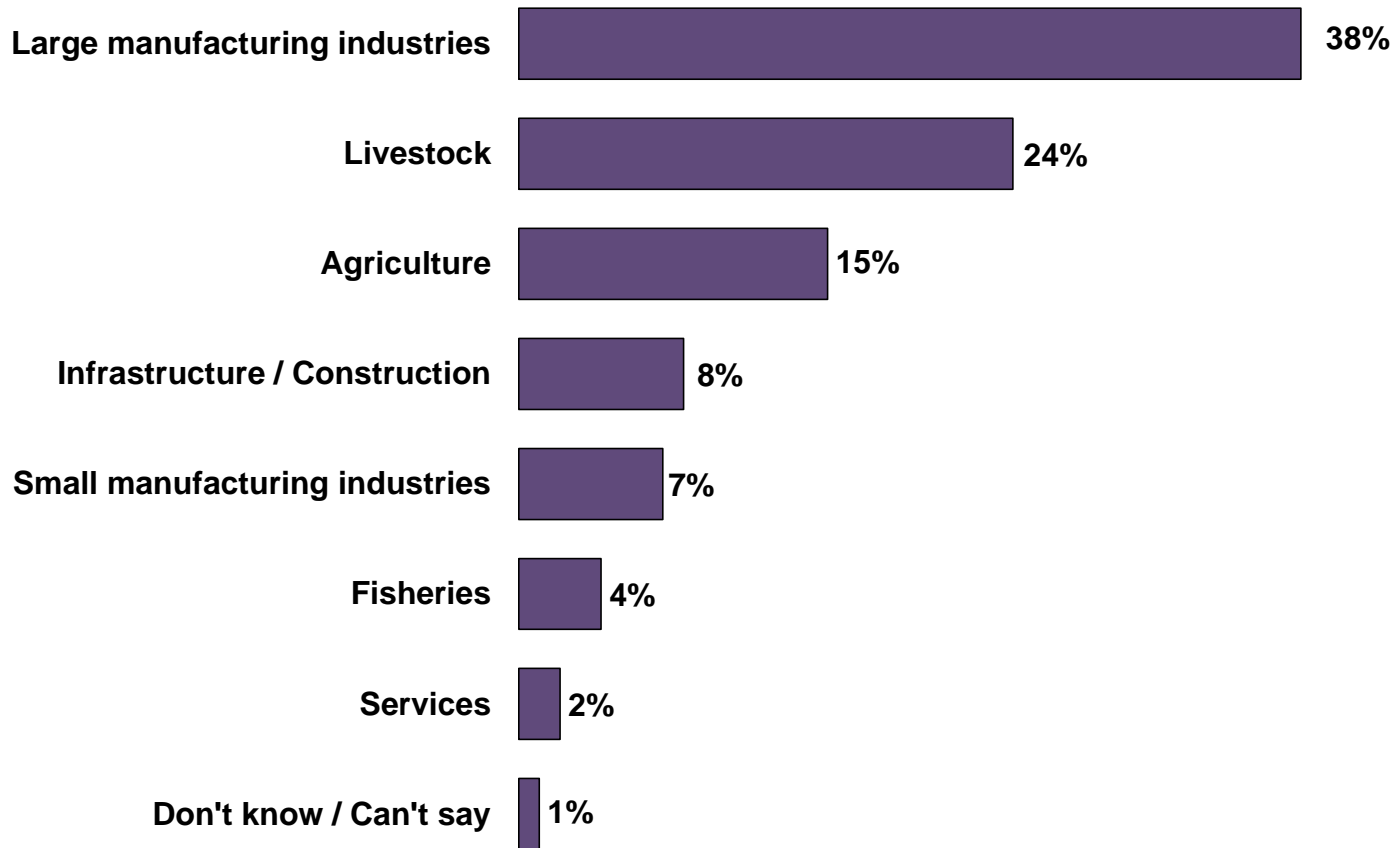


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Multiple response, N = 384: All those aware of a development project in their area addressing health issues



Thinking specifically about jobs and economic development issues, what is the most important priority government / political leaders should address?

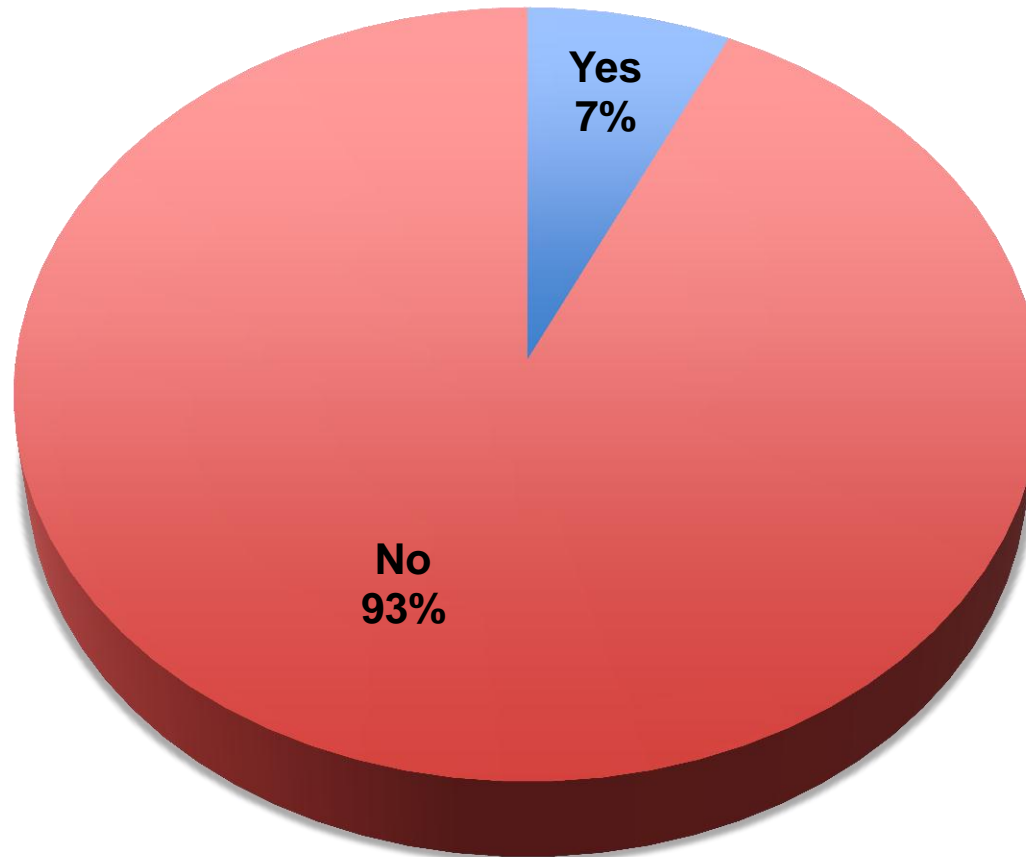


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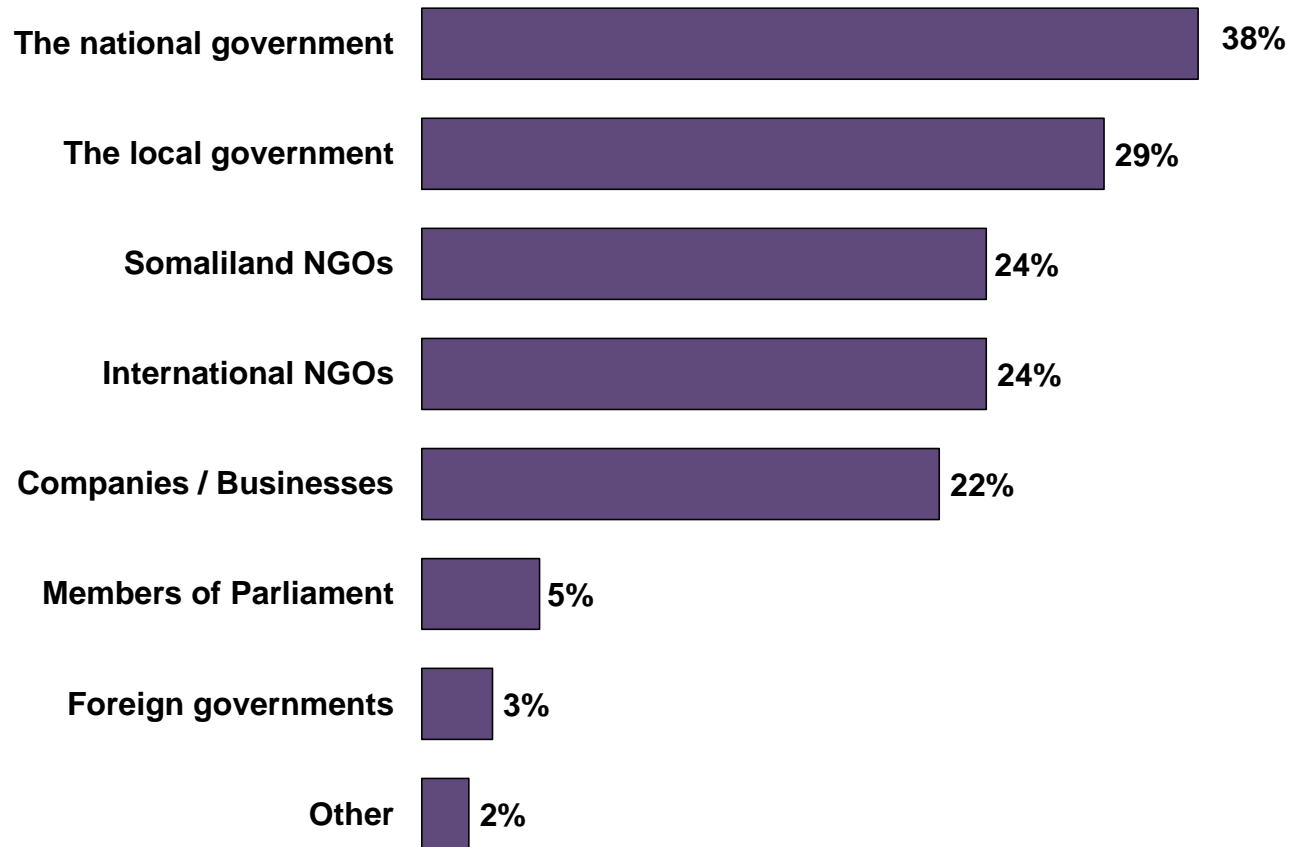
	Mjeeh & Sahil (n=490)	Awdal (n=186)	Togdheer (n=307)	Sool (n=117)	Sanaag (n=166)
1	Large manufacturing industries (36%)	Large manufacturing industries (27%)	Large manufacturing industries (57%)	Livestock (48%)	Large manufacturing industries (33%)
2	Livestock (19%)	Livestock (22%)	Livestock (23%)	Large manufacturing industries (24%)	Livestock (28%)
3	Agriculture (19%)	Agriculture (21%)	Agriculture (9%)	Agriculture (9%)	Infrastructure / Construction (17%)

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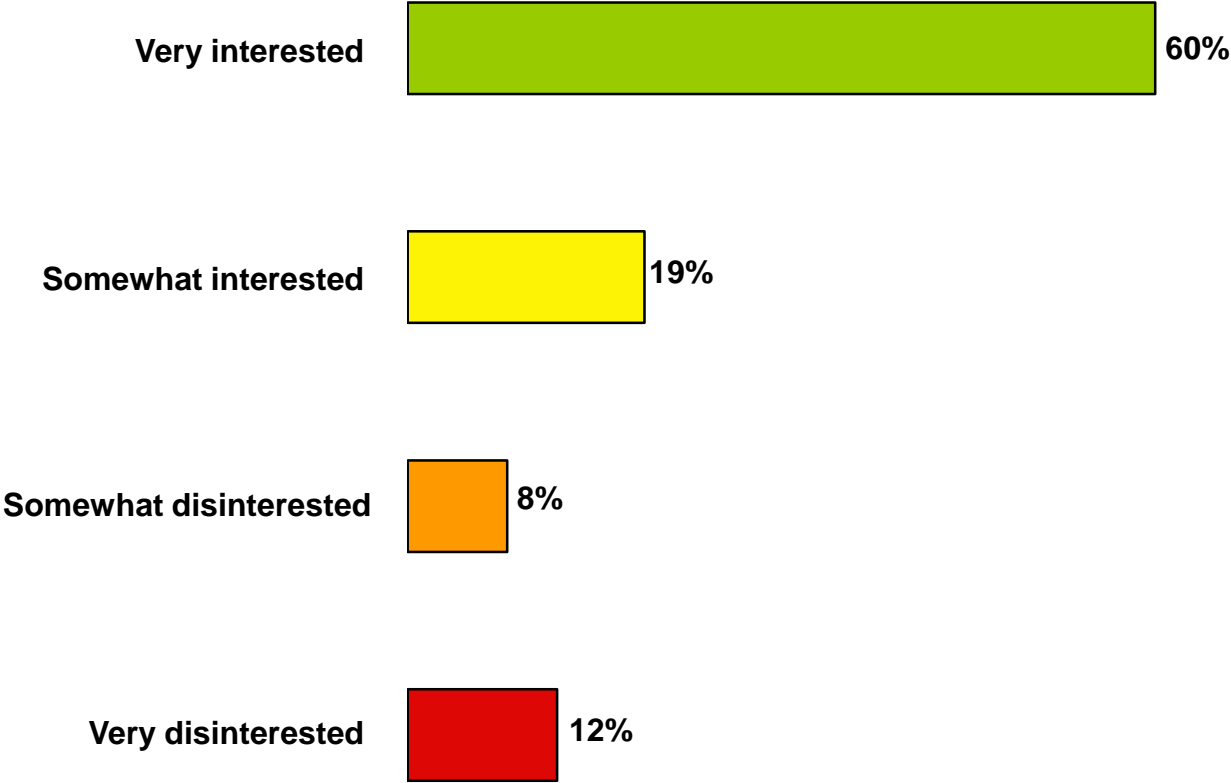
If yes, who is responsible for the project(s)?

Multiple response, N= 86: All those aware of a development project in their area addressing jobs and economic issues

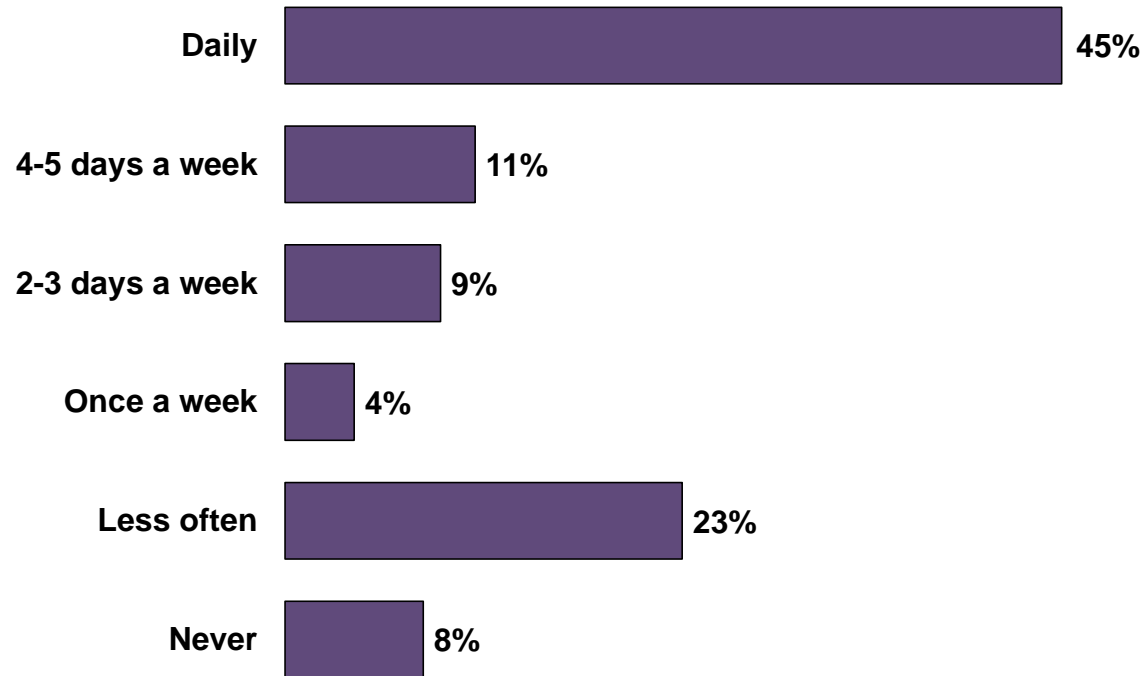


News and Media Habits

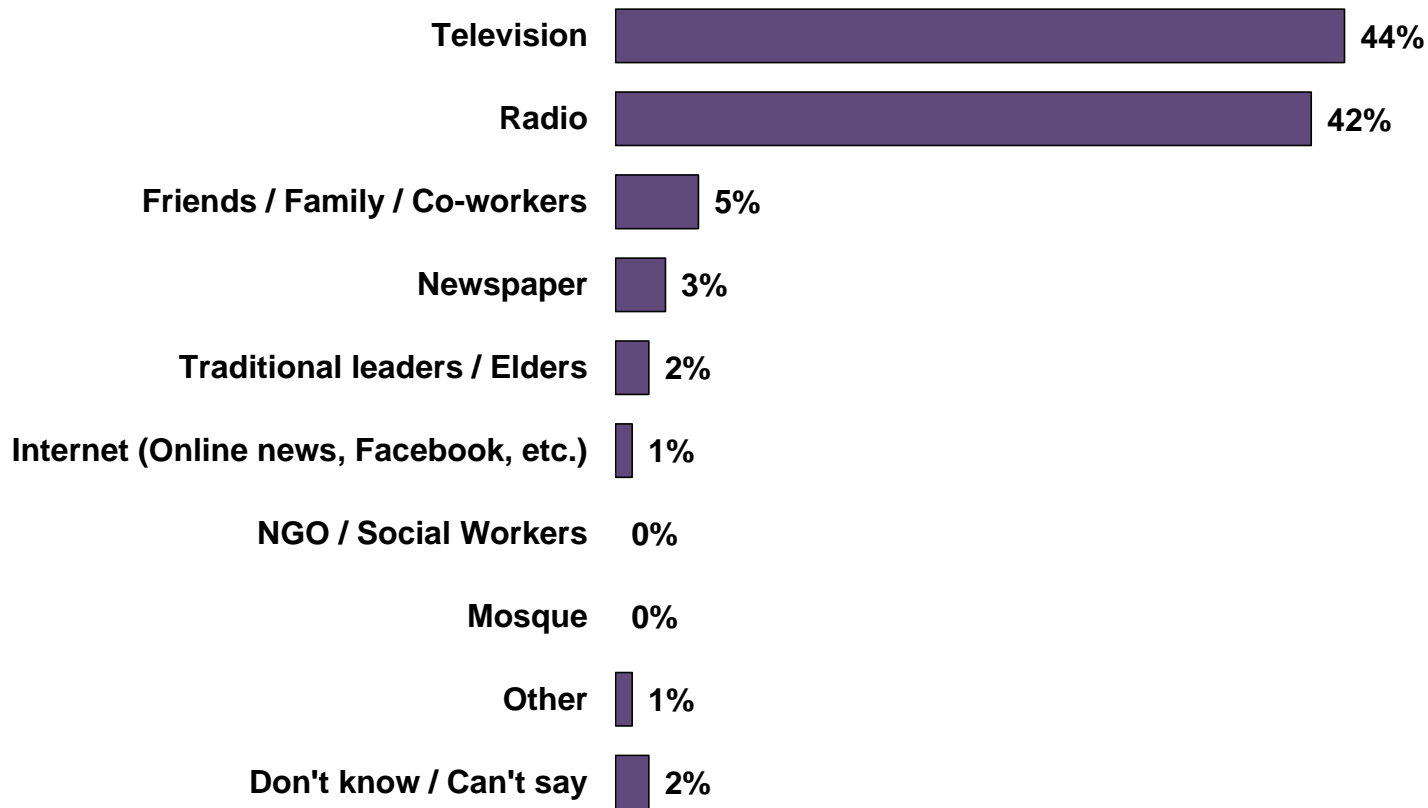
How interested are you in following the news about government, politics and current events?



How often do you read, watch or listen to the news?



What is your main source of information for news and information about political leaders?



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