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INFOTRAK POLL ON KENYANS' PERCEPTION OF FOREIGN DEBT



**WHICH IS BETTER?
DEVELOPMENT FOR US,
OR DEVELOPMENT BY
US?**

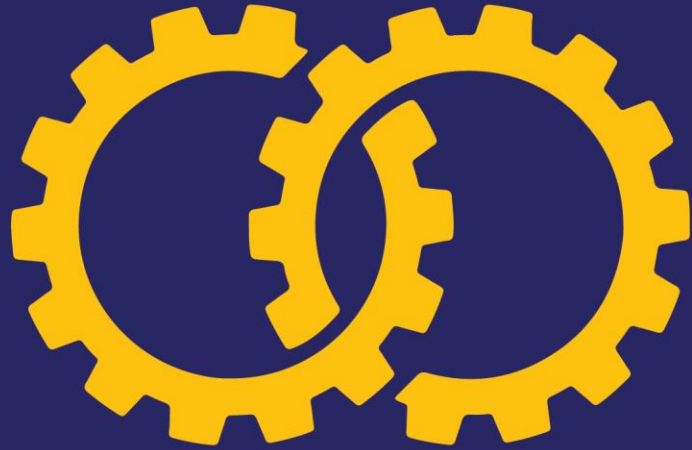
As a developing country and one of the largest economies in sub-Saharan Africa, Kenya continues to industrialize and invest heavily in its infrastructure. In order to achieve its development goals, Kenya has borrowed heavily and gone out of its way to attract multiple investors in different sectors from across the world.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Consequently, in the last decade a lot of the investment has gone to transport (road, ports and railways), energy, agriculture and housing. Many argue though, that these projects are unsustainable. Some of the ongoing and proposed projects include:

- The proposed Lamu coal powered plant
- The Nairobi Expressway
- The Standard Gauge Railway project
- Multiple China Road and Bridge Corporation construction projects



Survey Methodology



When was the survey conducted?	20th December – 23rd December 2020
How was the survey conducted?	Quantitative interviews were conducted through Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews (CATI)
Universe and Survey sample	The relevant section of the public that was targeted in the survey (i.e. the universe) was persons who were 18 years old and above at the time of the survey. The overall survey had a target survey sample size of 800 respondents.
What was the margin of error?	±3.5% at 95% degree of confidence.
What was the response rate?	94% response rate.
Weighting	Post-stratification weights were applied to the data. After data collection, weights were applied to the achieved data to ensure demographic representation of the 18+ years population in Kenya. When the achieved interviews slightly differ from the intended proportions for sample category, the survey dataset is weighted for the purpose of correcting the sample characteristics to be representative to that of the target population.
Survey Geographical Coverage	The survey covered 24 counties and all the 8 regions of Kenya. To ensure the survey findings were representative of the Kenyan population aged 18+ years, the distribution of the survey sample across the regions was proportionately allocated. As such Rift Valley region had the largest sample size while North Eastern had the smallest.
Data Analysis	Quantitative Data was processed and analysed using SPSS version 26 statistical software due to its high accuracy and reliability.



Sample Distribution



Sample Distribution

REGION	Regional Population (Millions)	Regional 18+ Population (Millions)	Regional 18+ Proportions	Regional sample	Achieved sample
Coast	4.3	2.3	9%	73	79
North Eastern	2.5	1.0	4%	32	32
Eastern	6.8	3.9	15%	120	122
Central	5.5	3.4	13%	107	109
Rift Valley	12.8	6.6	26%	205	207
Western	5.0	2.5	10%	77	81
Nyanza	6.3	3.2	12%	98	105
Nairobi	4.4	2.9	11%	89	94
Total	47.6	25.7	100%	800	829



Summary of Findings





62% of Kenyans do not think regular borrowing from foreign countries is a good thing



76% of Kenyans are of the opinion that Kenya gets most of its loans from China



43% of Kenyans perceive bad debt to be money that is borrowed from foreign countries, lost or wasted through corruption



52% of Kenyans rate the Government's handling of foreign debt as poor.



81% of Kenyans feel either anxious, fearful or angry because of the level of the country's debt



SURVEY FINDINGS



A majority (62%) of Kenyans are opposed to the State's appetite for foreign loans



62%



36%

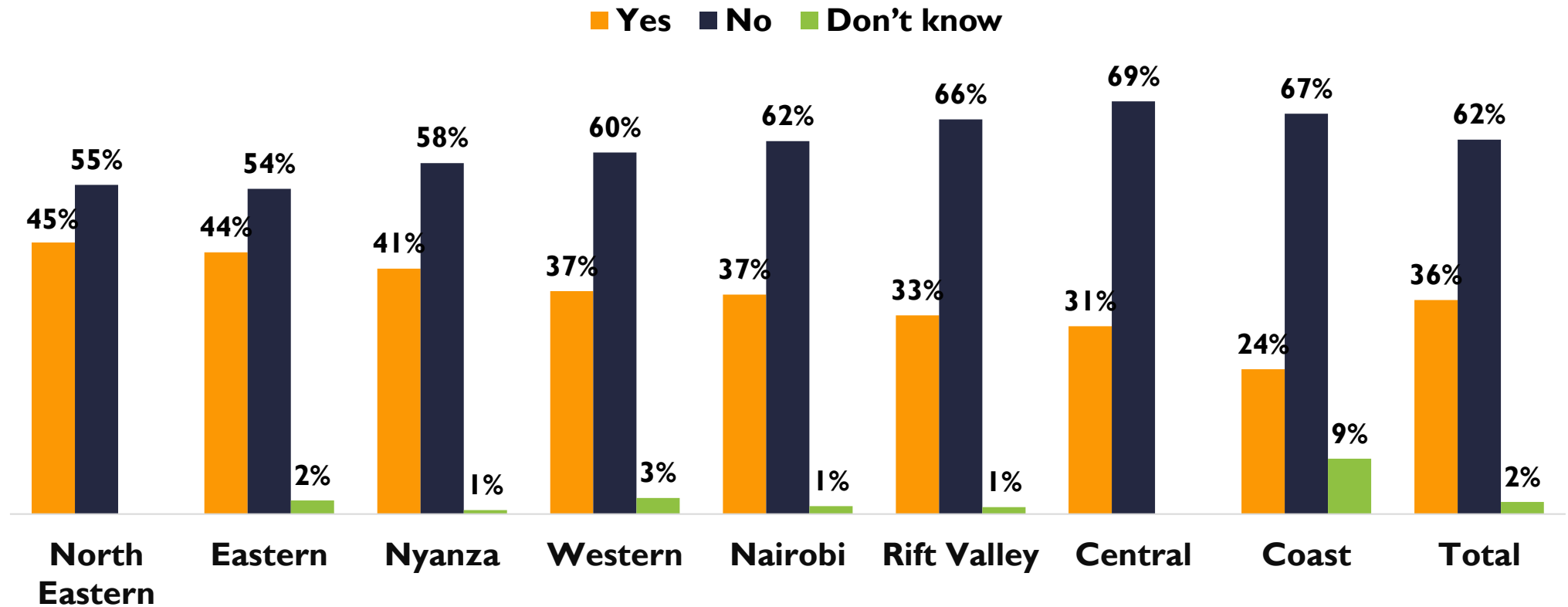


2%

Due to its development obligations, Kenya regularly borrows money from foreign governments to finance projects. Do you think this is a good thing?

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Across all regions, a majority of Kenyans are opposed to regular borrowing of loans from foreign countries with the regions of Central, Coast and Rift Valley being most opposed



Due to its development obligations, Kenya regularly borrows money from foreign governments to finance projects. Do you think this is a good thing?

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**An overwhelming majority (76%) of Kenyans are of the opinion
that Kenya gets most of its loans from China**



China: 76%



USA: 13%



UK: 13%



France: 1%



Others: 0.8%

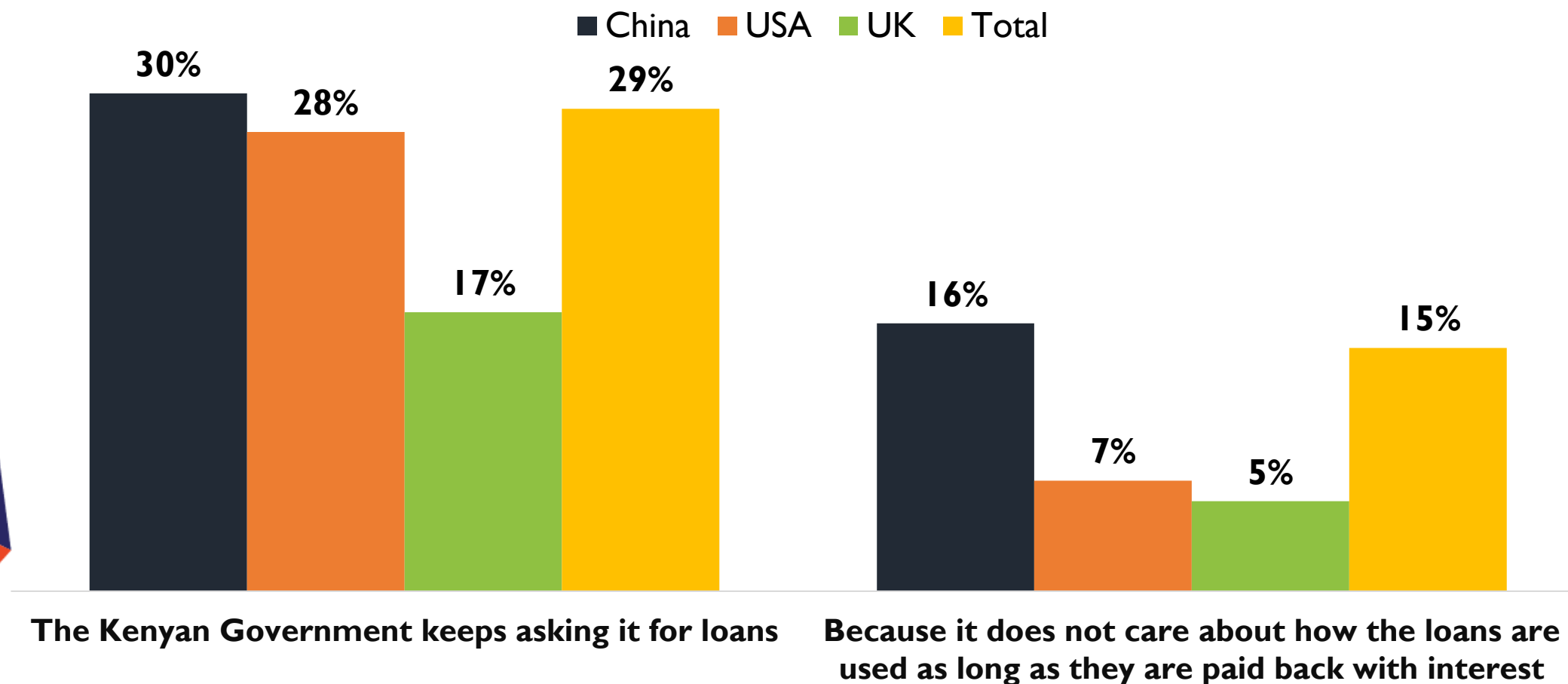


Don't Know: 7%

Which one country would you say gives Kenya a lot of loans?

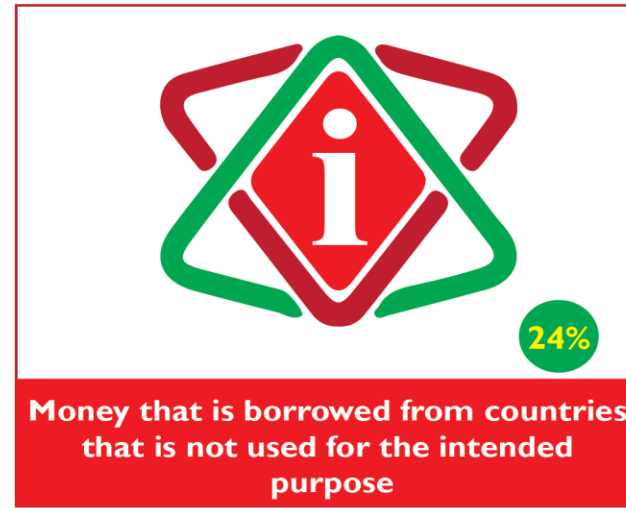
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It is perceived that Kenya keeps getting loans for development from different countries mostly because it keeps asking for them



In your opinion, why do you think it that keeps giving Kenya loans for development purposes?

4 in 10 Kenyans perceive bad debt to be money that is borrowed from foreign countries, lost or wasted through corruption



The Government's handling of foreign debt has been rated as poor by a majority (52%) of Kenyans



52%- Poor



32%- Average



12%- Excellent



4%- Don't Know

On a scale of 1 – 10 where 1 is extremely poorly and 10 is very well, how would you rate the Kenyan government's handling of its debt owed to foreign nations?

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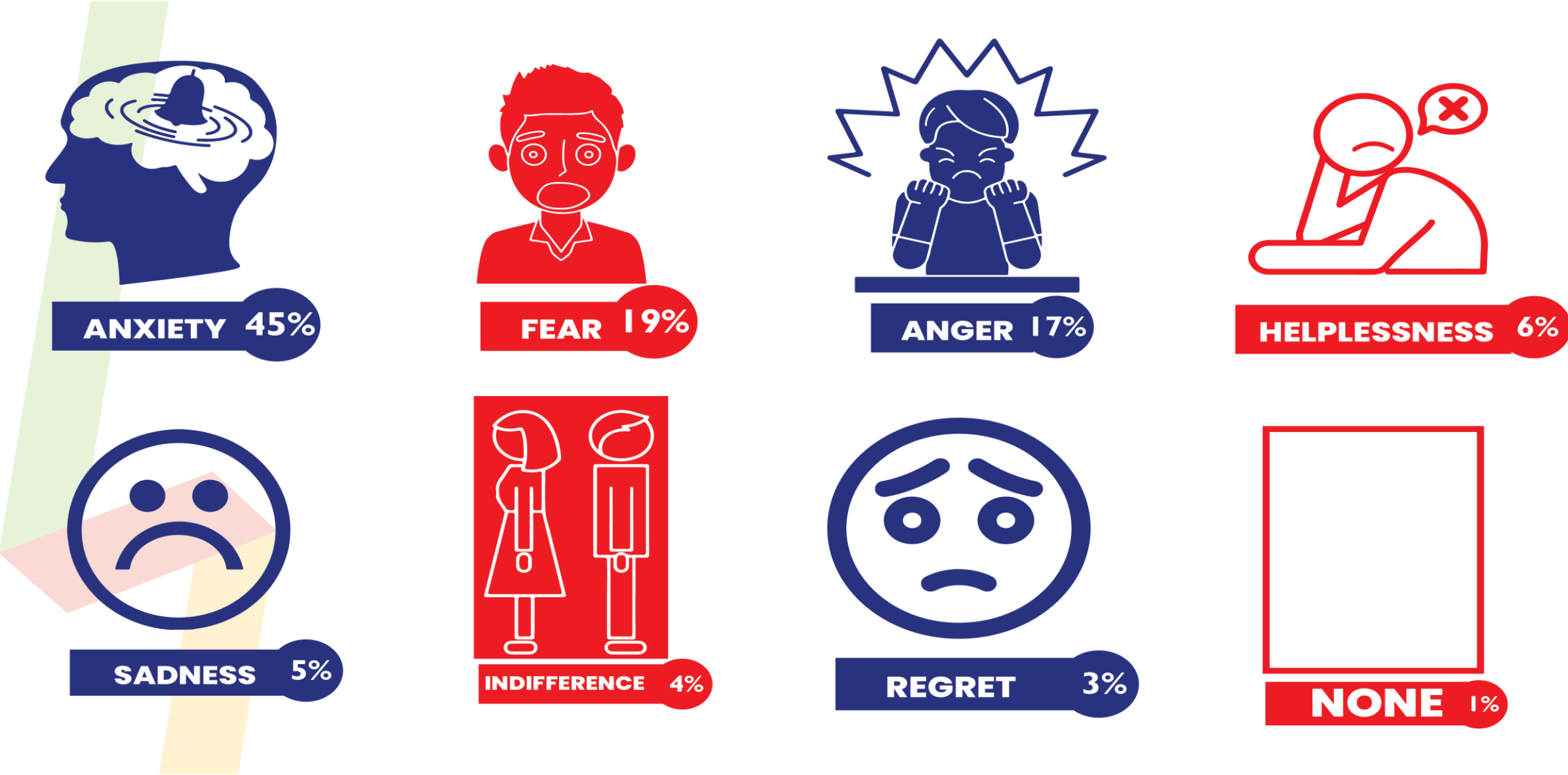
A majority of Kenyans in the regions of Western, Coast, Central, Nairobi and Eastern rate the government's handling of debt poorly

REGION	Poor	Average	Excellent	Don't Know
Western	61%	24%	12%	4%
Coast	56%	31%	10%	3%
Central	54%	34%	8%	4%
Nairobi	54%	18%	25%	3%
Eastern	52%	36%	7%	6%
Rift Valley	49%	36%	10%	5%
North Eastern	44%	54%	2%	-
Nyanza	43%	31%	23%	2%
Total	52%	32%	12%	

On a scale of 1 – 10 where 1 is extremely poorly and 10 is very well, how would you rate the Kenyan government's handling of its debt owed to foreign nations?

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81% indicated that the level of Kenya’s foreign debt makes them feel either anxious, fearful or angry



Overall, which of the following describes how you feel about the level of Kenya’s foreign debt?

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Kenyans from the regions of Nyanza, Western, Eastern and North Eastern are the most anxious about the level of Kenya's foreign debt

	Coast	North Eastern	Eastern	Central	Rift Valley	Western	Nyanza	Nairobi	Total
Anxiety	31%	51%	51%	42%	40%	52%	56%	47%	45%
Fear	16%	13%	18%	18%	27%	10%	16%	16%	19%
Anger	15%	20%	20%	14%	16%	18%	13%	21%	17%
Helplessness	17%	2%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	5%	6%
Sadness	8%	2%	5%	9%	6%	2%	4%	4%	5%
Indifference	3%	8%	-	7%	3%	8%	6%	3%	4%
Regret	3%	2%	1%	3%	4%	5%	-	1%	3%
None	6%	-	-	2%	0.3%	-	4%	3%	2%

Overall, which of the following describes how you feel about the level of Kenya's foreign debt?

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The three top things that concern Kenyans about our level of foreign debt are: (1) Future generations will have to repay it for a long time; (2) Kenya will default on its repayments which will be a national embarrassment; (3) Should Kenya default on its payments, it will lose its resources, facilities and installations to foreigners



38%

Future generations of Kenyans will be saddled with this debt and will repay it for a long time.



34%

We will not be able to pay back the debt and we will default which will be an embarrassment to our country



24%

If we default, we will lose a number of our national and strategic resources, facilities and installations to foreigners



1%

It will take a long time before we realize the benefits



2%

Don't Know



2%

Others

Concerns about Kenya's foreign debt: By Region

	Coast	North Eastern	Eastern	Central	Rift Valley	Western	Nyanza	Nairobi	Total
Future generations of Kenyans will be saddled with this debt and will repay it for a long time	35%	36%	40%	36%	35%	44%	41%	35%	38%
We will not be able to pay back the debt and we will default which will be an embarrassment to our country	39%	24%	32%	33%	37%	27%	30%	46%	34%
If we default, we will lose a number of our national and strategic resources, facilities and installations to foreigners	17%	40%	26%	26%	26%	21%	24%	18%	24%
It will take a long time before we realize the benefits	3%	-	-	2%	0.4%	-	-	-	1%
Don't Know	3%	-	1%	0.4%	1%	4%	5%	1%	2%
Others	3%	-	1%	3%	1%	4%	1%	1%	2%

What concerns you the most about the level of Kenya's foreign debt?

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- Infotrak Research and Consulting is a professional research company that was founded and incorporated under the Laws of Kenya in 2004 following the vision of the founder to provide the Pan African Market with suitable information solutions required to sustain the needs of the ever-growing economies.
- Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, Infotrak also has affiliate offices in Lagos, Nigeria and field contacts in more than 20 other countries in Sub Saharan Africa.
- Providing support to various organisations in the private and public over the last 16 years , we attribute our continuous growth not only innovation, high level of professionalism and dynamism, but also to the intricate attention given to providing clients with relevant and user friendly reports.

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- To be the leading **Market & Social** research firm in Sub Saharan Africa

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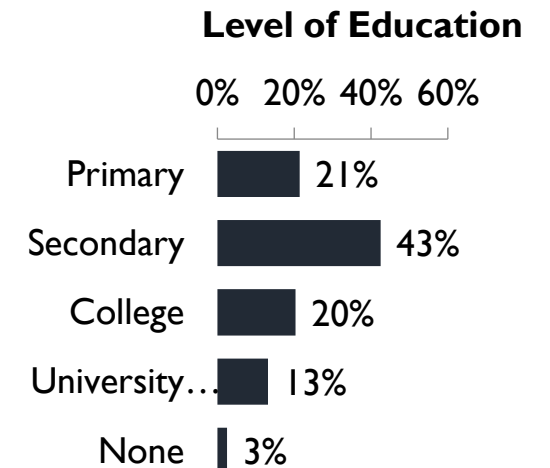
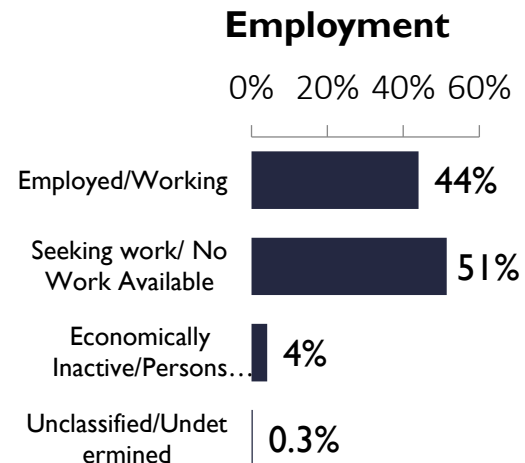
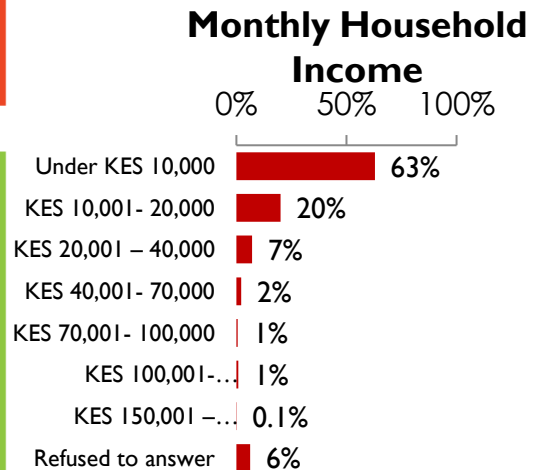
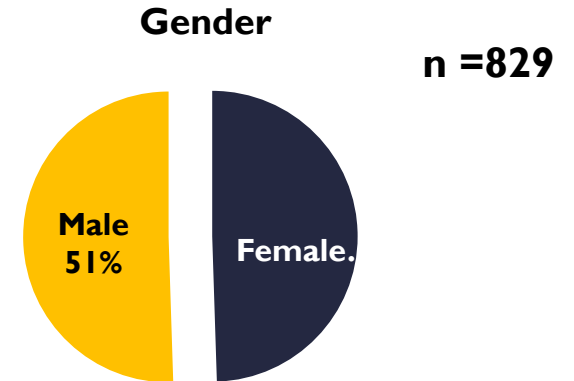
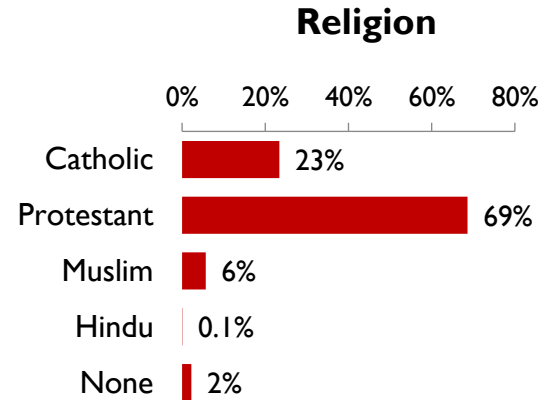
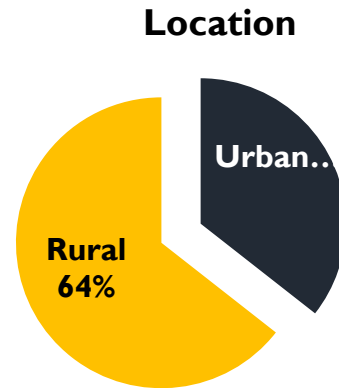
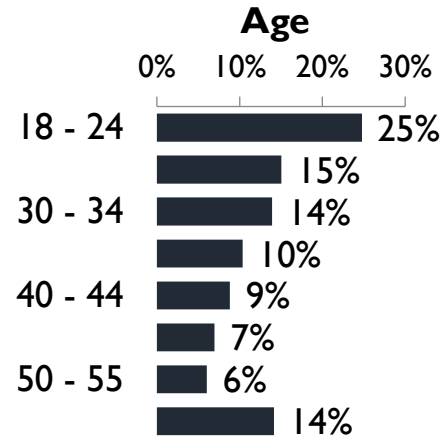
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