Kenya: Public Support for Human Rights Groups
August 18-28, 2015
Methodology

• The survey reflects the opinions of a representative sample of over 2,750 Kenyans, interviewed August 18 – 28, 2015.

• All figures are weighted to Kenyan Census data unless specified.

• RIWI Corporation of Toronto, Canada was contracted to conduct this survey on behalf of Freedom House, using Random Domain Intercept Technology (RDIT).

• More information on RIWI Corporation is available at https://riwi.com/.
Demographics

Age Group (Unweighted) N = 6,552

- 51% of respondents were under the age of 35
How much do you believe human rights groups positively contribute to the lives of Kenyans?

- 60% believe a lot
- 22% believe somewhat
- 8% believe not at all
- 10% don't know

A majority (82%) of respondents believe human rights groups positively contribute to the lives of Kenyans

N = 3,054
Have you personally benefitted from the work of a human rights group?

- Yes: 42%
- No: 40%
- Somewhat: 11%
- Don't know: 7%

42% of respondents have personally benefitted from the work of a human rights group, 40% of respondents have not benefitted, and 11% have somewhat benefitted.
How concerned would you be if half of the human rights groups in Kenya were to be closed down?

- Very concerned: 54%
- Concerned: 26%
- Not concerned: 11%
- Don't know: 10%

The majority (80%) of respondents would be concerned if half of the human rights groups in Kenya were to be closed down. N = 3,041

- 11% of respondents answered ‘not concerned’
What is the greatest challenge Kenya faces today?

- Corruption: 44%
- Security: 22%
- Poverty: 13%
- Access to justice: 6%
- Ethnic divisions: 6%
- Education: 5%
- Health: 3%
- Other: 1%

N = 3,033

- 44% of respondents believe corruption is the greatest challenge Kenya faces today; 27% of all respondents believe it is the second greatest challenge
- 22% of respondents believe security is the greatest challenge; 26% of all respondents believe it is the second greatest challenge
- 13% of respondents believe poverty is the greatest challenge; 16% of all respondents believe it is the second greatest challenge

Of the remaining, what is the next greatest challenge?

- Corruption: 27%
- Security: 26%
- Poverty: 16%
- Ethnic divisions: 11%
- Access to justice: 7%
- Education: 6%
- Health: 5%
- Other: 1%

N = 2,835
What do you think are the three most important issues that human rights groups should focus on over the next five years?

- This word cloud shows the top 100 most entered words, after removing common English words (ex. ‘the’, ‘and’) and profanity
- **Corruption, education, security, and poverty** are the most important issues respondents feel human rights groups should focus on
Which of the following institutions do you feel can be trusted most to stand up for you and defend your interests?

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- 25% of respondents trust the media to stand up for them and defend their interests
- 18% of respondents trust civil society to stand up for them and defend their interests

N = 3,036
How much do you trust human rights groups to defend your interests?

- **A lot**: 52%
- **Somewhat**: 27%
- **Not at all**: 12%
- **Don't know**: 9%

N = 2,779

- Most of the respondents trust human right groups to defend their interests (79% selecting ‘somewhat’ or ‘a lot’)
- The majority of respondents trust human right groups a lot to defend their interest (52%)
- 12% of respondents do not trust human right groups at all to defend their interests
Over the last year, has your perception of human rights groups changed?

- Yes, worsened a lot: 2%
- Yes, worsened a bit: 4%
- No: 24%
- Yes, improved a bit: 33%
- Yes, improved a lot: 37%

- Most respondents feel their perception of human rights groups has **improved** over the last year (70% answering 'yes, improved a bit' + 'yes, improved a lot')
- 24% of respondents do not feel any change in their perception of human rights groups over the last year
- Only 6% of respondents feel their perception of human rights groups has **worsened** over the last year

N = 2,959
What is the highest level of education you have attained?

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Which of the following regions do you live in?

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<td>Nairobi</td>
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N = 1,892

- 17% of respondents have attained their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE)
- 32% of respondents have attained their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)
- 47% of respondents have attained their College Diploma, University Degree or higher
- The top three regions where the respondents live are Nairobi, Rift Valley, and the Coast (29%, 22%, 12% respectively)
In your opinion, has the 2010 Constitution been implemented effectively?

- 38% of respondents feel the 2010 constitution has been implemented effectively
- 54% of respondents feel it has not been implemented effectively

N = 3,086