EISA APRM Civil Society Survey, 2013–2014: Description of Realized Sample

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The Survey of Civil Society and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) was conducted by the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) in seven countries between September 2013 and mid-2014. Grant Masterson was the survey team leader at EISA, and the survey was funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation..

The survey targeted random samples of non-governmental organisations in each country, who were invited to participate. The country samples were drawn from official registration lists, as NGO registration was legally required in all countries. Thirty NGOs per country completed the questionnaire as part of more detailed face-to-face or telephonic interviews. Email invitations to participate using a self-administered, web-based questionnaire were sent to one hundred other randomly selected organisations per country. If the total number of responses fell short of 50–60 per country, email invitations were sent to additional, randomly selected organisations.

Exact response rates were not available from EISA. Total responses are consistent with response rates of about 20–40% for the self-administered questionnaires in most countries. Based on anecdotal accounts, participation rates in the interviews were likely higher than for the self-administered questionnaires. The response rate for Ethiopia was considerably lower than for the other countries, probably reflecting an unusually restrictive political environment for NGOs.

The following tables summarize the overall composition of the sample, to accompany the replication materials for the article:

> Rod Alence, "Civil society and the African Peer Review Mechanism 'experiment': Evidence from a survey of Africa-based non-governmental organizations," *The Africa Governance Papers* 2.3 (May 2023): 154–181.

The tables supplement the replication data set, which excludes information that

might identify specific organizations.[1]

Countries

Table 1: Respondent's country

Response	Freq	Prop
Ethiopia	36	0.09
Kenya	63	0.15
Mauritius	54	0.13
Mozambique	50	0.12
Tanzania	79	0.19
Uganda	74	0.17
Zambia	67	0.16
TOTAL	423	1.00

Organisations

Table 2: Which of the following most closely describes the focus of your organisation? (Q1)

Response	Freq	Prop
Political governance	78	0.18
Public sector economic governance	23	0.05
Private sector governance	23	0.05
Socio-economic development	299	0.71
TOTAL	423	1.00

[1]The total number of participating organisations was 423. Where reported frequencies are smaller, this reflects item non-response.

Table 3: Select your organisation's three most common thematic areas of focus from the following list: (Up to three responses, N=423 for each theme (Q2))

Theme	Freq	Prop
Education/training	209	0.49
Promoting gender equality	134	0.32
Infrastructure development	15	0.04
Policy advocacy/lobbying	201	0.48
Social service	110	0.26
Monitoring and accountability	128	0.30
Democracy and governance	171	0.40
Health care	89	0.21
Relief aid	28	0.07
Community-based initiatives	160	0.38
Faith-based initiatives	20	0.05
Other	50	0.12

Table 4: Approximately how many full-time paid employees are there in your organisation? (Q37)

Response	Freq	Prop
none	66	0.17
1–10	195	0.51
11–30	84	0.22
31–50	15	0.04
51–100	8	0.02
more than 100	18	0.05
TOTAL	386	1.00

Table 5: Approximately how many part-time paid employees are there in your organisation? (Q38)

Response	Freq	Prop
none	112	0.29
1–10	228	0.60
11–30	25	0.07
31–50	4	0.01
51–100	2	0.01
more than 100	9	0.02
TOTAL	380	1.00

Table 6: Approximately how many volunteers have assisted your organisation's work during the past year? (Q39)

Response	Freq	Prop
None	39	0.10
1–10	202	0.52
11–30	69	0.18
31–50	23	0.06
51–100	29	0.07
More than 100	25	0.06
TOTAL	387	1.00

Table 7: Approximately what percentage of your annual organisational funding comes from international donors/sources? (Q36)

Response	Freq	Prop
None	22	0.06
1–10 per cent	88	0.23
11–50 per cent	40	0.10
51–90 per cent	37	0.10
More than 90 per cent	87	0.23
I'd rather not say/ Don't know	112	0.29
TOTAL	386	1.00

Respondents

A single respondent completed the questionnaire for each organisation, preferably a "senior staff member," according the survey invitation. This section provides the gender and age breakdown of the individual respondents.

Table 8: Respondent's gender (Q31)

Response	Freq	Prop
Female	101	0.26
Male	286	0.74
TOTAL	387	1.00

Table 9: Respondent's age (Q33)

Response	Freq	Prop
18–34 years	103	0.27
35–50 years	194	0.50
more than 50 years	90	0.23
TOTAL	387	1.00

Selected organisational characteristics by country

To protect anonymity, country-specific distributions by "sectoral focus" are aggegated into two categories – "Governance" and "Development" – based on the reponses reported in table 1:

"Governance" Combines "political governance", "public sector economic governance," and "private sector governance";

"Development" "Socio-economic development."

To protect anonymity, country-specific distributions by size (number of full-time staff) are aggregated into two categories: "ten or fewer" and "more than ten."

Table 10: Sectoral focus of organisations, proportions by country

	Governance	Development	Country N
Ethiopia	0.08	0.92	36
Kenya	0.22	0.78	63
Mauritius	0.13	0.87	54
Mozambique	0.36	0.64	50
Tanzania	0.37	0.63	79
Uganda	0.32	0.68	74
Zambia	0.43	0.57	67
TOTAL	0.29	0.71	423

Table 11: Size (full-time staff) of organisations, proportions by country

	Ten or fewer	More than ten	Country N
Ethiopia	0.39	0.61	33
Kenya	0.75	0.25	59
Mauritius	0.89	0.11	45
Mozambique	0.43	0.57	46
Tanzania	0.83	0.17	75
Uganda	0.64	0.36	66
Zambia	0.65	0.35	62
TOTAL	0.68	0.32	386