



Economy

Findings from Afrobarometer Round 9 survey in Kenya and the New Government

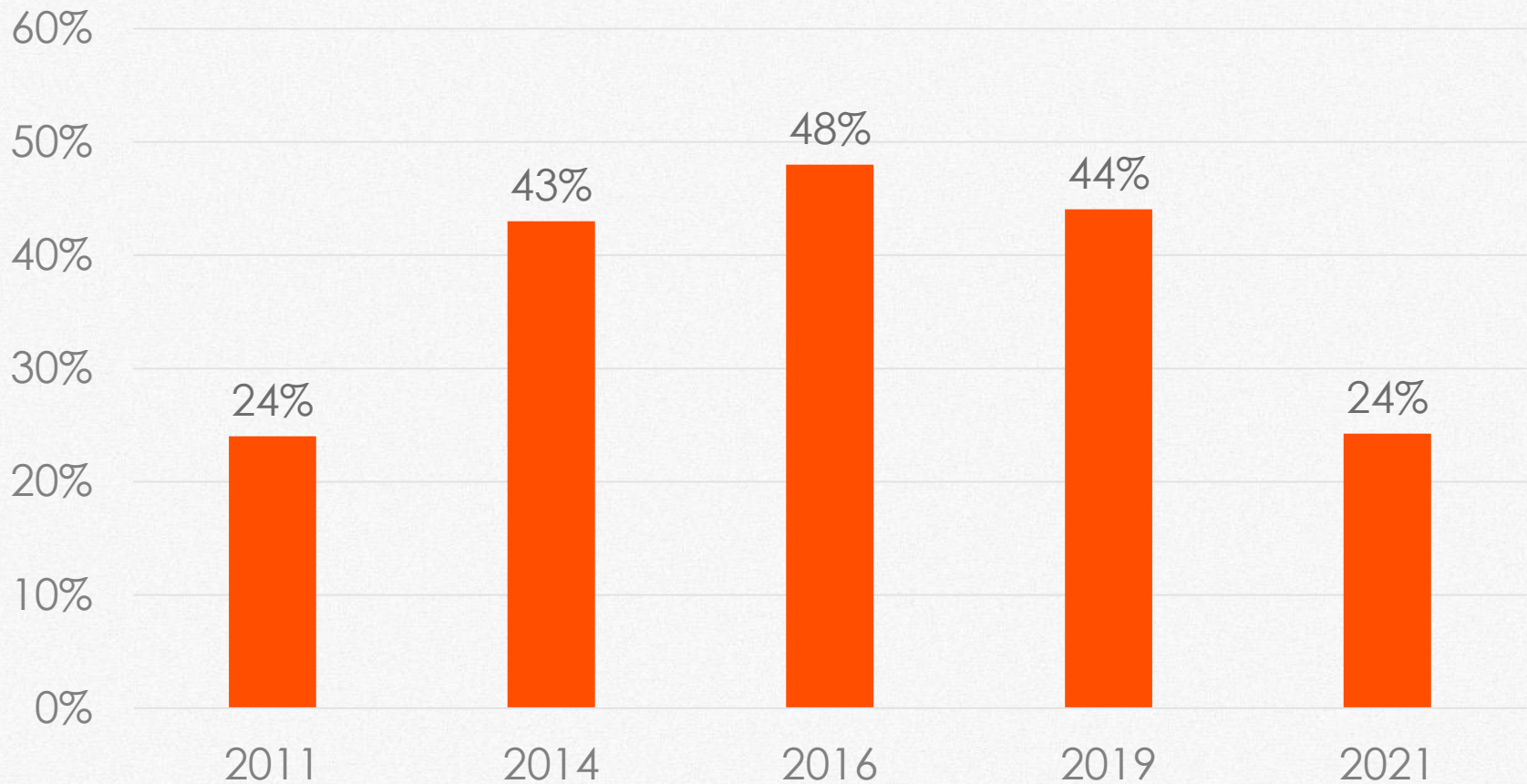


At a glance



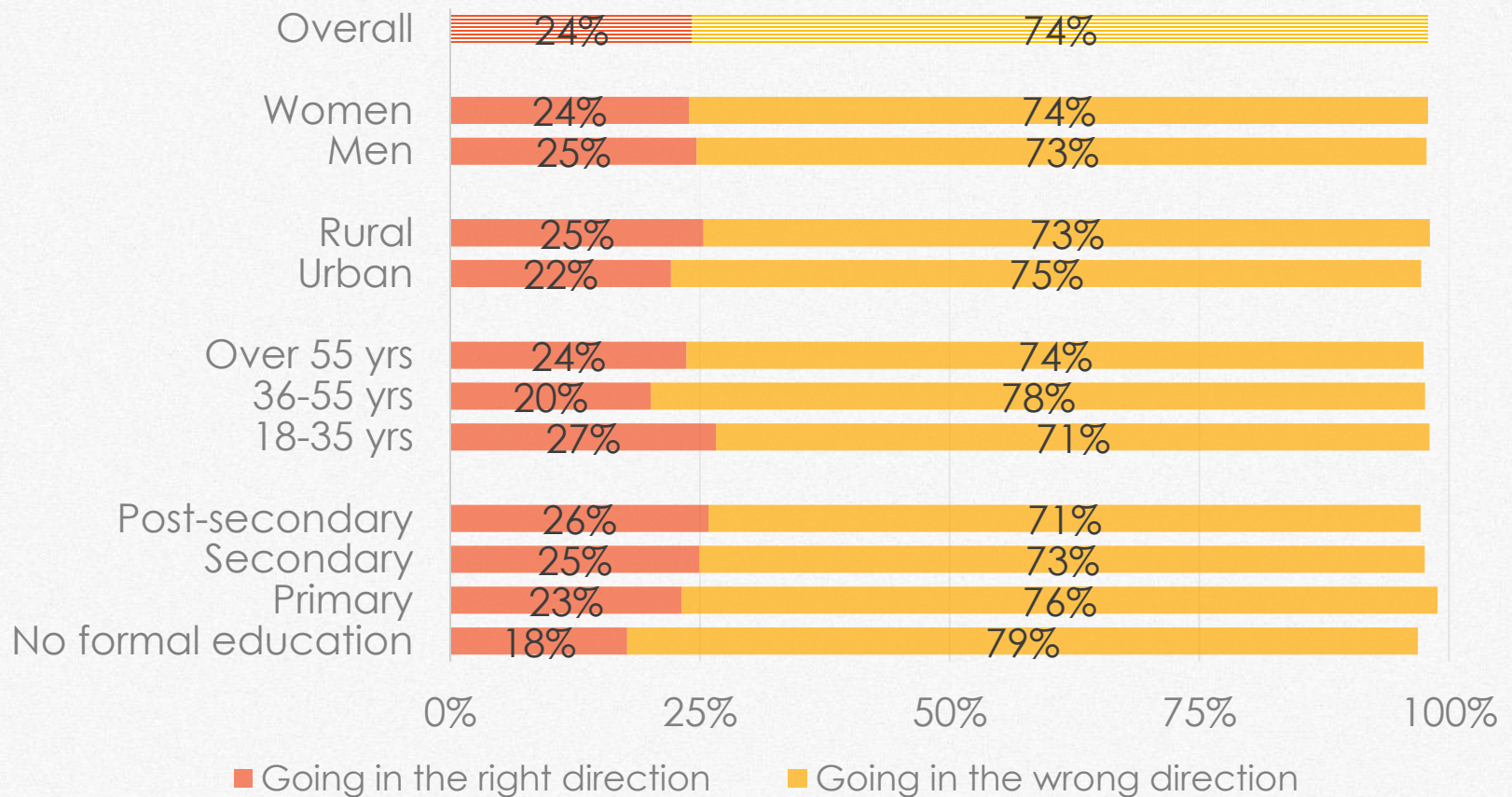
- Most Kenyans think the country is going in the wrong direction
- Most Kenyans think their living conditions are bad/fairly bad in the past year as a good number either fall within the moderate or low lived poverty lines
- The government is generally performing very badly in managing the economy, creating jobs, narrowing the income gap, keeping prices stable, and improving the poor's living standards
- What is there for Kenyans in the new government – Bottom Up Economic model?
- The voting pattern in 2022 general elections could be a pointer to the hopes created by the Hustler's narrative

Direction of the country: going in the right direction | Kenya | 2011-2021



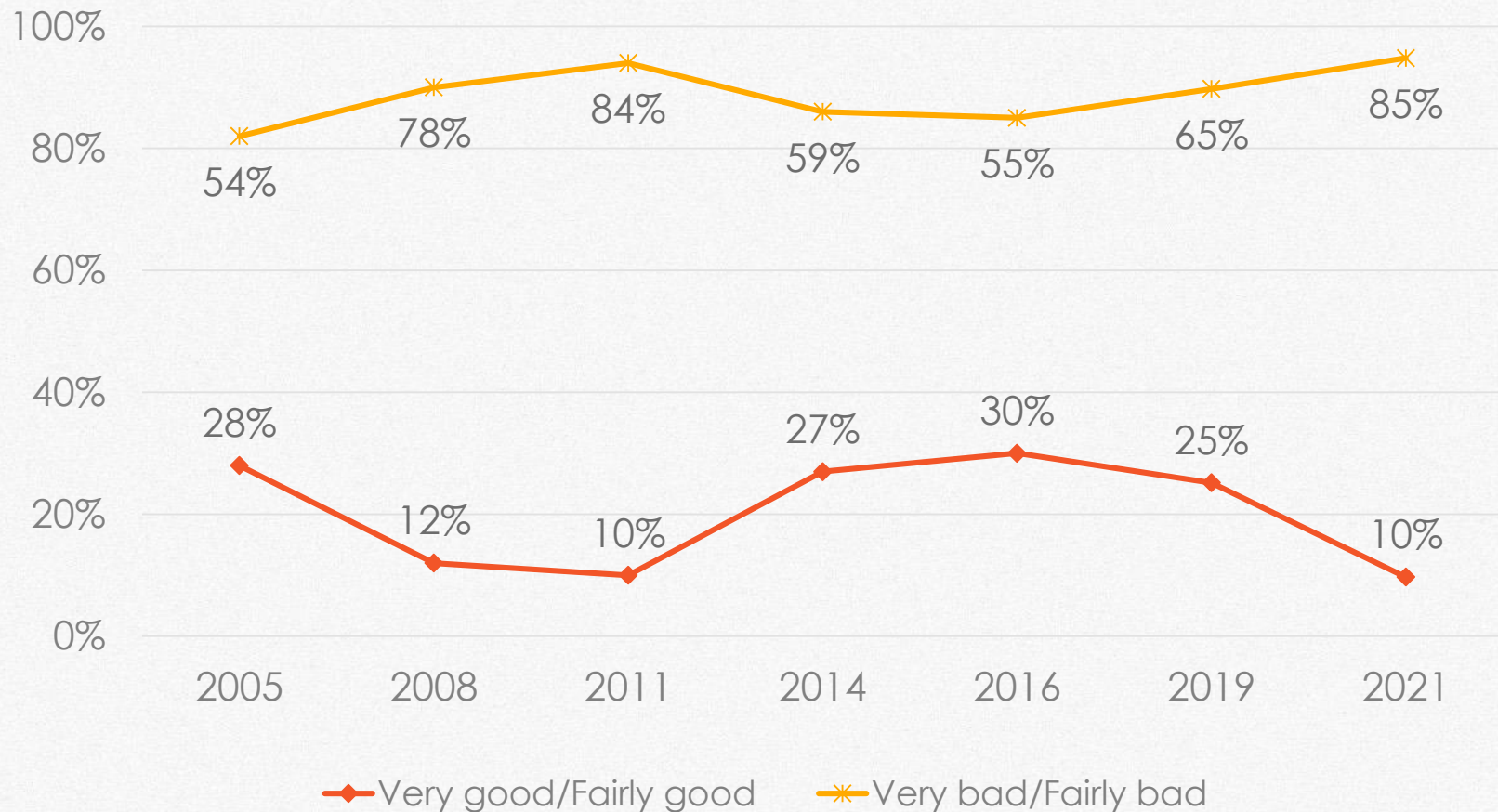
Respondents were asked: Let's start with your general view about the current direction of our country. Some people might think the country is going in the wrong direction. Others may feel it is going in the right direction. So let me ask you about the overall direction of the country: Would you say that the country is going in the wrong direction or going in the right direction? (% who say "right direction")

Direction of the country | by age, gender, and rural-urban location | Kenya | 2021



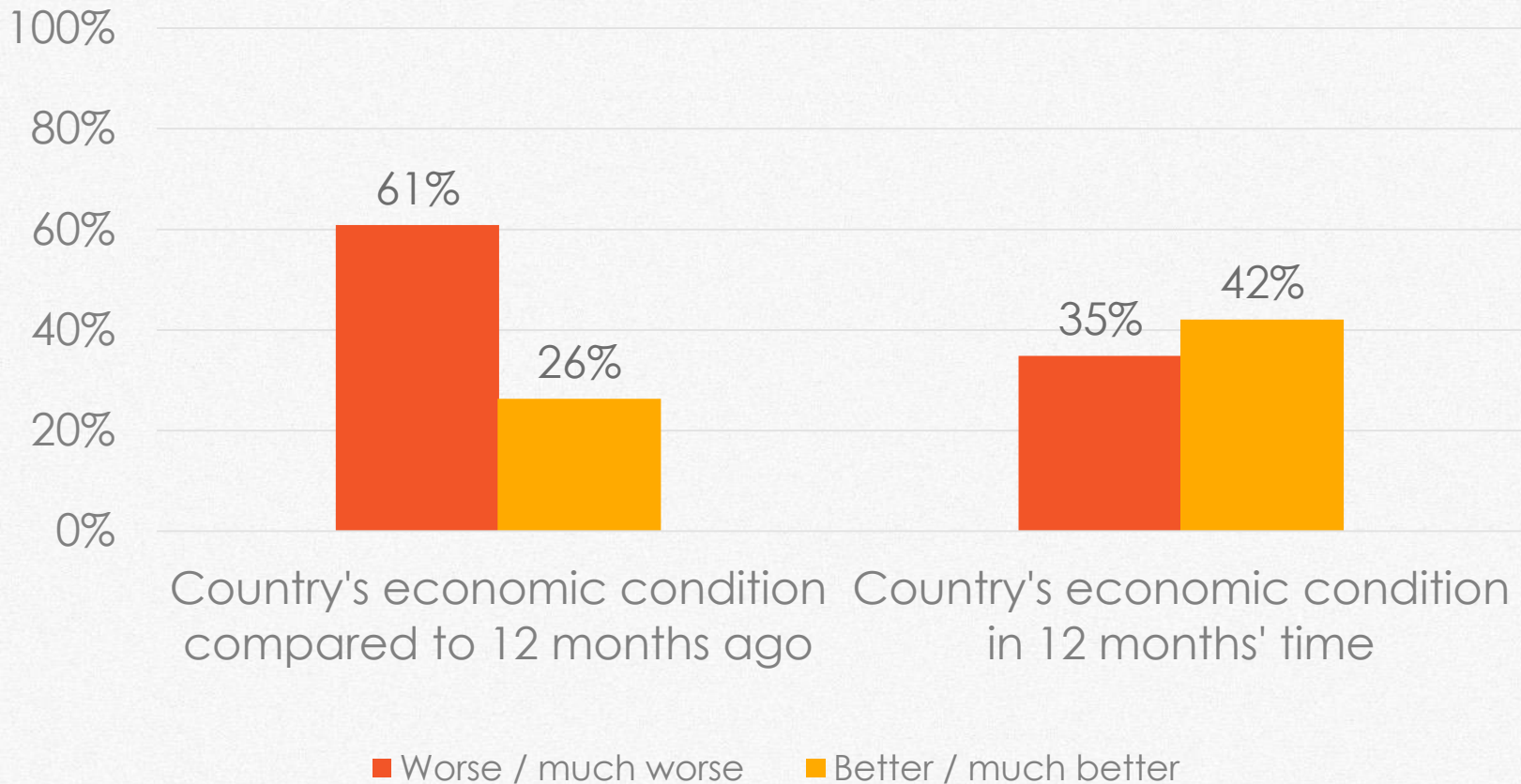
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Assessment of country's economic condition | Kenya | 2005-2021



Respondents were asked: *In general, how would you describe the present economic condition of this country?*

Examining country's economic conditions in past 12 months and prospects in next 12 months | Kenya | 2021

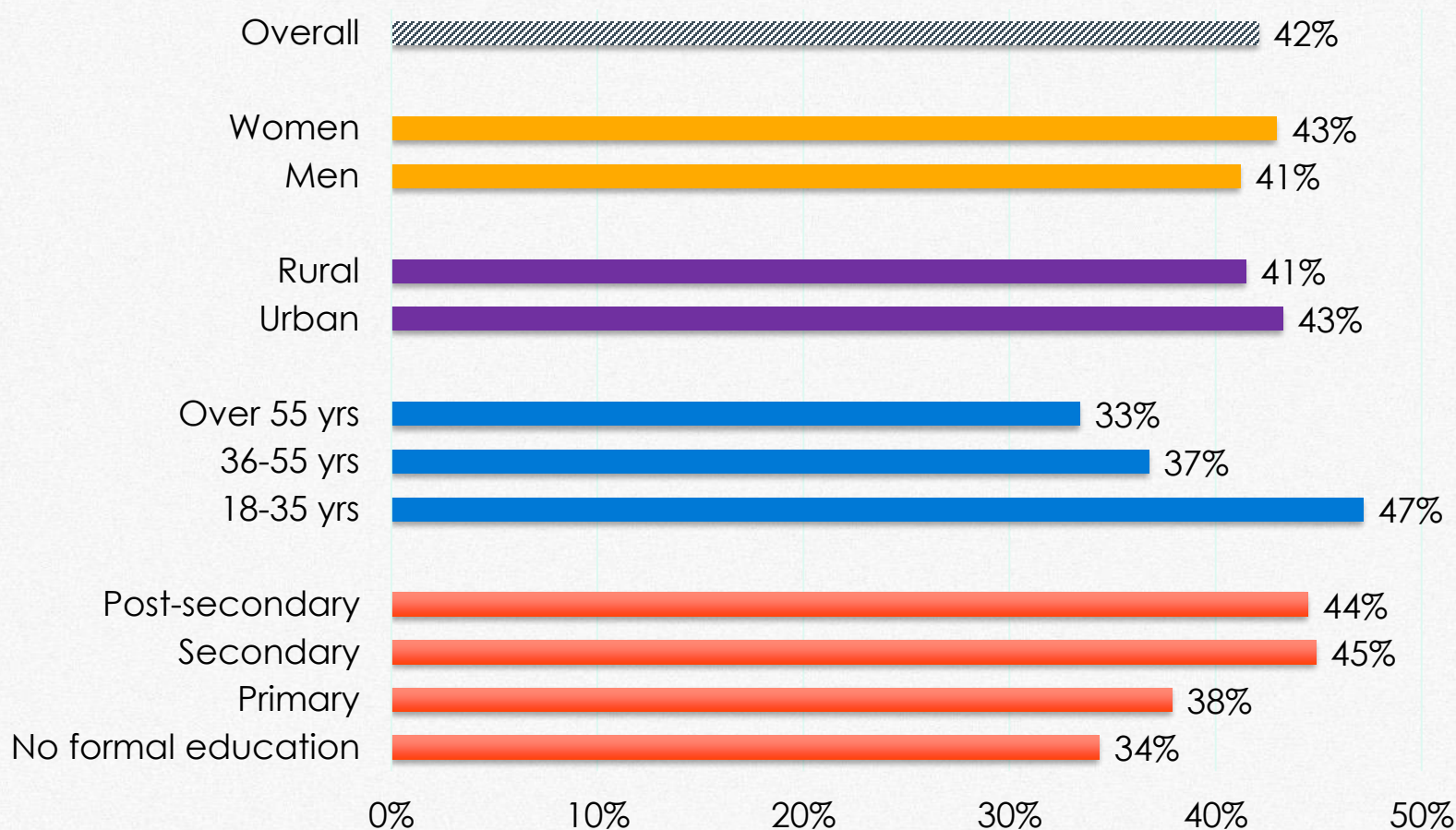


Respondents were asked:

Looking back, how do you rate economic conditions in this country compared to 12 months ago

Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in 12 months' time?

Prospects for better economic conditions for the country in 12 months | by gender, education, and age | Kenya | 2021



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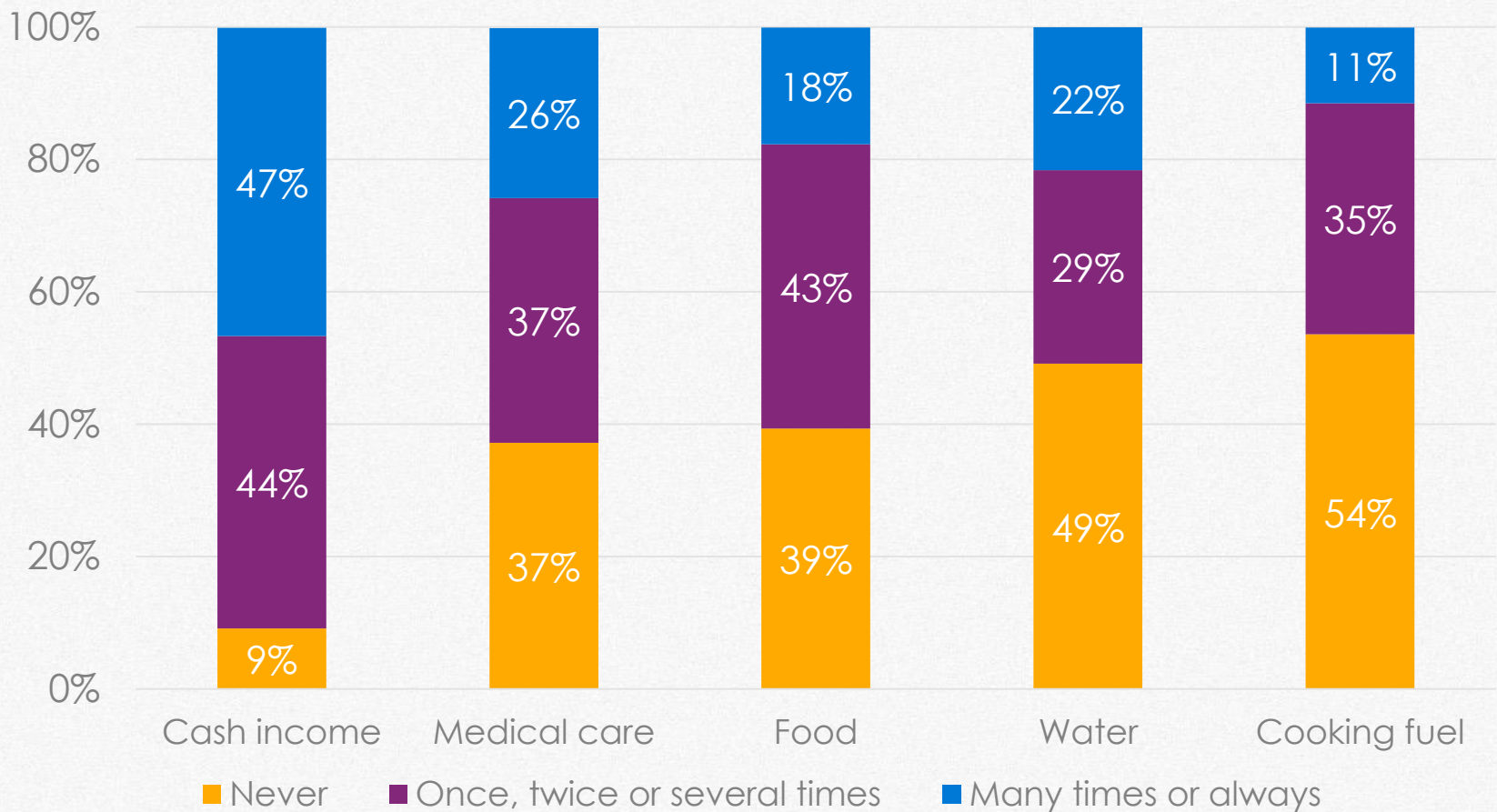
Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in 12 months' time? (% who say "better" or "much better")

Assessment of own present living conditions | Kenya | 2005-2021



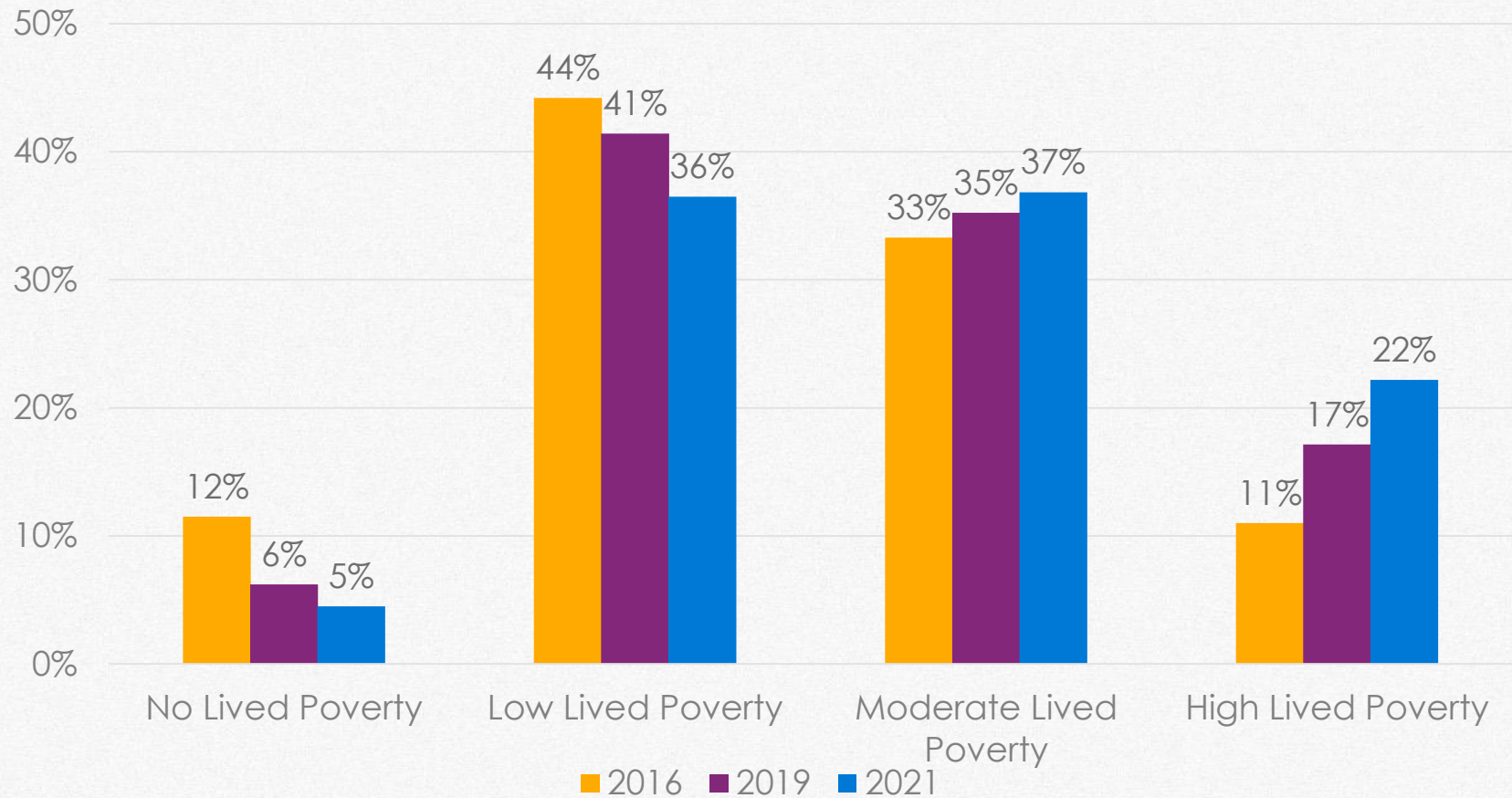
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Going without basic necessities in the past year | Kenya | 2021



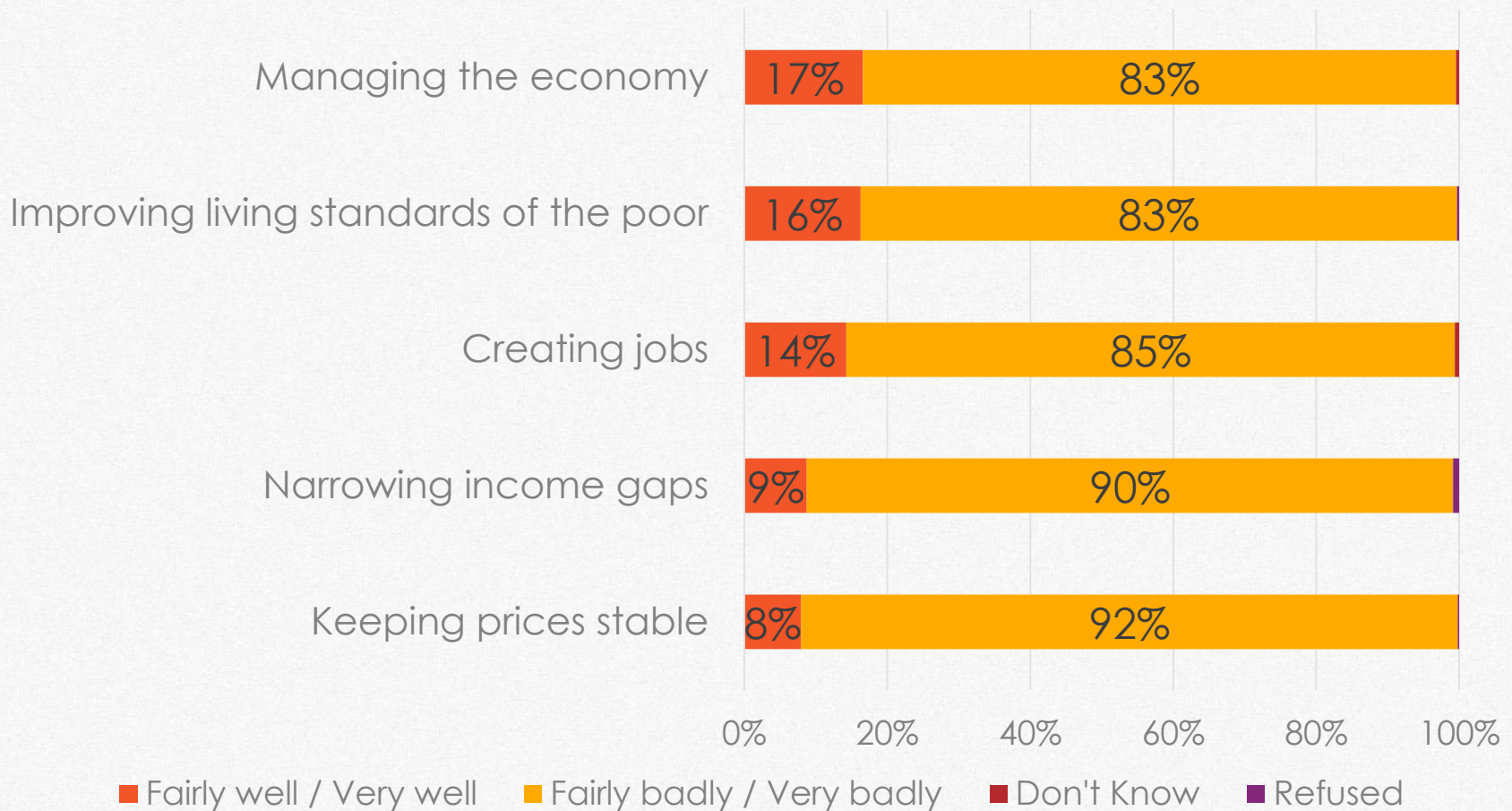
Respondents were asked: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough food to eat? Enough clean water for home use? Medicines or medical treatment? Enough fuel to cook your food? A cash income?

Personal experience of poverty: Lived Poverty Index (LPI) | Kenya | 2016 - 2021



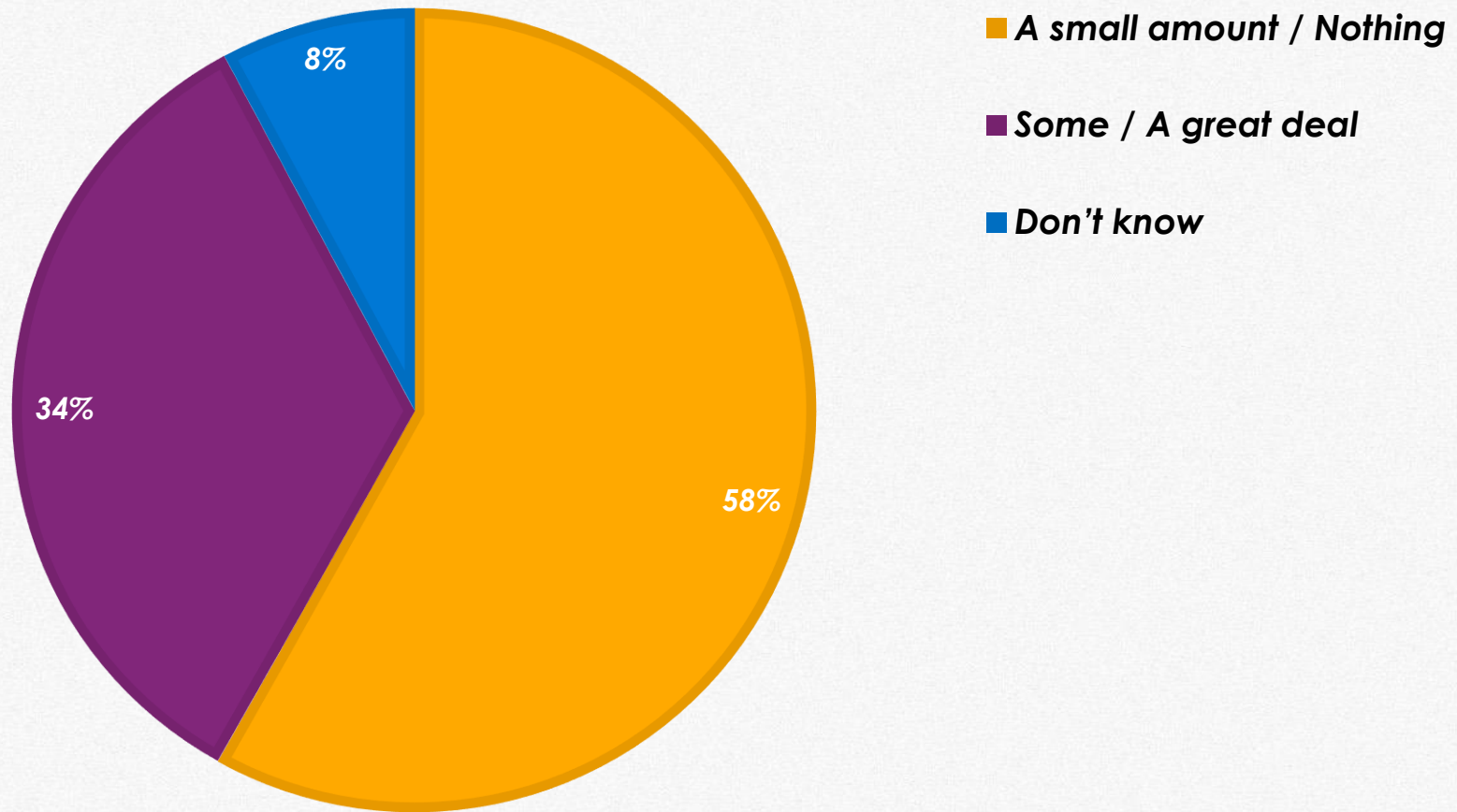
LPI Computation: An average of the responses from these five variables: *Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough food to eat? Enough clean water for home use? Medicines or medical treatment? Enough fuel to cook your food? A cash income?*

Government handling of issues | Kenya | 2021



Respondents were asked: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say?

Heard about federation of EAC | Kenya | 2021



Respondents were asked: How much have you heard about the proposed federation of the East African Community, that is, the formation of a unitary government for Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi, with a joint army, parliament, presidency, and economy?

Kenya Kwanza – Bottom –Up Model



- Is it a **new approach** to revitalizing the economy?
- Development Paradox – growing economy vs hardships
- Issues – uplift the citizens at the lower echelons of the economy – The majority poor
- **Key Issues – page 8** – inclusive growth, employment, MSMEs, Agriculture production, Labour intensive manufacturing, infrastructure development, health care & housing
- Vision 2030, Big four Agenda & SDGs
- New hope for Kenya....

Conclusion

- Even though the economy is largely going in the wrong, Kenyans are seeing prospects of improvement in the next 12 months
- Most Kenyans either live within the low or moderate lived poverty lines
- Poor rating of the government in handling economic issues
- Regional integration issues now well known among Kenyans
- Election outcome was a revolt against the government
- Most Kenyans - New Dawn and High Expectations of the new government.



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