Public Opinion on Corruption in Nigeria

GeoPoll, a mobile survey platform in Africa and Asia, polled 2,000 Nigerians regarding their experiences with corruption in fundamental sectors, including education, electricity, and health care. The survey, supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, was conducted across all Nigerian states using mobile technology in October 2015. Respondents received a small airtime credit incentive upon completion.

OVERVIEW OF CORRUPTION IN KEY CONSUMER SERVICES:

Nigerians consider education, health care, and electricity to be the most important public services.

- Education: 43%
- Health care: 35%
- Electricity: 14%
- Law enforcement: 4%

63% of Nigerians consider law enforcement as the most corrupt public service.

- Always: 63%
- Frequently: 11%
- Once in a while: 13%
- Hardly ever: 11%
- Never: 2%

54% of Nigerians always or frequently encounter corruption in their interactions with public services.

OVERALL, BRIBES ARE THE MOST COMMONLY CITED FORM OF CORRUPTION IN NIGERIA:

- Bribes: 61%
- Favoritism: 16%
- Extortion: 19%
- Harassment: 18%
- Delays: 14%
- Other: 4%

THE POOREST NIGERIANS ARE MOST AFFECTED BY CORRUPTION:

- Below $175/month: 16%
- $175 - $376/month: 16%
- $377 - $502/month: 8%
- $503 - $753/month: 6%
- Above $753/month: 4%

How often corruption is encountered by income level in USD:

- Always: 17%
- Frequently: 36%
- Once in a while: 30%
- Hardly ever: 13%
- Never: 4%

OVERALL, BRIBES ARE THE MOST COMMONLY CITED FORM OF CORRUPTION IN NIGERIA:

91% of Nigerians see the electricity sector as the most corrupt public service. Bribes and extortion are the most common forms of corruption within the electricity sector.

CORRUPTION IN EDUCATION:

13% of Nigerians see education as the most corrupt public service. 45% of those say they regularly experience bribes in the education sector.

CORRUPTION IN ELECTRICITY:

11% of Nigerians see the electricity sector as the most corrupt public service. Bribes and extortion are the most common forms of corruption within the electricity sector.

Distribution of respondents by state

Gender of respondents

Age of respondents

50% 37% 13%