



The Impeachment of DP Rigathi Gachagua

October 2024 Survey Findings: 1st Release

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Introduction

- ❑ This Release reports the first of two sets of results obtained from the national survey TIFA Research conducted during 1st to 4th October 2024. Its content focuses on the on-going attempt to remove DP Rigathi Gachagua by the process of impeachment.

- ❑ It addresses the following questions:
 - 1) How do Kenyans rate the DP's performance after the Kenya Kwanza government has completed its first two years in office?
 - 2) How many Kenyans are aware of this effort to remove him by impeachment?
 - 3) What is the perceived level of support that the DP has within his 'home' Mt. Kenya region?
 - 4) What proportions of Kenyans support and oppose the effort to remove him by impeachment?
 - 5) How, if at all, do Kenyans feel that President Ruto's chances of re-election in 2027 will be affected if the attempt to remove DP Gachagua by impeachment is successful?
 - 6) Whom do Kenyans expect the President will nominate to replace DP Gachagua if he is removed by impeachment?
 - 7) Whom is considered by Kenyans as the "best representative of the interests" of the people of Mt. Kenya as of now?
 - 8) Finally, to what extent do those who voted for Ruto vs. Raila in the 2022 election differ regarding several of the above issues?





Data collection period

- ❑ Note that data collection was completed before the two days of ‘public participation’ had begun (Friday, October 4), the results of which will be known only after the Clerk’s office of the National Assembly collate all the forms that were filled by those who chose to take advantage of the opportunity to officially express their views.

Note on analysis for Mt Kenya vis other regions

- ❑ Further, it will be seen the most results are presented in terms of three categories: “Total” (i.e., all Kenyans/the entire sample), “Mt. Kenya” (i.e., the counties that comprise this part of the country), and “Other Regions” (i.e., the rest of the country). Here it should be noted that according to Census data, slightly more than 10% of Mt. Kenya area residents are not members of the so-called “GEMA” community; likewise, about 10% of the population of all other regions is comprised of this same collection of ethnic groups. As such, the contrasts used by TIFA to present these result should be considered as less than simply ethnic, as they are explicitly geographic in nature.

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Summary Findings

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DP Performance & Impeachment Support



Performance Rating

% who rate DPs performance as excellent + good	
Total Sample	34%
Mt Kenya	59%
Other Regions	27%

Support for impeachment


	% oppose Impeachment	% support Impeachment
Total Sample	38%	41%
Mt Kenya	69%	20%
Other Regions	28%	47%

Expected Replacement of DP If Gachagua Is Impeached/Removed

Top mentions




37%




**Kithure
Kindiki**

5%




**Musalia
Mudavadi**

5%




**Ndindi
Nyoro**

3%



**Anne
Waiguru**

2%



**Gladys
Wanga**

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Detailed Findings

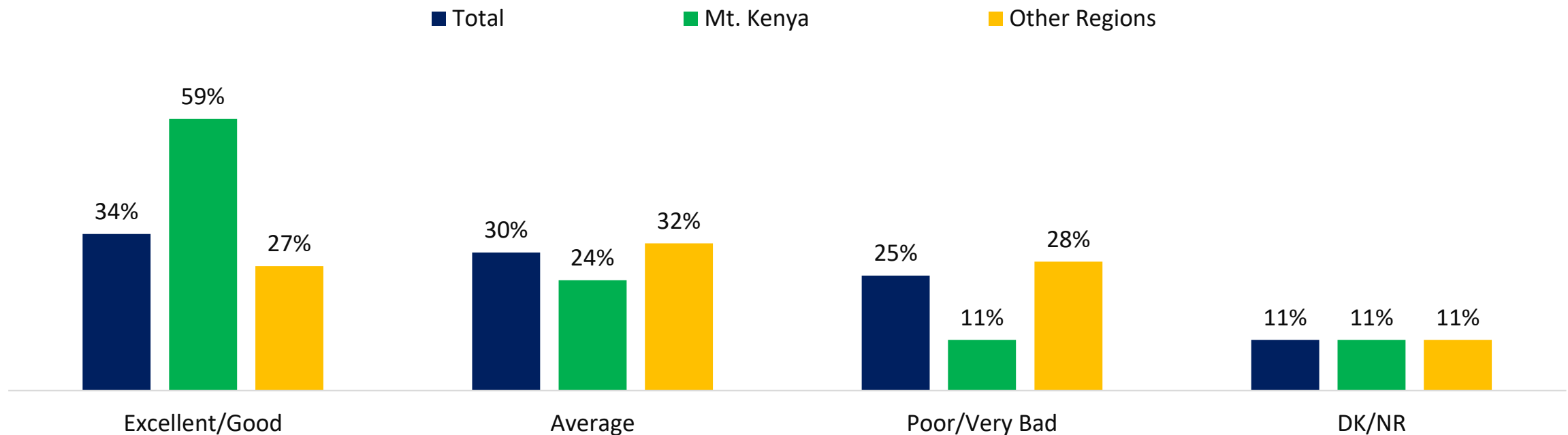
Ratings of the DP's Performance

By Total, Mt. Kenya Region, Other Regions



- Among all Kenyans, views on the performance of DP Gachagua are mixed, though he scores much higher among residents of the Mt. Kenya region, while the opposite is the case among residents of other regions. Specifically, more than twice as many of the former consider his performance as either “excellent” or “good” as compared to the latter (59% vs. 27%). Conversely, nearly three times as many from other regions rate the DP's performance as “poor’ or “very bad” as do those from Mt. Kenya (28% vs. 11%).

Perceived Performance - Rating Of DP Gachagua



Q: “How would you rate the performance of the Deputy President during his time in office up to now?” SINGLE RESPONSE – READ OUT

Base = All respondents

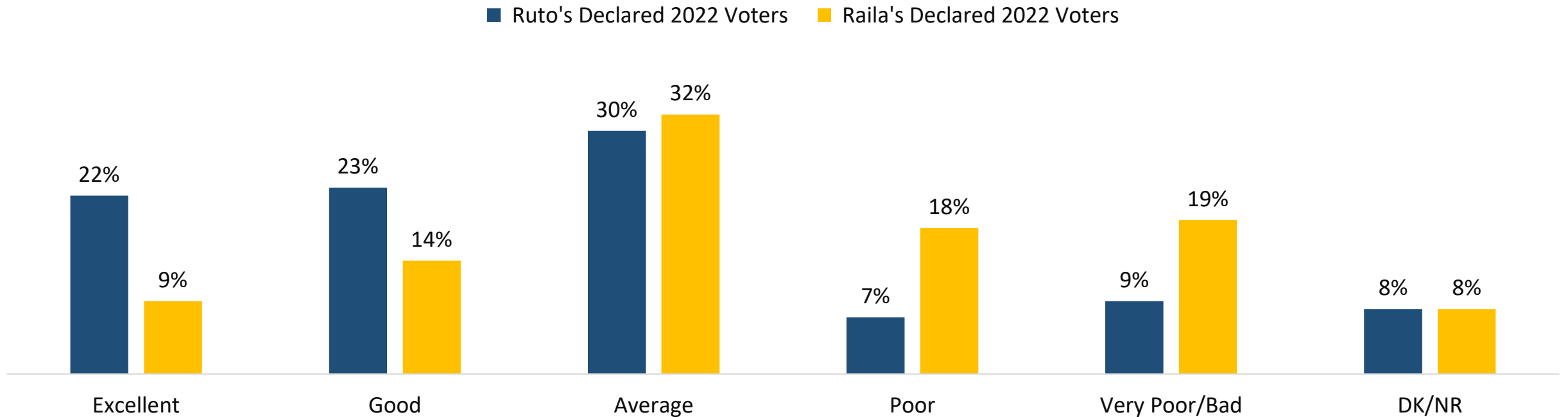
Ratings of the DP's Performance

by Ruto's vs. Raila's Declared 2022 Voters



□ A comparison of views about the DP's performance shows a clear contrast between those who declared they voted for Ruto and Raila in the 2022 election, with the former far more positive about his performance than are those who say they voted for the latter. This is seen in terms of those who rate his performance as excellent (22% vs. 9%) and conversely those who see it as very poor/bad (9% vs. 19%).

DP Performance Ratings

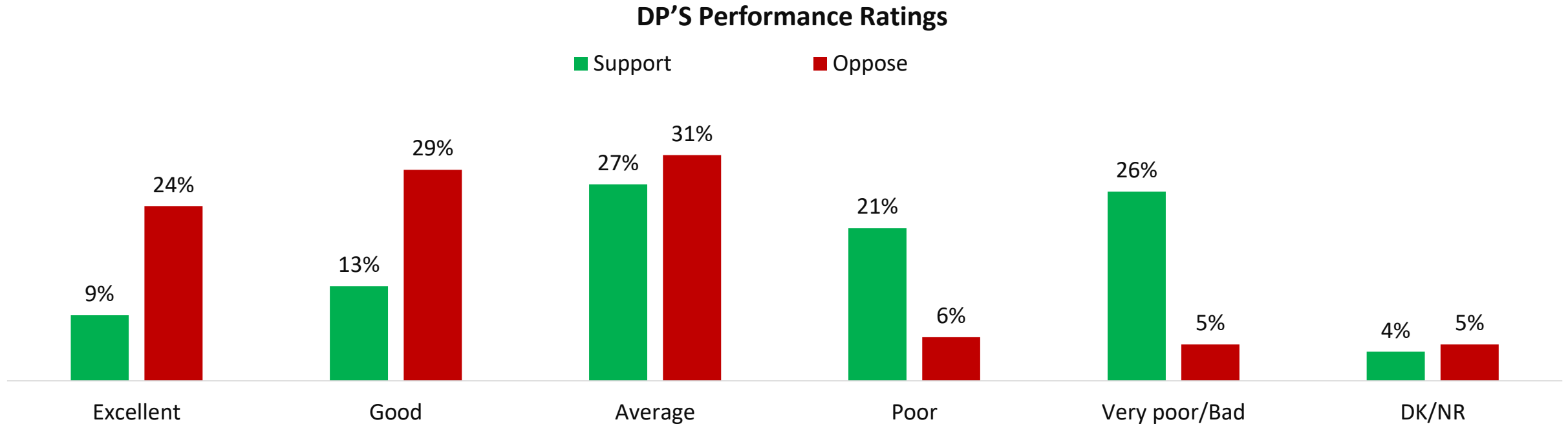


Ratings of the DP's Performance

by those who support/oppose his impeachment



As would be expected, those who support the DP's impeachment are far more negative about his performance as compared with those who oppose it. For example, more than four times as many of those who rate it as either "poor" or "bad" also support his impeachment as compared with those who oppose it (47% vs. 11%), and the converse is true at the positive end of the scale, with more than twice as many of those who consider it is "excellent" or "good" opposing it as compared with those who support his impeachment (53% vs. 22%).



Awareness of the Attempt to Remove the DP by Impeachment

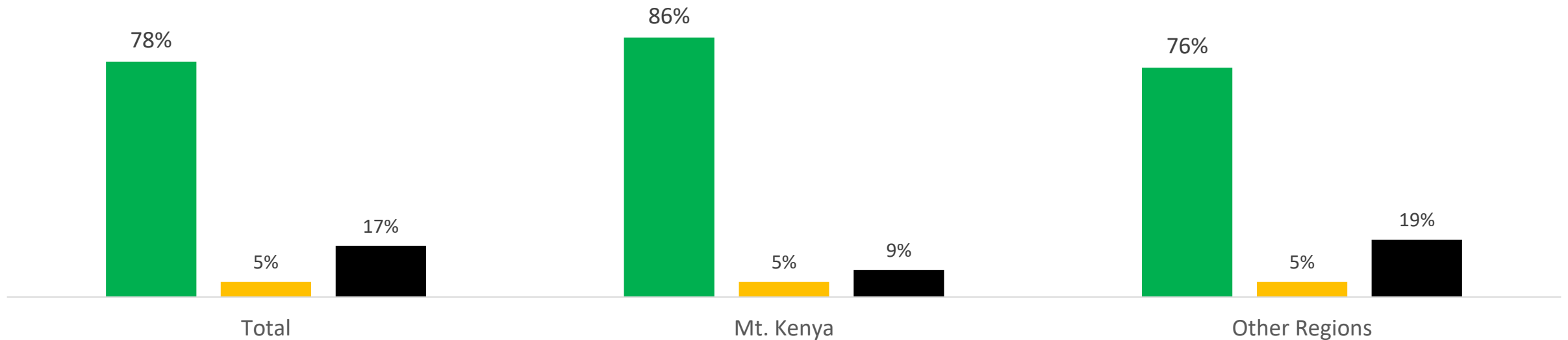
By Total, Mt. Kenya Region, Other Regions



- Most Kenyans (78%) are aware of the current effort to remove DP Gachagua, with even more of the residents of the Mt. Kenya region aware of this (86%).

Ability to Name the DP as the High Official Currently Facing Impeachment

■ Correct Answer ■ Incorrect Answer ■ Don't Know



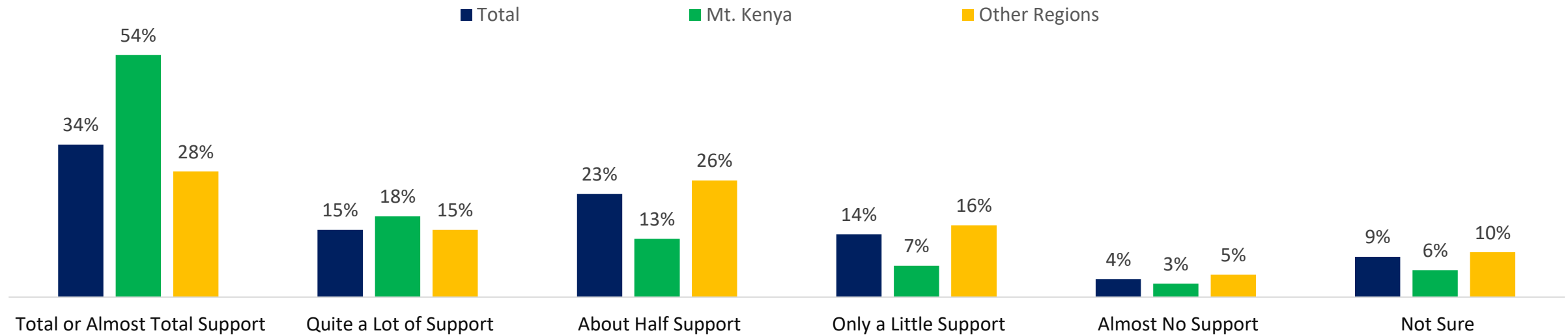
Perceived Level of Mt. Kenya Support for DP Gachagua

By Total, Mt. Kenya Region, Other Regions



Most Kenyans believe the DP enjoys considerable support within his home Mt. Kenya region with about half (49%) feeling he has either “total” or “quite a lot” of support. Among residents of this area themselves, however, this (combined) figure is considerably larger (68%). By contrast, hardly any Kenyans – regardless of where they live – believe he has “almost no support” (4%, 3% and 5% among residents of the entire country, the Mt. Kenya region, and all other regions, respectively).

Views On DP’S Level Of Support On Mt. Kenya



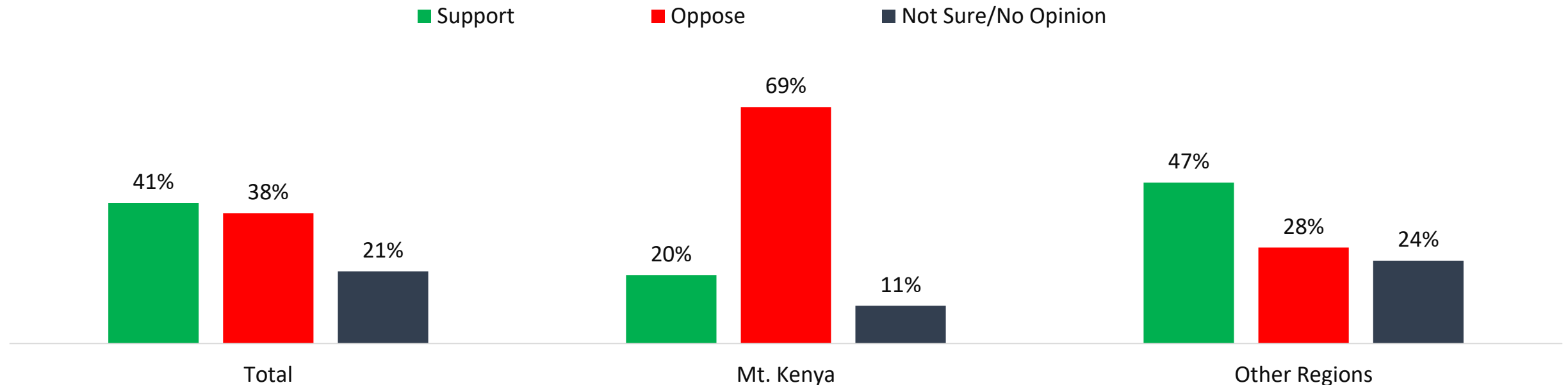
Support/Opposition to Remove DP Gachagua by Impeachment

By Total, Mt. Kenya Region, Other Regions



- Overall, Kenyans are quite divided over the current effort to remove Gachagua from office by impeachment, with only a slight plurality in support of it (41% vs. 38%). However, a clear contrast is seen between residents of the Mt. Kenya region and those of all other regions, with well over twice as many of the former opposed to it (69% vs. 28%).

Support Vs. Opposition For Removal Of DP Gachagua By Impeachment



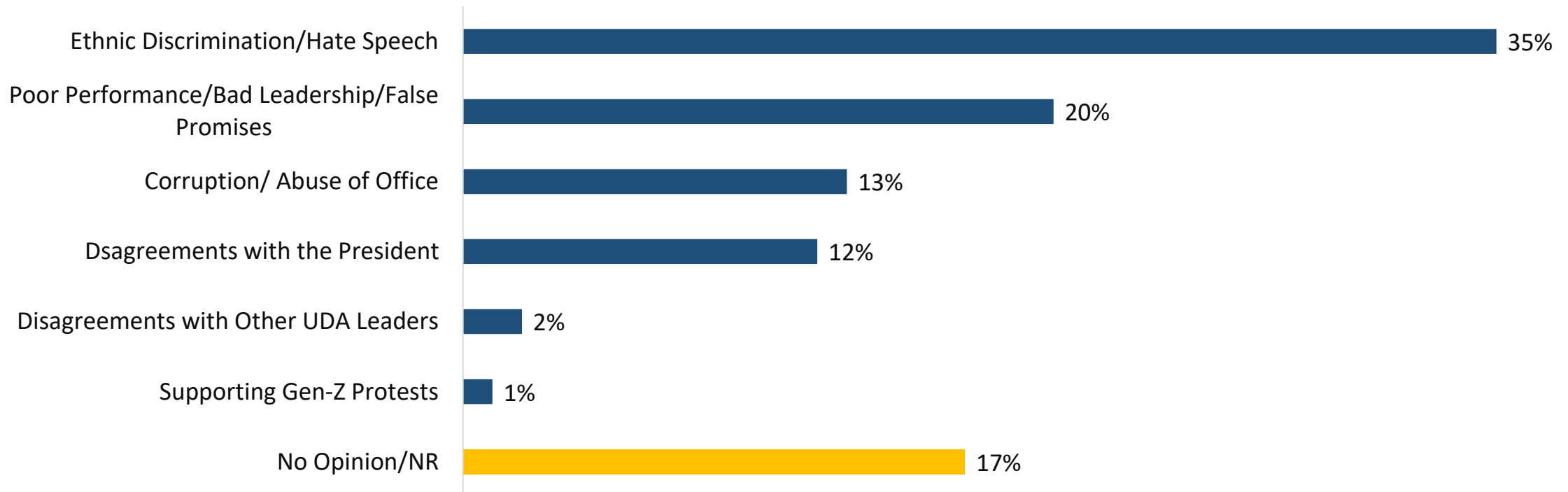
Main Reason for Supporting the Impeachment of DP Gachagua

by those who support his impeachment



□ By far, the most frequent reason for supporting the DP's impeachment (by those who do so) is his perceived discriminatory attitude and speech in favor of his own (Mt. Kenya) community (35%), though "poor performance"/"bad leadership" (20%) may also include such a failure together with various others. Significantly, however, a considerable proportion who favor his impeachment could (or would) not offer any reason for doing so (17%).

Reasons for supporting impeachment



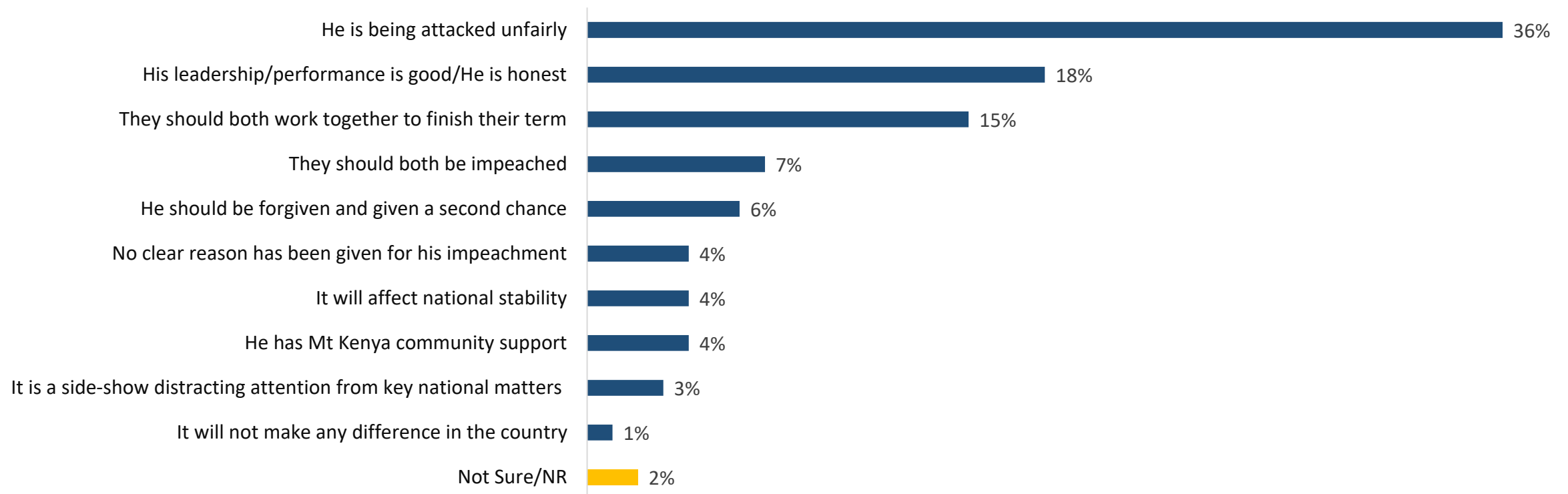
Main Reason for Opposing the Impeachment of DP Gachagua

by those who oppose his impeachment



□ A wide range of reasons were given by those opposing the DP's impeachment, though few directly addressed the many charges laid against him in the National Assembly's impeachment motion. The most frequent reasons are simply that he is being attacked "unfairly" (36%) and that his leadership style/performance have been "good" (18%). Moreover, the third most frequent reason – that both the DP and the President should be allowed to finish their current term (15%) – likewise avoids confronting these charges.

Reasons For Opposing Impeachment



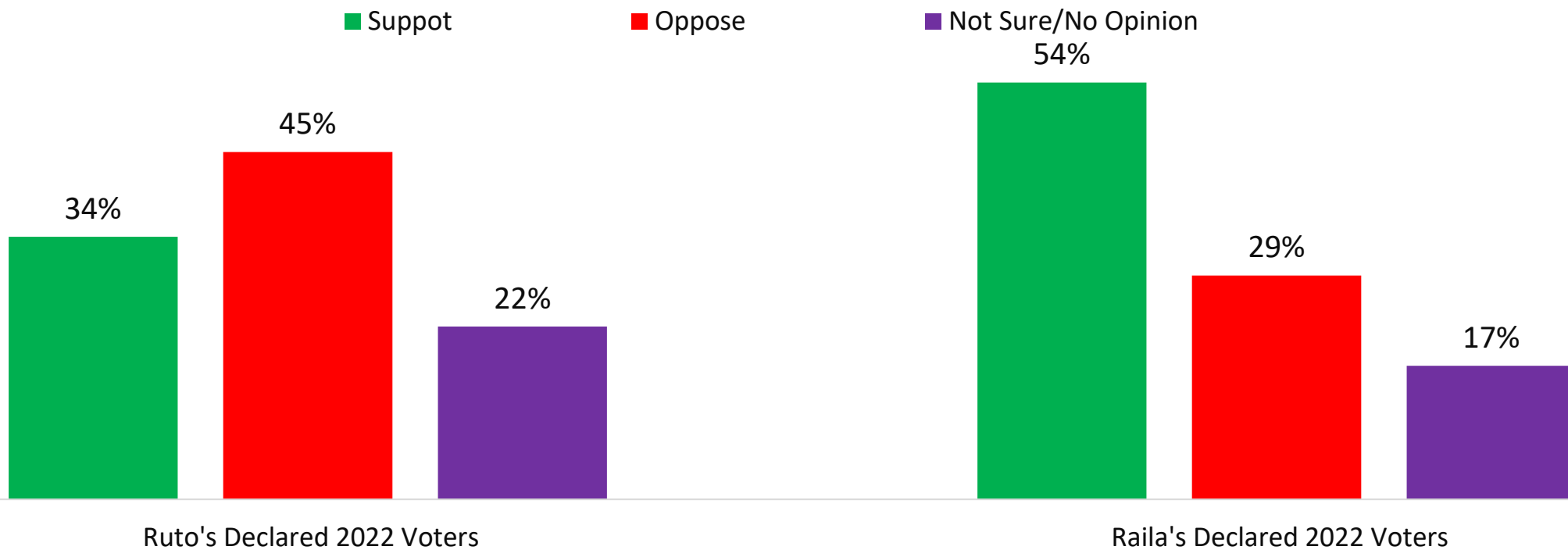
Opinion on the Effort to Remove DP Gachagua by Impeachment

by Ruto's vs. Raila's Declared 2022 Voters



□ In comparing views about the effort to remove the DP, Raila's 2022 voters are clearly more supportive than are Ruto's 2022 voters (54% vs. 34%), and the contrary is true regarding opposition to his removal 29% vs. 45%).

Support Vs. Opposition For Removal Of DP Gachagua By Impeachment

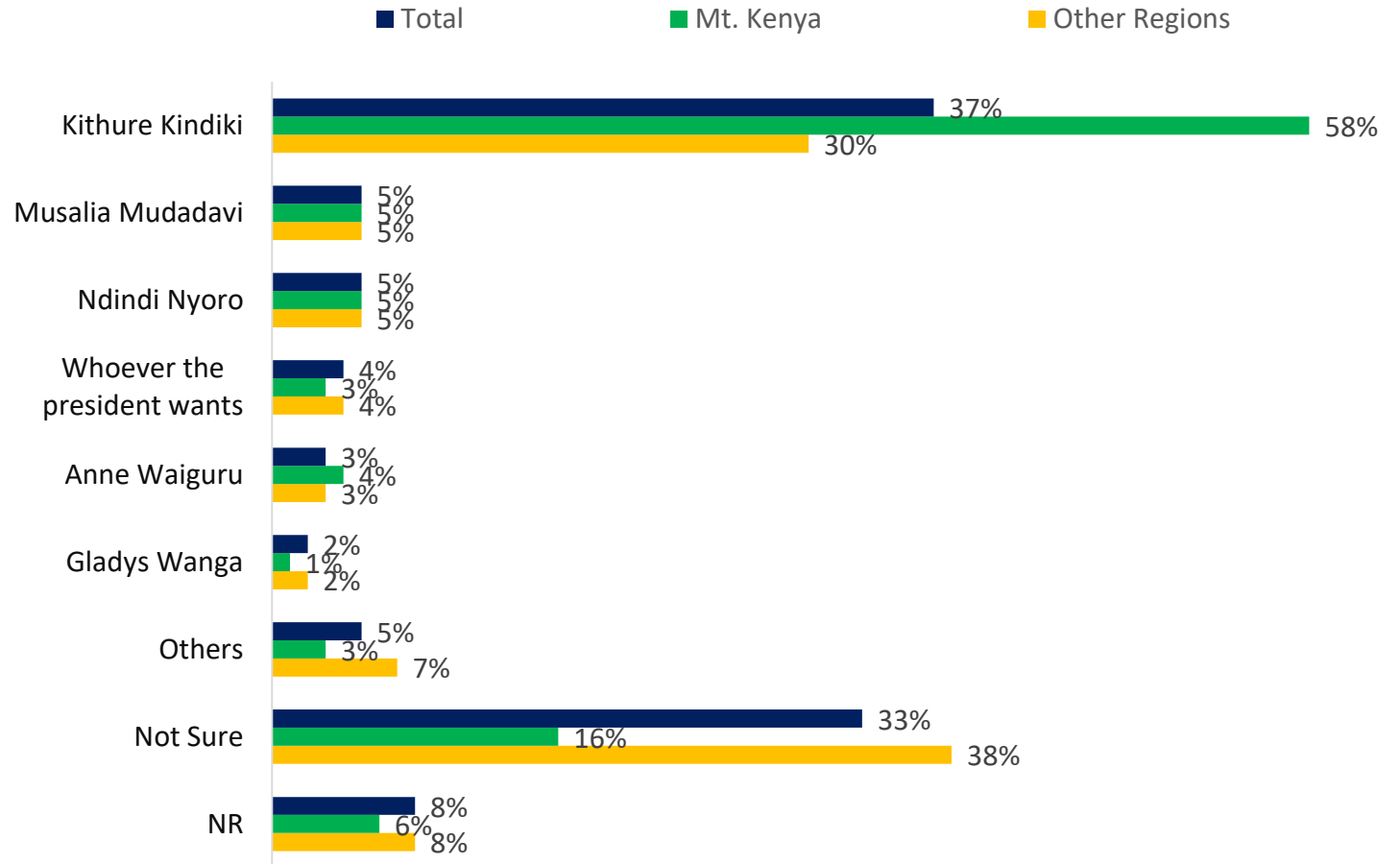


Expected Replacement of DP If Gachagua Is Removed

By Total, Mt. Kenya Region, Other Regions



Expected Next DP Of Gachagua Is Removed



Most Kenyans expect Interior CS Kithure Kindiki to fill the vacancy effected by the removal of the current DP should that occur, with such expectations considerably higher among the residents of the Mt. Kenya region itself.

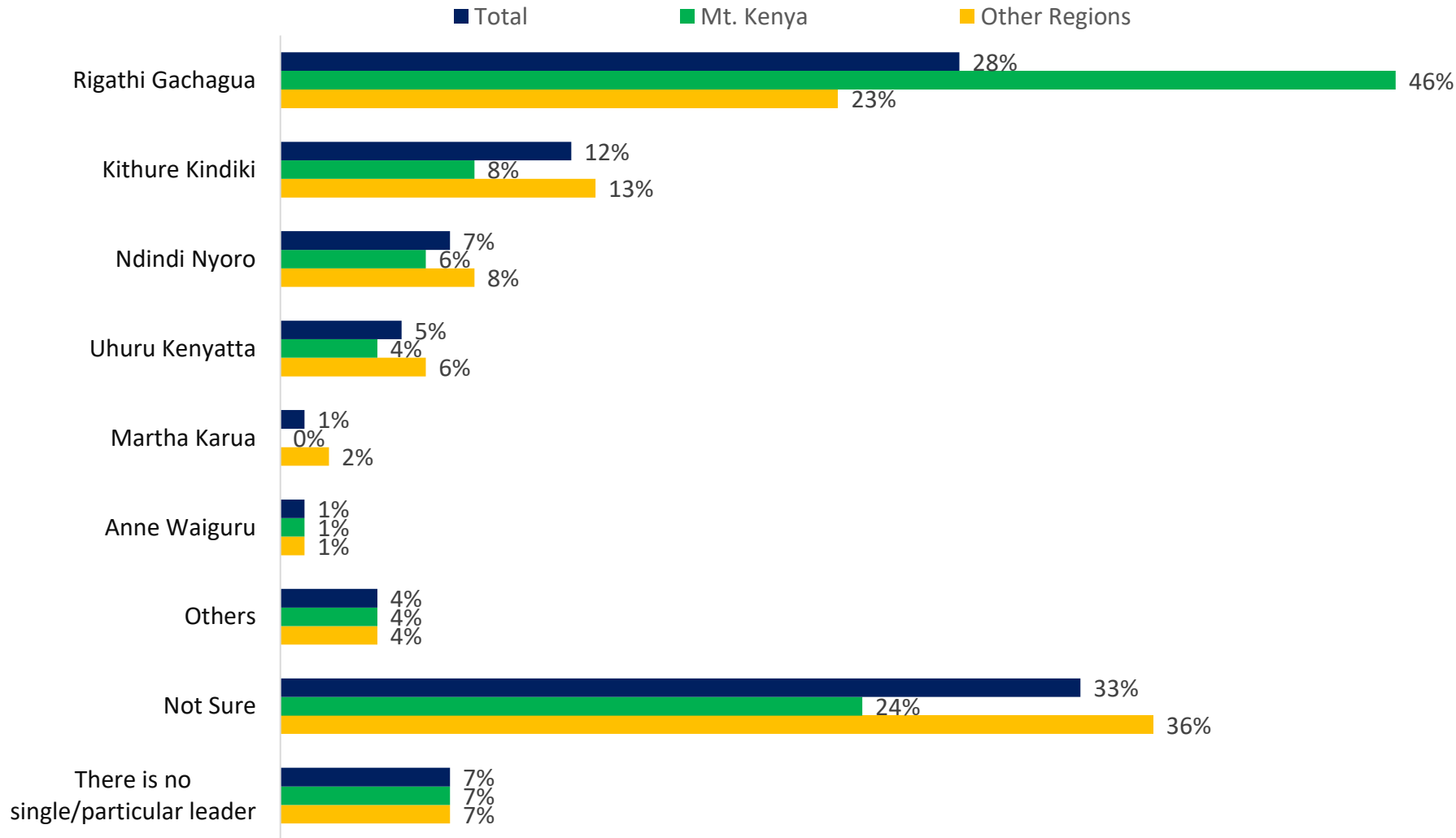
Note, however, that the popularity of all such possible replacements for Gachagua was not measured in this survey.

Q: "If the DP is impeached and removed, whom do think the president will replace him with?" SINGLE RESPONSE – DO NOT READ OUT

Base = those aware of the impeachment

Leader Perceived as “Best Representing” the Interests of Mt. Kenya

By Total, Mt. Kenya Region, Other Regions



- Notwithstanding his possible (if not likely) removal from office, DP Gachagua is perceived by most Kenyans as the leader who “best represents” the Mt. Kenya region (28%) and this perception is far higher among residents of the Mt. Kenya region themselves (46%).
- At the same time, a significant proportion are not sure who fulfills this role, especially Kenyans from other regions.

Q: “Who do you think is the political leader who best represents the interests of the Mt Kenya region” SINGLE RESPONSE – DO NOT READ OUT

Base = those aware of the impeachment

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Concluding Comments

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- ❑ As of today, it is clearly too early to predict what the outcome of this impeachment process will be. Indeed, perhaps the most immediate questions will be (1) how (or whether) the President will react to the DP's 'apology' that he offered in a church service on Sunday, and (2) whether he will appear (or even send legal representatives) to defend himself, or will rather fail to show up. But as for the outcome, commentators have suggested a range of possibilities, which include especially:
 - 1) Resignation of the DP before the process is concluded so that he avoids formal impeachment which would bar him from holding public office (whether elective or appointive) again.
 - 2) Failure of the National Assembly to approve the impeachment motion when (and if) the final vote is taken, thus ending the attempt to remove him (at least for now).
 - 3) Rejection of the impeachment motion by the Senate, thus thwarting the DP's removal (with or without the overt or covert involvement of the President towards this end).
 - 4) Affirmation of the impeachment motion by the Senate, but which is then overturned by the judiciary, leading either to its dropping or re-introduction in the National Assembly – again with an uncertain outcome in the Senate and the courts.
- ❑ Whatever the case, over the weekend, the media revealed the DP's legal team, among whom are several highly experienced and politically savvy lawyers.



Concluding Comments (con't)

- ❑ Further, several supporters of the DP have already called into question the integrity of the public participation exercise, not just pointing out its inherent deviation from 'nationally random sampling' (so as to avoid bias in terms of those who participated) but also alleging 'fraud' in the mobilization of participants as well as in the filling-in of the forms to be submitted (both of which may be subjected to legal scrutiny before the process proceeds much further).
- ❑ In addition, they have alleged that allowing just two days for the exercise is discriminatory, especially as those days (a Friday and Saturday) are worship-days for members of certain faiths and which would thereby depress their levels of such participation. At the same time, several MPs from the Mt. Kenya region whose signatures appeared on the impeachment motion more recently have declared their opposition to it, based on "what I have been told by my constituents, after consulting with them." As such, it appears they have been hearing the same views that this TIFA survey has captured "on the Mountain", where a hefty majority remain supporters of the DP.
- ❑ Beyond these issues, if successful, it remains unclear how much support the President will receive for his choice of a replacement in different parts of the country, whether or not Gachagua's successor comes from his own Mt. Kenya region.
- ❑ And beyond the issue of the attempted impeachment/removal of the DP presented in this Release, TIFA plans to cover several other current issues in a 2nd Release within the next week.



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Methodology & Demographics

Data collection dates

1st to 4th October 2024

Target respondents

Aged 18+ years

Sample size & distribution

1,892 (the sample distributed across the counties proportionate to population size)

Margin of Error

+/- 2.25%

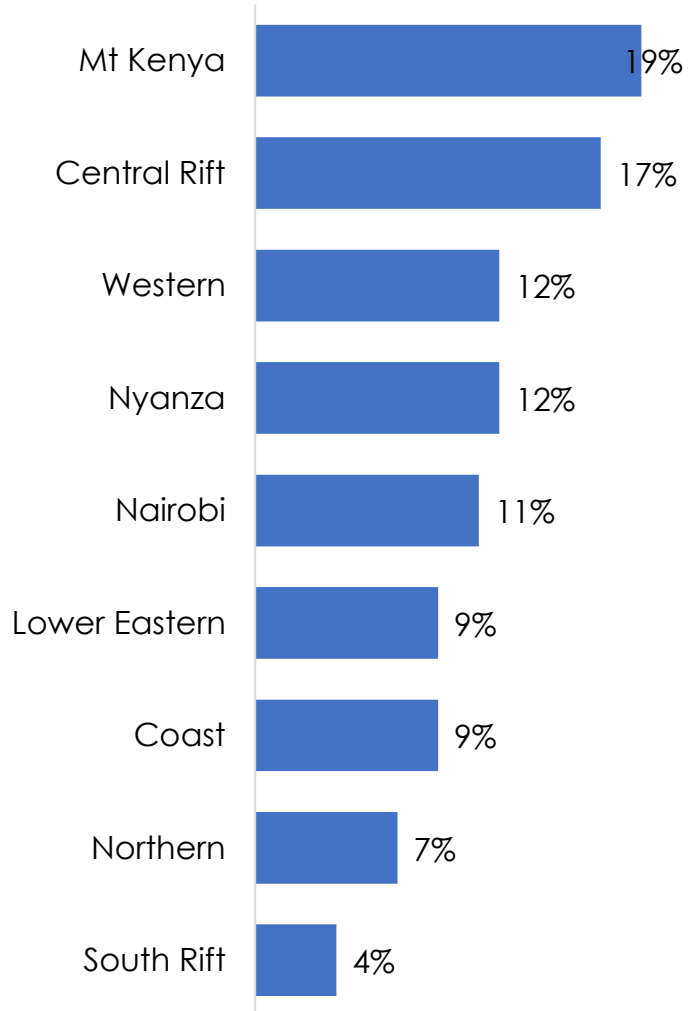
Data collection methodology

Telephonic interviews

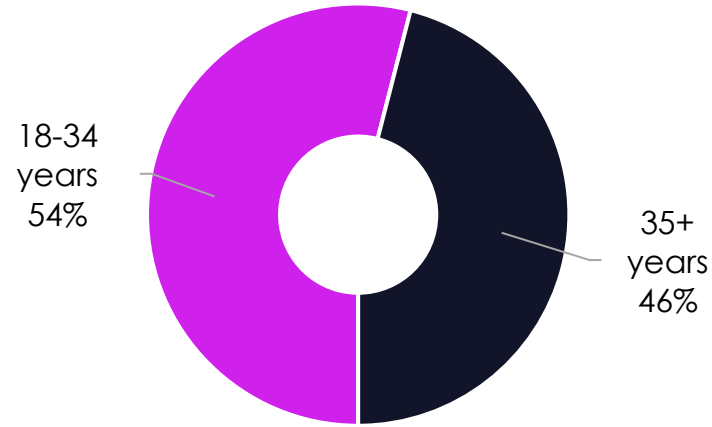
Respondents' Demographics



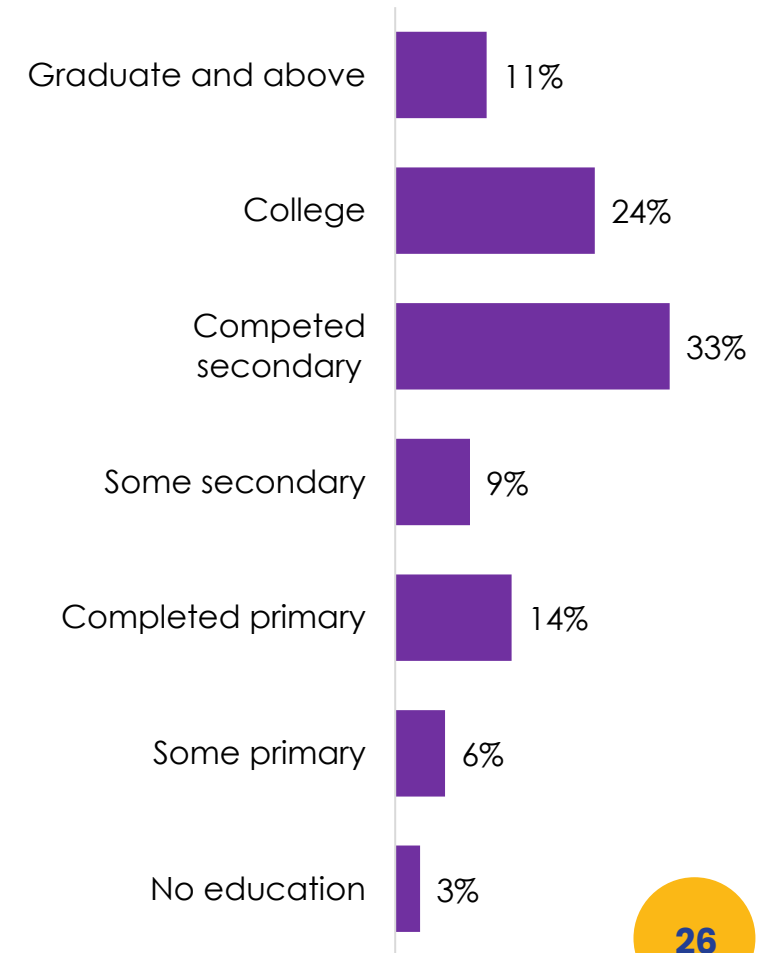
Region



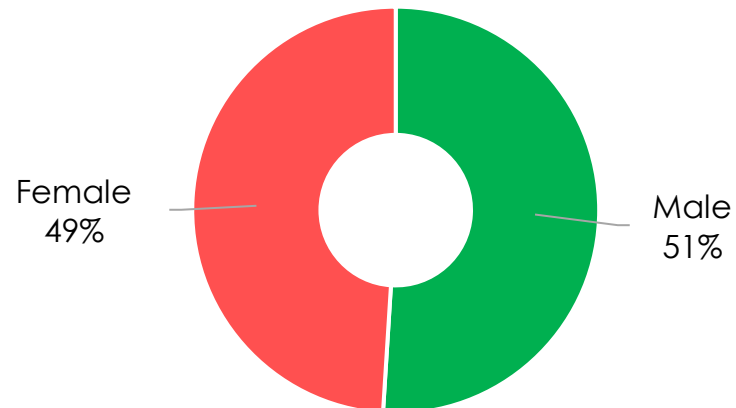
Age



Education level



Gender



Sampling Zones Classification



County	Region
Uasin Gishu	Central Rift
Elgeyo-Marakwet	Central Rift
Nandi	Central Rift
Baringo	Central Rift
Nakuru	Central Rift
Kericho	Central Rift
Bomet	Central Rift
Mombasa	Coast
Kwale	Coast
Kilifi	Coast
Tana River	Coast
Lamu	Coast
Taita-Taveta	Coast
Kitui	Lower Eastern
Machakos	Lower Eastern
Makueni	Lower Eastern

County	Region
Trans Nzoia	Western
Kakamega	Western
Vihiga	Western
Bungoma	Western
Busia	Western
Garissa	Northern
Wajir	Northern
Mandera	Northern
Marsabit	Northern
Isiolo	Northern
Turkana	Northern
West Pokot	Northern
Samburu	Northern
Nairobi	Nairobi

County	Region
Meru	Mt Kenya
Tharaka-Nithi	Mt Kenya
Embu	Mt Kenya
Nyandarua	Mt Kenya
Nyeri	Mt Kenya
Kirinyaga	Mt Kenya
Murang'a	Mt Kenya
Kiambu	Mt Kenya
Laikipia	Mt Kenya
Siaya	Nyanza
Kisumu	Nyanza
Homa Bay	Nyanza
Migori	Nyanza
Kisii	Nyanza
Nyamira	Nyanza
Narok	South Rift
Kajiado	South Rift

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