

MID-TERM STUDY ON MPS: EMERGING ISSUES

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- **ASSESSMENT OF MPS**
- **IF ELECTIONS WERE HELD TODAY ...**
- **SHOULD YOUR MP CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020?**
- **LOOKING AHEAD**

ASSESSMENT OF MPS

OVERALL ASSESSMENT: NATIONAL

- RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED TO RATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR MPS SO FAR ON THE SCALE OF EXCELLENT-VERY BAD
- LESS THAN HALF (45.7%) WERE SATISFIED
- MORE THAN HALF (52.3%) WERE DISSATISFIED

OVERALL ASSESSMENT: NATIONAL

SCALE	PERCENT	REMARKS
EXCELLENT	6.0	Satisfactory
VERY GOOD	11.3	Satisfactory
GOOD	28.4	Satisfactory
BAD	27.7	Unsatisfactory
VERY BAD	26.6	Unsatisfactory

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT

- **FOUR REGIONS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR MPS: VOLTA (69.9%), WESTERN NORTH (61.0%), BONO EAST (51.7%) & AHAFO (51.0%)**
- **THE 12 OTHERS WERE DISSATISFIED: SAVANNAH (50.7%), OTI (50.7%), BONO (52.1%), UPPER WEST (52.4%), UPPER EAST (52.8%), CENTRAL (55.3%), NORTHERN (55.3%), WESTERN (56.2%), ASHANTI (57.2%), GREATER ACCRA (61.7%), EASTERN (61.4%), NORTH EAST (69.5%)**

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT (CONT'D)

Region	Excel	Very Good	Good	Bad	Very Bad	Remarks
Volta	13.0	19.8	36.7	18.7	11.8	69.9% Satisfied
Western North	9.9	19.0	32.6	20.6	18.0	61.0% Satisfied
Bono East	3.7	16.1	31.8	27.7	20.6	51.7% Satisfied
Ahafo	11.5	10.3	29.2	26.7	22.3	51.0% Satisfied
Savannah	4.6	17.4	27.8	30.1	20.1	50.2% Dissatisfied
Oti	11.9	9.9	27.6	12.9	37.8	50.7% Dissatisfied
Bono	4.3	11.6	31.9	32.1	20.0	52.1% Dissatisfied
Upper West	2.6	8.7	36.2	34.2	18.2	52.4% Dissatisfied

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT (CONT'D)

Region	Excel	Very Good	Good	Bad	Very Bad	Remarks
Upper East	4.7	8.5	34.0	36.0	16.8	52.8% Dissatisfied
Central	5.7	11.0	28.0	27.5	27.8	55.3% Dissatisfied
Northern	6.4	10.7	27.7	31.8	23.5	55.3% Dissatisfied
Western	4.2	12.0	27.3	27.8	28.7	56.2% Dissatisfied
Ashanti	5.2	10.3	27.3	25.1	32.1	57.2% Dissatisfied
Greater Accra	3.1	7.6	27.9	31.9	29.5	61.4% Dissatisfied
Eastern	7.4	10.0	21.1	25.5	36.0	61.7% Dissatisfied
North East	2.8	7.5	20.3	38.4	31.1	69.5% Dissatisfied



- IF ELECTIONS WERE HELD TODAY....

...WOULD YOU VOTE ?

- Generally, poor performance on the part of the elected induces apathy in the electorate.
- It is therefore interesting that in spite of the generally non-impressive performance of MPs, more than four out of every five respondents said they would vote if elections were held today.
- Nationwide 87.8% would vote, 9.7% declined to vote & 2.5% were undecided
- Would they vote to retain or to reject the incumbents?

... WOULD YOU VOTE: REGIONAL RESPONSES

- In nine regions more than 90% would vote: Upper East (94.4%), Bono East (93.9%), North East (93.9%), Ahafo (93.8%), Oti (93.7%), Savannah (93.2%), Northern (92.9%), Ashanti (92.4%) & Western North (92.1%)
- In five other regions more than 80% would vote: Eastern (89.9%), Volta (85.4%), Bono (84.9%) , Central (83.9%) & Western (81.9%).
- In the remaining two more than 70% would vote: Upper West (79.1%) & Greater Accra (76.8%) .

...WOULD YOU VOTE: REGIONAL RESPONSES (CONT'D)

It is worth noting some level of apathy:

- In five regions more than 10% would not vote: Greater Accra (18.7%), Upper West (17.4%), Western (15.6%), Bono (12.4%) & Central (10.8%)
- And in two of them (Central, Greater Accra) more than 5% of respondents were undecided

WOULD YOU VOTE? REGIONAL DETAILS

Region	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Upper East	94.4	4.4	1.2
Bono East	93.9	5.1	1.0
North East	93.9	5.6	0.5
Ahafo	93.8	5.3	0.9
Oti	93.7	5.1	1.2
Savannah	93.2	5.8	1.0
Northern	92.9	5.7	1.4
Ashanti	92.4	6.5	1.1

...WOULD YOU VOTE? REGIONAL DETAILS

Region	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided
Western North	92.1	5.9	2.0
Eastern	89.9	8.4	1.7
Volta	85.4	9.7	4.9
Bono	84.9	12.4	2.7
Central	83.9	10.8	5.3
Western	81.9	15.6	2.5
Upper West	79.1	17.4	3.5
Greater Accra	76.8	18.7	4.5

...WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT MP? (NATIONAL)

In this follow up question:

- 49.5% said 'No', THEY WOULD NOT VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT
- 42.6% said 'Yes', THEY WOULD VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT
- 7.9% were undecided.

...WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT MP? REGIONAL RESPONSES

- In two regions 50% or more would vote for the incumbents: Volta (56.4%) & Oti (50.0%)
- In nine others 40% or more would vote for the incumbents: Savannah (48.7%), Ashanti (45.7%), Bono East (45.7%), Ahafo (45.5%), Northern (45.3%), Western North (45.2%), Upper West (42.7%), Eastern (41.7%) & Central (40.7%)
- In the other five, only 30% or more would vote for the incumbents: Western (38.5%), Bono (35.7%), Upper East (35.3%), Greater Accra (34.5%) & North East (32.9%)
- In four regions more than 10% were undecided: Western North (16.0%), North East (14.1%) Upper East (10.2%) & Savannah (10.0%)

WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT MP? REGIONAL DETAILS

Region	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Volta	56.4	34.0	9.6
Oti	50.0	45.9	4.1
Savannah	48.7	41.3	10.0
Ashanti	45.7	47.4	6.9
Bono East	45.7	50.0	4.3
Ahafo	45.5	50.4	4.1
Northern	45.3	45.8	8.9
Western North	45.2	38.7	16.0

WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT MP? REGIONAL DETAILS (CONT'D)

Region	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Upper West	42.7	51.1	6.2
Eastern	41.7	52.3	6.0
Central	40.7	52.0	7.3
Western	38.5	53.3	8.3
Bono	35.7	57.8	6.5
Upper East	35.3	54.5	10.2
Greater Accra	34.5	56.5	9.0
North East	32.9	53.0	14.1

...WOULD YOU VOTE FOR INCUMBENT NPP MPS?

- The region with the most support for NPP incumbents if elections were held today was Oti (66.0%) where NPP has a single seat.
- In the three regions where NPP has its highest number of seats, the support for the incumbents was lower: Ashanti-44 seats (45.8%), Eastern-27 seats (42.3%) & Greater Accra-21 seats (31.3%).
- In four regions, more than 10% were undecided: Upper East (10.1%), Greater Accra (10.5%), Western North (16.3%) & North East (17.6%)

...WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT NPP MPS?

Region	NPP Seats	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Ashanti	44	45.8	47.4	6.8
Eastern	27	42.3	53.4	4.3
Gt. Accra	21	31.3	58.2	10.5
Central	19	39.1	55.4	5.5
Western	13	34.6	56.6	8.8
Bono	11	35.0	58.3	6.7
Northern	9	38.0	52.9	9.1
Bono East	5	46.5	48.6	4.9

...WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT NPP MPS? (CONT'D)

Region	NPP Seats	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Upper West	5	34.0	58.6	7.4
Ahafo	4	38.0	56.9	5.1
North East	3	38.4	44.0	17.6
Upper East	3	36.9	53.0	10.1
Western N.	3	48.8	35.0	16.3
Oti	1	66.0	30.9	3.1
Savannah	1	42.0	53.4	4.6
Volta	0	-	-	-

...WOULD YOU VOTE FOR INCUMBENT NDC MPS?

- The region with the most support for NDC incumbents if elections were held today was Ahafo (60.4%) where NDC has two seats.
- In the three regions where NDC has its highest number of seats, the support for the incumbents was lower: Volta-18 seats (56.4%), Greater Accra-13 seats (39.5%) & Upper East-12 seats (36.9%).
- In five regions, more than 10% were undecided: Upper East (10.1), North East (10.6%), Eastern (13.1%), Western North (15.9%) & Central (16.2%)

.... WOULD YOU VOTE FOR INCUMBENT NDC MPS? (CONT'D)

Region	NDC Seats	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Volta	18	56.4	34.0	9.6
Gt. Accra	13	39.5	53.8	6.7
Upper East	12	36.9	53.0	10.1
Northern	9	52.7	38.5	8.8
Oti	7	47.6	48.1	4.3
Eastern	6	39.0	47.8	13.1
Bono East	6	45.1	51.2	3.7
Upper West	6	50.8	44.1	5.1

.... WOULD YOU VOTE FOR NDC INCUMBENT MPS? (CONT'D)

Region	NDC Seats	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Savannah	6	44.8	47.9	7.3
Western N.	6	43.4	40.7	15.9
Central	4	48.6	35.2	16.2
Western	4	49.6	43.8	6.6
Ashanti	3	44.8	47.9	7.3
North East	3	27.3	62.1	10.6
Ahafo	2	60.4	37.4	2.2
Bono	1	44.2	52.3	3.5

YES VOTE FOR INCUMBENTS

- The 'Yes' vote for the incumbents ranged from a high of 90%+ to a low of less than 10%
- 95 of the 275 MPs would have their constituencies voting for them: 90%+ (1), 80%+ (8), 70%+ (10), 60%+ (26) & 50%+ (50)
- 53 others had the support of 40%-49%
- 57 others had the support of 30%-39%
- 40 others had the support of 20%-29%
- 25 others had the support of 10%-19%
- 5 others had the support of less than 10%

'YES' FOR INCUMBENT MPS

Yes (%)	No. of MPs	Region (s)
90%+	1	Central
80%-89%	8	Aha, Cen, Eas, Nor
70%-79%	10	Ash, GA, Oti, UW, Vol, Wes
60%-69%	26	Aha, Ash, Cen, Eas, GA, Nor, UE, Sav, Vol,
50%-59%	50	Aha, Ash, Bon, BE, Cen, Eas, NE, Nor, Oti, UE, UW, Vol, Wes, WN
40%-49%	53	Aha, Ash, Bon, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, Nor, Sav, UE, UW, Vol, Wes
30%-39%	57	Aha, Ash, Bon, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, NE, Nor, Oti, UE, Vol, Wes, WN
20%-29%	40	Ash, Bon, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, NE, Nor, Sav, UE, UW,
10%-19%	25	Ash, Cen, Eas, GA, NE, Oti Sav, UE, Wes, WN
<10%	5	Ash, Eas, GA, UW
Total	375	

- **DO YOU WANT YOUR
INCUMBENT MP TO CONTEST
AGAIN IN 2020?**

...INCUMBENT MP TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020? NATIONAL

- YES: 42.4%
- NO: 46.7%
- UNDECIDED-10.9%

...INCUMBENT MP TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020? REGIONAL RESPONSES

- Regions with more than 50% support for MPs to contest again (5): Savannah, Western North, Volta (51.9%), Oti (51.7%) & Northern (50.1%)
- Those with more than 40% support (4): North East (46.3%), Ahafo (45.5%), Ashanti (43.9%) & Bono East (40.9%)
- Those with more than 30% support (7): Eastern, Central (39.4%), Western (38.5%), Upper East (38.2%), Greater Accra (36.1%), Upper West (34.4%) & Bono (33.8%)

On the other hand:

- In eight regions, more than 10% were undecided: Upper East (15.7%), Volta (14.8%), Central (14.7%), North East (14.1%), Western North (14.1%), Upper West (13.5%), Northern (12.5%) & Bono East (11.9%)

...INCUMBENT MP TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020?

Regional details

Region	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Savannah	56.3	35.4	8.3
Western North	55.3	30.6	14.6
Volta	51.9	33.3	14.8
Oti	51.7	43.8	4.5
Northern	50.1	37.4	12.5
North East	46.3	39.6	14.1
Ahafo	45.5	47.5	7.0
Ashanti	43.9	47.1	9.0

...INCUMBENT MP TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020? REGIONAL DETAILS (CONTD)

Region	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Bono East	40.9	47.2	11.9
Eastern	39.8	52.1	8.1
Central	39.4	45.9	14.7
Western	38.5	50.2	11.3
Upper East	38.2	46.1	15.7
Greater Accra	36.1	54.7	9.2
Upper West	34.4	52.1	13.5
Bono	33.8	56.4	9.8

... INCUMBENT NPP MPS TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020?

- The region with the most support for NPP incumbents to contest again in 2020 is Oti (70%) where NPP has a single seat.
- In the three regions where NPP has its highest number of seats, the support for the incumbents is lower: Ashanti-44 seats (43.9%), Eastern-27 seats (40.5%) & Greater Accra-21 seats (33.5%).
- In as many as 10 regions, more than 10% are undecided, waiting to be convinced: Bono (10.1%), Greater Accra(10.7%), Brong East (10.9%), Northern (11.5%), Western (11.9%), Central (12.1%), Western North (14.3%), Upper West (15.2%), North East (17.0%), Upper East (17.4%)

... INCUMBENT NPP MPS TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020? (CONT'D)

Region		Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Ashanti	44	43.9	47.3	8.8
Eastern	27	40.5	53.2	6.3
Gt Accra	21	33.5	55.7	10.7
Central	19	38.6	49.2	12.1
Western	13	35.5	52.6	11.9
Bono	11	33.3	56.6	10.1
Northern	9	45.6	42.9	11.5
Bono East	5	45.2	44.0	10.9

... INCUMBENT NPP MPS TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020? (CONT'D)

Region	NPP Seats	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided
Upper West	5	30.8	54.0	15.2
Ahafo	4	38.8	53.9	7.8
North East	3	52.0	31.0	17.0
Upper East	3	32.3	50.3	17.4
Western N.	3	60.3	25.3	14.3
Oti	1	70.0	26.0	4.0
Savannah	1	38.6	51.5	9.9
Volta	0	-	-	-

...INCUMBENT NDC MPS TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020?

- The region with the most support for NDC incumbents to contest again in 2020 is Savannah (59.3%) where NDC has six seats.
- In the three regions where NDC has its highest number of seats, the support for the incumbents is lower: Volta-18 seats (51.9%), Greater Accra-13 seats (40.1%) & Upper East-12 seats (39.7%).
- In as many as 10 regions, more than 10% are undecided, waiting to be convinced: North East (11.3%), Upper West (12.0%), Bono East (12.6%), Ashanti (13.0%), Northern (13.5%), Western North (14.0%), Volta (14.8%), Upper East (15.3%), Eastern (15.7%), & Central (27.3%)

...INCUMBENT NDC MPS TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020? (CONT'D)

Region	NDC Seats	Yes (%)	No. (%)	Undecided (%)
Volta	18	51.9	33.3	14.8
Gt. Accra	13	40.1	53.3	6.6
Upper East	12	39.7	45.0	15.3
Northern	9	54.5	31.9	13.5
Oti	7	49.1	46.4	4.5
Eastern	6	36.9	47.7	15.7
Bono East	6	37.4	49.9	12.6
Upper West	6	37.5	50.5	12.0

...INCUMBENT NDC MPS TO CONTEST IN 2020?

Region	NDC Seats	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided (%)
Savannah	6	59.3	32.7	8.0
Western N.	6	52.8	33.2	14.0
Central	4	42.9	29.8	27.3
Western	4	48.0	42.8	9.3
Ashanti	3	43.5	43.5	13.0
North East	3	40.5	48.2	11.3
Ahafo	2	59.0	35.5	5.5
Bono	1	40.0	53.0	7.0

'YES' FOR INCUMBENT MPs TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020

- Of the 275 MPs less than 100 (97) have the support of more than 50% respondents to contest again in 2020: 90%+ (3), 80%+ (5), 70%+ (36) & 50%+ (41)
- 49 others were supported by 40%-49%
- 56 others were supported by 30%-39%
- 48 others were supported by 20%- 29%
- 23 others were supported by 10%-19%
- 5 others were supported by less than 10%

'YES' FOR INCUMBENT MPs TO CONTEST AGAIN IN 2020 (CONT'D)

YES (%)	No. of MPs	Region(s)
90%+	3	Cen, Nor, Sav
80%-89%	5	Aha, Cen, Eas
70%-79%	12	Ash, Eas, Nor, Oti, UE, Vol, Wes, WN
60%-69%	36	Ash, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, NE, Oti, UE, UWVol, Wes, WN
50%-59%	41	Ash, Bon, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, NE, Oti, UE, UW, Vol, Wes
40%-49%	49	Aha, Ash Bon, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, Nor, Oti, UE, Vol, Wes, WN
30%-39%	56	Aha, Ash, Bon, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, Nor, Sav, UE, UW, Vol, Wes, WN
20%-29%	48	Ash, Bon, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, NE, Nor, UE, UW, Vol, Wes
10%-19%	23	Ash, BE, Cen, Eas, GA, Nor, Oti, UE, UW, Wes, WN
<10%	5	Ash, Eas, GA, UE
Total	275	

LONG TERM & FIRST TERM MPs

- Normally it the long-term MPs ('the Mugabes') who are the target for 'DON'T CONTEST AGAIN'.
- But from our study, while a third of the long term MPs (in their fourth-seventh) term still have more than 50% support of their constituents to seek election again in 2020, two thirds of the first term MPs do not have such support

LOOKING AHEAD

- MPs should carefully weigh their campaign promises as their constituents would hold them accountable for those promises.
- Several constituents are concerned about the continued absence of their MPs from their communities, they (the MPs) must therefore improve their levels of interaction and communication with their constituents
- MPs must gauge the mood of their constituents in deciding whether or not to contest again; it is worth noting that in 2016, 50 incumbents lost their primaries and 50 others lost the election

LOOKING AHEAD (CONTD)

- In parliamentary terms, ‘the longer, the better’ but in our context, first term MPs are increasingly becoming endangered species; in 2016 more than half of the 50 incumbents who lost the elections were first term MPs. The peculiar challenges confronting first term MPs must be addressed to prevent a repeat of 2016 in 2020.
- To our 275 honourable MPs, 18 months in politics is a long, long time; for better or for worse, to make or to break !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MID-TERM STUDY ON MPS: EMERGING ISSUES:

The focus here is on three issues that would impact on the fate of incumbent MPs in 2020: Overall Assessment of their performance; would their constituents vote for them if elections were held today and do the constituents want the incumbents to contest again in 2020? We then end with a few recommendations

Overall Assessment

- Respondents were asked to rate the performance of their MPs so far on the scale of Excellent-Very Good-Good-Bad-Very Bad

National Average:

- Excellent-6.0%, very Good-11.3%, Good-28.4%, Bad-27.7%, Very Bad-26.6%
- Less than half (45.7%) were satisfied
- More than half (52.3%) were dissatisfied

In Regional terms:

- Four regions were satisfied with the performance of their MPs: Volta (69.9%), Western North (61.0%), Bono East (51.7%) & Ahafo (51.0%)
- The 12 others were dissatisfied: Savannah (50.7%), Oti (50.7%), Bono (52.1%), Upper West (52.4%), Upper East (52.8%), Central (55.3%), Northern (55.3%), Western (56.2%), Ashanti (57.2%), Greater Accra (61.7%), Eastern (61.4%), North East (69.5%)

If elections were held today, would you vote?

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- It is therefore interesting that in spite of the generally non-impressive performance of MPs, more than four out of every five respondents said they would vote if elections were held today. *Would they vote to retain or to reject the incumbents?*
- Nationwide 87.8% would vote, 9.7% declined to vote & 2.5% were undecided
- In nine regions more than 90% would vote: Upper East (94.4%), Bono East (93.9%), North East (93.9%), Ahafo (93.8%), Oti (93.7%), Savannah (93.2%), Northern (92.9%), Ashanti (92.4%) & Western North (92.1%)
- In five other regions more than 80% would vote: Eastern (89.9%), Volta (85.4%), Bono (84.9%), Central (83.9%) & Western (81.9%).
- In the remaining two more than 70% would vote: Upper West (79.1%) & Greater Accra (76.8%)
- In five regions more than 10% would not vote: Greater Accra (18.7%), Upper West (17.4%), Western (15.6%), Bono (12.4%) & Central (10.8%)
- And in two of them (Central, Greater Accra) more than 5% of respondents were undecided

If elections were held today, would you vote for the incumbent MP?

- 49.5% said 'No', THEY WOULD NOT VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT
- 42.6% said 'Yes', THEY WOULD VOTE FOR THE INCUMBENT
- 7.9% were undecided.
- In two regions 50% or more would vote for the incumbents: Volta (56.4%) & Oti (50.0%)
- In nine others 40% or more would vote for the incumbents: Savannah (48.7%), Ashanti (45.7%), Bono East (45.7%), Ahafo (45.5%), Northern (45.3%), Western North (45.2%), Upper West (42.7%), Eastern (41.7%) Central (40.7%)
- In the other five, only 30% or more would vote for the incumbents: Western (38.5%), Bono (35.7%), Upper East (35.3%), Greater Accra (34.5%) & North East (32.9%)
- In four regions more than 10% were undecided: Western North (16.0%), North East (14.1%) Upper East (10.2%) & Savannah (10.0%)

.... Would you vote for the incumbent NPP MP?

- The region with the most support for NPP incumbents if elections were held today was Oti (66.0%) where NPP has a single seat.
- In the three regions where NPP has its highest number of seats, the support for the incumbents was lower: Ashanti-44 seats (45.8%), Eastern-27 seats (42.3%) & Greater Accra-21 seats (31.3%).
- In four regions, more than 10% were undecided: Upper East (10.1%), Greater Accra (10.5%), Western North (16.3%) & North East (17.6%)

.... Would you vote for the incumbent NDC MP?

- The region with the most support for NDC incumbents if elections were held today was Ahafo (60.4%) where NDC has two seats.
- In the three regions where NDC has its highest number of seats, the support for the incumbents was lower: Volta-18 seats (56.4%), Greater Accra-13 seats (39.5%) & Upper East-12 seats (36.9%).
- In five regions, more than 10% were undecided: Upper East (10.1%), North East (10.6%), Eastern (13.1), Western North (15.9%) & Central (16.2)

"Yes' for Incumbent MPs:

- The yes vote for the incumbents ranged from a high of 90%+ to a low of less than 10%
- 95 of the 275 MPs would have their constituencies voting for them: 90%+ (1), 80%+ (8), 70%+ (10), 60%+ (26) & 50%+ (50)
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Do you want your incumbent MP to contest again in 2020?

- YES: 42.4%
- NO: 46.7%
- UNDECIDED-10.9%
- Regions with more than 50% support for MPs to contest again (5): Savannah, Western North, Volta (51.9%), Oti (51.7%) & Northern (50.1%)
- Those with more than 40% support (4): North East (46.3%), Ahafo (45.5%), Ashanti (43.9%) & Bono East (40.9%)
- Those with more than 30% support (7): Eastern, Central (39.4%), Western (38.5%), Upper East (38.2%), Greater Accra (36.1%), Upper West (34.4%) & Bono (33.8%)
- In eight regions, more than 10% were undecided: Upper East (15.7%), Volta (14.8%), Central (14.7%), North East (14.1%), Western North (14.1%), Upper West (13.5%), Northern (12.5%) & Bono East (11.9%)

Do you want incumbent NPP MP to contest again in 2020?

- The region with the most support for NPP incumbents to contest again in 2020 is Oti (70%) where NPP has a single seat.
- In the three regions where NPP has its highest number of seats, the support for the incumbents is lower: Ashanti-44 seats (43.9%), Eastern-27 seats (40.5%) & Greater Accra-21 seats (33.5%).
- In as many as 10 regions, more than 10% are undecided, waiting to be convinced: Bono (10.1%), Greater Accra (10.7%), Brong East (10.9%), Northern (11.5%), Western (11.9%), Central (12.1%), Western North (14.3%), Upper West (15.2%), North East (17.0%), Upper East (17.4%)

Do you want incumbent NDC MP to contest again in 2020?

- The region with the most support for NDC incumbents to contest again in 2020 is Savannah (59.3%) where NDC has six seats.
- In the three regions where NDC has its highest number of seats, the support for the incumbents is lower: Volta-18 seats (51.9%), Greater Accra-13 seats (40.1%) & Upper East-12 seats (39.7%).
- In as many as 10 regions, more than 10% are undecided, waiting to be convinced: North East (11.3%), Upper West (12.0%), Bono East (12.6%), Ashanti (13.0%), Northern (13.5%), Western North (14.0%), Volta (14.8%), Upper East (15.3%), Eastern (15.7%), & Central (27.3%)

'Yes' for incumbent MPs to contest again in 2020

- Of the 275 MPs less than 100 (97) have the support of more than 50% respondents to contest again in 2020: 90%+ (3), 80%+ (5), 70%+ (36) & 50%+ (41)
- 49 others were supported by 40%-49%
- 56 others were supported by 30%-39%
- 48 others were supported by 20%- 29%
- 23 others were supported by 10% -19%
- 5 others were supported by less than 10%

Long & First Term MPs

- Normally it the long-term MPs ('the Mugabes') who are the target for 'DON'T CONTEST AGAIN'.
- But from our study, while a third of the long term MPs (in their fourth-seventh) term still have more than 50% support of their constituents to seek election again in 2020, two thirds of the first term MPs do not have such support

Looking Ahead

- MPs should carefully weigh their campaign promises as their constituents would hold them accountable for those promises.
- Several constituents are concerned about the continued absence of their MPs from their communities, they (the MPs) must therefore improve their levels of interaction and communication with their constituents
- MPs must gauge the mood of their constituents in deciding whether or not to contest again; it is worth noting that in 2016, 50 incumbents lost their primaries and 50 others lost the election
- In parliamentary terms, 'the longer, the better' but in our context, first term MPs are increasingly becoming endangered species; in 2016 more than half of the 50 incumbents who lost the elections were first term MPs. The peculiar challenges confronting the first term MPs must be addressed to prevent a repeat of 2016 in 2020.
- To our 275 honourable MPs, 18 months in politics is a long, long time; for better or for worse, to make or to break !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!