Vaccine willingness?

**Kampala residents’ opinions on vaccinations against Covid-19**

This factsheet presents Kampala residents’ views on vaccinations against Covid-19. The data comes from a special round of Twaweza’s *Sauti za Wananchi* survey, a representative mobile phone panel survey of citizens’ views, conducted in Kampala in June 2021. The sample size is 610, and the data is unweighted. Further details are available from www.twaweza.org/sauti.

**Insight 1. Almost all Kampala residents are aware of vaccinations that are effective against Covid-19**

Almost all residents of Kampala (96%) are aware that there are vaccinations that work against Covid-19. Most (93%) also know that vaccinations are underway in Uganda.

On both measures, awareness is slightly lower among older residents and those with lower levels of education.

**Insight 2. Most residents say they know who is eligible for vaccines, and list a wide range of people**

Two out of three Kampala residents (66%) say they know who is eligible to get vaccinated, while 34% say they don’t know.

A wide range of people are mentioned by residents as being eligible, including “everyone” (20%), the elderly (18%), health workers (12%), teachers (11%) and those with underlying health conditions (9%).

**Insight 3. Residents’ main suggestion for increasing vaccination rates is to raise awareness of the benefits**

The main idea proposed by Kampala residents for increasing vaccination rates is to sensitise the public on the value of vaccination (37%).

This is followed by several measures related to increasing supply and distribution, including reducing distances needed to travel to vaccination points and increasing vaccine imports.

**Insight 4. Kampala residents trust the government to handle vaccine acquisition and distribution**

The three main institutions trusted by Kampala residents to acquire and distribute the Covid-19 vaccine are all government institutions: the Ministry of Health (36%), public health facilities (20%) and local governments (18%).

This is followed by the church (9%) and private health facilities (6%).

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*Source: Sauti za Wananchi, special Kampala round 3 (June 2021)*
Insight 5. 7 out of 10 Kampala residents say they are willing to have the vaccination against Covid-19

Most Kampala residents (68%) say they are willing to take the vaccine against Covid-19.

Willingness is a little higher among women, older residents, and those who own their own business.

Willingness is lowest among those who earn their income mainly from agriculture.

Insight 6. The main reasons for vaccine hesitancy are lack of trust in the vaccine

The main reasons given for not wanting the vaccine are related to trust. Two out of ten residents (19%) say they don’t trust any Coronavirus vaccine. One out of ten say the vaccines are not yet proven (12%) or not safe (10%) or have side effects such as altering DNA (6%).

Insight 7. Kampala residents have no strong preference for which vaccine they take

Kampala residents don’t show any strong preference for a vaccine developed in any particular country. The largest number (22%) say any vaccine will do, followed by vaccines developed in the US or UK, India and Germany. Vaccines developed in China and Russia have less support.

Insight 8. Residents broadly support international efforts to supply vaccines to poorer countries

More residents say the international community is doing well (34%) than badly (13%) at making vaccines available in poorer countries, though most are unsure.

Insight 9. Residents are divided on whether the Ugandan government is doing well at securing vaccines for citizens

Roughly even numbers of Kampala residents say the Ugandan government is performing well (22%) or badly (27%) at securing vaccine doses for citizens. Most (51%) are unsure.

The main reason for saying the government is doing well is that vaccinations are happening.

The main reason for saying the government is performing badly is the view that not enough vaccines have yet been made available.