



Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA



OVERVIEW

The FinScope Consumer Survey Botswana 2020 (known as FinScope Botswana 2020) was commissioned by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MFED). In the implementation of the survey, the Steering Committee was formed with the aim of putting in place technical procedures for the design and implementation of a global and inclusive process according to the local context. FinScope Botswana 2020 represents a collaboration between the following Steering Committee members:

- Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Chair)
- Bankers Association of Botswana
- Statistics Botswana
- Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority
- Insurance Institute of Botswana
- Competition & Consumer Authority
- Bank of Botswana
- Botswana Communications Regulatory
 Authority

The FinScope survey is dynamic and the content is evaluated by several stakeholders including the private sector, NGOs and Government to ensure that the most relevant consumer data is collected.



The cover symbol

Through FinScope Botswana 2020, we hope to effect real change at country level and see the impact of financial inclusion on broader national growth and development. The cover graphic features a flower that symbolizes growth and development while the circle represents inclusive growth. The petals of the flower symbolise the various stakeholders engaged with a common vision – financial inclusion for a broader national growth and development.

Introduction

The Government of Botswana recognises the role played by the financial sector in facilitating economic growth through enhanced access to financial services. In order to strengthen policies that will generate sustainable and inclusive growth and development, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (supported by country stakeholders) commissioned the FinScope Botswana 2020 survey to help identify and create a roadmap that ultimately secures the realisation of this vision.

FinScope Botswana 2020 provides credible benchmarks on level of financial inclusion and guide targeted and focused financial inclusion strategies using empirical evidence. FinScope Botswana 2020 will also act as a national good for use across private, public sectors, academic backgrounds in order to ensure the lives of Batswana are enhanced.

Methodology

- According to Statistics Botswana (SB) the total adult population is estimated to be 1,53 million as of 2020
- Nationally representative individual-based sample of the adult population aged 18 years and older at district and urban/rural level
- The FinScope sample design is typically a three stage sample with enumeration areas (EAs)

- villages in Botswana - as primary sampling units (PSU), households as secondary sampling units (SSU), and individuals selected by Kish Grid from a list of eligible respondents at every selected household as tertiary sampling units (TSU).

- Youth defined as adults 18 35 years old.
- Sampling frame and selection, and data weighting was approved by Statistics Botswana (SB).
- 2 336 completed face-to-face interviews conducted by consortium of Ipsos Kenya and Incredible Creations (October – December 2020).
- Note: The fieldwork was conducted in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Survey objectives

The objectives of FinScope Botswana 2020 were to understand the adult population in terms of:

- Livelihoods and how they generate their income
- Their financial needs and demands
- Their financial perceptions, attitudes, and behaviours
- Their demographic and geographic distribution
- Current levels of access to, and utilisation of, financial services and products
- Create credible financial inclusion benchmark for Botswana.

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Partnering for a common purpose

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development SC chair and secretariat

FinMark Trust Project management, technical assistance

Statistics Botswana Statistical oversight, quality control

Research House (RH) Consortium of Ipsos Kenya and Incredible Creations

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Steering Committee (SC)

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Chair)

Bankers Association of Botswana

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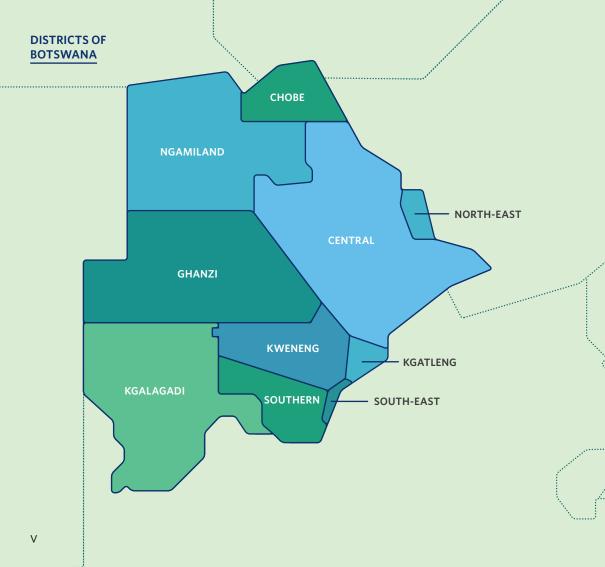
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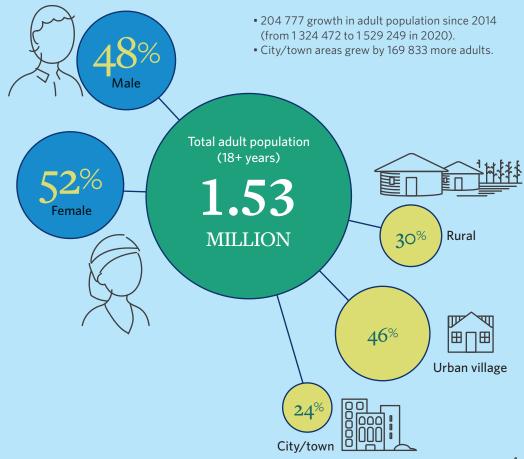
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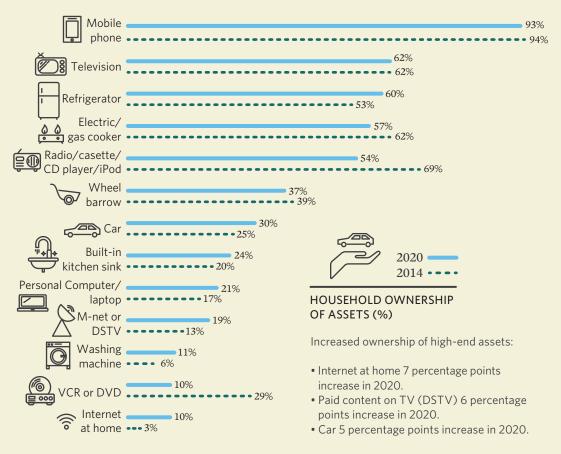
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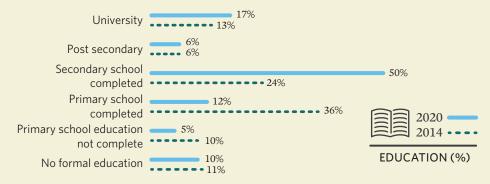
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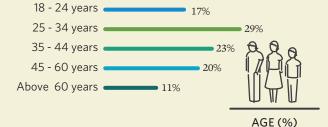


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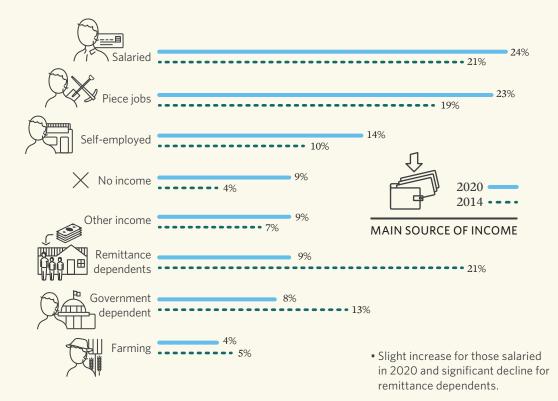
- There has been an increase in adults with formal education and a significant increase in completion rates for secondary school since 2014.
- The average personal monthly income has increased since 2014.

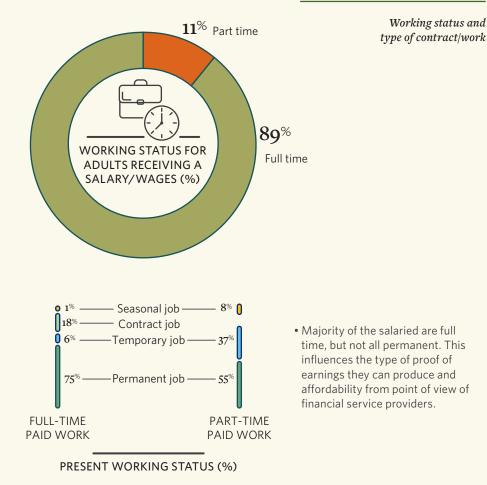


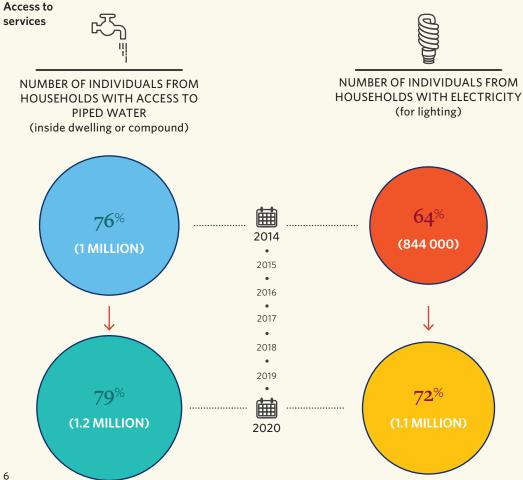
AVERAGE PERSONAL MONTHLY INCOME (BY YEAR OF SURVEY)

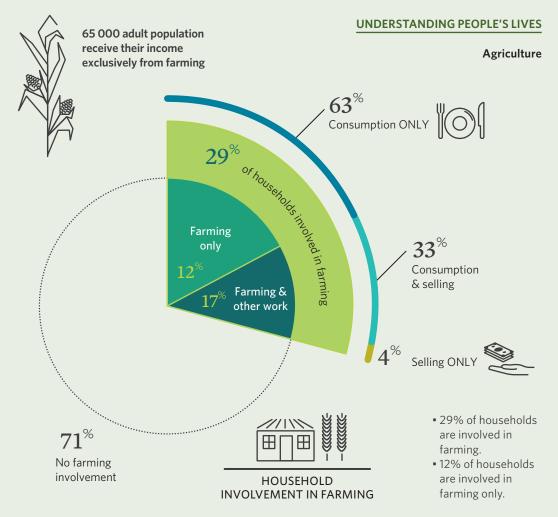
Sources of income

Significant change in the main sources of income

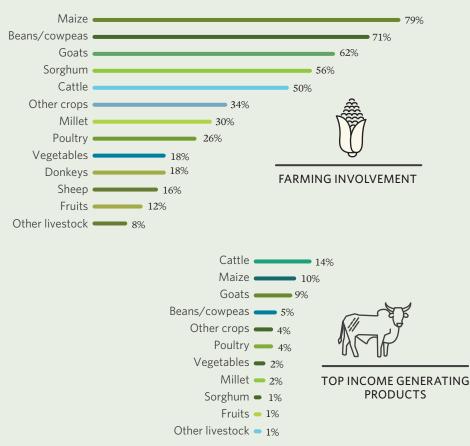






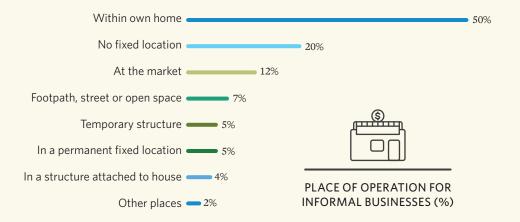


Involvement in farming



UNDERSTANDING THE INFORMAL BUSINESS SECTOR

Business premises



 Given that majority of the informal businesses sell within their home, it means that during Covid-19 hard lockdowns, they would be affected on both front - not being able to easily replenish inventory and fewer walk-in customers.

TOP OF MIND ASSOCIATIONS

Perceived top 3 requirements to open an account



TOP 3 ASSOCIATIONS

WITH THE FOLLOWING

Banks

77% - must have an identity document (Omang)

61% - you need to have a pay-slip to open an account

60% - you must have permanent address



Insurance companies

60% - must have an identity document (Omang)46% - they are too far from where I live39% - they have information brochures available to the public



Micro-lenders

48% - must have an identity document (Omang)38% - they are too far from where I live28% - you must have permanent address



Savings clubs

33% - must have an identity document (Omang)30% - you understand how their products work (savings and credit)27% - their staff are very helpful



Burial societies

43% - must have an identity document (Omang)

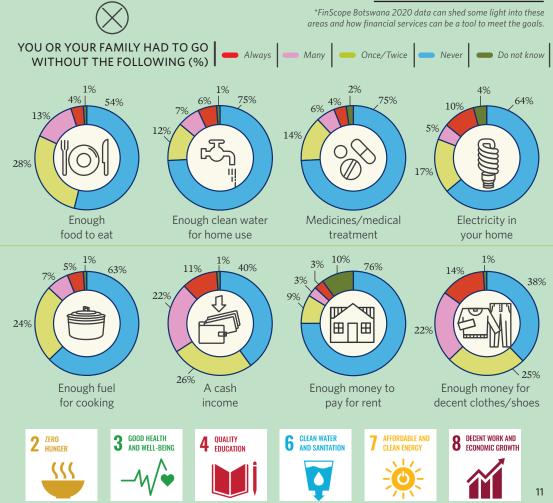
- 29% they are too far from where I live
- 27% you must have permanent address



Retail shops

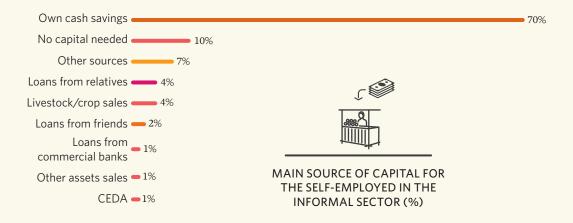
- 54% must have an identity document (Omang)
- 49% they have information brochures available to the public
- 41% you must have permanent address

INFORMING SDG INDICATORS*



UNDERSTANDING THE INFORMAL-SECTOR BUSINESS

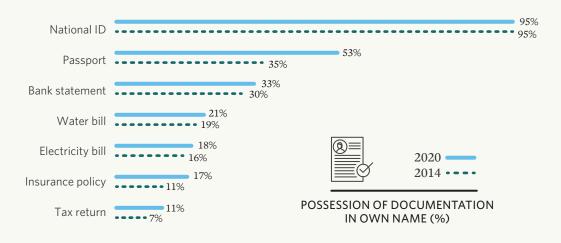
Source of capital



• Government agencies such as CEDA (1%) seem not to be serving the financial needs of the informal sector as they rely more on their own means (70%).

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

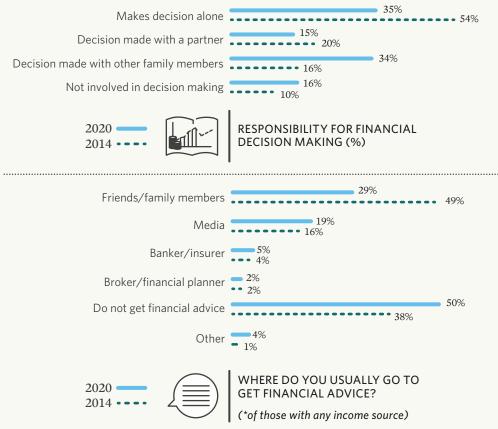
Possession of documentation



- The number of Batswana in possession of passports increased between 2014 and 2020.
- Individuals depict a high possession of documentation.

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

Managing money and financial advice



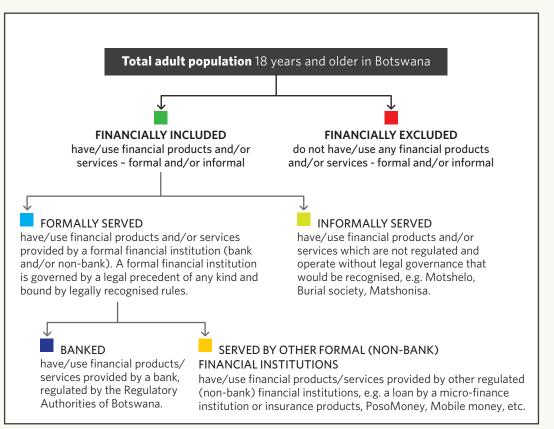
FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

 Do women have access to assets and control over them? Gender norms (independently of men) Do they have agency in terms CONTROL OF of how to secure and decide (CAN SELL WITHOUT PERMISSION) where to work? Agricultural land 39% 28% Land (housing, property) 41% 36% House/dwelling residing in 30% HOW FAR 26% WIFE/DAUGHTER Livestock ALLOWED TO WORK 46% 35% (% OF RESPONDENTS) Any other property 60% Home based only 44% **—** 3% Within village/town 11% Another town OWNERSHIP OF 7% (ACCESS) Within district Agricultural land 8% 23% 20% Another district Land (housing, property) 16% 33% 35% Abroad House/dwelling residing in 38% 42% 41% Livestock Not sure 34% 13% 22% Any other property 7%

7%

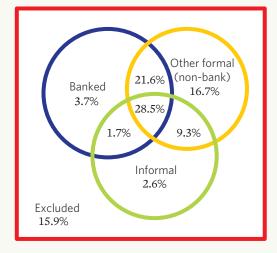
DEFINING FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Defining financial inclusion by category



DEFINING FINANCIAL INCLUSION

'Formal' is a category classifying products or services as regulated or supervised by a formal institution or any other formal regulator/agency. This is also synonymous to 'other formal' or 'other formal (non-bank)' to differentiate it from the banked which are mostly commercial and development banks.



Note: Due to rounding off numbers of 'Banked' and 'Other formal (non-bank)' the 'Excluded' population is 16%.

Overlaps

"Consumers generally use a combination of financial products and services to meet their financial needs".

- Only 3.7% of adults rely exclusively on banking services.
- 39.5% use a combination of formal and informal mechanisms to manage their financial needs, thus informal sector provides a useful complement to the formal sector.
- 2.6% of the adult population ONLY rely on informal mechanisms such as village savings and loan groups to save or borrow money.

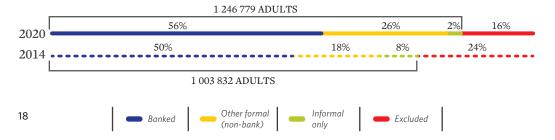




- 1.29 million adults are financially included in 2020 up from 1 million in 2014.
- Increase across financial mechanisms:
 - Banking up by 6 percentage points
 - Uptake of other formal non-bank products increased by 20 percentage points
 - Uptake of informal financial products/mechanisms is up by 3 percentage points
 - Financial exclusion declined by 8 percentage points.

Financial Access Strand - 2014 vs 2020

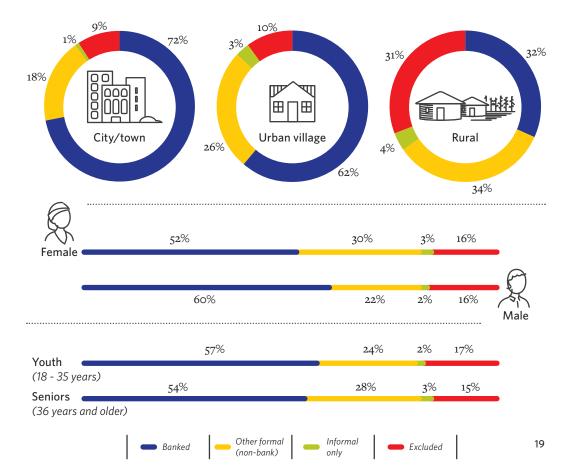
- There has been a marked progress as around 242 947 additional adults are now financially included over the years.
- Whilst ONLY 242 884 adults are excluded, 39 586 adults rely ONLY on informal mechanism to manage their financial needs in 2020.



FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Financial Access Strand 2020

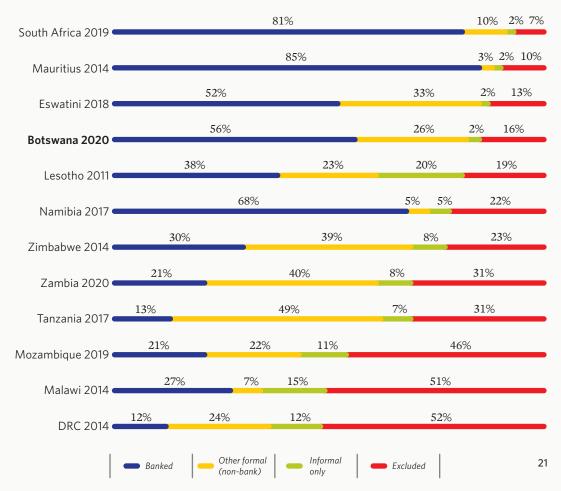
Access Strands by location, gender and age





FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Access Strand across the region %)



Banking

HOW MANY ADULTS ARE BANKED?

	2009	2014	2020
Number of banked adults in Botswana	45% 524 969	50%	56%↑ 849 236
Number of previously banked adults in Botswana	11%131 943	● 10% 128 021	14% 210 109
Number of never banked adults in Botswana	44%	41% 539 937	33% 509 476
Number of unbanked adults in Botswana	55%	50%	44% 680 013
Total adult population	1 178 051	1 324 472	1 529 249 1

- Adult population grew by 204 777 between 2014 and 2020.
- Banked population has increased by 192 622.
- 210 109 adults fell off the banking system.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

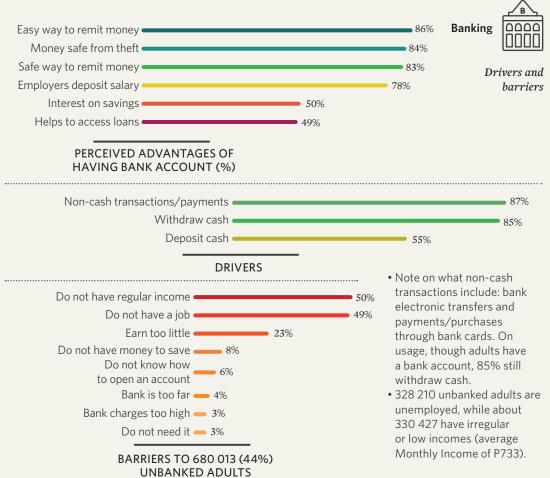
Access Strands by livelihood



Bankin	g I am prepared to learn how to use new technology to manage my money I shop around for the best fees and interest rates	67%
Perceptual statements around bank	For a longer-term goal I prefer to save money at a bank	65%
accounts	In times of need I would rather deal with people I know than with a large organisation	62%
	l don't trust informal associations like saving clubs	55%
	I am confident enough to raise a complaint when not satisfied with	50%
	a bank/financial institution I can easily live my life without having a bank account	48%
	I would rather deal face to face with a person than with an electronic device	45%
	I would change banks if another bank offered me more attractive products	42%
	Most services offered by banks are also available from other people	22%

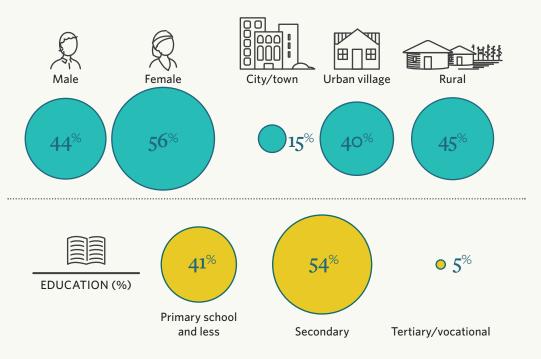
PEOPLE WHO AGREED WITH STATEMENT (%)

• It appears that there is fertile ground to introduce new financial technologies to offer financial services as most Batswana (76%) are receptive to learn new technologies, particularly to serve the unbanked and underbanked.

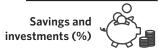


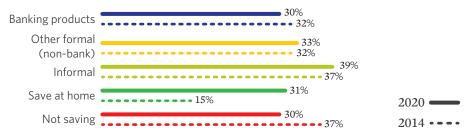
Profiling: Unbanked population dispersed?

A third (33%) of the unbanked use Mobile Money



- Considering the unbanked segment have higher secondary education, could be deduced that they could "easily adopt" new financial services given higher literacy rates.
- Could fintech's be the solution?

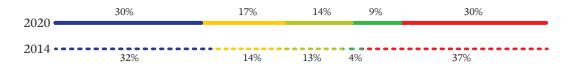




Overall

• Savings with banks decreased, whilst other formal (non-bank) and informal saving has increased.

Savings Strand

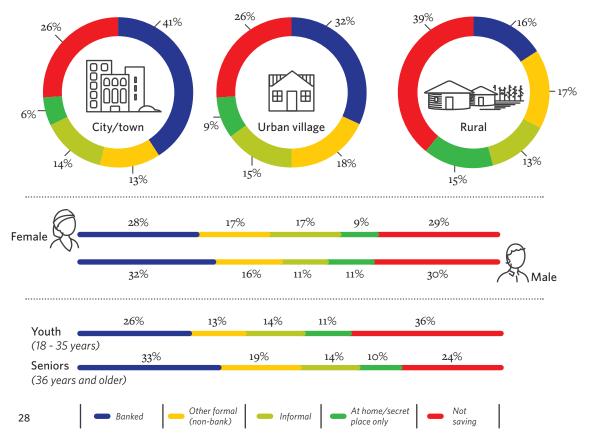


• There is an overall improvement in the number of adults saving.

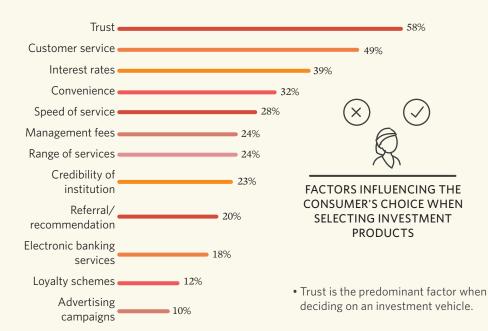
Banked
 Other formal
 Informal
 At home/secret
 Not
 saving
 Saving
 Saving



Savings Strands by location, gender and age

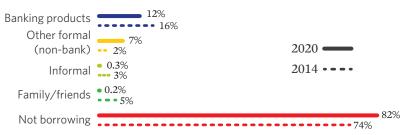






Borrowing

Overall



Overall drop in the following bank categories:

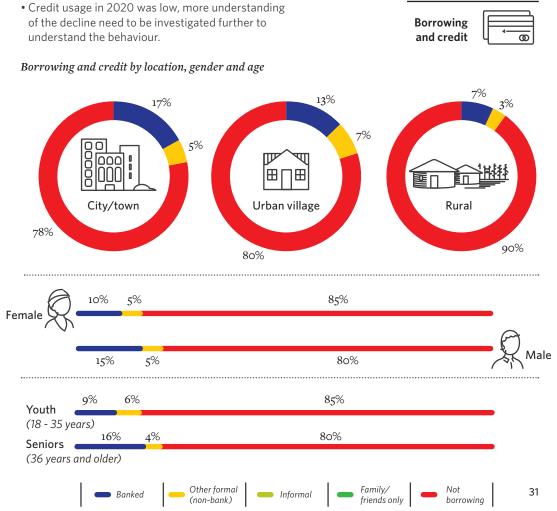
- Credit from banks 4 percentage points decrease
- An increase in the use of other formal non-bank credit providers 5 percentage points increase
- Decrease in informal credit sources 2 percentage points decrease
- Overall decrease in use of credit 8 percentage points (that is, lesser people are borrowing).

Credit Strand



• Based on the trends, Batswana adults are reducing their credit usage over the years.

Banked Other formal Informal Family/ Not borrowing





Borrowing and credit

Low interest rates				65%
Repayment period			43%	
Affordable monthly instalments/repayments			37%	
Flexibility of repayments		21%		
Get the loan money as soon as possible		16%		
Trustworthiness of provider		16%		
Easy access to provider	— 11%		MOST IMPORTANT	
Quality of service provided	9%		FACTORS WHEN	
No proof of employment required	6 %		DECIDING WHERE TO GET A LOAN	
Familiarity with provider	6%			
Loyalty schemes	— 5%		• M/han according gradit law in	toroct
No credit checking	— 5%		 When accessing credit, low in rates are a priority for a major 	
Electronic banking services	— 5%		the adults.	
Advertising campaigns	— 3%			

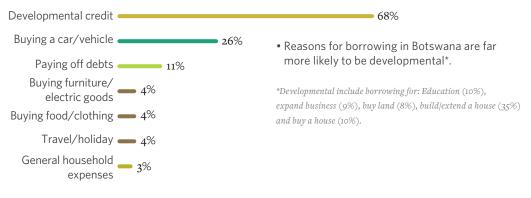
Drivers and barriers to accessing credit

LANDSCAPE PRODUCTS

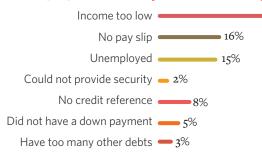
Borrowing and credit



18% have borrowing/credit products

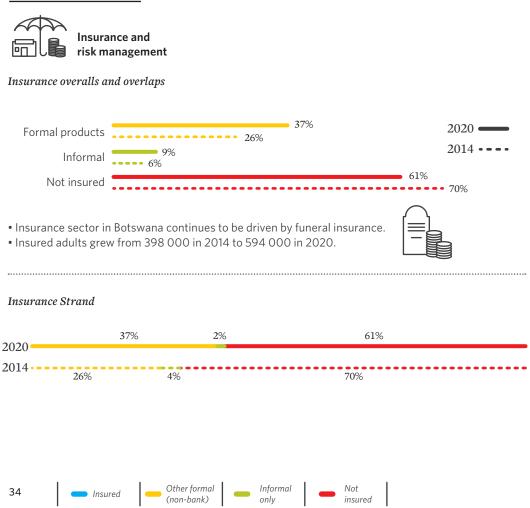


31 852 adults were refused a loan over the past year



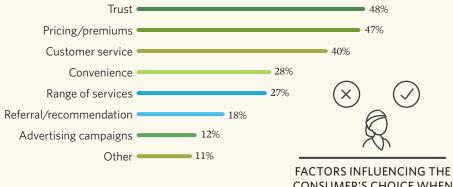
• Barriers to credit access in Botswana are far more likely to be monetary.

45%



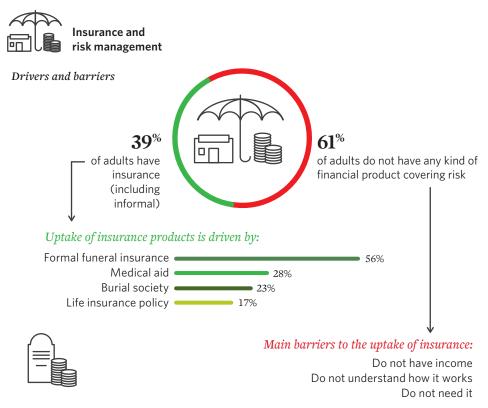






CONSUMER'S CHOICE WHEN PURCHASING BURIAL/FUNERAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS

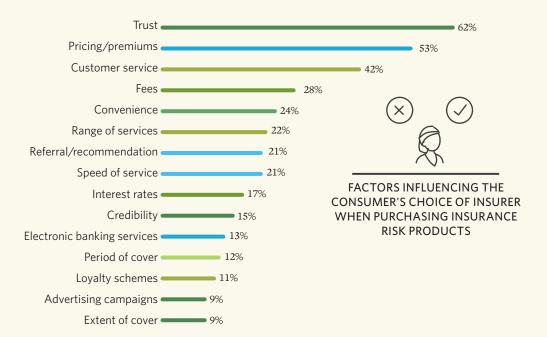
• There are similarities when adults decide which factors are important when deciding on insurance products. The top three factors are: trust, premiums/pricing and customer service.



• Funeral cover seems to be the most preferred service (56%) closely followed by burial society cover (23%).

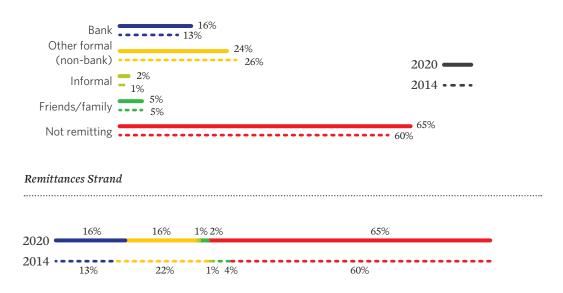








Overview of those that claimed to remit in the past 12 months

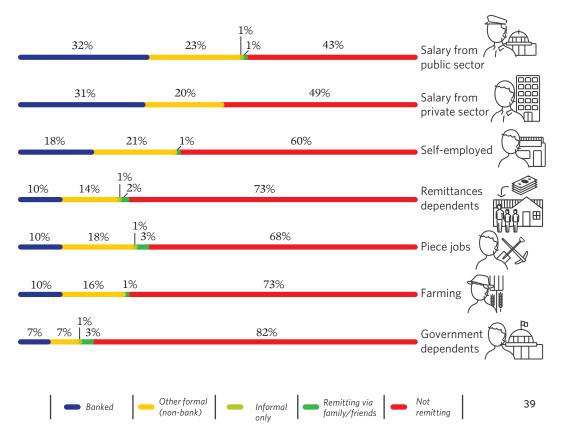


• In 2020, fewer adults were remitting - possibly due to squeezed income.



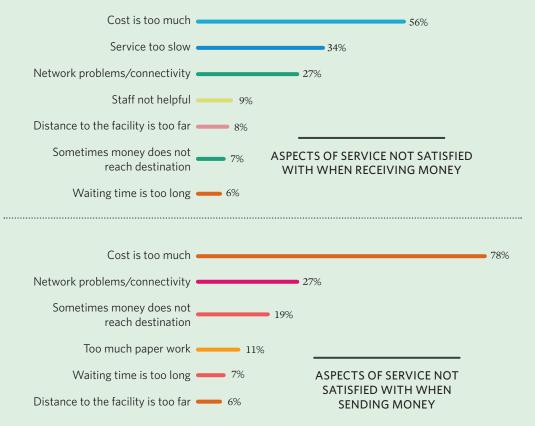


Remittances Strand by livelihood





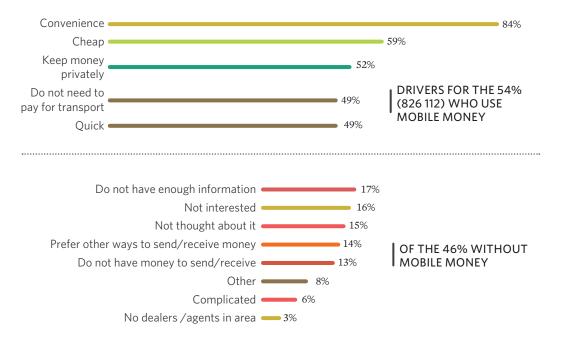
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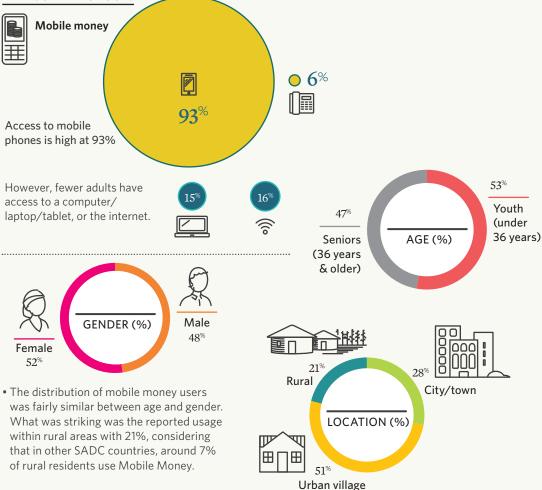


Mobile money



- About 93% of individuals have access to a cell phone.
- 54% of Batswana use mobile money. What are the motives for this?
- Of those who don't have mobile money, 86% have cellphone access.

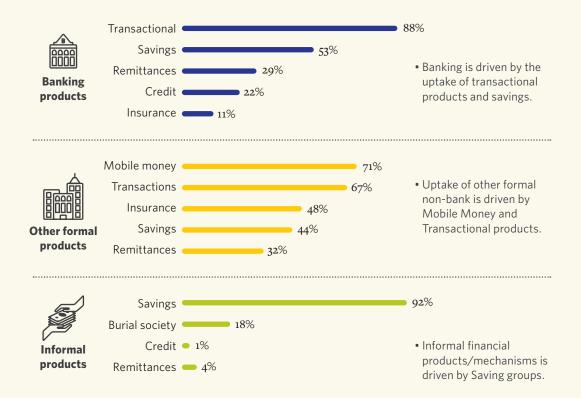




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FINANCIAL INCLUSION

What drives inclusion?

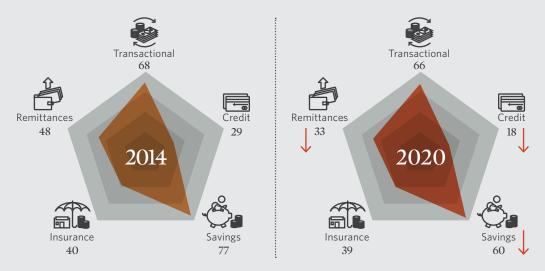


FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Landscape of Access (of those with any financial product)

- The Landscape of Access is used to illustrate the extent to which financially included individuals have/use financial products/services (excluding those borrowing from family/friends and those who save at home/hiding in secret place).
- It also highlights the drivers of overall inclusion in Botswana's case it's transactional products and savings.
- It shows that in 2020, transactional products were the most used followed by savings products.
- There was a general decline in the utilisation of credit over the past years.
- There is a general drop in access and use of the portfolio of financial products. How much of this drop could be attributed to Covid-19?

N.B. the fieldwork was conducted in the midst of the pandemic.



1. Demographics

- 15% growth rate in adult population since 2014.
- 46% of adult Batswana below age 35 years (young population: between the ages of 18 and 35 years).
- More adult Batswana are educated as shown by increase in those completing secondary school.
- There are overall improvements in the standard of living between 2014 and 2020 as depicted by:
 - Access to piped water from 1 million to 1,2 million
 - Access to electricity from 844 thousand to 1,1 million households.
- Slight increase in average personal monthly income from P2 525 in 2014 to P2 963 in 2020:
 - Slight increase in the number of adults salaried (24%) from 21% in 2014.
- Agricultural involvement declining as 29% of adults are actively involved in farming (compared to 45% in 2014).
- 68% are worried will not have enough for retirement (compared to 72% in 2014).
- 5% seek advise from reputable formal financial advisers.

2. Financial inclusion

- There was a 242 947 increase in the adults who are financially included in 2020.
- Increase across financial mechanisms:
 - Banking up by 6 percentage points
 - Uptake of other formal non-bank products increased by 20 percentage points
 - Uptake of informal financial products/mechanisms is up by 3 percentage points
 - Financial exclusion declined by 8 percentage points.
- Savings at home increased in 2020 and use of credit declined overall by 5 percentage points.
- Increase in Mobile Money usage 54 percentage points increase in 2020.
- A decline in the use of remittances in 2020 a decrease of 5 percentage points.
- The use of informal financial services is driven by savings (92%).
- Transactional products are still lead by those from the banks, while Mobile Money is on a steady increase.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Implement a FinScope Small Business Survey

- Significant amount of adults are self-employed and majority excluded, addressing how business owners can utilise access to financial services to grow and expand their businesses will have a higher impact and prospects for economic growth in Botswana. This survey aids in better understanding the business value chain and business owners financial needs to better serve them.
- See here for more details:

https://finmark.org.za/_programme/data-forfinancial-markets/finscope/finscope-msme/

2. Consumer education/literacy programmes

- In order to create a better value proposition for financial inclusion, Batswana adults need to understand the benefits of using appropriate financial services.
- The results show the barriers to financial inclusion mostly relate to lack of financial awareness.
- Visit:

https://finmark.org.za/data-portal/BWA/2014

3. Use the information to update the Financial Inclusion Roadmap

The Financial Inclusion Roadmap serves as the National Strategy in facilitating structures, processes and initiatives to support the aspirations of an "inclusive society" where adults are able to economically empower themselves out of poverty and financial shocks.

4. Data analysis workshops to drive use cases

Since the data will be freely available to the wider stakeholders in Botswana, a data analytics workshop may help bridge the gap between understanding of the data and its usage. Data still remains the oil to fuel product innovation and understanding of market opportunities - both supply and demand.

5. Financial access mapping

To effectively show which regions and areas have what financial service point, mapping the distribution of the access points in Botswana may be useful to get a holistic picture. See examples here:

https://finmark.org.za/geospatial_data

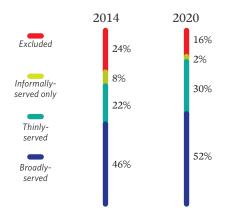
6. Leveraging the Mobile Money platform to extend financial services

- How to make better use of the Mobile Money platform to extend other services e.g. savings, credit, merchant payment (interoperability).
- Further inputs into regulation, infrastructure and exploring innovative solutions to drive usage of Mobile Money.

The Roadmap sought to address two critical targets, which are summarised as:

"Improve household welfare, increase economic efficiency and support growth by reducing the percentage of adults who are excluded from 24% to 12%, and increasing those with access to more than one formal financial product from 46% to 57% by 2021."

- **Target 1: Reduce the number of excluded from 24% to 12%** from the results, the access objective is on course to be achieved because in 2020 the excluded population sits at 16%.
- **Target 2: Increase the number of broadly served from 46% to 57%** those that used more than one financial service (amongst saving, credit, insurance and payments) were 46% in 2014 and 52% in 2020. As it stands, the target could be reached in 2021.



Depth Strand

Definitions:

Broadly-served: those who use a combination of two or more formal financial services/product markets categories (i.e. savings, credit, insurance and payments).

Thinly-served: those using only one formal financial service/product from amongst the product categories (i.e. savings, credit, insurance and payments).

The full 2014 Roadmap (later adopted with 2015 - 2021 timeframe) report could be accessed here:

<u>https://finmark.org.za/system/documents/</u> <u>files/000/000/469/original/Botswana_</u> <u>Roadmap_2014-2020.pdf?1615194517</u>

Regulation

- The Electronic Payment Services (EPS) Regulations, came into effect in January 2019. The EPS Regulations establish a legal framework for licensing and oversight of electronic payments service providers, including money and value transfer services (MVTS) operations. The Regulations promote an enabling environment for innovation in financial services delivery channels and provides for the types of entities permitted to offer electronic payment services in Botswana, entry requirements and market conduct issues.
- The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

(MFED) is currently circulating the Credit Information Bill. The law will make it mandatory for the credit and data providers to submit data to the credit bureaus which will in turn transmit it to a credit registry, thus enabling financial institutions to assess the credit worthiness of clients before granting credit. The institutional and legal framework will establish an efficient credit reporting system that will reduce the cost of credit.

 The Ministry is also in the process of drafting the Secured Transactions on Movable Property Bill.
 Secured transactions regimes facilitate the use of movable property as collateral for loans and other forms of credit, hence increasing access to credit.

New Policy/regulation overview 2014 - 2020	Overview		
Credit Information Bill	In drafting stage.		
Movable Assets Bill	In drafting stage.		
Electronic Payment Services Regulations 2019	administration of licensees including intrastructure and operations		
Financial Intelligence Act and Regulations, 2019	Regulates customer due diligence, verification of information, record keeping and reporting of suspicious transactions.		
Guidelines on Risk Management, 2018	Guidelines on risk management strategies for banks.		
NBIFIRA Act, 2016	To continue the establishment of NBFIRA and provide for its powers.		
Electronic Communication and Transactions Act, 2014 To allow for admissibility of electronic records and authenticat electronic records.			

Such movable assets include vehicles, industrial and agricultural equipment, machinery, inventory and raw materials, accounts receivables, intellectual property rights, agricultural products such as crops, livestock etc.

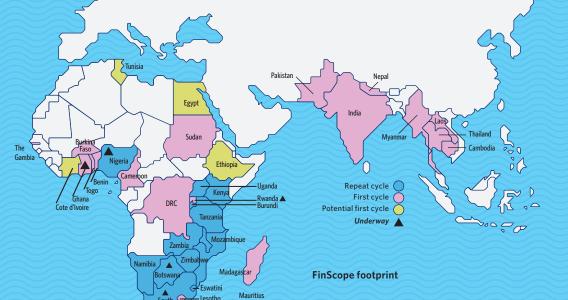
Mobile Money

- Orange mobile money operator partnership with Econet Zimbabwe. Through the partnership Orange card customers can transfer money to Zimbabwe at a very low cost. The recipient in Zimbabwe will cash through Ecocash card at any retail shop.
- BotswanaPost has introduced PosoMoney that will enable seamless money transactions in different forms, be it buying, sending or receiving. PosoMoney is convenient, simple and secure and gives universal services and access to financial services to anyone, anywhere.

Banking

 Botswana Savings Bank has since 2018 been on a Nationwide expansion and this includes, Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) in Hukuntsi, Letlhakeng, Kang, Palapye, Old Naledi, Bokaa, Mogoditshane and Gabane and new branches serve Hukuntsi and Mahalapye. The branch serves as a core-branded facility in partnership with BotswanaPost. Sandulela and Smart switch cards are now visa accredited. BancABC has introduced a mobile application aimed at enabling customers to access banking services in a convenient manner without visiting the branches it allows customers to open Savings accounts through using the mobile application.

- FNBB will allow customers to issue instructions for savings and investment accounts on digital platforms. This enhancement will serve as additional motivation for existing customers to migrate to digital platforms that minimise the need for physical presence at the branches.
- Stanbic Bank Botswana introduced a Youth Savings Account and was approved in September 2019. The youth savings account is an account targeted at young people under the age of 25. The account offers a platform for youth to enhance their financial skills from an early life stage, the account rewards its users with interest to demonstrate the importance of saving.
- In May 2020, BOB approved Remmogo Current account for ABSA Bank Botswana. Remmogo is a current account targeted towards 1000 clients of the underbanked in the informal sector. The accountsholders would qualify for loans of P500-P10 000 out of a P10 million sourced from CEDA. The account includes a subsidized funeral insurance cover for the target monthly fee of clientele. The product allows for one free over-the-counter (OCT) withdrawal and has a bundled P30.
- The Pensioner Loan Scheme by Botswana Savings Bank was approved on the 5th February 2020. This product was introduced to enable pensioners to use their pensions as collateral for loans obtained from BSB.



FinScope Consumer Surveys have been completed in 35 countries including Botswana. This allows for cross-country comparison regionally and sharing of findings which are key in assisting on-going growth and strengthening the development of financial markets. Surveys are currently underway in 3 countries - 2 in SADC and 1 in Fast Central Africa.

FinScope Botswana 2020 contains a wealth of data based on a nationally representative sample of the adult population of Botswana.

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