

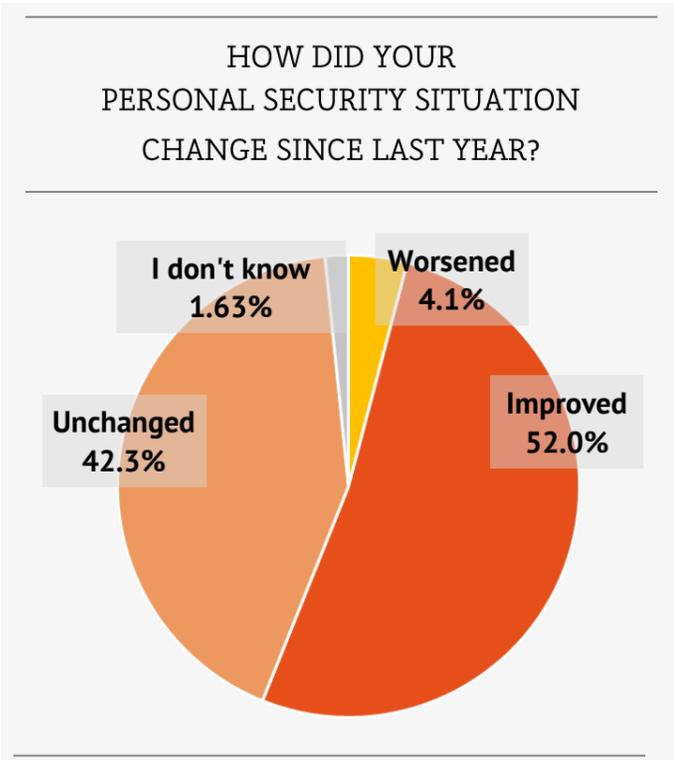
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EXPERT RESPONDENTS (123)

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

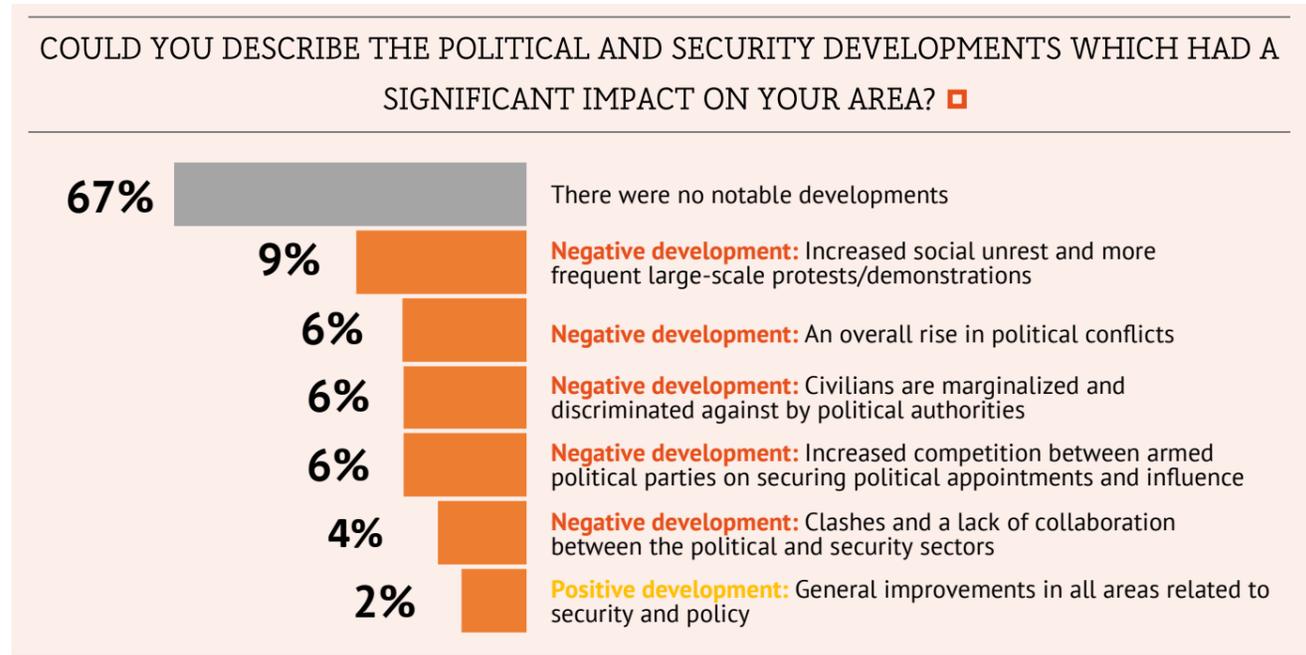
12.2%	Academic	
11.4%	Member of the security forces	
11.4%	Local government	
10.6%	Doctor or medical practitioner	
10.6%	Local leader	
8.9%	Activist	
8.1%	Private-sector expert	
8.1%	Lawyer or Judge	
6.5%	Religious leader	
4.9%	Tribal leader	
4.1%	Journalist	
3.3%	Syndicate	



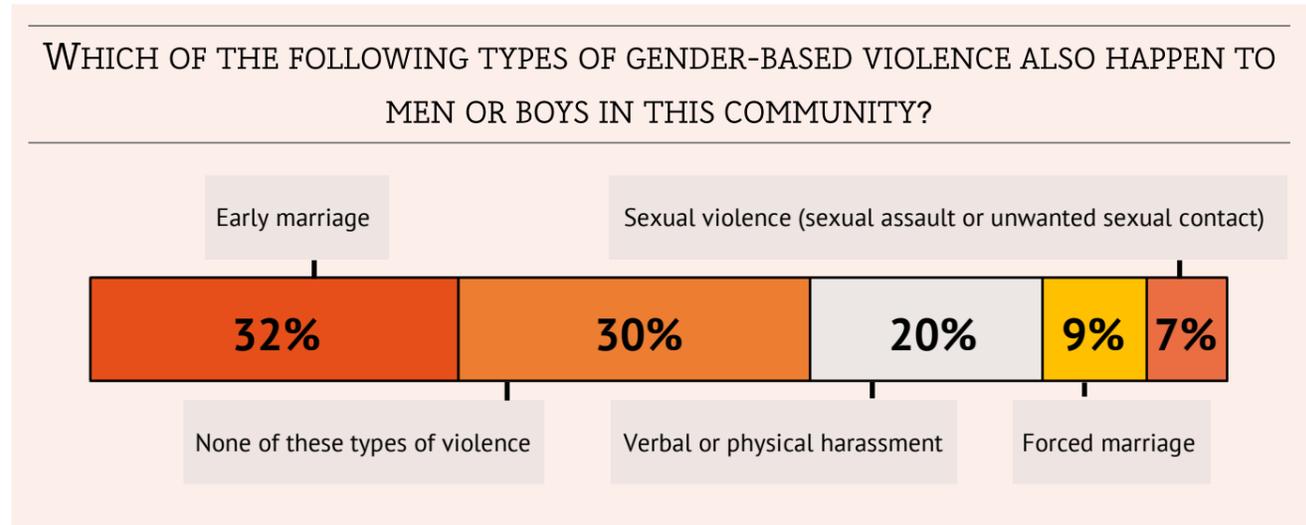
- ### COULD YOU EXPLAIN HOW AND WHY THE SECURITY SITUATION IMPROVED? (TOP CHOICES) ◻
- 20% There were improvements in the number, presence and capabilities of formal security forces (e.g. training or technology)
 - 18% There are less violent incidents, less security breaches, and lower crime rates
 - 17% Wholesale improvements in all areas related to peace and security
 - 15% Due to effective changes in strategic planning and security policy on the governmental level
 - 13% The return of displaced families and the reintroduction of freedom of movement

Editor's Note

The response categories above were compiled by combining written responses to open-ended questions. The first question gathers answers about why respondents believe the security situation in Kirkuk has improved (◻), while the second question asks respondents to elaborate on the security or political developments that have affected the security situation in Kirkuk (◻).

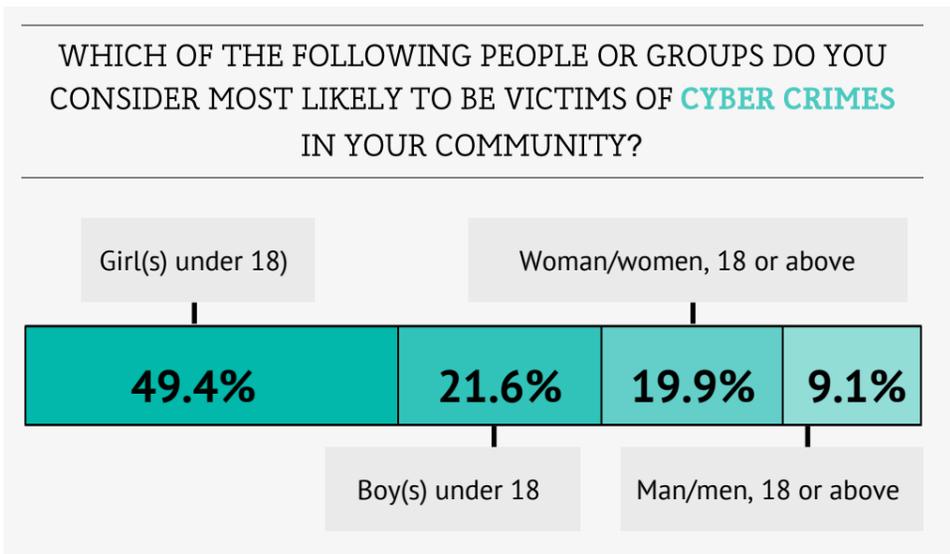
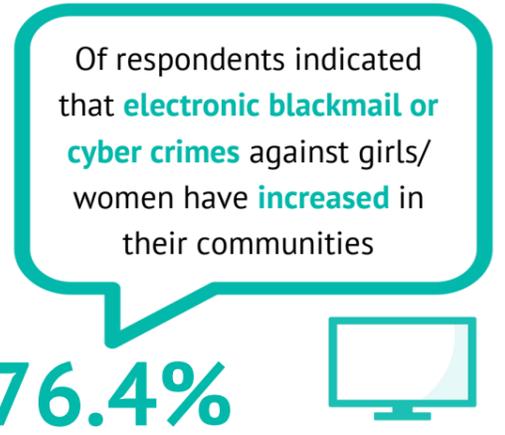
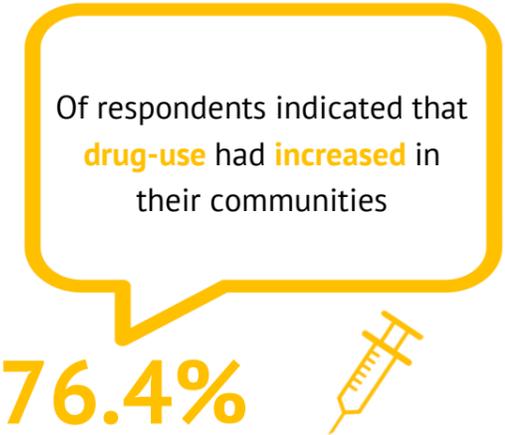


- 34.2% Of experts **reported** that they **have seen** women or girls in their community being verbally or physically harassed
- 65.9% Of experts **reported** that they **have heard** of cases of underage marriage (<18) occurring in their community
- 82.9% Of experts **reported** that they **consider** forced marriage to be a form of violence in all cases or circumstances
- 28.5% Of experts **reported** that they **have heard** of cases of forced marriage (>18) occurring in their community
- 82.9% Of experts **agree** with the following statement: "Some people in this community are more likely to be exposed to violence than others due to their age, gender, ethnicity, work, public activities, or other factors"



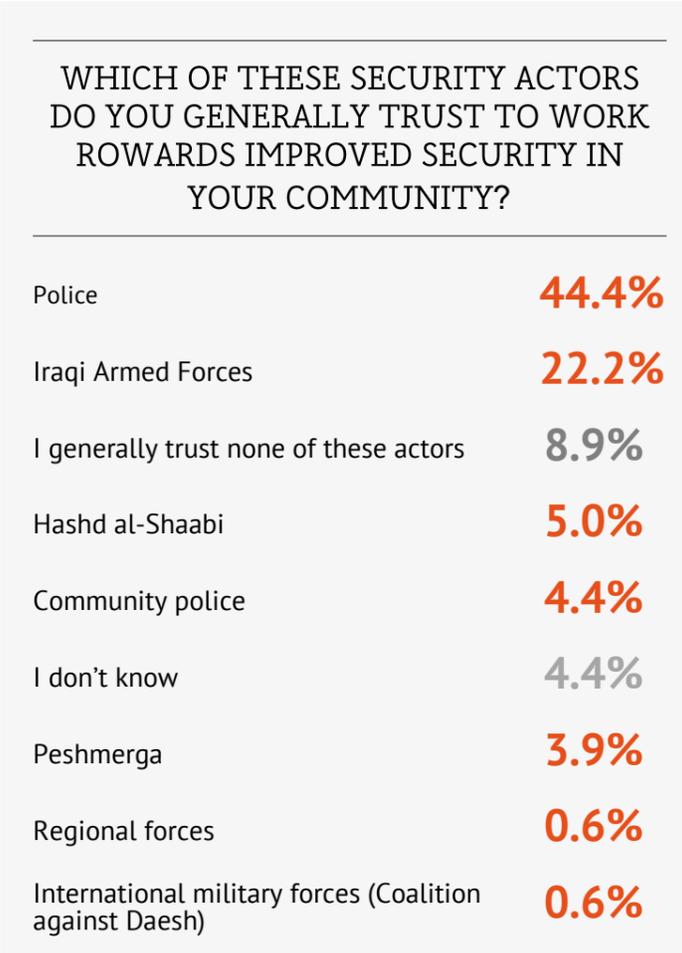
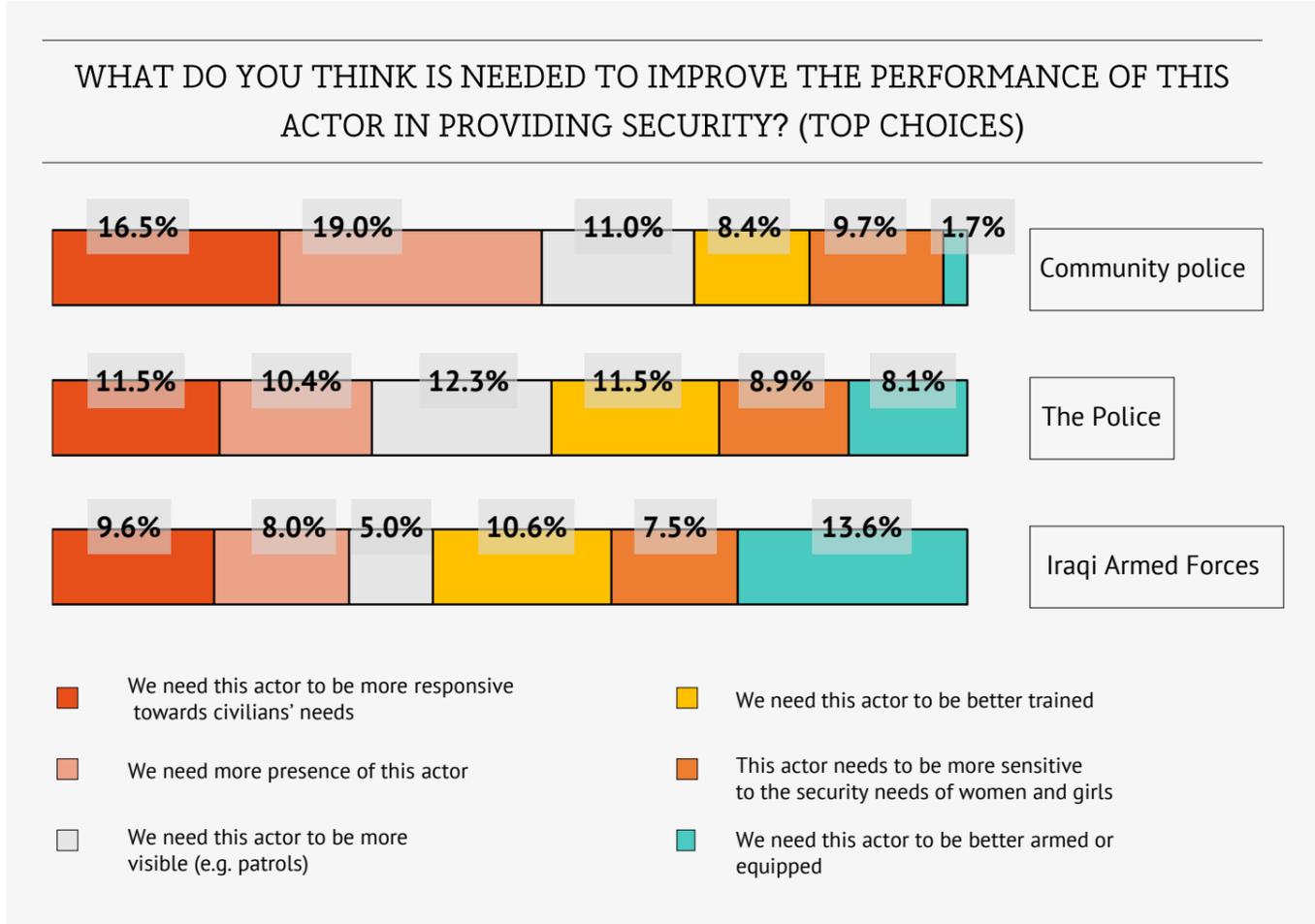
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Why do you think **cyber crimes** have increased in your community? (TOP CHOICES)

Why do you think **drug abuse** has increased in your community? (TOP CHOICES)



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The **Human Security Survey (HSS)** is a methodology developed by PAX to collect data and facilitate dialogue about civilians' experiences in conflict situations. Read more about PAX or the Human Security Survey in Iraq on protectionofcivilians.org or contact Saba Azeem (azeem@paxforpeace.nl).

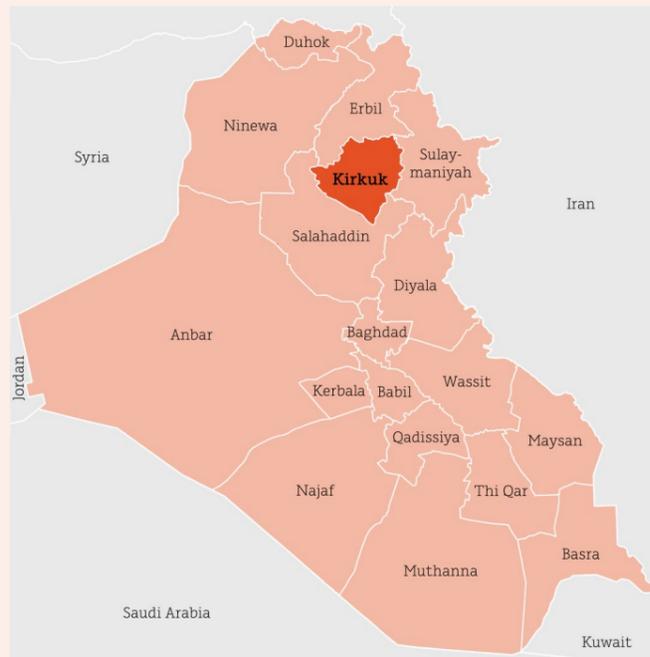


HUMAN SECURITY SURVEY METHODOLOGY: EXPERT PANEL STUDY

Over a period of 3 weeks in October 2023, 4 enumerators conducted **123** face-to-face interviews across all 4 districts of Kirkuk Governorate using a standardized survey script. For more details on how HSS data is collected and analysed, view our [methodological note](#).

Taking into account the most recent population estimates, respondent targets were set with the aim of a representative distribution across gender, district, subdistrict, and urban/rural areas. However, accounting for the research needs of this report, **The Iraqi Al-Amal Association**, trusted long-time partner of PAX, made use of a more targeted sampling methodology to capture the opinions local experts in each district in order to collect their unique perspectives.

The **Iraqi Al-Amal Association**, will continue its work in Kirkuk through **community engagement activities** with civilians, authorities, and a multitude of security actors to improve the local security situation using the results of the (Expert Panel) Human Security Survey.



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Of experts (123) **reported** that security is likely to improve in the next year

45.5%

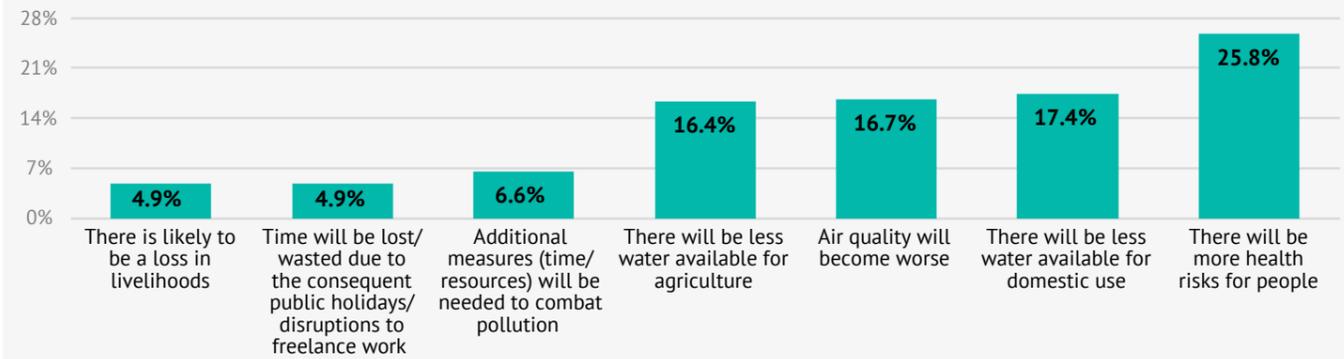


Of experts **reported** that protecting the environment is important for them

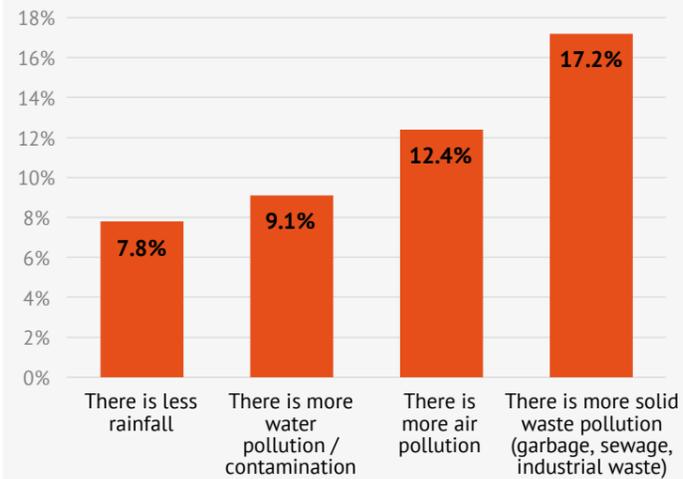
99.2%



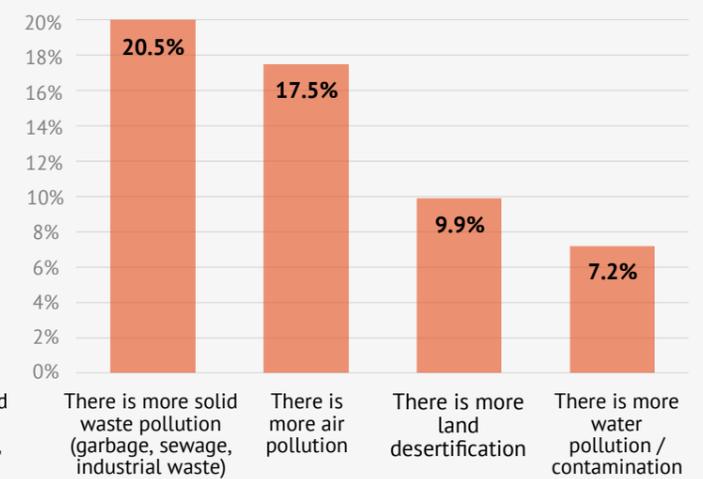
HOW WILL POLLUTION AFFECT YOUR AREA IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS? (TOP CHOICES)



HAVE YOU OBSERVED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES IN YOUR AREA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS? (TOP CHOICES)



WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS? (TOP CHOICES)



WHAT ARE THE FACTORS THAT ARE MOST LIKELY TO CAUSE FURTHER CONFLICT IN YOUR COMMUNITY IN THE COMING YEAR? (TOP CHOICES)

Poverty or a lack of livelihood opportunities

21%

A lack of basic services (education, healthcare, etc.)

15%

Competition over resources (oil, land, water, etc.)

13%

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE OR GROUPS DO YOU CONSIDER MOST LIKELY TO BE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE IN THIS COMMUNITY?

