

Financial Inclusion in North East Nigeria

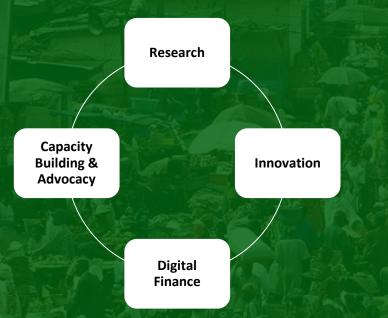
EFInA Access to Financial Services in Nigeria 2018 Survey



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About EFInA

Enhancing Financial Innovation & Access (EFInA) is a financial sector development organisation that promotes financial inclusion in Nigeria. Established in late 2007, our mission is to make the Nigerian financial system work better, especially for the poor. EFInA works through four pillars:



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The Access to Financial Services in Nigeria 2018 Survey



Objectives

- Measure access to and use of financial services by all Nigerians
- Identify opportunities for expanding financial inclusion



Design

- Provided by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)
- Sampling of respondents was based on equal representation (750 respondents) per State
- Allows for statistically robust headline indicators of financial access at the state, regional and national level.

Coverage

- Nationally representative sample of Nigerian adults (18+) across all 36 States and FCT Abuja
- Achieved 27,470 interviews (97% of target sample of 28,380)
- Household listing and data collection was conducted from August to October 2018 by research firm Ipsos Nigeria, with supervision from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

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Questionnaire

The questionnaire (in English), was translated into and also administered in Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo and Pidgin English



Results

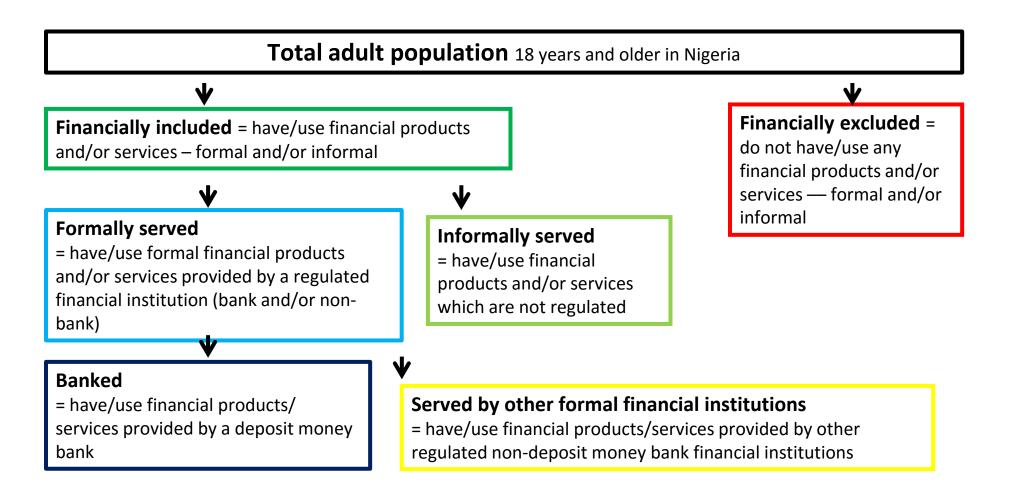
- Results were weighted by the NBS to provide for the total adult population.
 - Also benchmarked to national population estimates for verification



Financial Inclusion of Nigerian Adults



Defining financial inclusion





Financial Access in Nigeria – 2018

• Nearly half (48.7%) of Nigerian adults use formal financial services

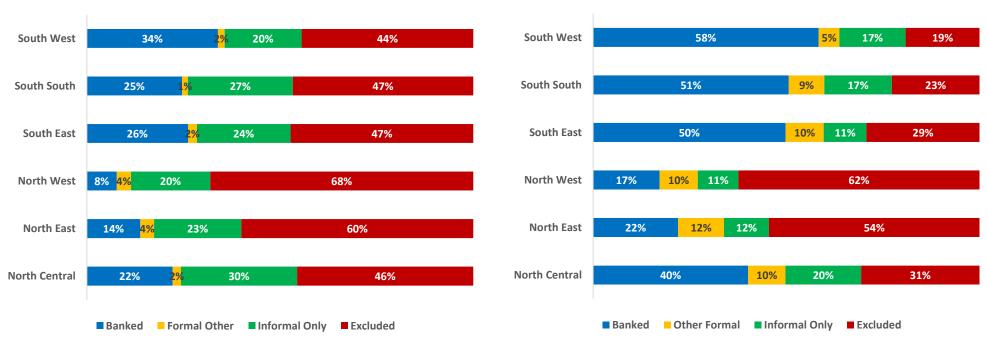
63.3% Financially served			36.8% Financially excluded
48.7% Formally included		4	
Banked 39.7%	Formal other 9.0%	Informal only 14.6%	Financially excluded 36.8%
39.5m	8.9m	14.6m	36.6m
	99.7	7m	

These four categories are mutually exclusive



Financial Access by Geopolitical Zone - 2008

Over the past 10 years, regional differences in financial inclusion have widened

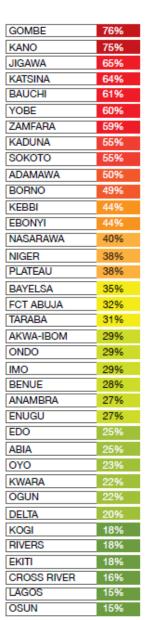


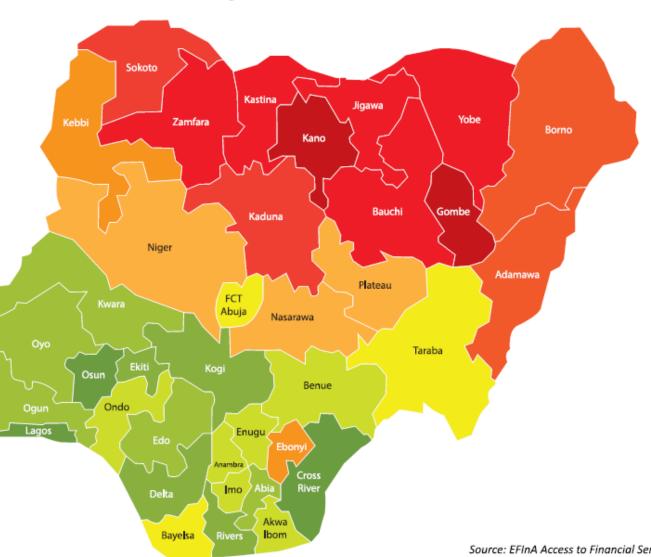
Financial Access by Geopolitical Zone - 2018

All these banks are for the government workers and the educated people, we here do not have enough money to feed not to talk about savings" - Focus Group Discussion Respondents, Financially Excluded, Gombe rural



Financial exclusion levels vary widely by state





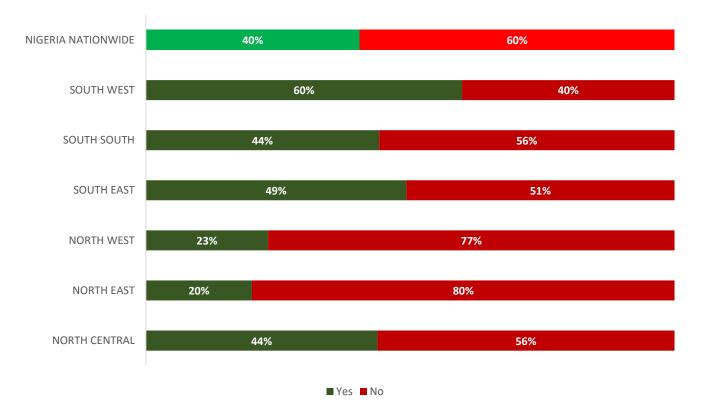
Percentage of financially excluded adults per state

Source: EFInA Access to Financial Services in Nigeria 2018 survey



Lack of financial access points is an obstacle for expanding financial inclusion in Nigeria

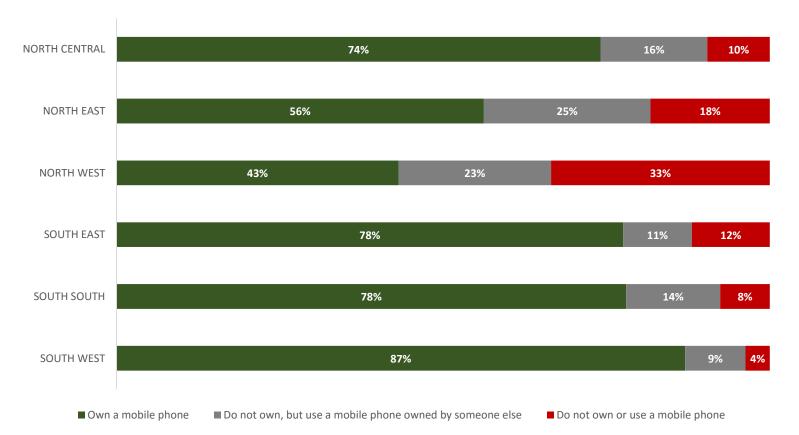
Percentage of adults in each geopolitical zone that are aware of any financial access point near their home



"We do not have banks close to us, if you have to use a bank you have to travel or spend some amount on transport and this is an issue because the whole money you are going to save sometimes may not be up to N2,000" -Focus Group Respondents



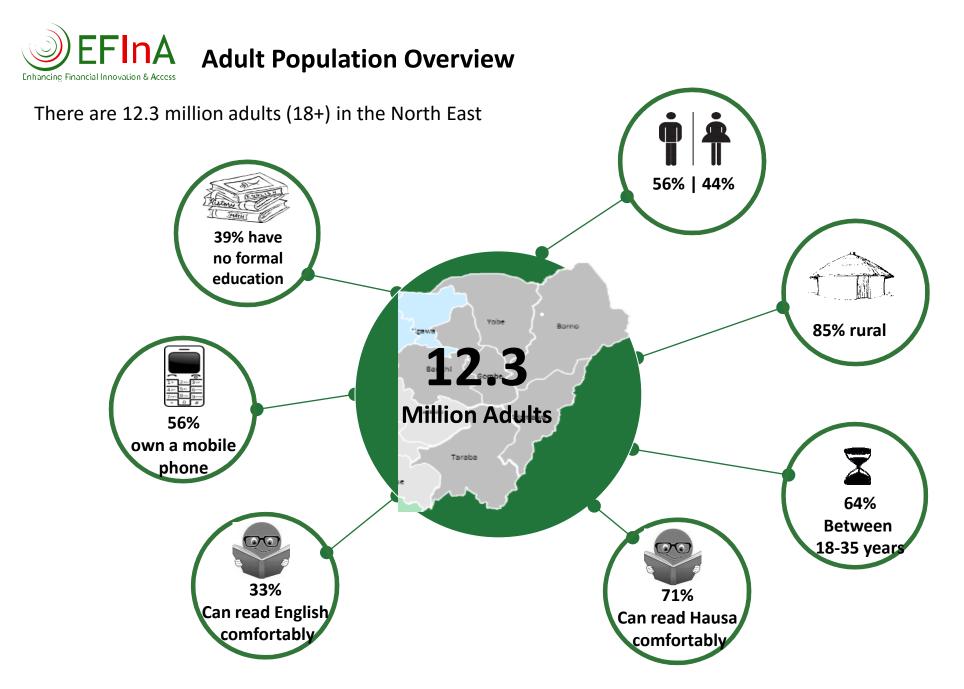
• A significant number of Nigerians do not own mobile phones but use a phone that belongs to someone else, demonstrating a market for financial services designed for use via a shared mobile phone



Mobile phone use by Geopolitical Zone



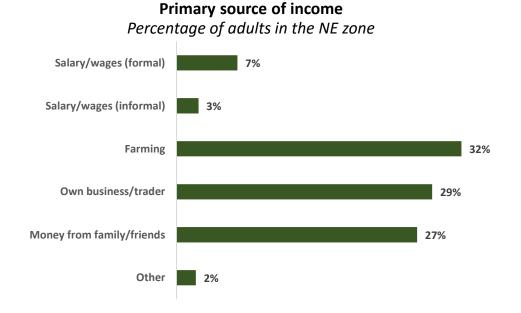
Financial Inclusion in the North East Zone



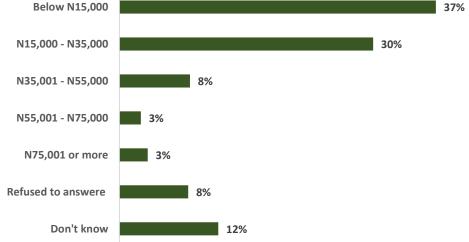
Source: EFInA Access to Financial Services in Nigeria 2018 Survey. Population figures from the National Bureau of Statistics | 12



- 7% of adults in the North East primarily earn income from salaries/wages
- Nearly one third of adults in the North East are primarily dependent on farming to meet their financial needs
- Of those that are earning income, the majority earn N35,000 or less monthly

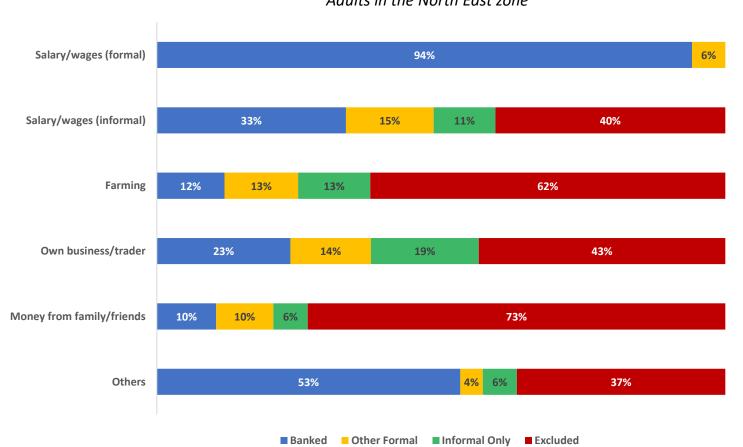


Average monthly income Percentage of adults in the NE zone





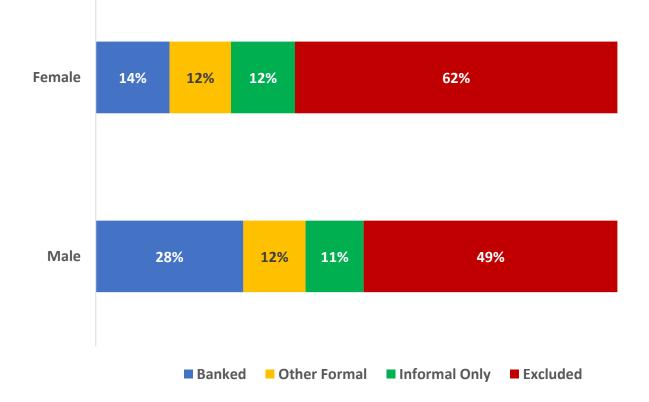
- Nearly all formal sector employees are banked
- Financial exclusion rates are highest among those that primarily depend on farming or family/friends to meet their needs



Financial access by primary source of income Adults in the North East zone

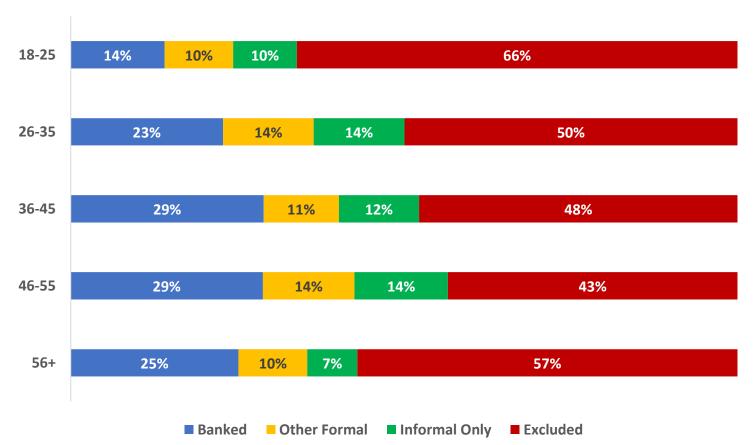


Financial access by gender Adults in the North East zone





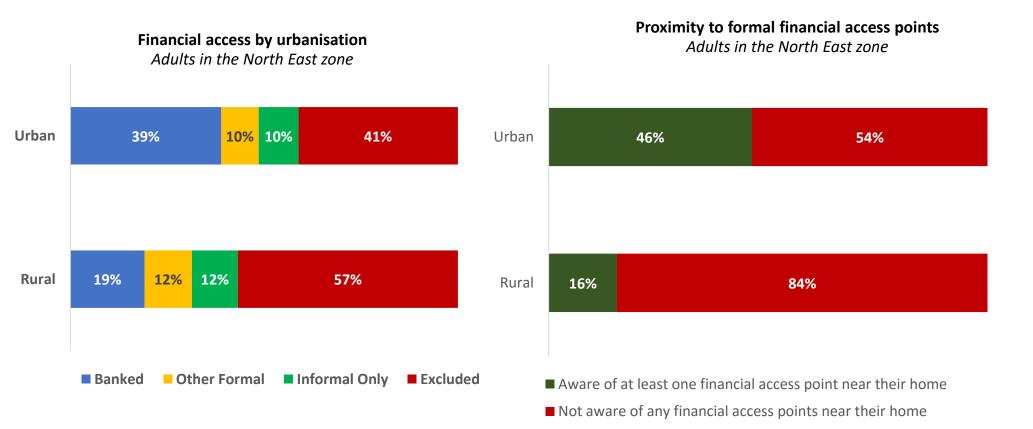
- Adults between the ages of 18-25 have the highest rate of financial exclusion
- More than 2.5 million adults 18-25 are financially excluded, accounting for 38% of financially excluded adults in the North East



Financial access by age group Adults in the North East zone



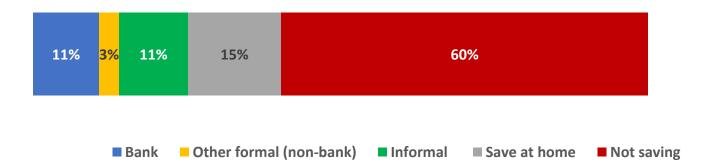
- Rural adults are significantly more likely than urban adults to be financially excluded
- Rural adults are also significantly less likely to be aware of any formal financial access points near their homes
- There are nearly 6 million financially excluded adults living in rural areas in the North East





- 40% of adults in the North East are saving money
- Less than half of those saving are using formal channels such as banks

Savings Strand Percentage of adults in the North East



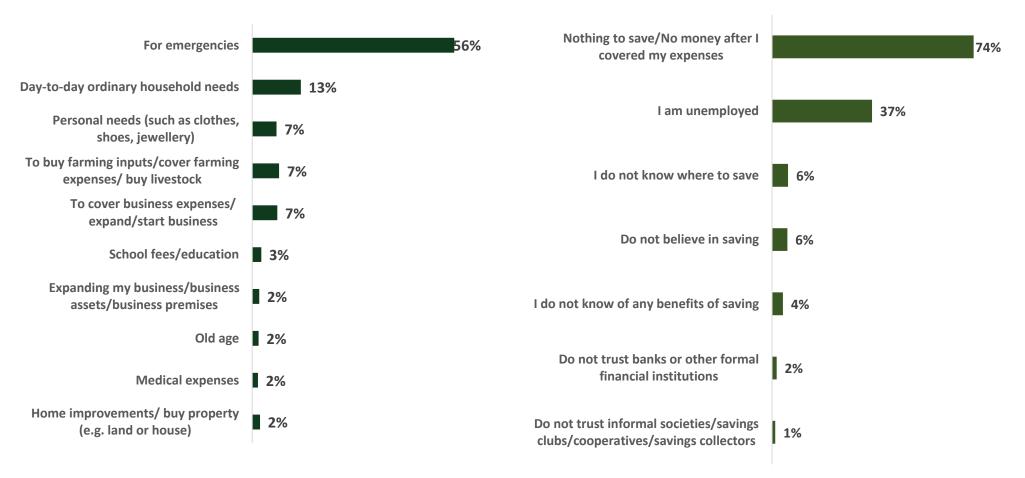


Savings – Motivations & Barriers

What did you mainly save/put money aside for? (top reasons given)

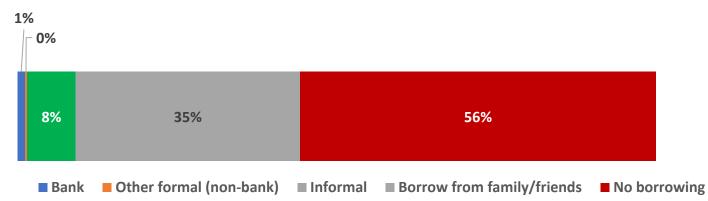
Percentage of adults in the NE that are saving

Why don't you save? Percentage of adults in the NE that are not saving





- 44% of adults in the North East are borrowing money
- Most borrow from family/friends
- Across all geopolitical zones, very few adults are borrowing from formal sources

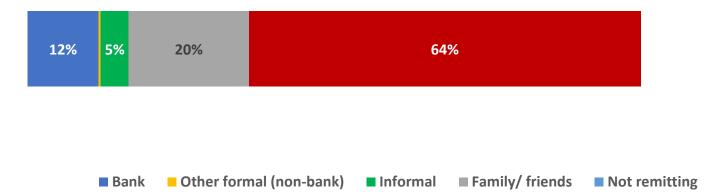


Credit Strand *Percentage of adults in the North East*



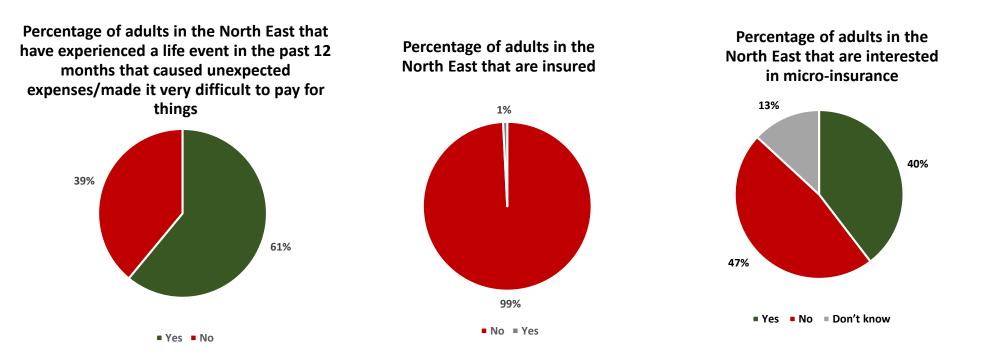
- 36% of Nigerians in the North East are sending or receiving money (international or domestic remittances)
- When asked what channel they used most recently to send or receive money, most say family or friends

Remittances Strand – Channel used most recently to send/receive money Percentage of adults in the North East





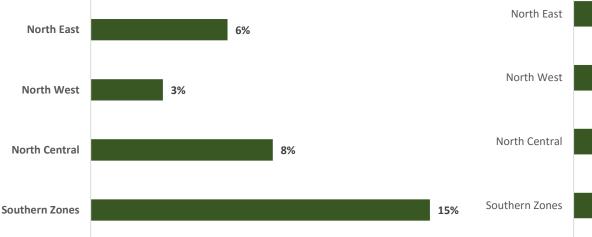
- Very few Nigerians in the North East are insured. This is similar to nationwide rates of insurance coverage
- In addition to tracking overall levels of financial inclusion, it is important to also consider deepening financial inclusion, including through access to services that can help families mitigate and manage risk



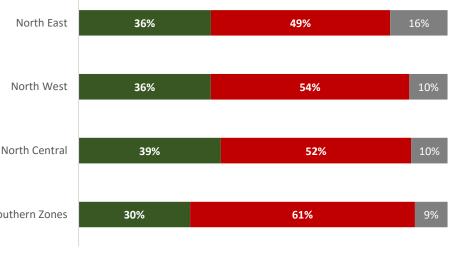


- Aide from the North West, adults in the North East are less likely than those in other zones to have made a digital payment in the past year
- When the concept has been explained, adults in the Northern zones are more likely than those in the South to express interest in mobile money

Percentage of adults that have made at least one electronic payment for goods, services or bills in the past year



Would you be interested in mobile money?

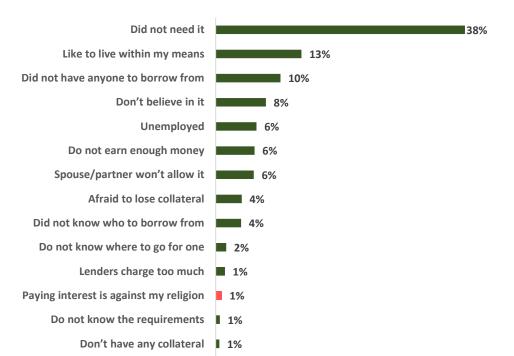


■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

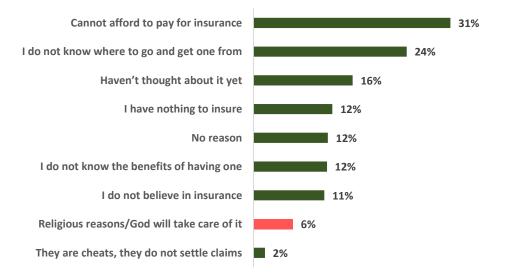


Use of non-interest financial services in the North East remains low

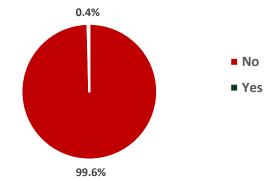
Why did you not borrow money? (Top reasons given) Percentage of adults in the North East that are not borrowing



Why are you not insured? *Percentage of adults in the North East that are not insured*

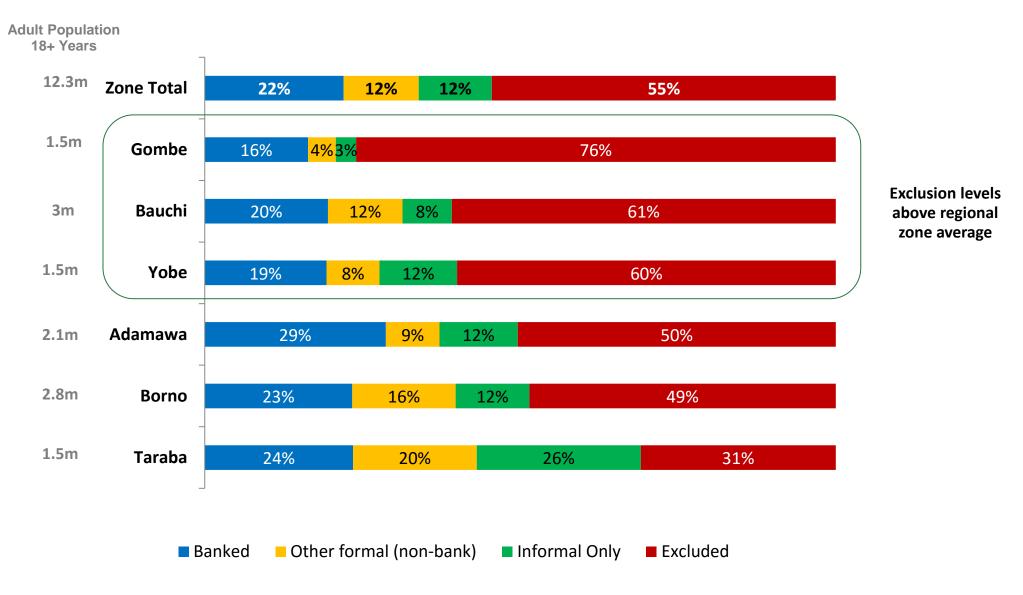


Use of non-interest finance *Percentage of adults in the North East*





Financial access by state in the North East zone

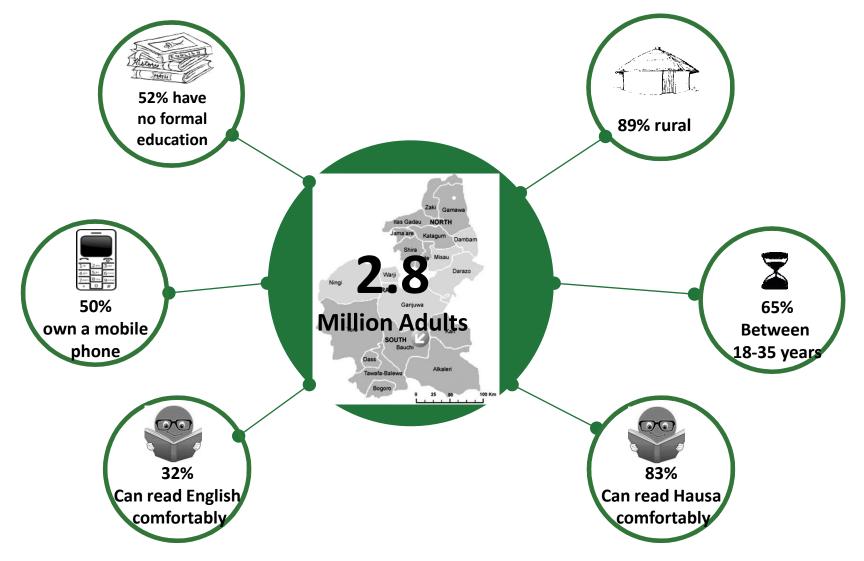




Bauchi State



There are 2.8 million adults (18+) in Bauchi





Primary source of income

Percentage of adults in Bauchi

- 1 out of 4 adults in Bauchi rely primarily on money from family/friends to meet their expenses
- Of adults in Bauchi who are aware of and willing to disclose their monthly income, the majority earn below N15,000 per month

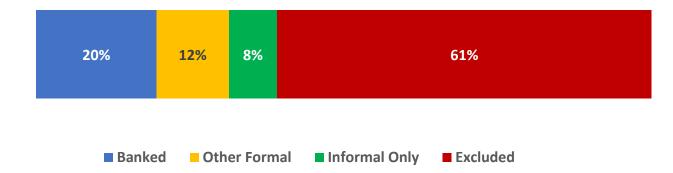


Average monthly income

Percentage of adults in Bauchi

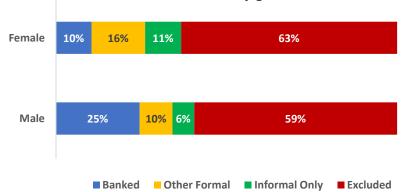


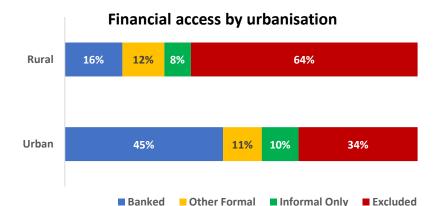
• In 2018, Bauchi State had more financially excluded adults than any other state in the North East, with 1.8 million financially excluded adults



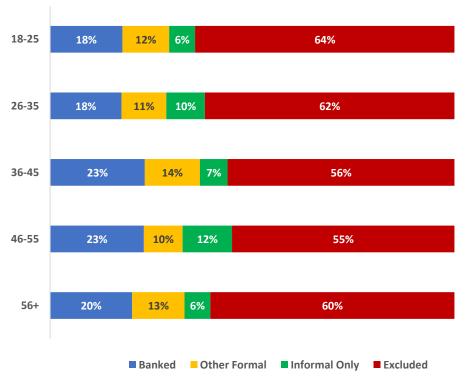


- Women in Bauchi are significantly less likely to be banked and are more likely to be financially excluded.
- Adults living in rural areas are significantly more likely than those in urban areas to be financially excluded
- Younger adults between 18-35 are more likely than older adults to be financially excluded





Financial access by gender



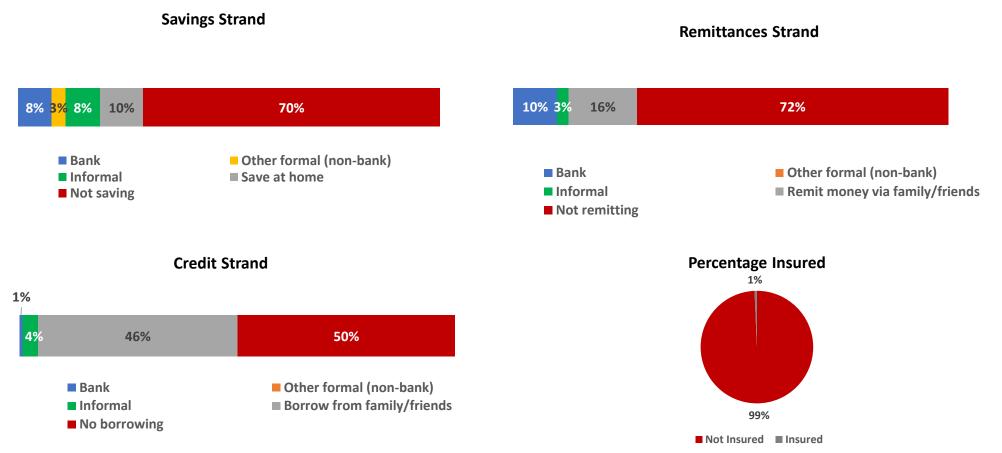
Financial access by age group



Bauchi – Financial Behaviours

Of adults in Bauchi State:

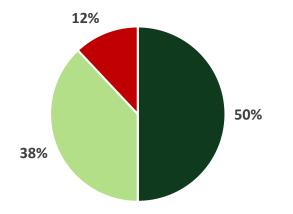
- 30% are saving money
- 28% are sending or receiving money
- 50% are borrowing money. Of those that borrow, almost all borrow from family/friends
- 1% are insured





Bauchi – Mobile Access and Financial Services Access Points

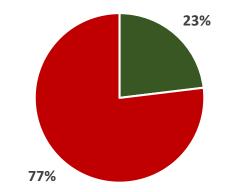
Access to Mobile Phones



• Own a mobile phone

- Do not own, but use a mobile phone owned by someone else
- Do not own or use a mobile phone

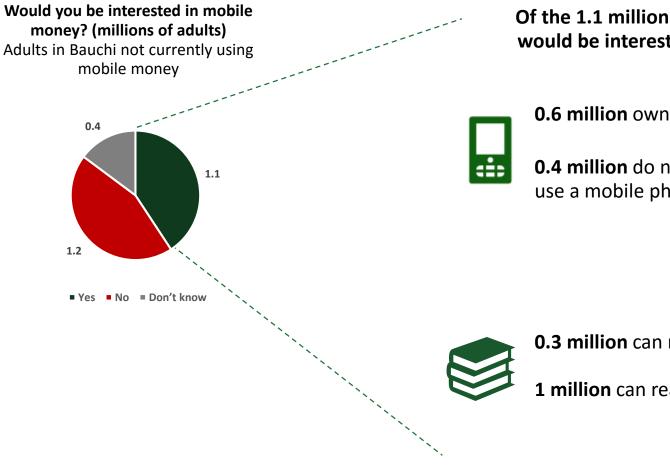
Formal Financial Access Points Near Home



- Aware of at least one financial access point near their home
- Not aware of any financial access points near their home



1.1 million adults in Bauchi say that they would be interested in mobile money



Of the 1.1 million adults in Bauchi that would be interested in mobile money:

0.6 million own a mobile phone

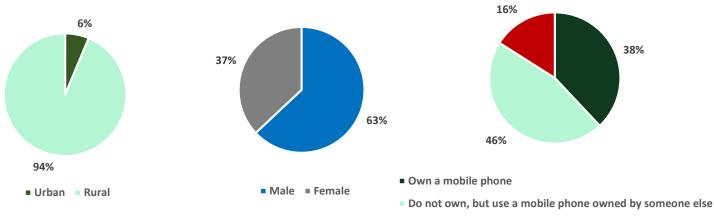
0.4 million do not own a mobile phone, but use a mobile phone owned by someone else

0.3 million can read English comfortably

1 million can read Hausa comfortably



Profile of the Financially Excluded in Bauchi



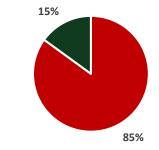
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Do not own or use a mobile phone

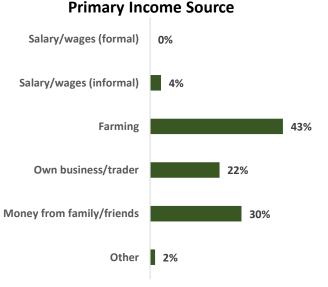
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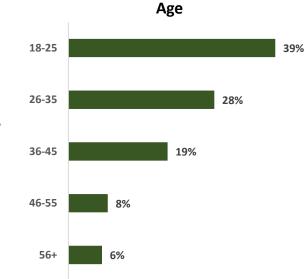
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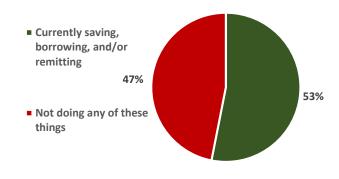


- Not aware of any financial access points near their home
- Aware of at least one financial access point near their home





Percentage Saving, Borrowing, and/or Remitting



100% of financially excluded adults in Bauchi are paying for goods/services using cash



- Although financial inclusion in Nigeria has increased significantly since 2008, important differences in inclusion rates persist, including geographical differences
- Despite challenges that are driving high financial exclusion rates in the North East and in Bauchi State, there are opportunities to expand financial inclusion via financial services that are relevant, useful and affordable to Nigerians living in those areas
- Deployment of widespread agent networks is important for reaching Nigerians in the North East and in Bauchi State



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- Results of additional studies on topics such as financial service agents, microinsurance, mobile money, financial services regulation, etc.

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- Comprehensive data that can be segmented in multiple dimensions, e.g., gender, geopolitical zone, age, education, etc.
- Can request the full dataset, a limited number of variables, or custom analysis from EFInA
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