



STATUS OF CAGED POULTRY FARMING IN KENYA

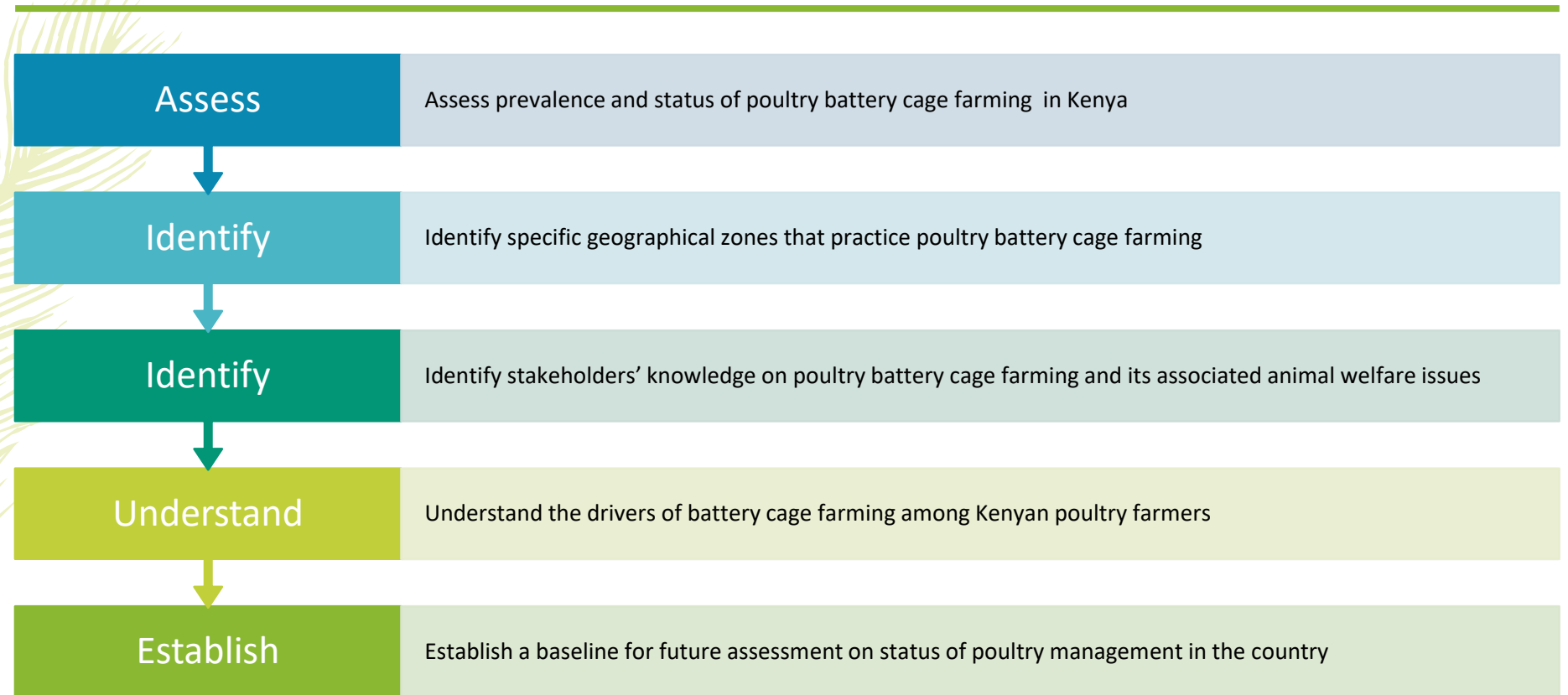
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INTRODUCTION

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- A large, detailed illustration of a poultry feather, likely from a chicken, is positioned on the left side of the slide. The feather is light brown with a central rachis and numerous barbs extending outwards, creating a fan-like shape.
- Poultry farming in Kenya: from small family farms to a large agricultural industry
 - 28 million birds, 76% are cage free indigenous chicken, 22% commercial broilers and layers
 - Conventional cage systems deny birds the opportunity to exhibit their key behaviours
 - Battery cages legally phased out in the EU and The UK and are in the process of being phased out in Canada and New Zealand
 - The poultry industry is increasingly being challenged to address consumer concerns about animal welfare
 - Animal Welfare in modern agriculture is a contentious topic

Study objectives

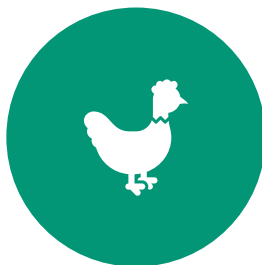




ALL THE 47 COUNTIES TARGETING
COUNTY DIRECTORS OF
VETERINARY SERVICES AND
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION



PERSONALIZED INTERVIEWS
THROUGH QUESTIONNAIRES ON
AN ONLINE SURVEY TOOLS

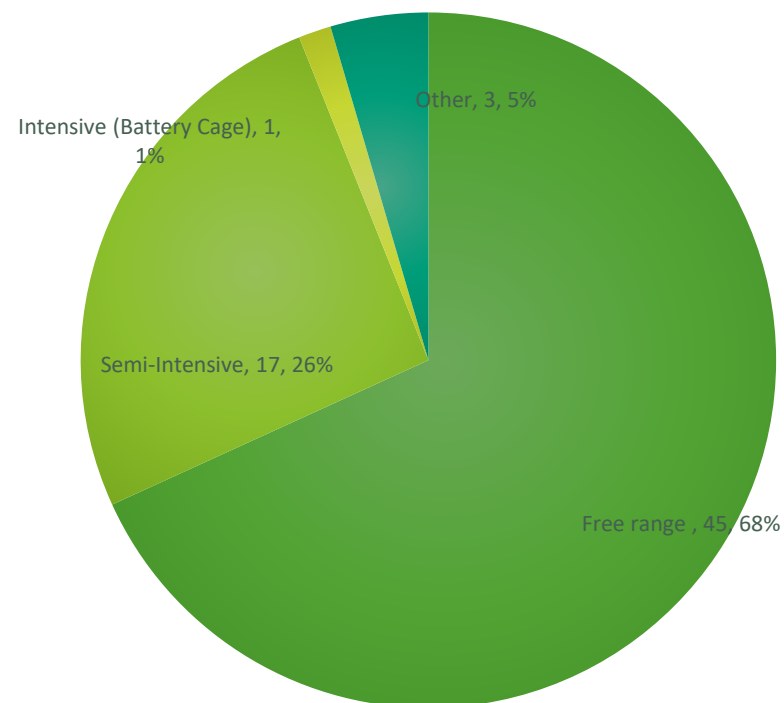


TARGETED POULTRY FARM VISITS

Scope and methodology

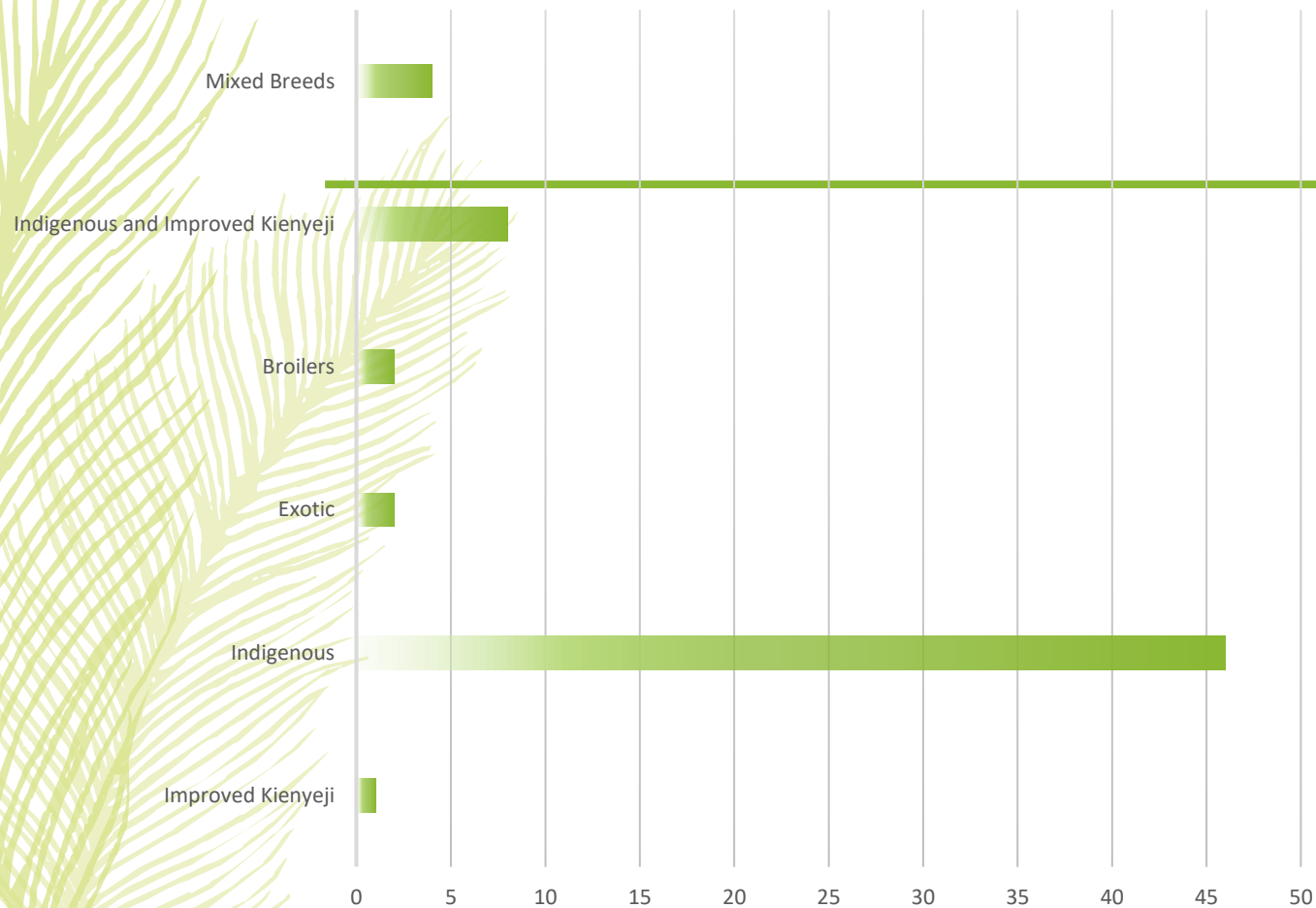
Results

Poultry Production Systems in Kenya

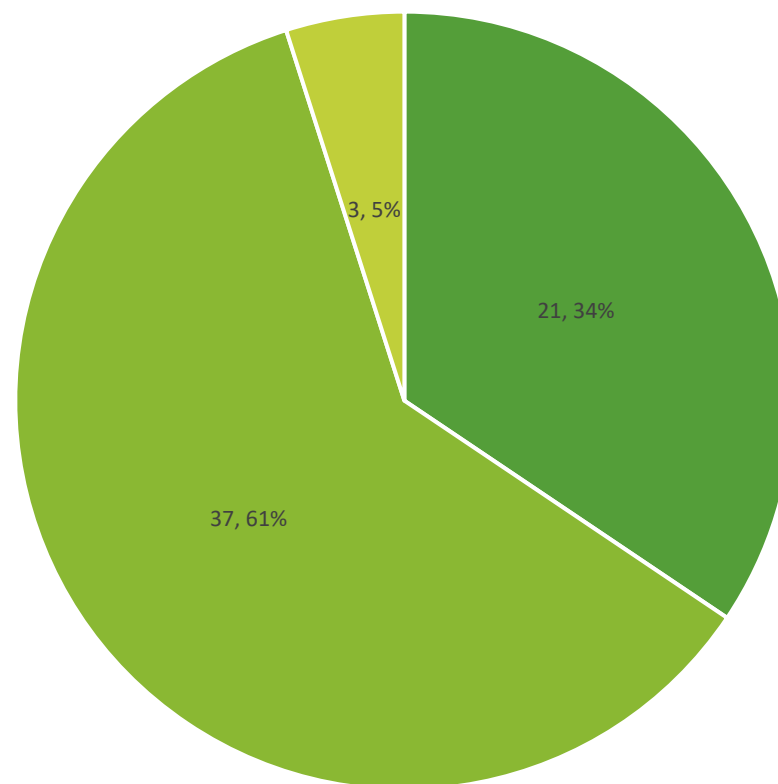


■ Free range ■ Semi-Intensive ■ Intensive (Battery Cage) ■ Other

BREED TYPES

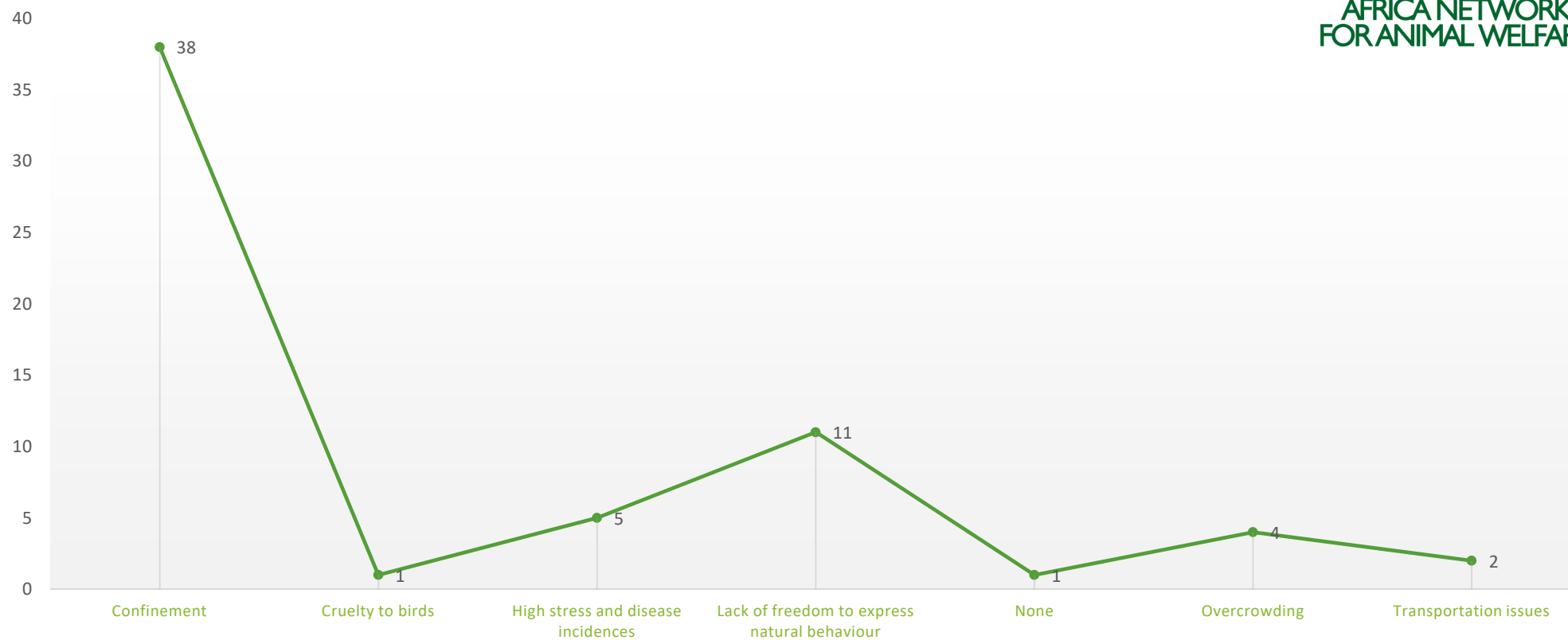


Respondent's Opinion on favourability pertaining use of battery cages



■ Yes ■ No ■ Yes and No

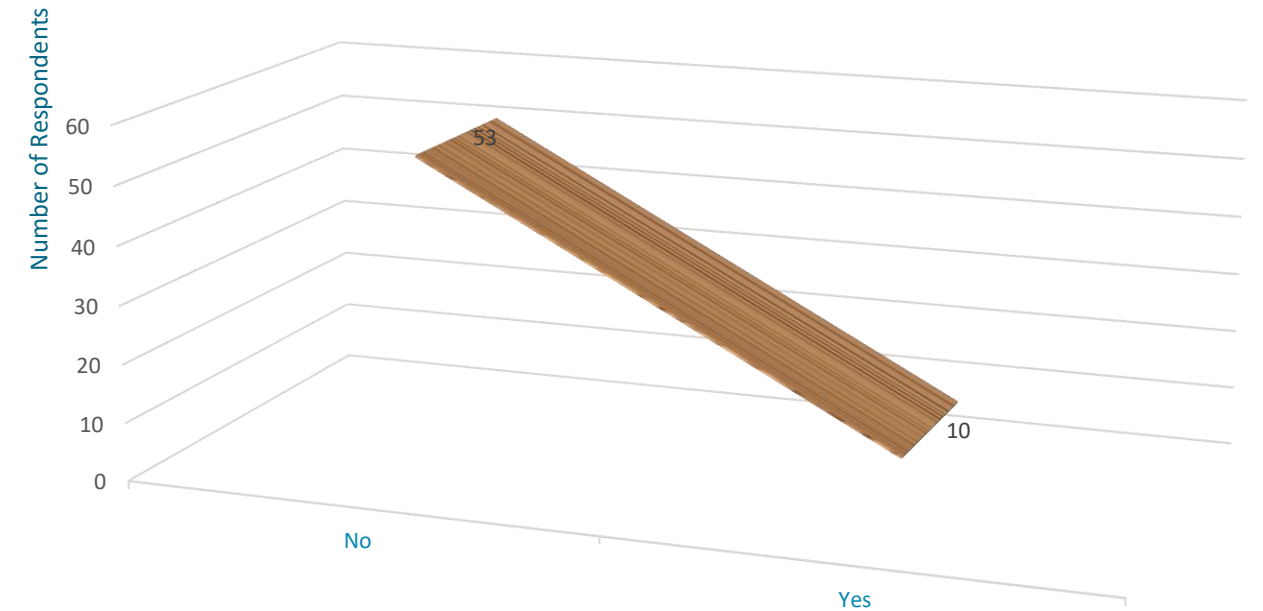
Poultry Welfare Issues associated with use of battery cages



Welfare issues we encountered during the farm visits



Consumerism Preference



	No	Yes
■ Total	53	10

Drivers of battery cage farming

- Low labour input
- Reduced cases of cannibalism
- Improved biosecurity and biosafety
- Minimal egg breakages
- Reduced losses on food
- Access to water 24/7

Conclusion

- Battery cage farming is not a prevalent production system for poultry keeping in the country
- This production system is coming up due to the benefits it confers the farmers as compared to other production systems
- Most stakeholders are aware of the welfare issues the battery cages impose on the chicken reared in cages

Recommendations



Sensitization forums for all stakeholders



Education forums for farmers and consumers



Lobbying to have legislative frameworks laid down to govern the poultry industry



Guidelines that incorporate the 5 freedoms should be developed to provide for the minimum requirements of poultry rearing facilities



THANK YOU!