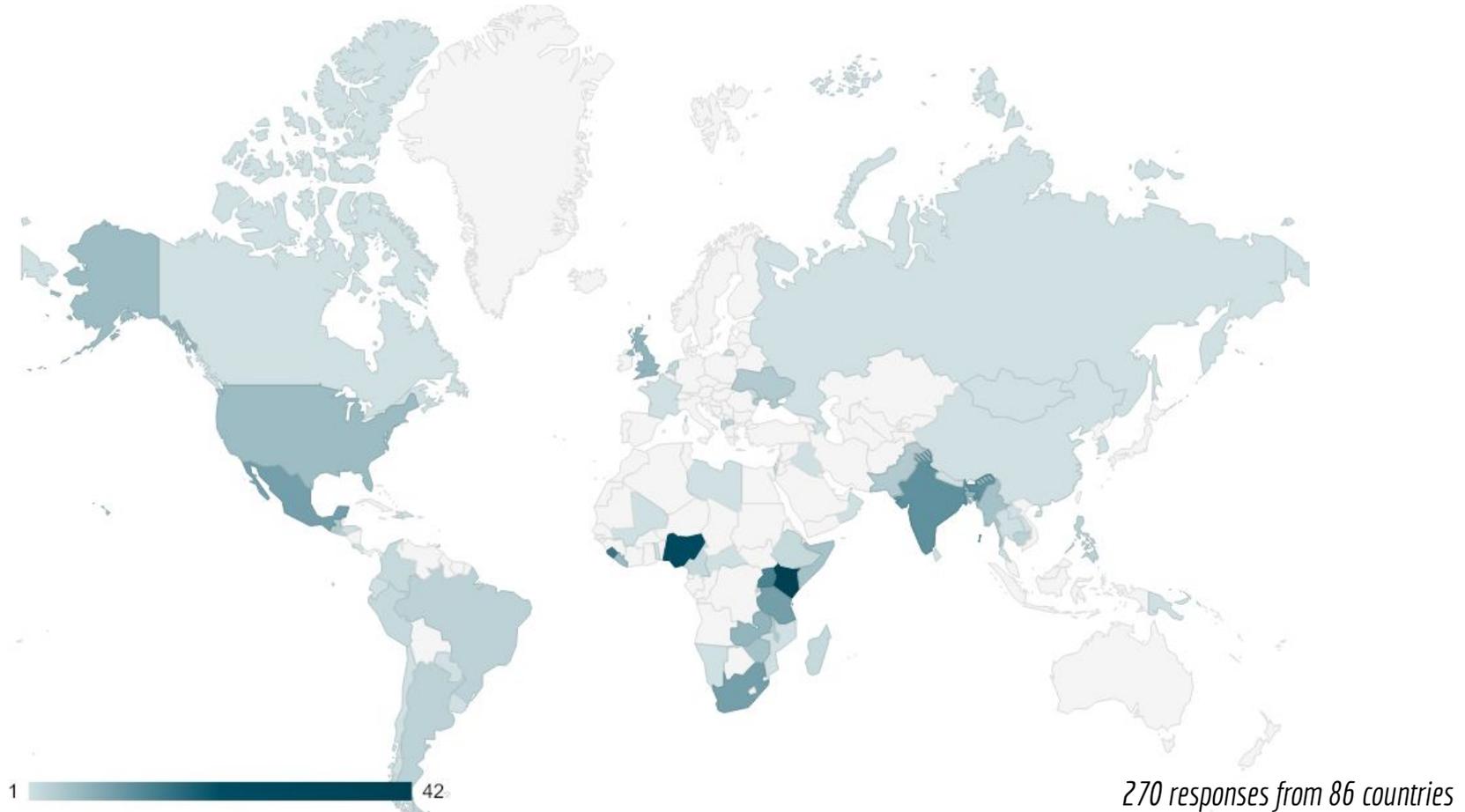


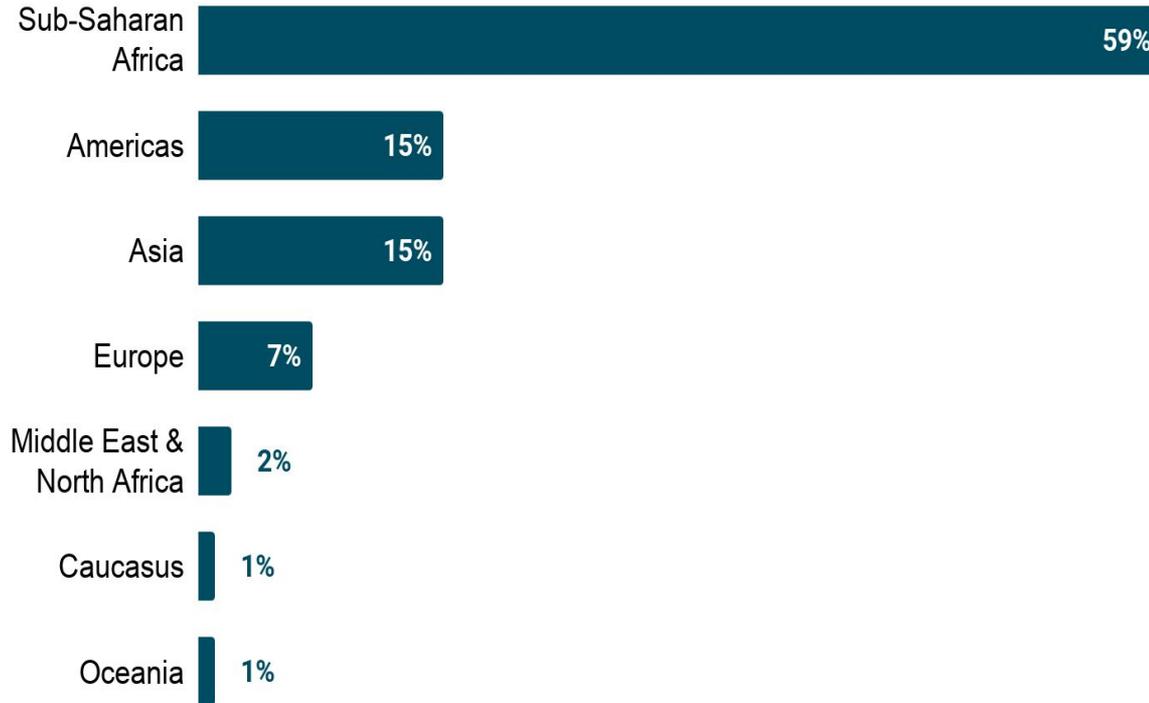
# 2019 Annual Network Survey Results

The fourth annual Global Legal Empowerment Network survey was carried out in January and February 2019. The survey had 286 respondents from 86 different countries. The responses for each question are displayed in graphs for simple visual understanding.

# Number of responses per country



# % of survey responses per region



*270 responses from 86 countries*

# Members find themselves helping people to...

284 responses

Legend: Never (green), Rarely (light blue), Sometimes (medium blue), Often (dark blue), All the time (darkest blue)



\*Note: % in the graphic may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

For second consecutive year,  
the top 2 aspects that we  
should prioritize this year  
according to survey  
respondents are...

- ❖ Community organizing & empowerment
  - ❖ Training and supporting of community paralegals / barefoot lawyers / community legal workers
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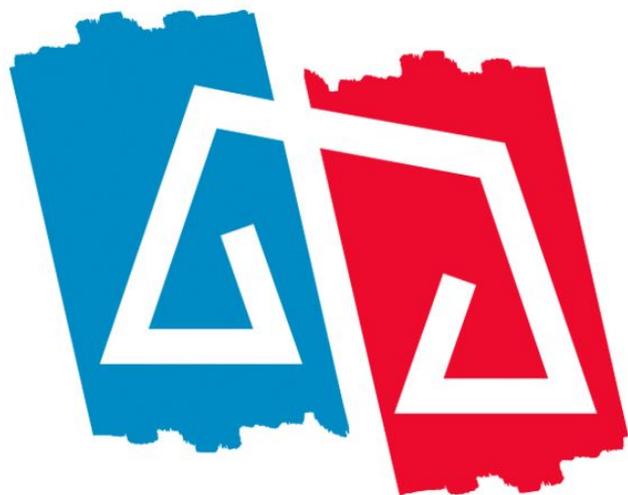
# According to respondents, the top 6 justice challenges that we should focus our learning opportunities on are...



71% of respondents chose at least 1 of the 3 challenges related to Land & Environmental Justice

# Top priority activities per region

- ❖ **Americas:** Conducting research and building evidence
- ❖ **Asia Pacific:** Capacity building
- ❖ **Europe:** Conducting research and building evidence
- ❖ **Middle East & North Africa:** Capacity building
- ❖ **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Capacity building



**JUSTICE FOR ALL**

The “Justice for All” campaign continues to build momentum towards improving financing and protection for grassroots justice defenders

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# Key campaign wins

- ❖ **2** donors committed new financial resources to access to justice and legal empowerment
- ❖ **3** draft bills or legislative processes include recognition for justice defenders
- ❖ **3** OGP National Action Plans include new justice commitments
- ❖ **6** policy briefs or formal submissions with recommendations to governments based on grassroots experience
- ❖ **112** civil society organizations active in the Justice For All campaign
- ❖ **21** high level events engaged donors and national governments

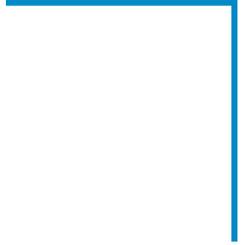
The three most popular advocacy processes that members reported to be interested in engaging with are....

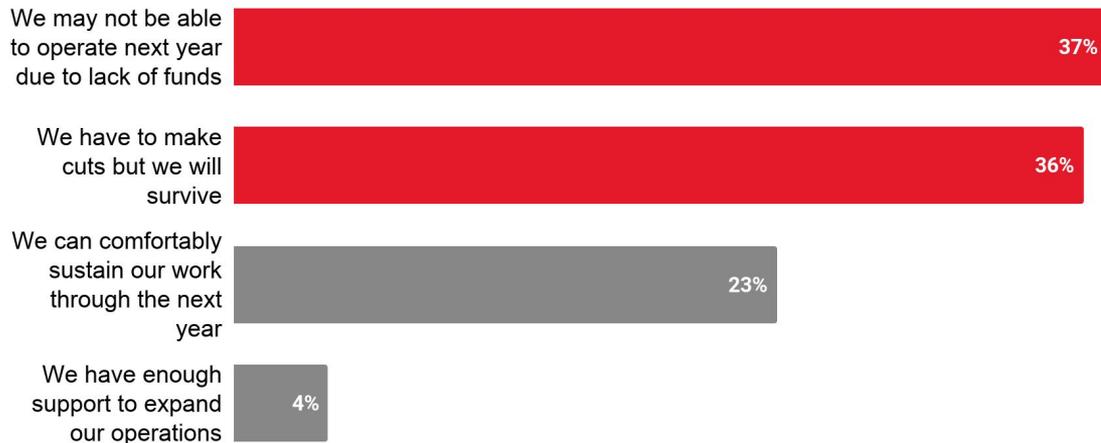
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*272 respondents, 974 responses*

- ❖ Advocating for **justice commitments** to be made at global **SDG** moments
- ❖ Advocating for greater **financing** or increased **protections** for **justice defenders** in national legislation or policies
- ❖ Feeding into your government's **SDG** Voluntary National Review

# Financing

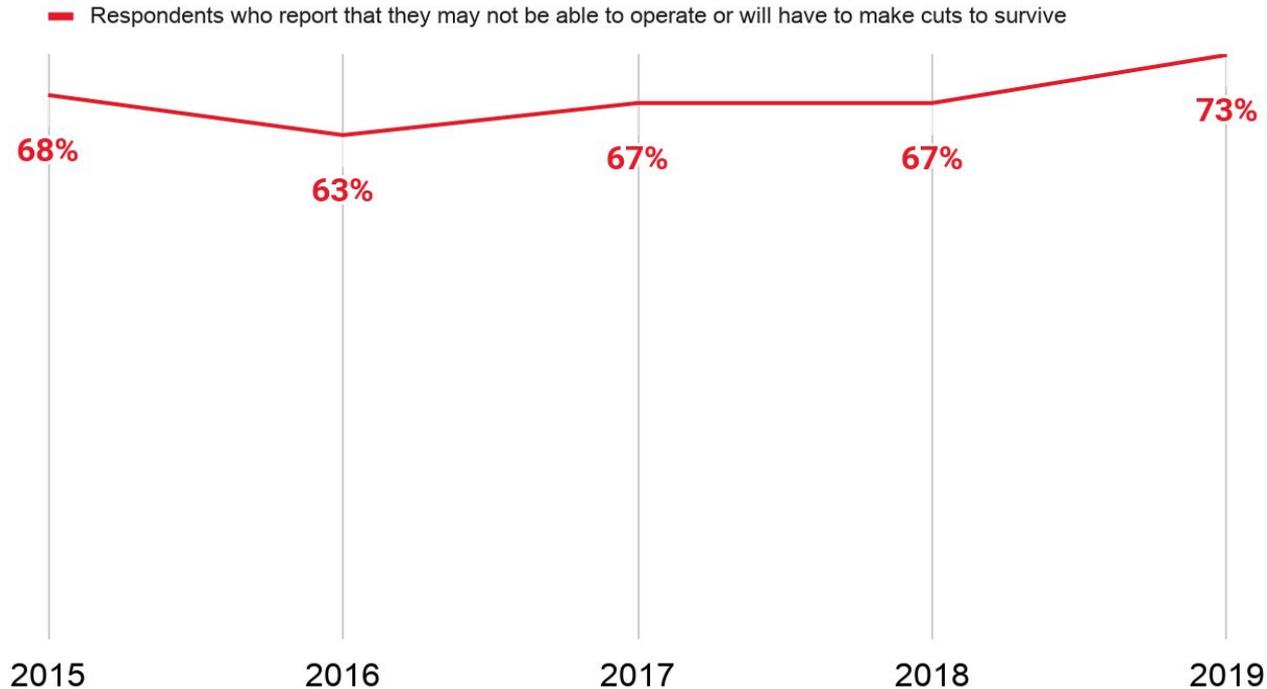




73% of respondents will either have to make cuts to operate or may not be able to operate due to lack of funds in 2020

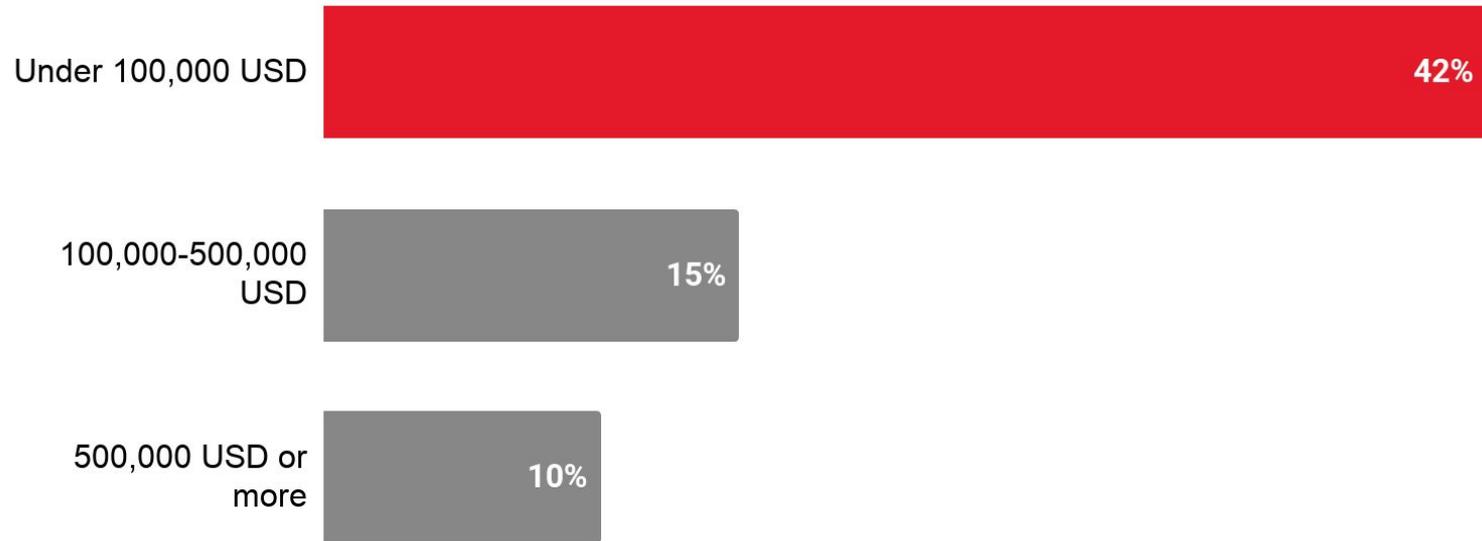
269 respondents

Based on historical results, the percentage of members struggling with funding is not improving year-to-year...



This year, only **20%** of survey respondents said that their funding situation has improved in comparison to last year, while **35%** said that their funding situation has worsened

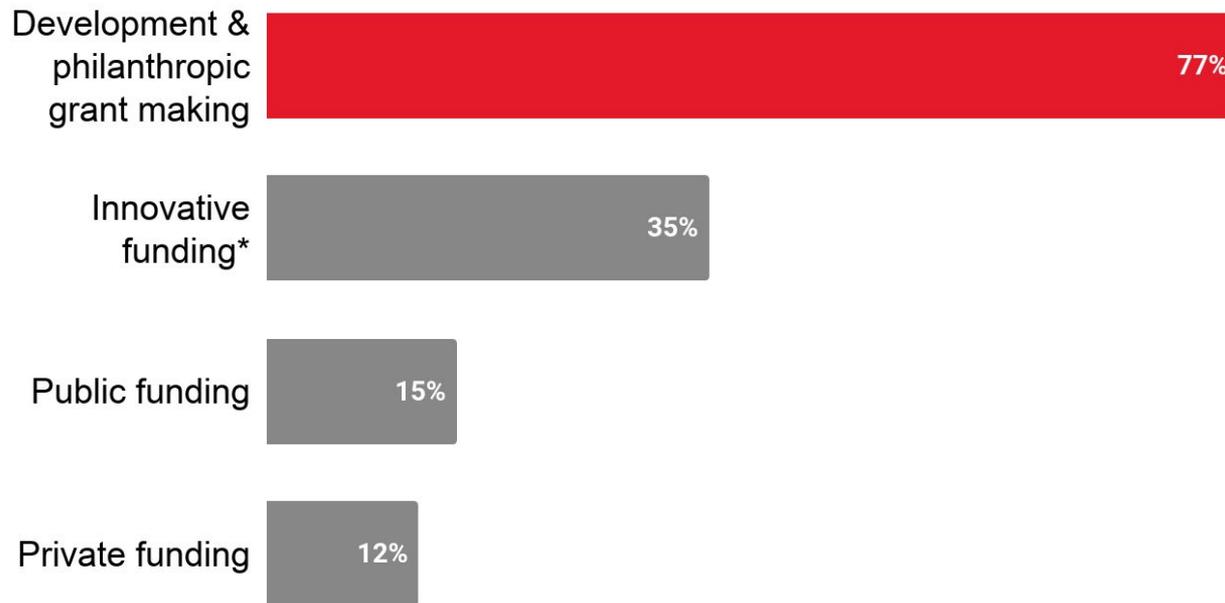
# Organizational budget of respondents



*182 respondents out of 271 respondents. This graphic does not include those that answered "Don't know" or "Prefer not to answer".*

24% of survey respondents report to have an organizational budget under 20,000 USD

# Funding sources of respondents combined by type of funding

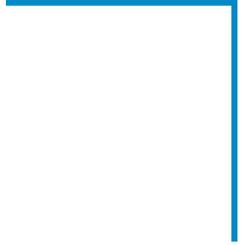
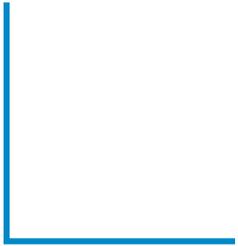


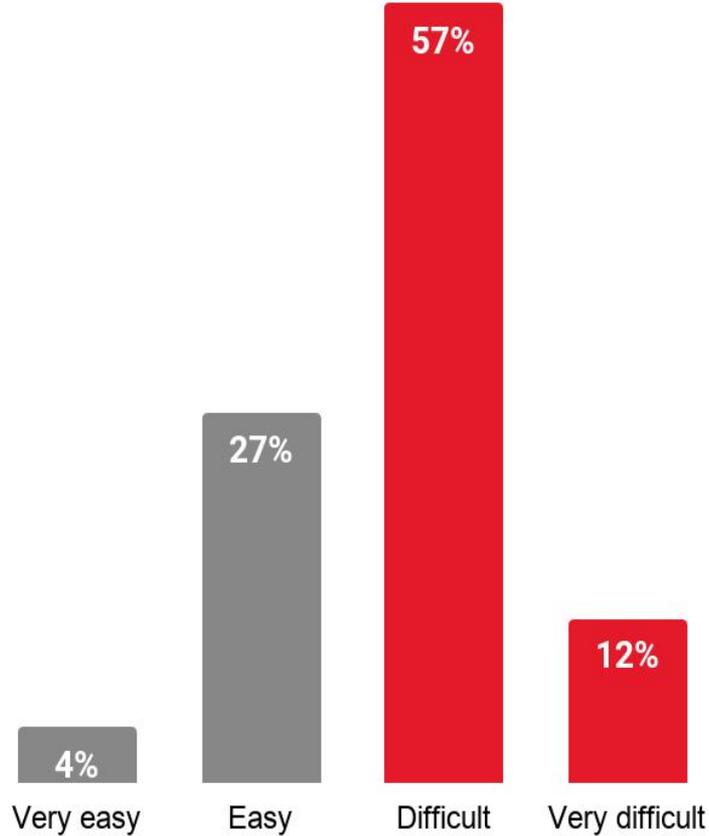
*\*Innovative financing responses include strategies such as client contributions, member fees, or social enterprises*

*263 respondents, 367 responses*

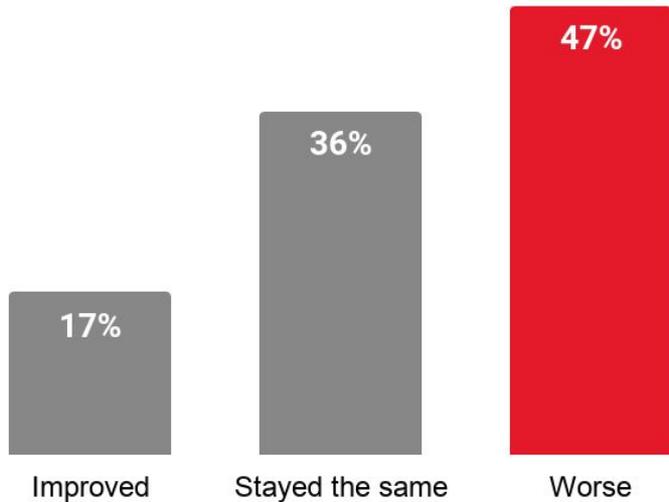
49% of survey respondents report to have only 1 funding source, threatening their financial sustainability

# Protection





69 % of survey respondents struggle to do legal empowerment work in their countries' political and social context



Nearly half of respondents said that the political and social environment in their countries worsened in comparison to last year

In which way does the political and social context make it difficult for legal empowerment work?

Legal empowerment is difficult in contexts in which there is a regression in economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.

There is an ongoing socio-political crisis since 2017 which has degenerated to armed conflict.

There are often times when there is a lack of goodwill from political leadership which can even prove life-threatening in some instances.

There is an increasing mistrust of civil society by government resulting in a shrinking civic space.

It's been increasingly more difficult due to political suppression.

The violence context against human rights defenders is increasing, as is the government's confrontation regarding the work undertaken by civil society. The groups and communities that we work with have to face violence and stigmatization challenges due to their work in the demand of their rights.

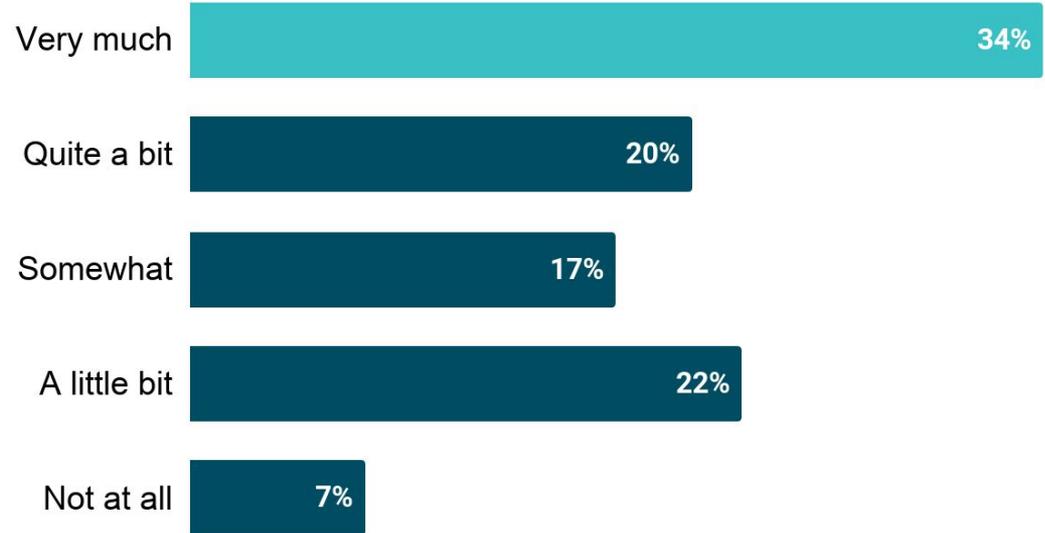
Those working on legal empowerment are considered by the government to be subversive and anti-government.

42%

of respondents, members of their organizations or people they serve have been threatened, arrested or harassed pursuing justice in the last year

# Member feedback

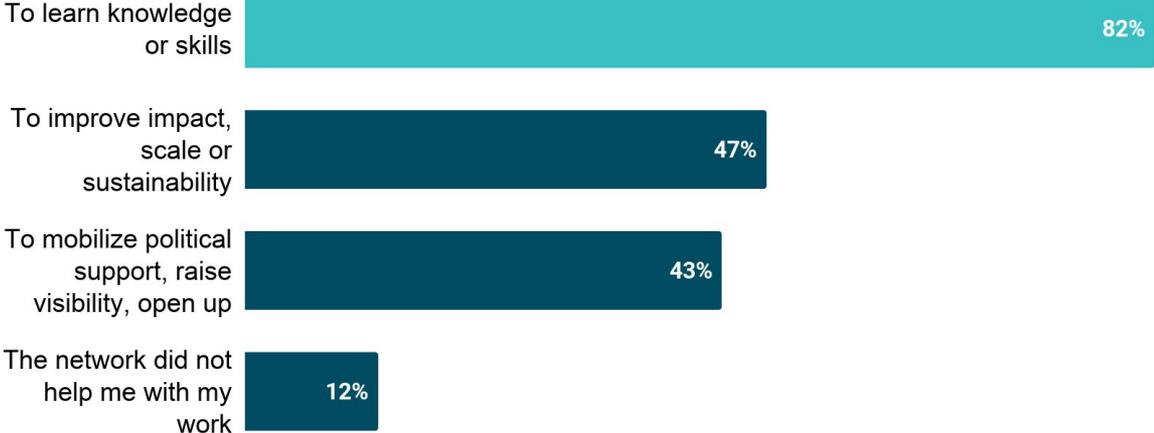
As a member of the  
Global Legal  
Empowerment  
Network, do you feel  
like you are part of a  
community?



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270 responses

Respondents reported that the Network has helped them...



Turning back to our network, members expressed interest in helping to build our movement in the years to come by...

**#1** Promoting the Network in their organization, community, or at other events [59%]

**#2** Recruiting their colleagues to join the Network [55%]

**#3** Encouraging active discussions in on our online forum [46%]

For more information on the  
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Network and the Justice for All  
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