

Making Networks Work: Examples from the field

SVRI, POPULATION COUNCIL, SGBV NETWORK, DOH KENYA

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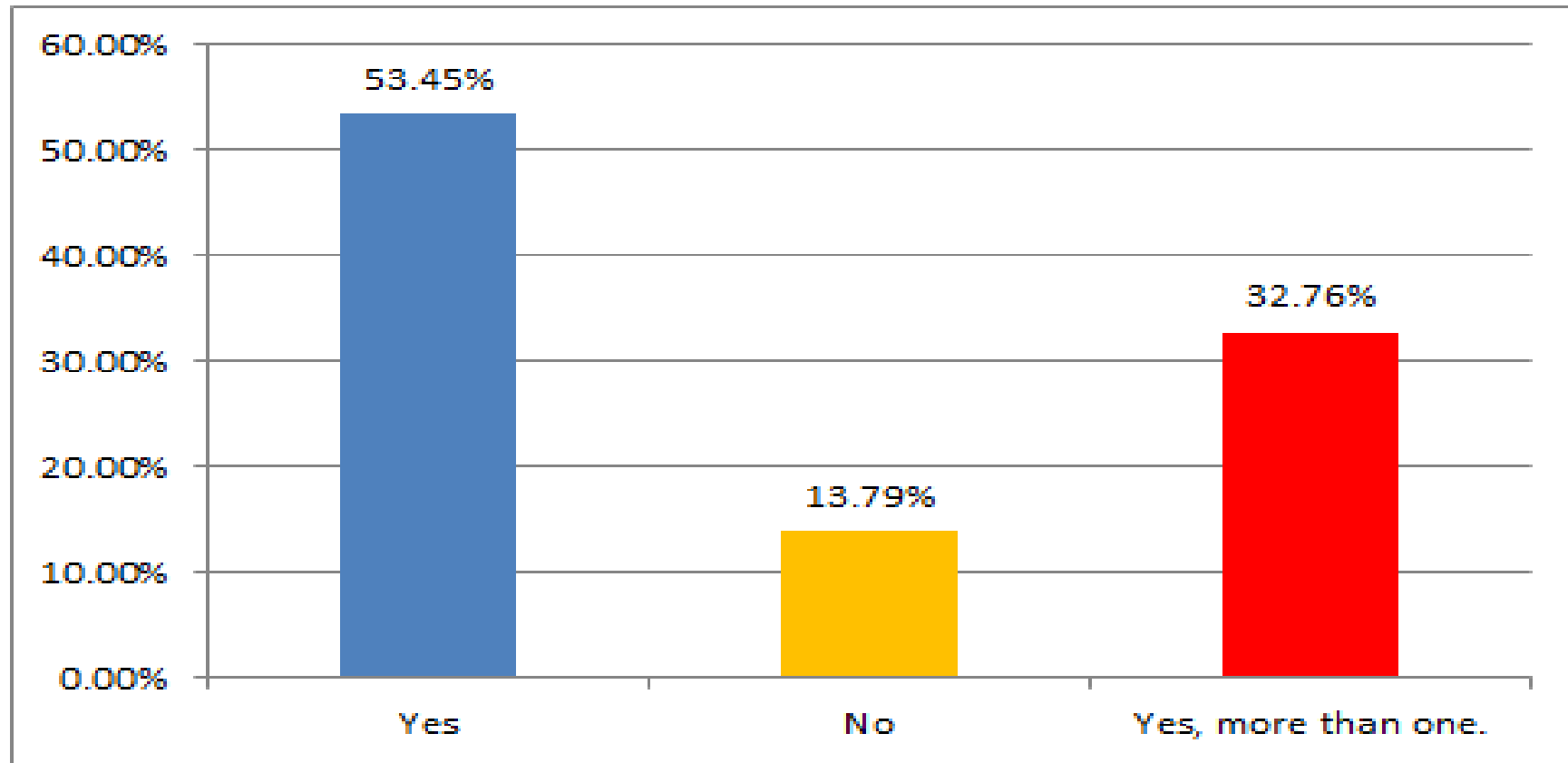


How and Why?

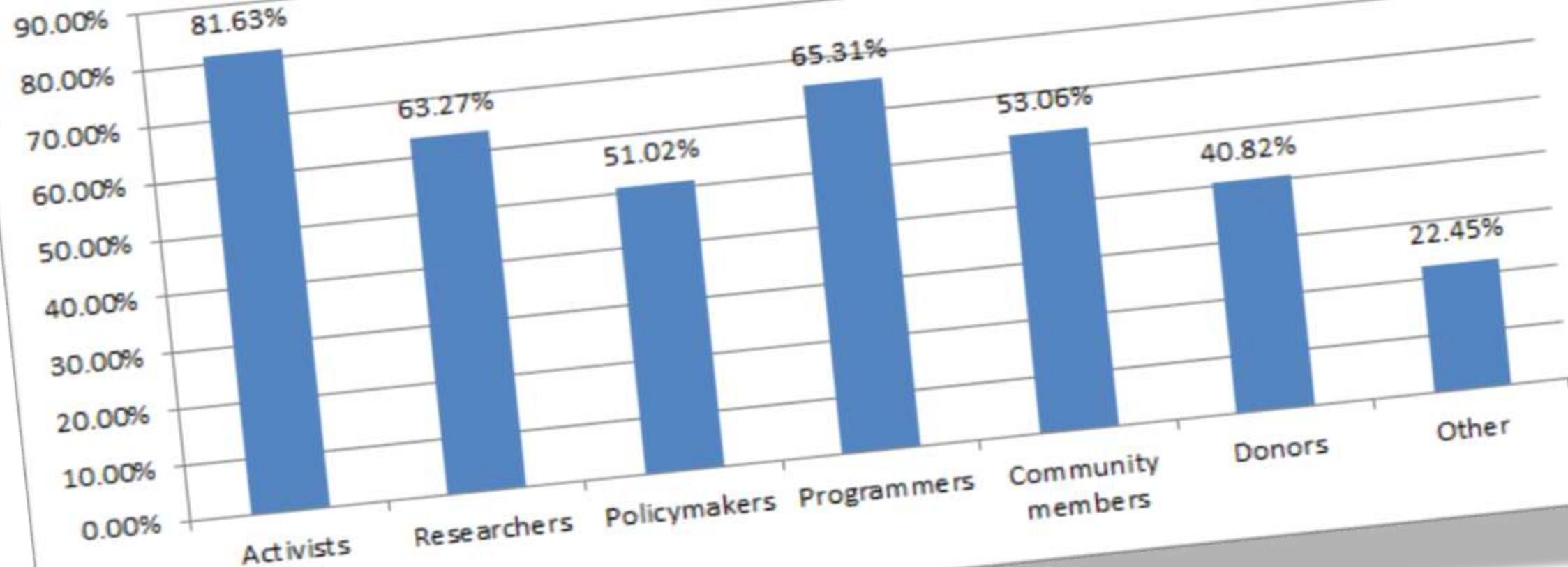
- ▶ Self administered online questionnaire “Survey monkey”
- ▶ N=59

1. Learn more about networks.
2. Explore which networks are active in the field of SGBV,
3. The value of networks to their members,
4. How effective networks might be sustained in resource limited times and places.
5. Inform a SVRI Forum 2015 special session on networks.

Are you a member of a network? (N=59)



Who participated?



Geographical representation

Sub-National	County based Gender Technical Working Groups and Children's Rights Networks - Kakamega
National	Uganda Feminist Forum (UFF); National Coordinating agency for abandonment of FGM/C in Kenya; Uganda Feminist Forum (UFF); Irish Sexual Assault Treatment Units Network; Action Plus a network of HIV organizations in India; Million Fathers Campaign
Regional	African Feminist Forum (AFF); FEMNET; African Regional SGBV Network (Brainchild of Pop-Council); Africa UniTE; The Bioethics Network on Women's Issues in the Arab region; African Feminist Forum (AFF)
International	International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW); Men Engage Alliance; Women and AIDS Support Network; Australian Federation Medical Women; Coalition for Adolescent Girls Girl; AWID; ; the ATHENA Network (ATHENA); SVRI

Focus and activities

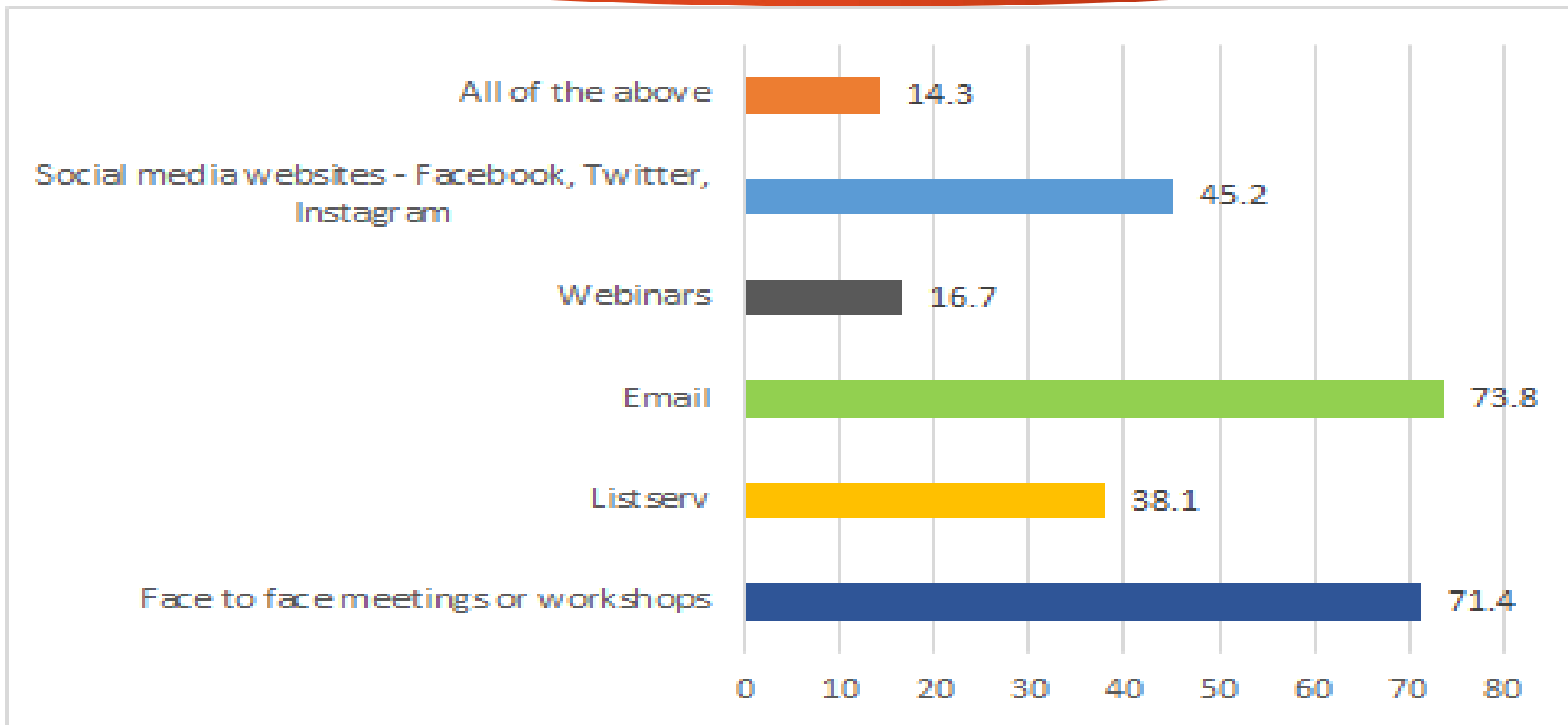
Focus

- ▶ SGBV
- ▶ Children and Youth
- ▶ Women
- ▶ Adolescent
- ▶ Men Engagement
- ▶ SRH/R
- ▶ Human rights
- ▶ Health and HIV/AIDS

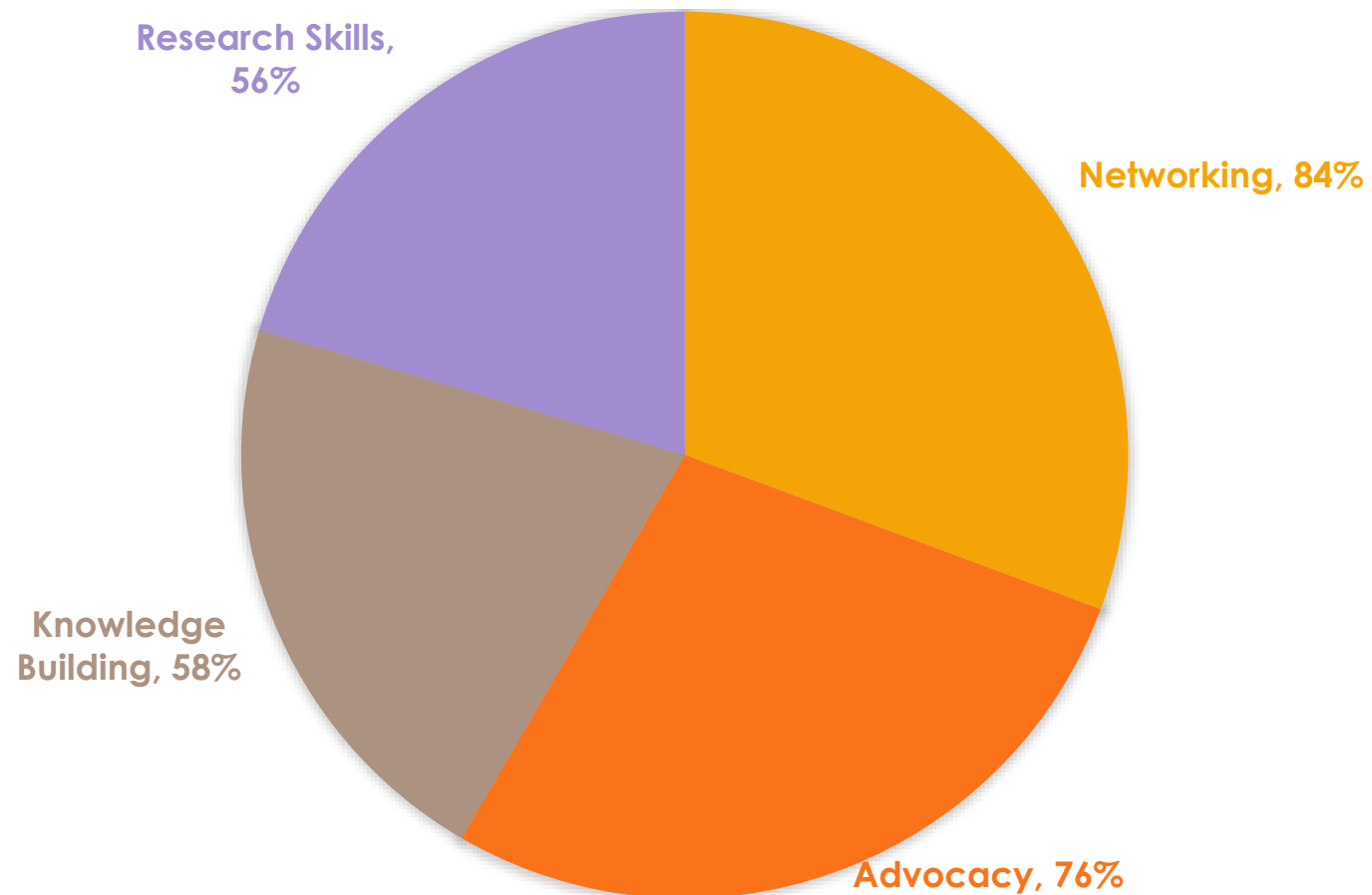
Activities

- ▶ Lobby for key issues in GBV sector.
- ▶ Exchange and share information on GBV and research.
- ▶ Share ideas and dissemination of policy / evidenced based interventions
- ▶ Influence and impact on policies and programmes => change makers
- ▶ Collaborate and network through working groups, conferences and meetings

Communication mechanisms



Impact / value of being a network member



Strong networks

- ▶ Clear goals and vision
- ▶ Mutually beneficial
- ▶ Leadership and core funding
- ▶ Diversified funding sources to promote sustainability and minimize external influences on agenda
- ▶ Communication strategy – outlines how, what, when, where and to whom information is communicated
- ▶ Face to face meetings are really important and should be a central part of communication / networking strategy
- ▶ Clear M&E strategy to measure network progress and goal achievement

We need to better understand:

- ▶ Better understand:
 - ▶ Strong networks?
 - ▶ How strong networks are created and sustained?
 - ▶ Focus on quantity or quality?
 - ▶ Time limited?