

Living heritage and disaster risk reduction

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Item 3: Results of the pre-seminar facilitators' survey

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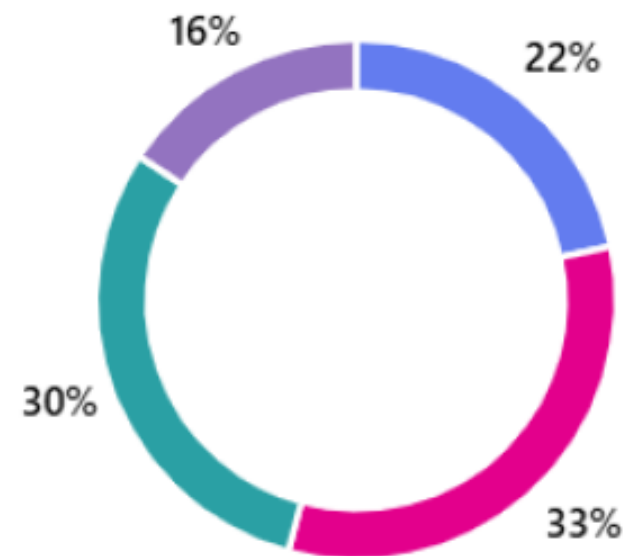
Results of the Pre-Seminar Facilitators' Survey

Received **83** responses

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What is your existing experience working on intangible cultural heritage safeguarding in disaster contexts?

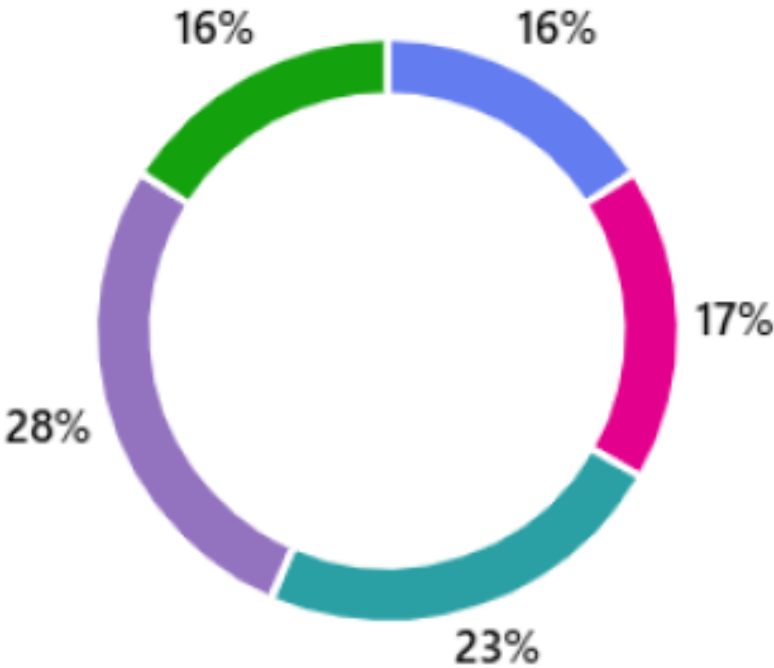
● No experience	18
● Basic familiarity with key concepts	27
● Some hands-on experience	25
● Led or facilitated major safeguarding efforts in disaster contexts	13



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If you have experience, in which region(s) have you worked (select all that apply)?

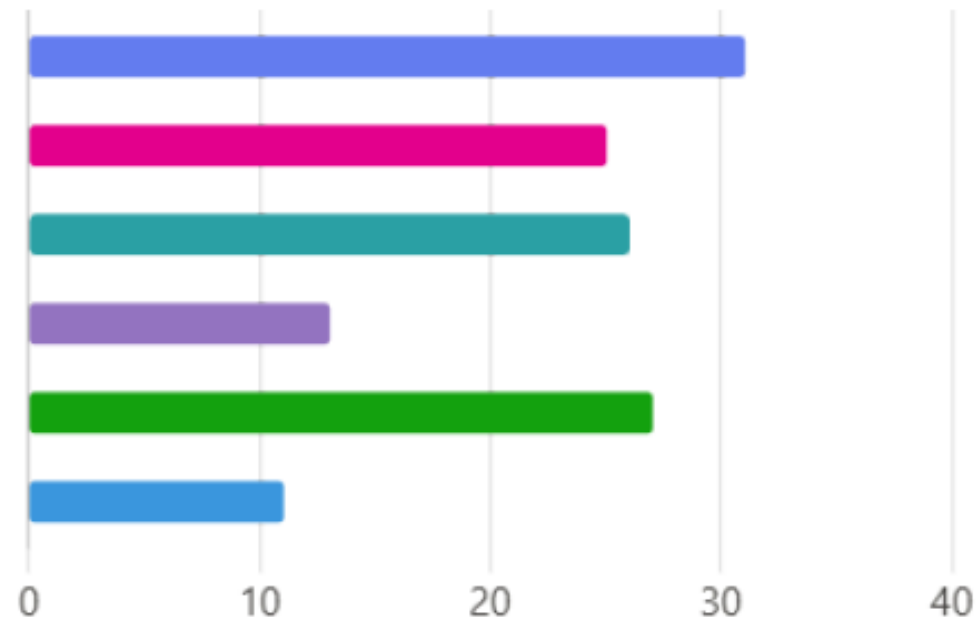
● Europe	11
● Asia-Pacific	12
● Latin America and the Caribbean	16
● Africa	19
● Arab States	11



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What type of support did you provide as a facilitator in such contexts (select all that apply)?

- Conducted intangible cultural heritage inventorying workshop or activity 31
- Developed intangible cultural heritage safeguarding plans 25
- Provided intangible cultural heritage policy advice 26
- Contributed to country-led post-disaster needs assessment (PDNA) exercises 13
- Research 27
- Other 11

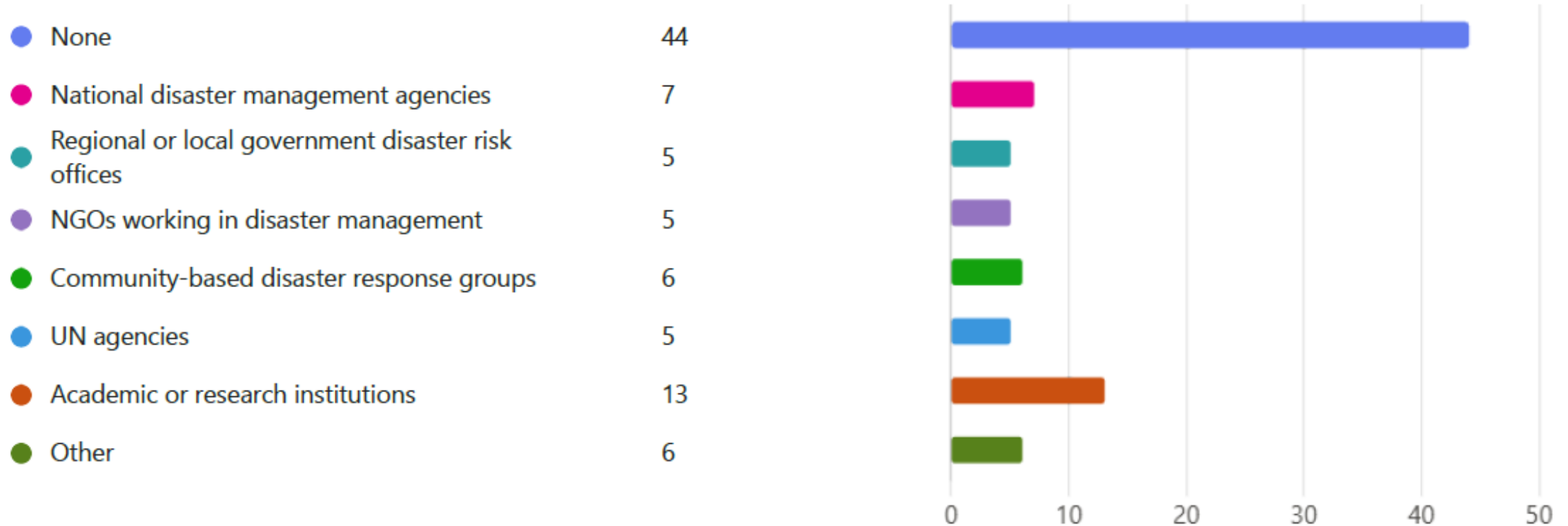


Contexts in which facilitators are providing support

- Part of a broader project on policy and ICH safeguarding
- Contribution to post-disaster needs assessments
- Guidance on safeguarding ICH post emergencies
- Worked with communities in the inventorying of traditional systems within the context of disaster risk and in the identification of deep local knowledge of DRR
- Organized trainings with armed forces on ICH in emergencies
- Coordinated studies on ICH and displaced persons
- Evaluated International Assistance requests for ICH impacted by emergencies
- Worked with communities for ICH safeguarding and development of inventories in post-disaster situations

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Are you currently collaborating in your work with any disaster risk reduction agencies, organisations or actors (select all that apply)?

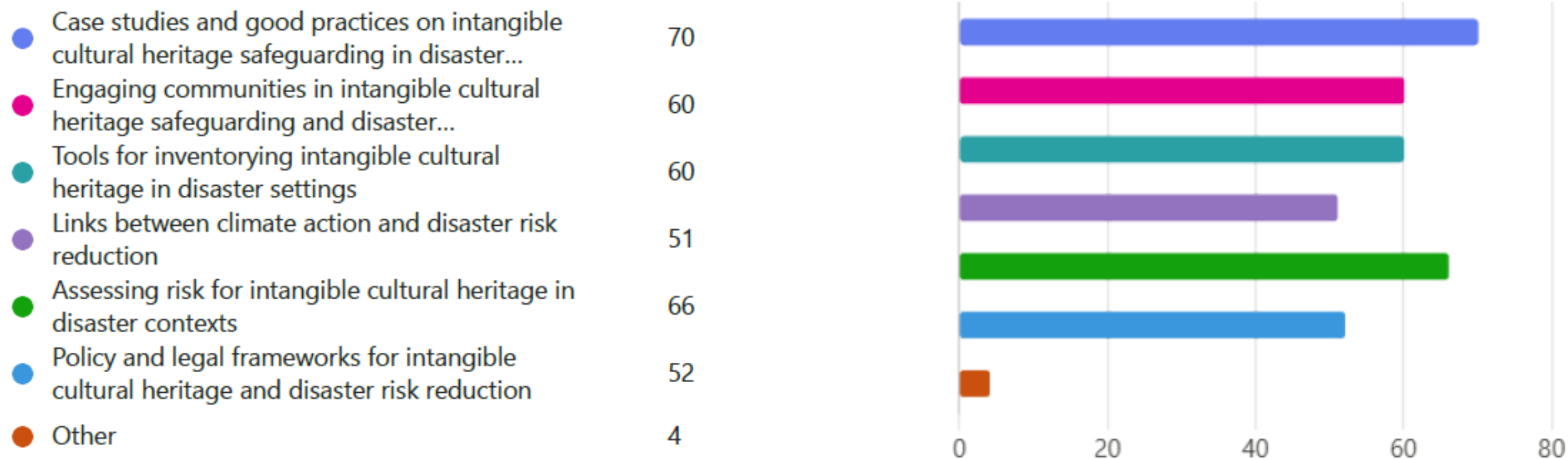


How are we collaborating with DRR agencies, organizations or actors?

- Collaborative work between disaster agencies, universities and local institutions in Iran, Croatia, Grenada
- Worked with Municipality of Portoviejo on recovery efforts from the perspective of ICH and gastronomy as a form of resilience; research on resilience of Portoviejo after the 2016 earthquake through the lens of ICH
- Worked with umbrella associations for the safeguarding of ICH for the identification of threats to ICH, adopted protection plans and implemented them, entirely organized and implemented by and within the communities concerned
- Through work with the British Council and the Cultural Protection Fund
- Collaborating with NGOs such as JRS Romania and the Australian Red Cross, UNESCO Offices and ICCROM
- Documentation of extant knowledge systems and making local administrations aware of the ICH/TK relevance for both preparedness and post-disaster reconstruction

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What areas would you like to learn more about as a facilitator to support your work in this area? (select all that apply)



Key challenges

- How can the community be engaged regarding ICH when they have already lost their homes etc. due to disasters?
- How to engage knowledge bearers and practitioners?
- The cross-sectoral nature of the issue and how to work with non-heritage agencies and other stakeholders
- An effective and feasible strategy for recovery is to identify the territory's comparative advantages through ICH
- Facilitators need to be trained or sensitized in relation to trauma reactions of individual practitioners
- Understanding the relation between shifting baselines of disaster affected living heritage
- I am concerned that the long-term cultural, social, and economic losses resulting from the disappearance of ICH in the aftermath of disasters are not fully understood
- Challenges with quantifying damage and loss in the PDNA and the PDNA timeframe is too short
- Fluidity and flexibility of ICH makes it challenging to effectively plan for risks and disasters related to ICH safeguarding
- If a facilitator is not attached to a formal institution or recognized project, the legitimacy to support communities and/or contribute to action planning and implementation of disaster related plans and action may be weak
- Definition of “disaster” need to be refined to include policies that are seemingly harmless that can be disastrous to ICH For instance, modern education policies