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A quick assessment of MSM and
transgender involvement, understanding and alliances

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Pre-Global Fund Partnership Survey

- * Launched 7 days prior to GFATM Partnership Forum
- * Distributed via global electronic mailing lists

Limitations

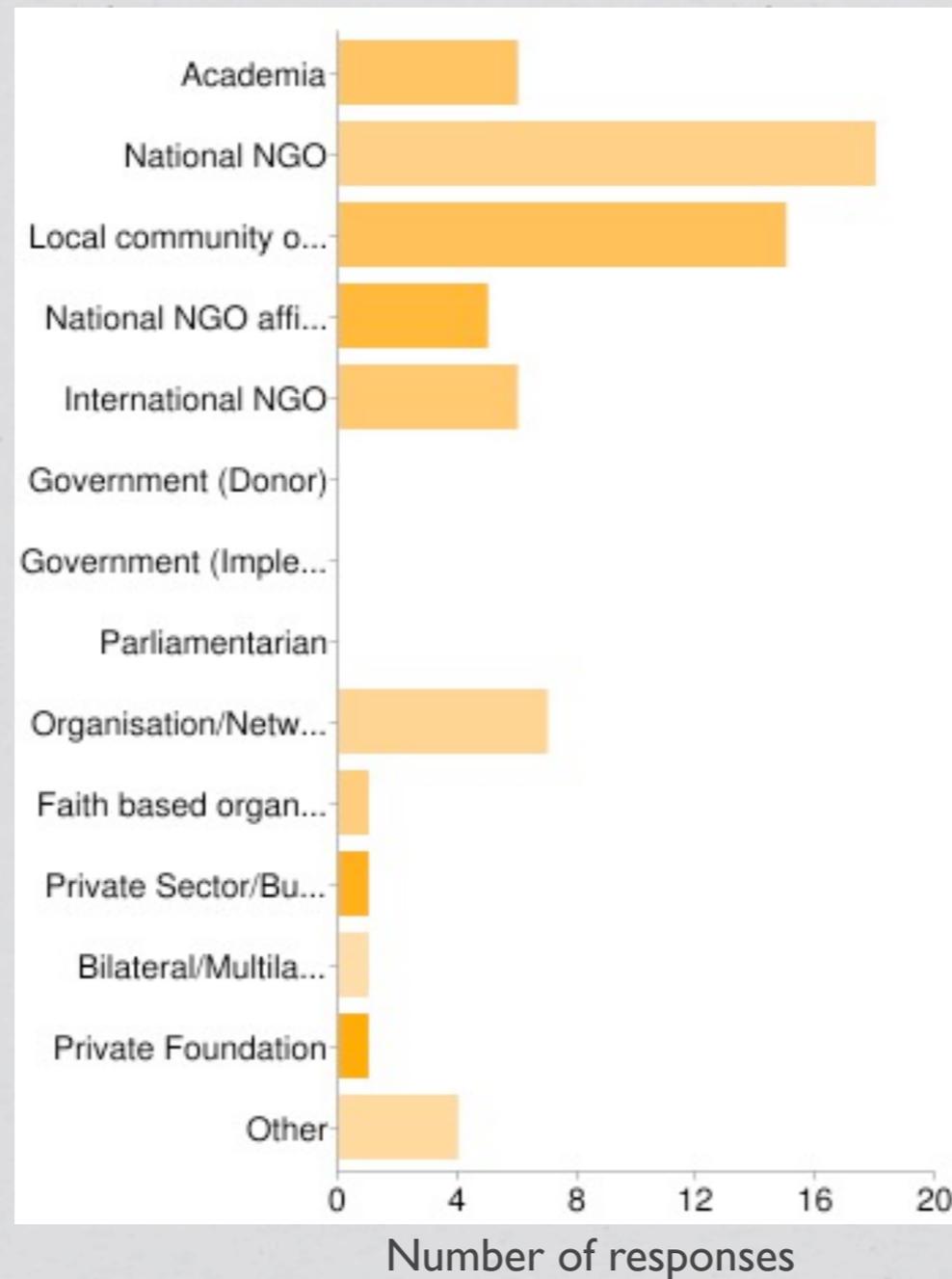
- * Short lead-time
- * English-only, more languages = more recruitment
- * Limited resources to implement

What were the results?

- * Completed 62 responses
- * At least 2-3 from within each region of the world, including some responses from countries not eligible for Global Fund grants;
- * Most responses from: U.S.A, India, Philippines, Afghanistan (high level of qualitative feedback from Uganda, Indonesia, Singapore);
- * Noticeable absences China, Eastern Europe and Pacific Island

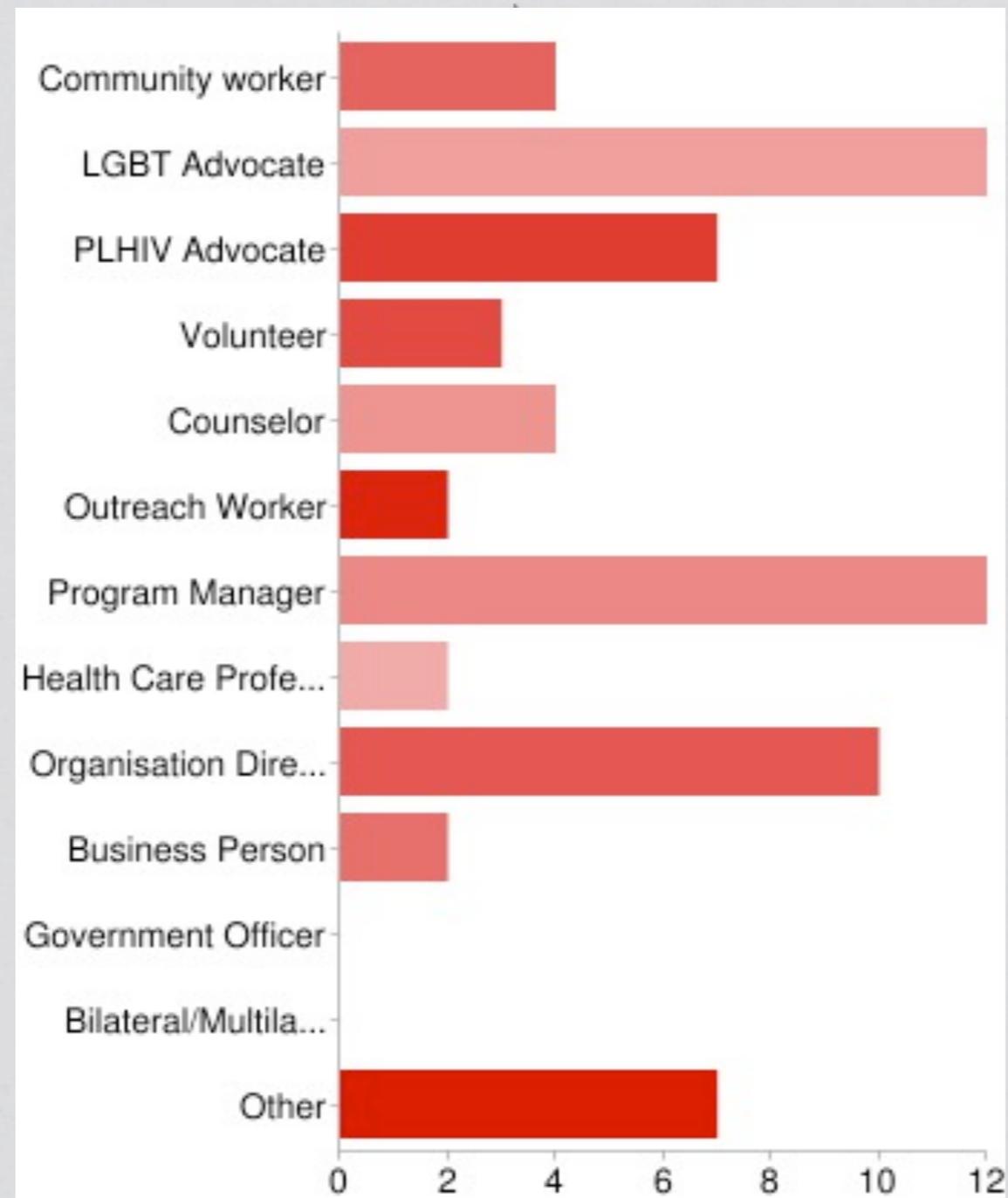
What types of organisations responded?

Types of Organisations



Who were the people behind the responses?

Types of
Job Descriptions



Representation MSM & Transgender People

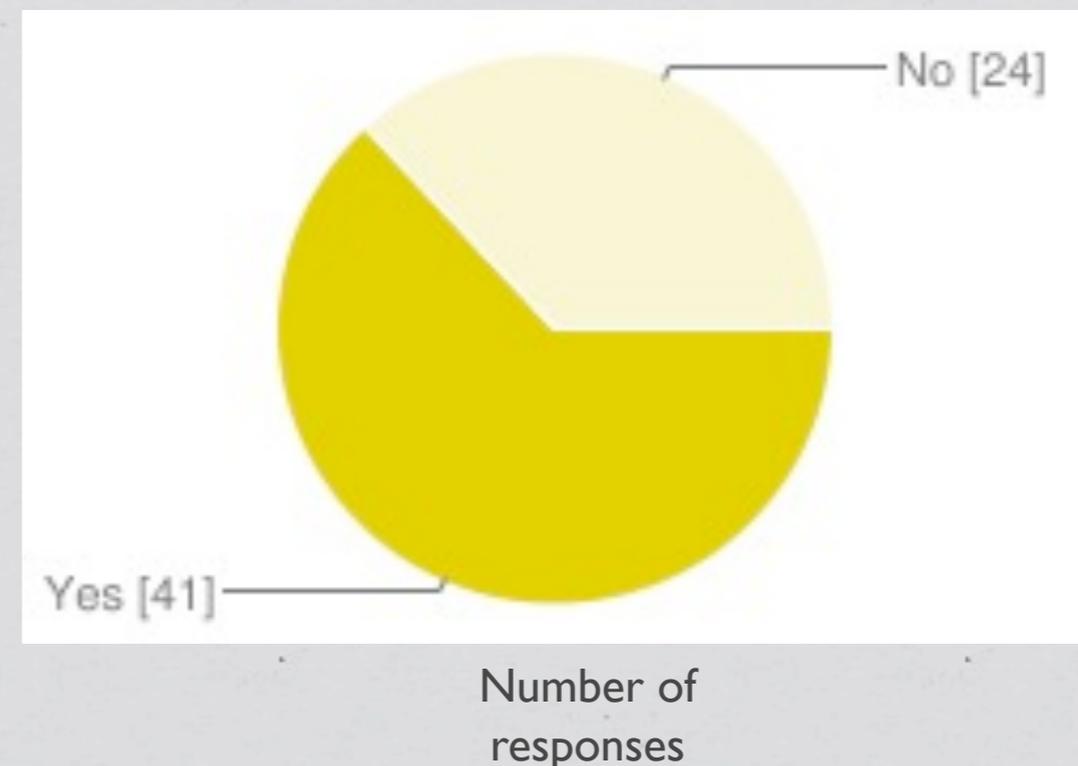
When asked: “how many openly gay, bisexual, other MSM or transgender people are individual members of your...”

- * National Aids Council/Commission (NAC) = “none/don’t know”; though there were some who referred to National Networks of MSM or transgender people being members
- * CCMs = “none”, “no one openly MSM”; outlier: 6 in the Bahamas
- * HIV Technical Working Groups = “not-applicable”, “don’t know”
- * High incidence of “don’t know” suggests lack of connection/coordination among CBOs for MSM and transgender.

Is the Global Fund's 'SOGI' Strategy making waves?

- * Majority organisations surveyed knew of the GF strategy on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- * Information dissemination needed in the Africa, India, the Middle East and the Philippines (may not have filtered through to grassroots)

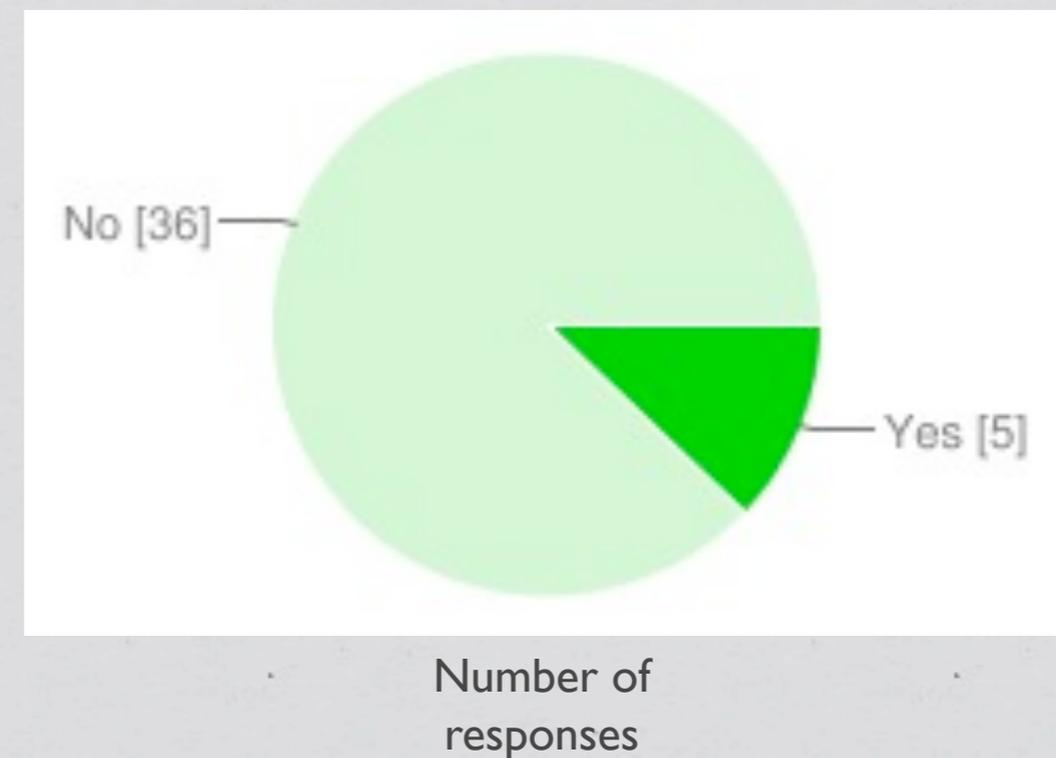
Is your organisation aware of the Global Fund's strategy on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)?



Is the Global Fund's 'SOGI' Strategy making waves?

- * "Received training": the five responses comprise of India, Thailand, Uganda and the United States (assumed to be non-GF related)
- * No disaggregation between which mechanisms/organisations were trained

Has your CCM, HIV TWG or NAC had any training on the SOGI Strategy?



What was the impact of 'SOGI' training?

- * India (Coordination Level): "...brought a great change in the understanding the needs to be addressed from the community point of view. Prove that how effective the community people can be part of this great efforts in minimising the HIV risk"
- * Thailand (Health Systems): "...health providers got awareness to take care their MSM/Transgender clients and was useful to understand on the flexibility in care and treatment duty."

What MSM and transgender specific projects are funded by GF?

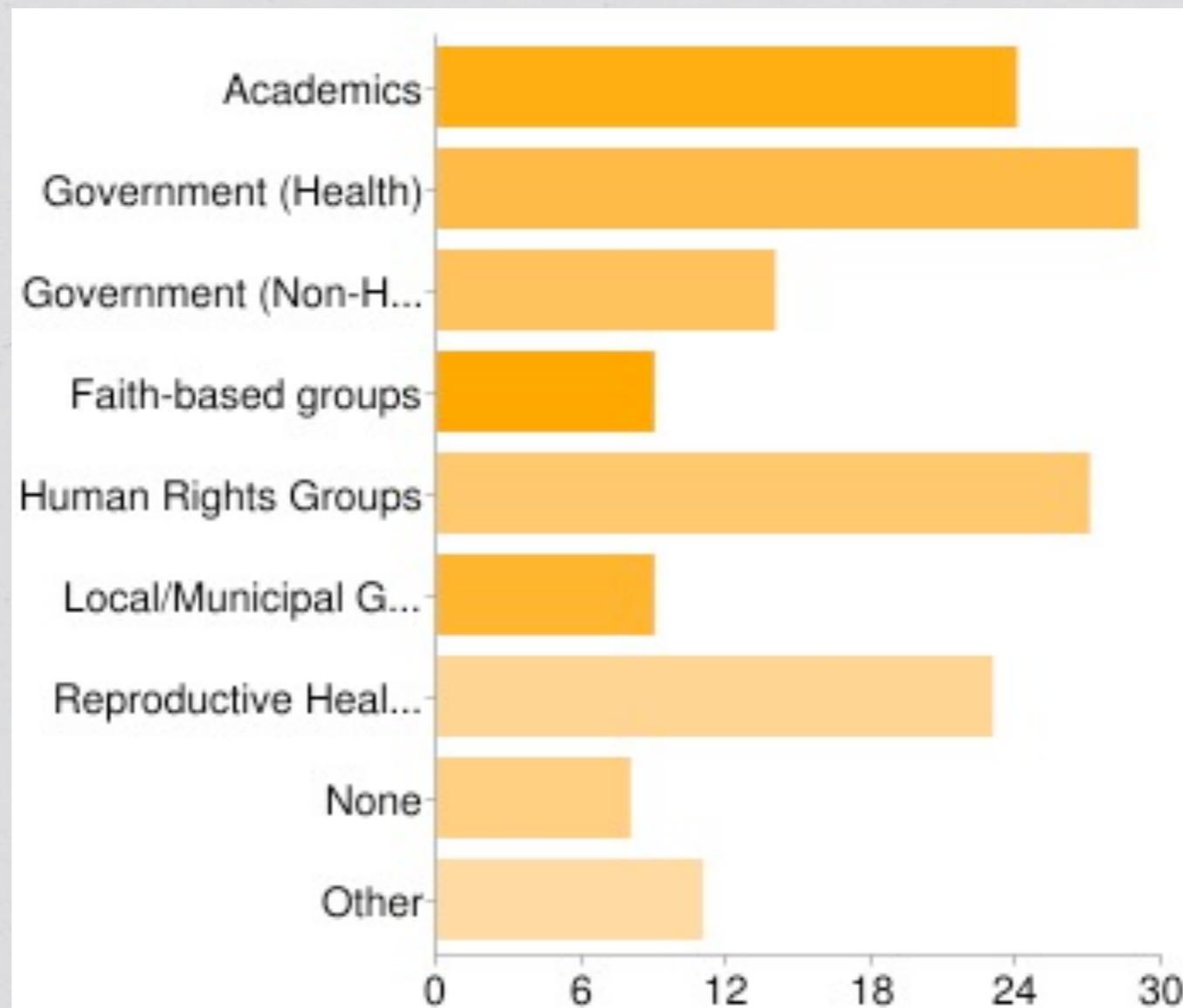
Top 5 Project Areas:

- 1.- Prevention: Condom Distribution
- 2.- Prevention: Behavioral Change Communication - Community Outreach
- 3.- Prevention: Counseling and testing
- 4.- HSS: Information system & Operational research
 - Prevention: Behavioral Change Communication - Mass Media
 - HSS: Community Systems Strengthening

Who are our allies?

What types of NON-MSM or NON-transgender people organizations are actively supportive of MSM and/or transgender people initiatives in your CCM, HIV TWG and/or NAC?

Types of Organisations



Number of responses

Where are the opportunities in partnerships?

Numerous suggestions, some examples of actionable points:

- * Actively seek representation in all sectors, not only CCMs, but also academia and health care
- * Be more proactive in engaging sexual and reproductive health groups to help broaden reach
- * More focus on mental-health and holistic psychosocial needs of MSM and transgender people

Other general feedback for the Global Fund

- * Revise MSM and Transgender representation on CCMs (be specific about positions for these groups instead of under MARPs category)
- * Should reflect recent UN resolutions and declarations on MSM and LGBT
- * Provide capacity-building of CBOs for MSM and transgender people to activity participate
- * Is there any chance for partnerships and knowledge-sharing with “developed” countries how are still facing similar challenges for MSM and transgender people, regardless of economic status

Feedback for future surveys

- * Ensure sufficient timeline to improve participation
- * Increase resources to allow for distribution in multiple languages
- * Revise questions and desegregate data to allow analysis of MSM and transgender representation at CCMs, NACs and HIV TWGs.
- * **Take home message**: How can this information inform our work, during the Partnership Forum and beyond?

Further feedback and suggestions are welcome:

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