



Evaluation Survey - Results

GFMD Civil Society Days

“Goals, Compacts, Action: Human Mobility That Works for Migrants and Society”

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Introduction

In 2018, the Civil Society Days (CSD) of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) took place in the first week of December, kicking off “Marrakesh Migration Week” - eight days of events and activities focused entirely on migration, culminating in an intergovernmental conference to adopt the Global Compact for Migration.

The two CSD were held on 4 and 6 December 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco, with a day of Common Space in between, an opportunity for civil society to engage in frank and open dialogue with governments. For the first time, all registered civil society participants of the CSD were invited to participate in the Platforms for Partnerships and the Closing Plenary of the GFMD Government Days, which took place on the 7 December.

Following the GFMD, the Coordinating Office invited all the participants to complete an evaluation survey to share their thoughts about the 2018 GFMD Civil Society Days and Common Space, to provide feedback on what they appreciated, what could be improved in the coming years, elements that they feel should not be repeated, and concrete takeaways that will be put into practice in the many contexts around the world.

A total of 76 participants of the 2018 GFMD Civil Society Days filled out this evaluation survey. Below, you will find the key findings from the survey, followed by a more detailed graphical representation.

Note: Not all questions had to be answered.

Key observations from the Evaluation Survey

General

- Nearly half (46%) of those who took the survey were first time attendees of the GFMD Civil Society Days.
- Over 80% of the delegates who filled in the evaluation found the Civil Society Days good or excellent.
- A vast majority had previously participated in some event related to the Global Compact for Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees (including the negotiations).
- A number of respondents found the CSD to be well-organized and appreciated the support from the team prior to and throughout the event.
- Many found the CSD informative in terms of content of the GCM and practices in relation to implementation, advocacy and partnership happening around the world.
- There was a general sense that participants, and organizations more broadly, are committed to making this new global migration framework work to ensure the rights of migrants despite the very difficult global and regional challenges we are facing – acknowledgement of the moment to move from words to action.
- Many participants responded that the CSDs provided them with inspiration and energy to continue challenging work in their local contexts.

Organization & programming

- Many participants expressed interest in having more time for breakout sessions and informal discussions, with a lesser emphasis on plenary/panels.
- Some felt that there was insufficient time/space dedicated for civil society strategizing and developing concrete next steps.
- A number of participants found the programme too packed, with not enough time for networking/social events.
- Some of the attendees said it might be worth reconsidering the relevance of the inspirational speaker.
- Many would like to see the Civil Society Days become as eco-friendly as possible. Suggestions were made to make the CSD paperless.

Content:

- Participants signaled a great interest in the themes related to climate change, decent work, labor rights and social inclusion. There would be an interest for these sessions to be maintained in the next GFMD.
- Partnership was stressed as a key takeaway for many participants: finding opportunities to engage with a broad range of stakeholders (various levels of government, private sector, other sectors such as artists, media).
- The opportunity to self-reflect on civil society organizing (i.e. with the *Green Room*) was valued by the participants. There was a request to repeat this exercise in the future.

Common Space:

- While many appreciated the increased opportunities to interact with governments, overall, some felt opportunities for more in-depth discussions with States were missing. They felt too much time was spent in plenary sessions which prevented civil society from optimizing the opportunity to engage with governments.

Participation

- Many appreciated the opportunity to network with other actors from the different regions, providing an opportunity to share and learn from experiences in implementation work which is already being done.
- There was a call for greater representation of the national perspective, and participation of grassroots actors; as well as an enhanced focus on gender representation.

Looking towards Quito: suggestions for the next GFMD Civil Society Days

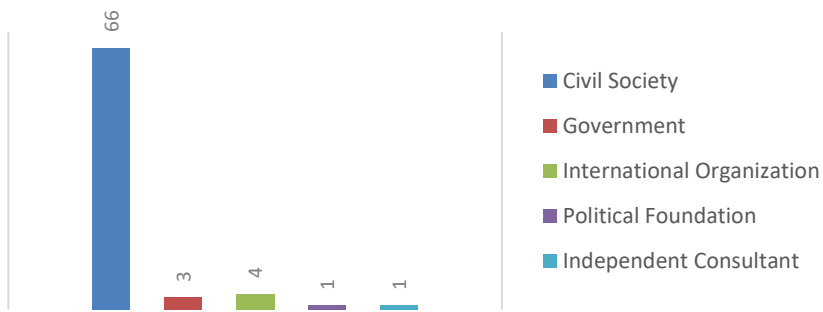
- Many participants would like to see the GFMD continue, and serve as a monitoring space for the implementation of the Global Compact, while others stressed the CSD should not be reduced to following the Compact only.
- Some delegates would like to see an emphasis on regional and national levels, especially with regards to the implementation of the Compact.
- The purpose of the CSD and the GFMD should be clearly defined in regard to the Global Compact.
- The next GFMD Civil Society Days should focus on the implementation of the Global Compact, with a strong emphasis on concrete actions for civil society.

Next steps for civil society organizing

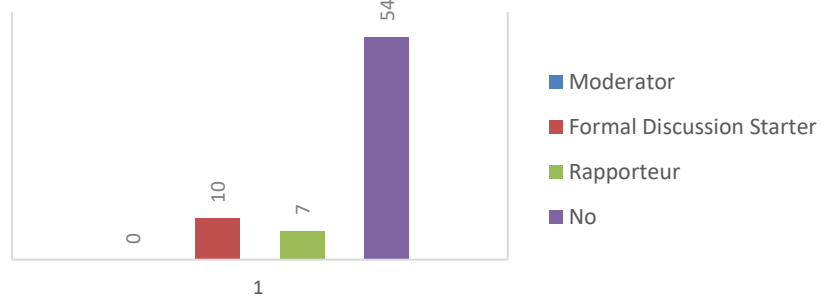
- Many participants highlighted that moving beyond advocacy and focusing on concrete actions was essential, to ensure timely and rights-based implementation of the Global Compact for Migration.
- There was also a strong call to target not only States, but also to engage with and inform the broader public about the Compact, and to bring a positive narrative around migration.
- Climate change was presented as a key issue for civil society advocacy going forward: it should be recognized by States as a driver of forced migration, and national policies should reflect the commitments made at the international level.
- Civil society has a key role to play in connecting the implementation of the CGM with the SDGs.
- It was suggested key take-aways from the CSD 2018 should be presented at the beginning of the CSD 2019, to ensure continuity.

Detailed results

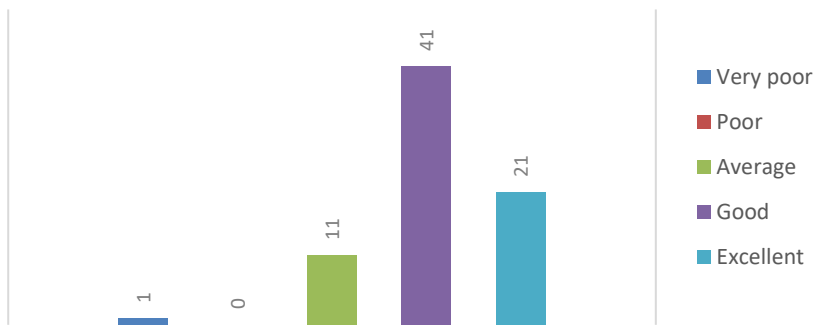
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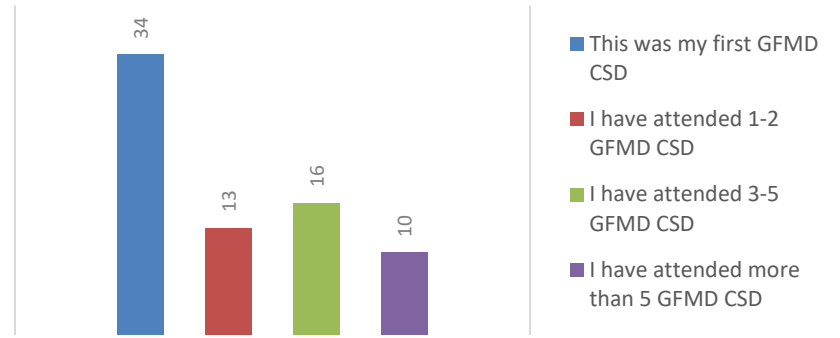
WERE YOU A MODERATOR, FORMAL DISCUSSION STARTER OR RAPORTEUR DURING THE 2018 GFMD CIVIL SOCIETY DAYS?



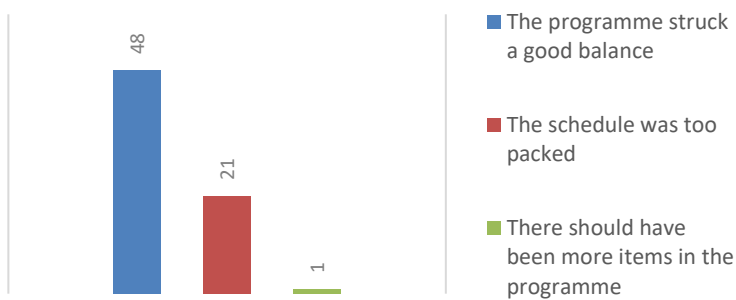
OVERALL, HOW DID YOU FIND THIS YEAR'S CIVIL SOCIETY DAYS PROGRAMME?



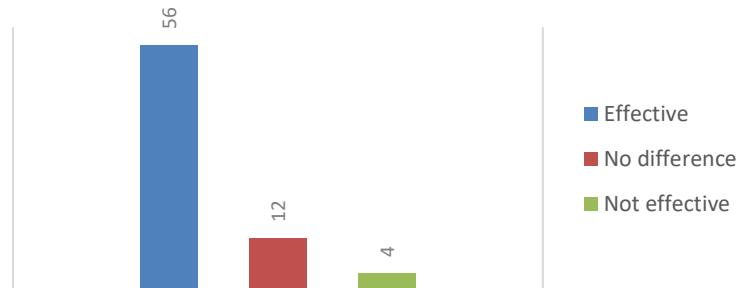
HOW MANY GFMD CSD HAVE YOU ATTENDED?



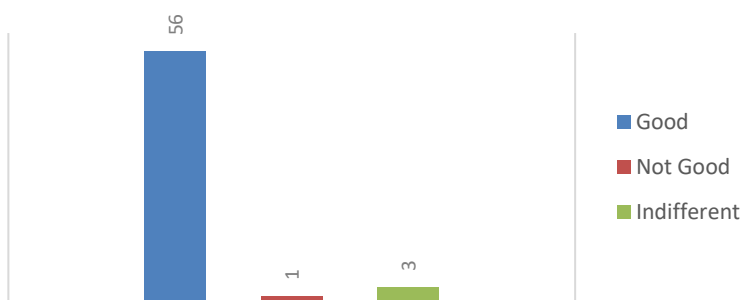
HOW WELL BALANCED WAS THIS YEAR'S GFMD CIVIL SOCIETY DAYS SCHEDULE?



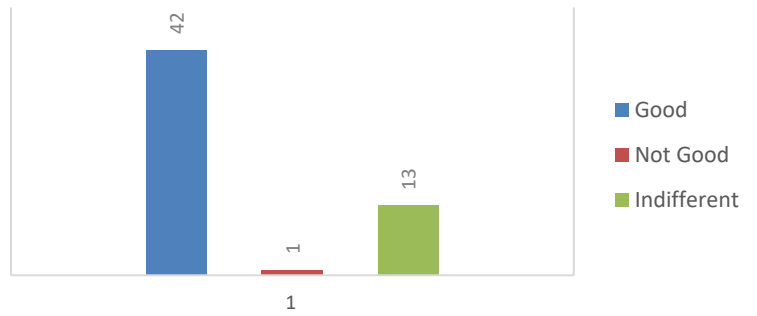
DO YOU THINK THE STRUCTURE OF HAVING A RECOMMENDATIONS DAY, FOLLOWED BY COMMON SPACE, AND THEN A COMMITMENTS DAY IS AN EFFECTIVE ARCHITECTURE FOR THE GFMD CSD?



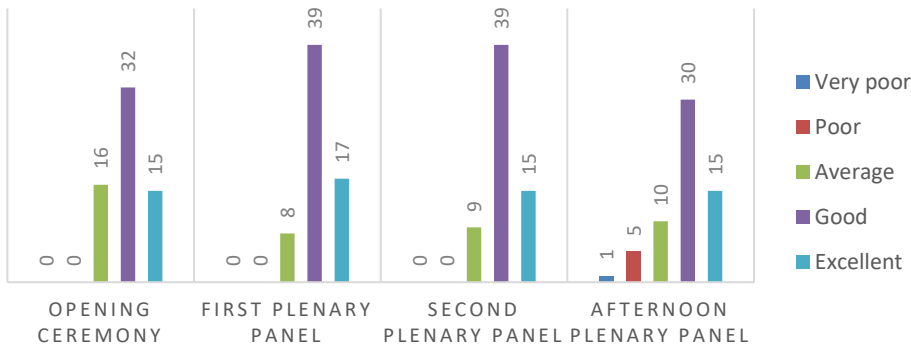
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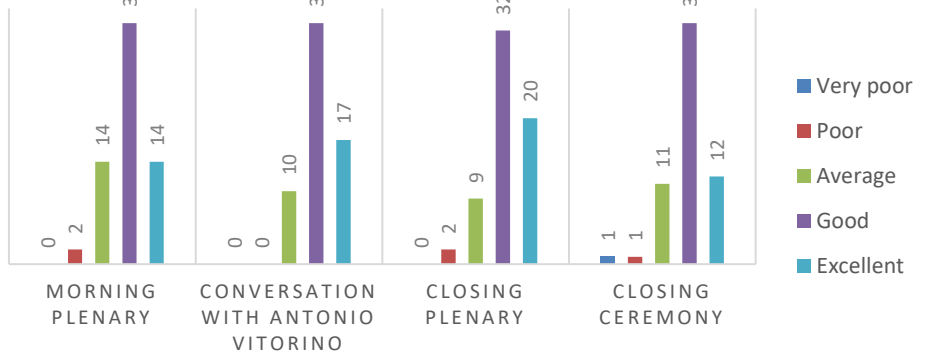
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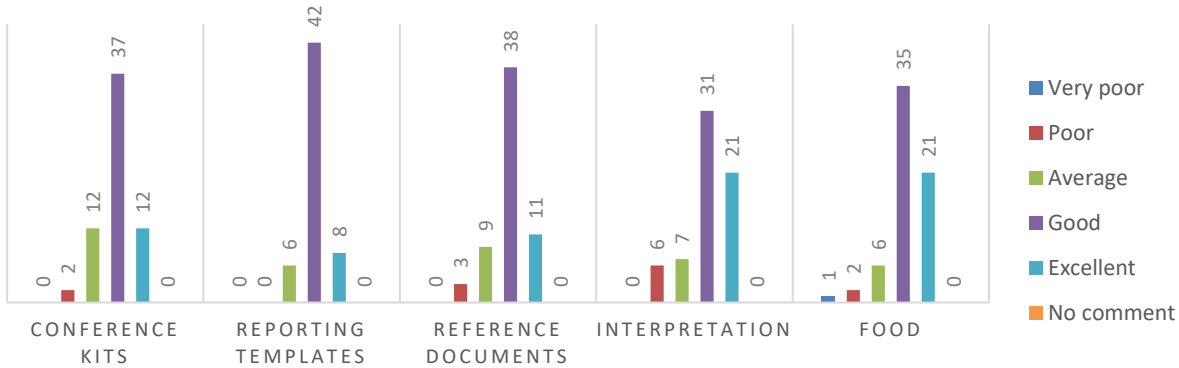
HOW DID YOU FIND THE VARIOUS PLENARY DISCUSSIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS DAY - TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER?



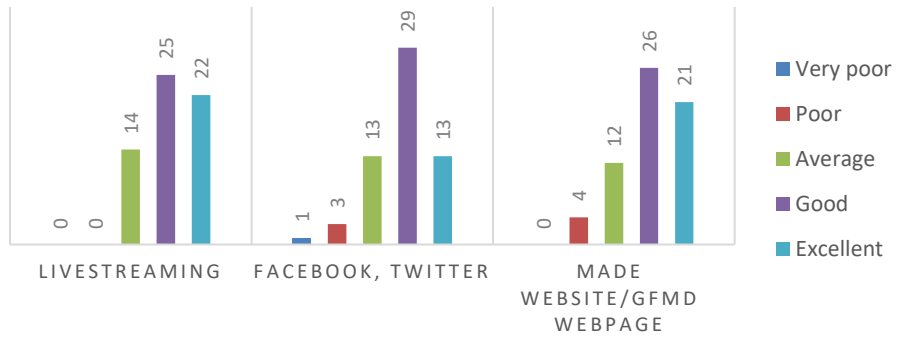
HOW DID YOU FIND THE PLENARIES AND CLOSING SESSIONS ON THE SECOND CIVIL SOCIETY DAY, THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER?



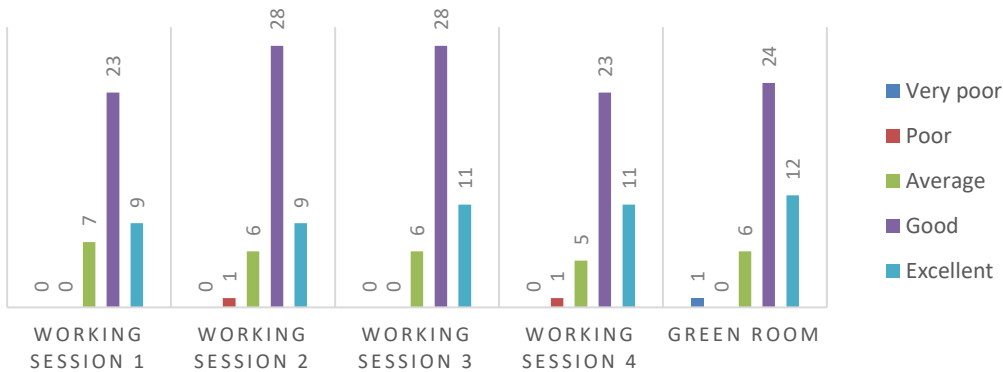
HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE THE FOLLOWING?



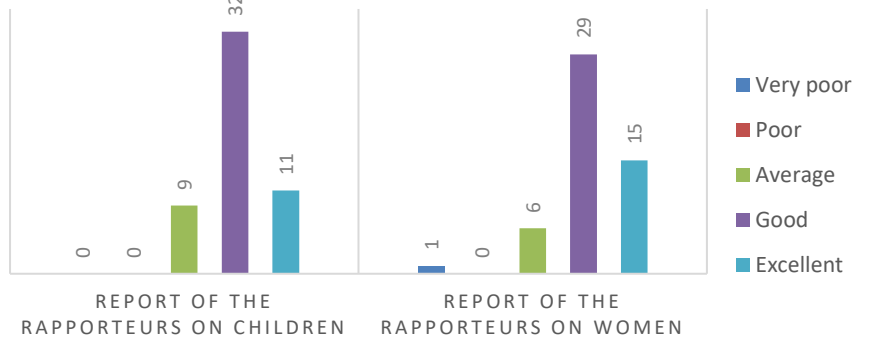
HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE COMMUNICATION TOOLS AND PLATFORMS BEFORE AND DURING THE GFMD CSD?



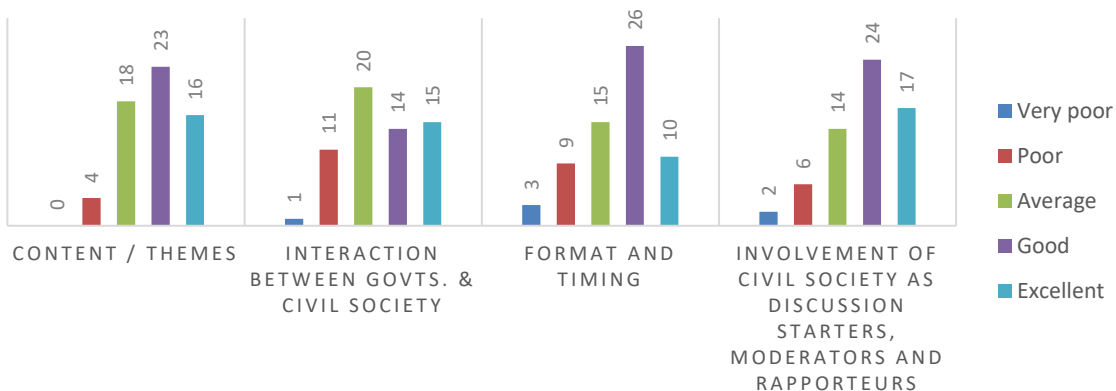
WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL PERCEPTION OF THE WORKING SESSIONS?



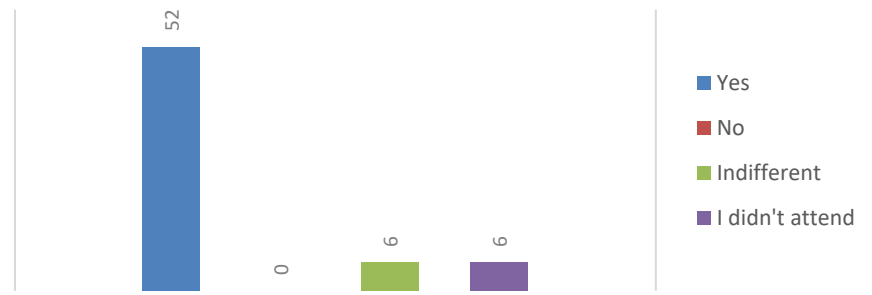
HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS?



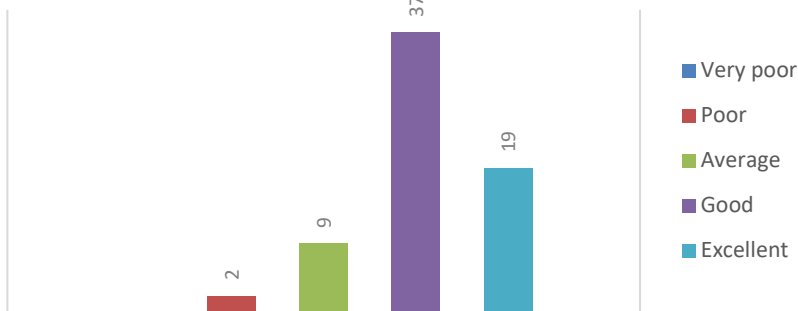
WHAT WAS YOUR OVERALL PERCEPTION OF COMMON SPACE - WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER?



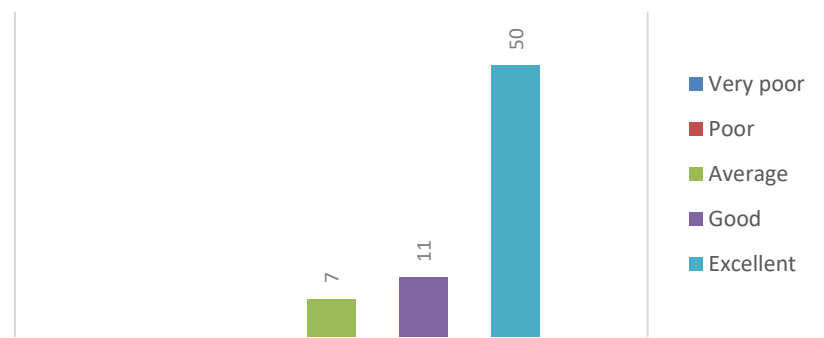
DID YOU APPRECIATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDING THE SECOND DAY OF GOVERNMENT DAYS INCLUDING THE PLATFORM FOR PARTNERSHIPS, EIGHT SIDE EVENTS AND THE OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE GFMD ?



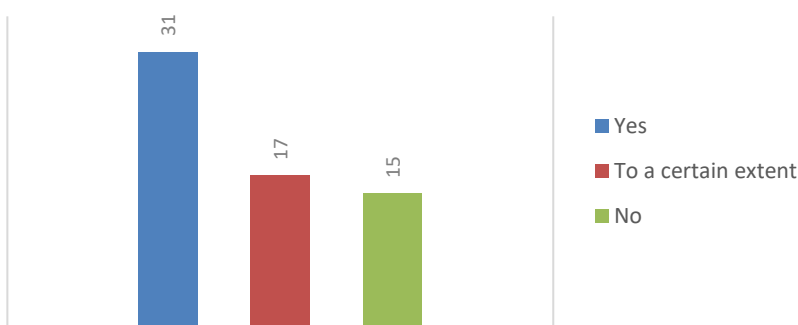
HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE PARTICIPATION AND DIVERSITY OF CSD PARTICIPANTS?

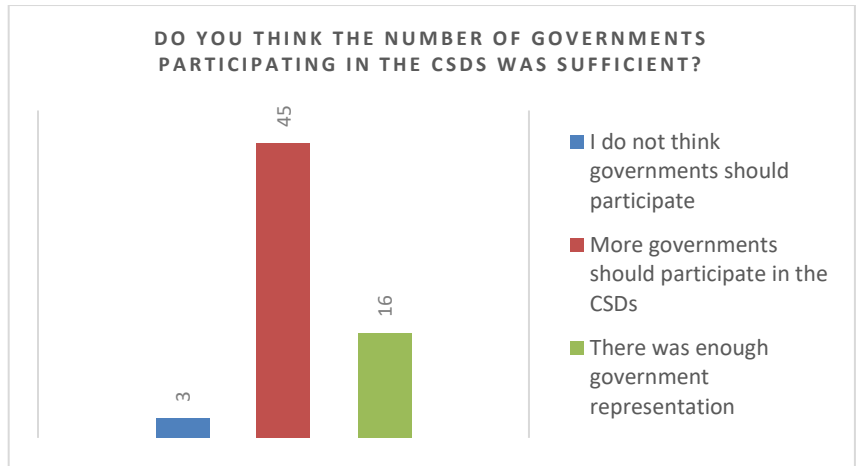


WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE SUPPORT FROM THE ORGANIZING STAFF BEFORE AND DURING THE EVENT?



DID YOU HAVE ANY INTERACTION WITH GOVERNMENTS DURING THIS YEAR'S GFMD THAT MAY LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT POLICY CHANGE?





Thank you!

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