



# *Capacity assessment of humanitarian organizations to implement the MISP and comprehensive reproductive health: Global review*

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# Objectives of Capacity Assessment Study

- Gain insight into the overall state of Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings (RHHS) since 2004
- Describe the capacity of institutions according to
  - institutional policy
  - accountability mechanisms
  - program delivery strategy
  - financial resources
  - human resources
  - technical guidance
  - procurement of supplies related to RHHS

# Capacity Assessment Working Group

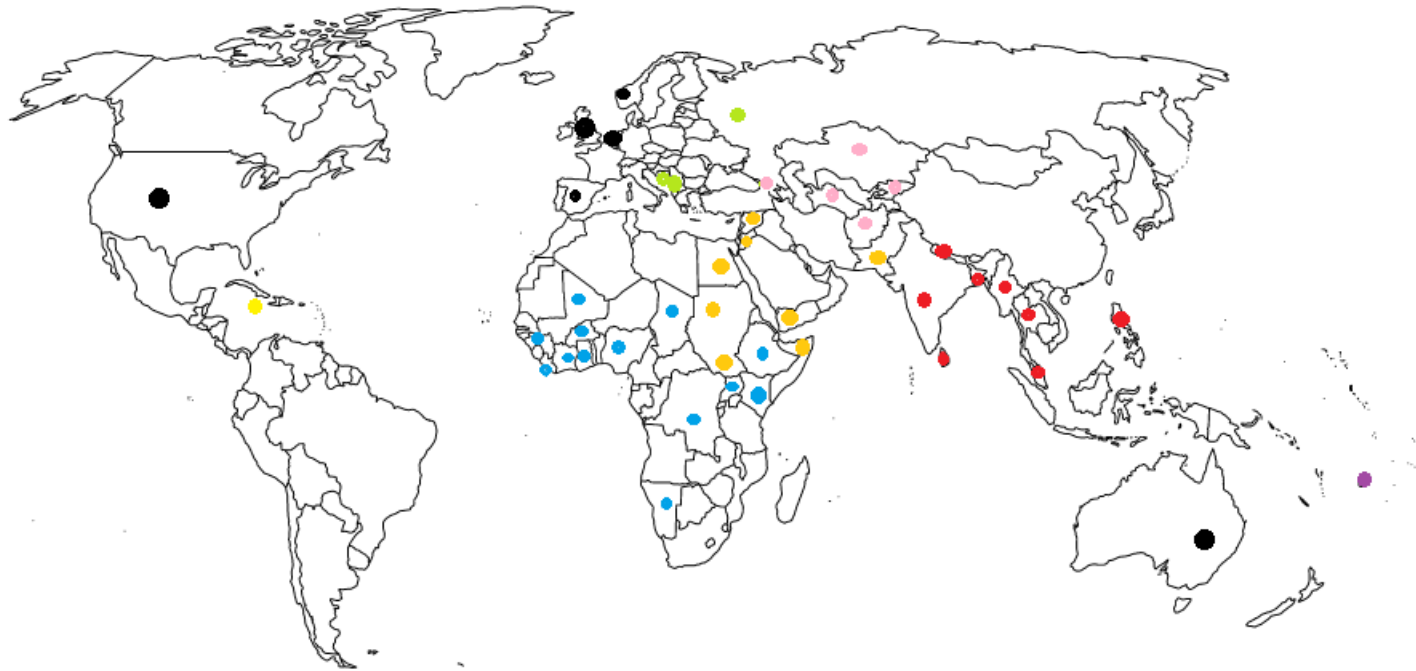
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# Methodology

- Descriptive study
- Online questionnaire from April to August 2013
- Criterion sampling – IAWG, GHC and CORE Group listservs
- Ethical approval from the Faculty of Health of the University of Technology Sydney

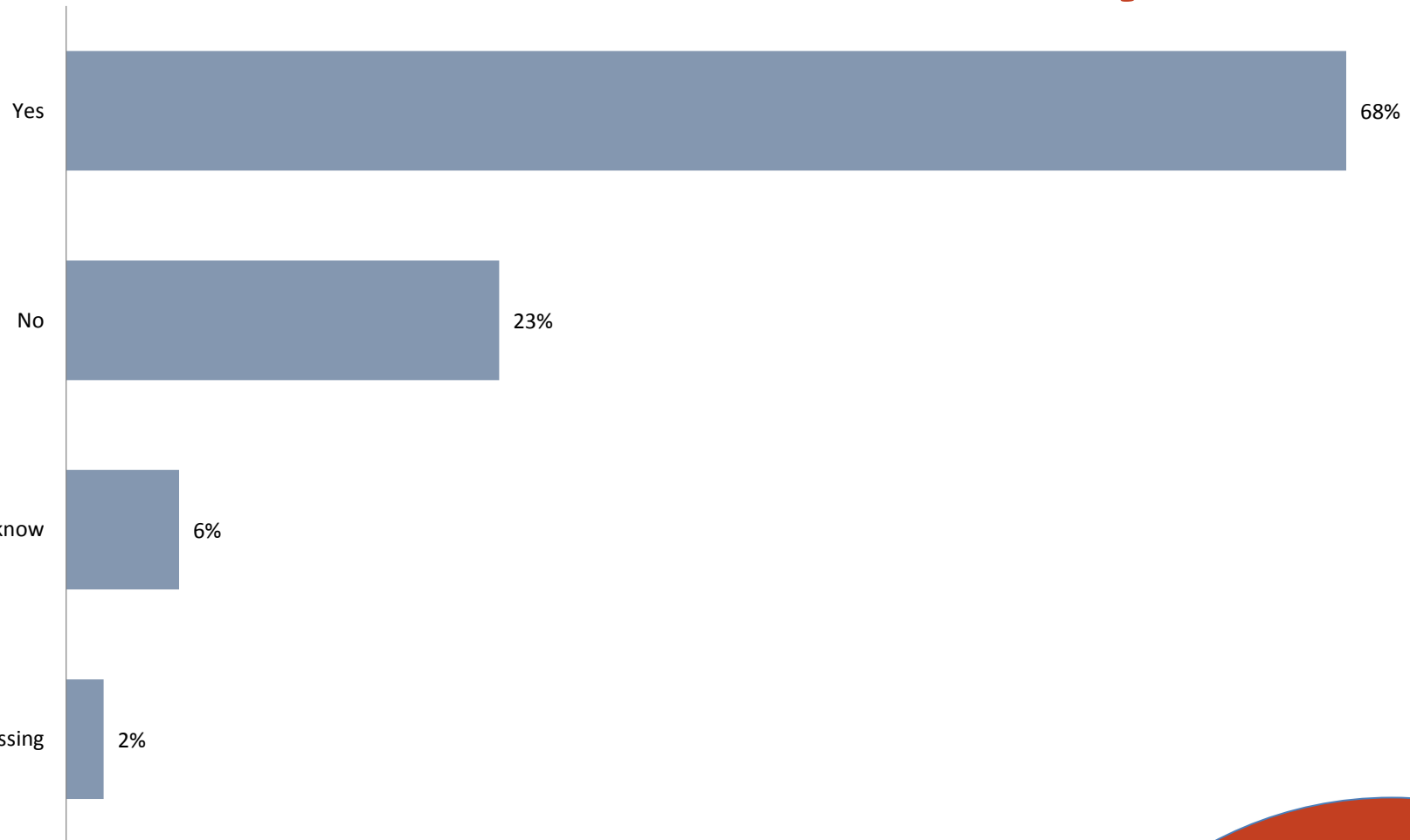
# Characteristics of Institutional Respondents



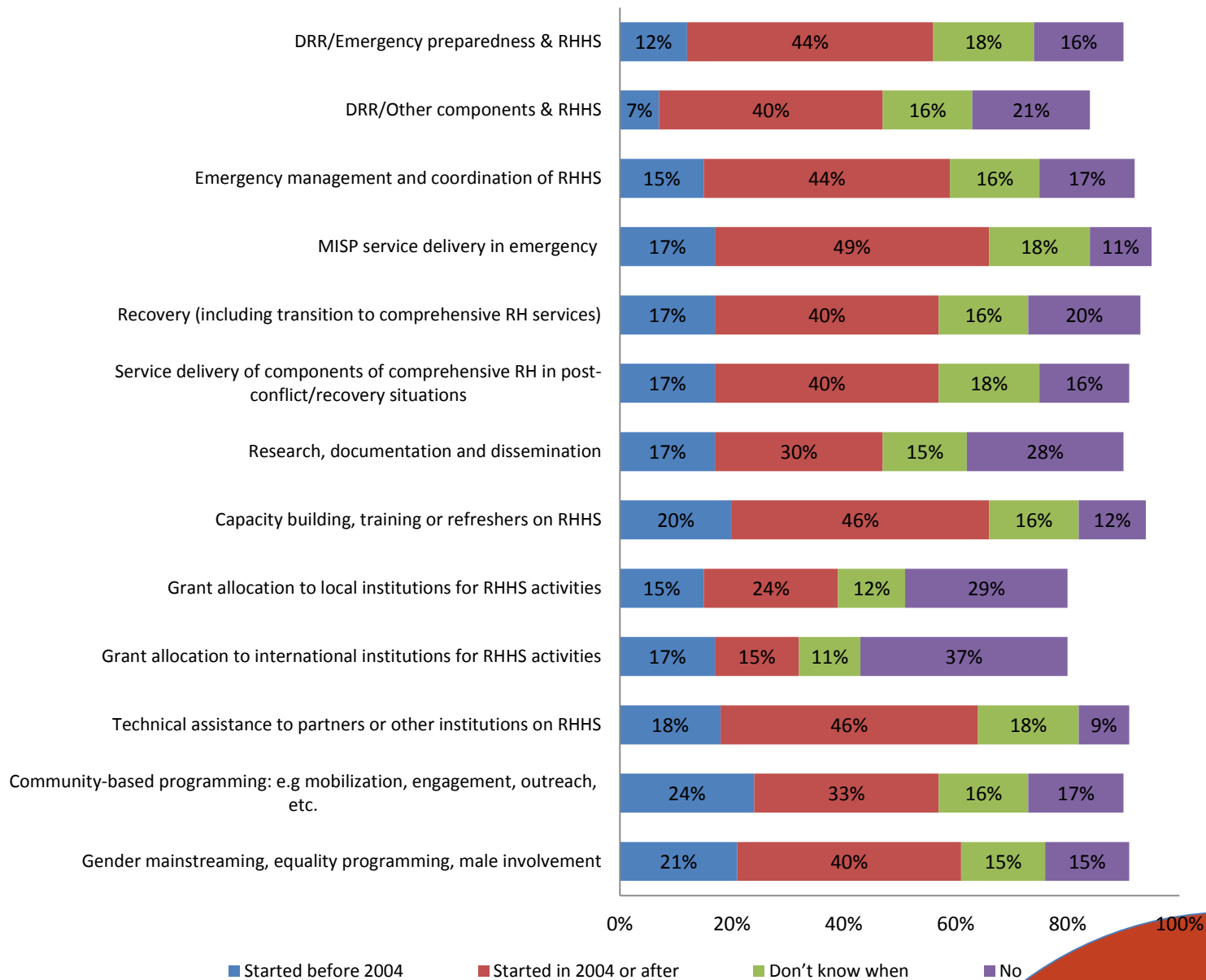
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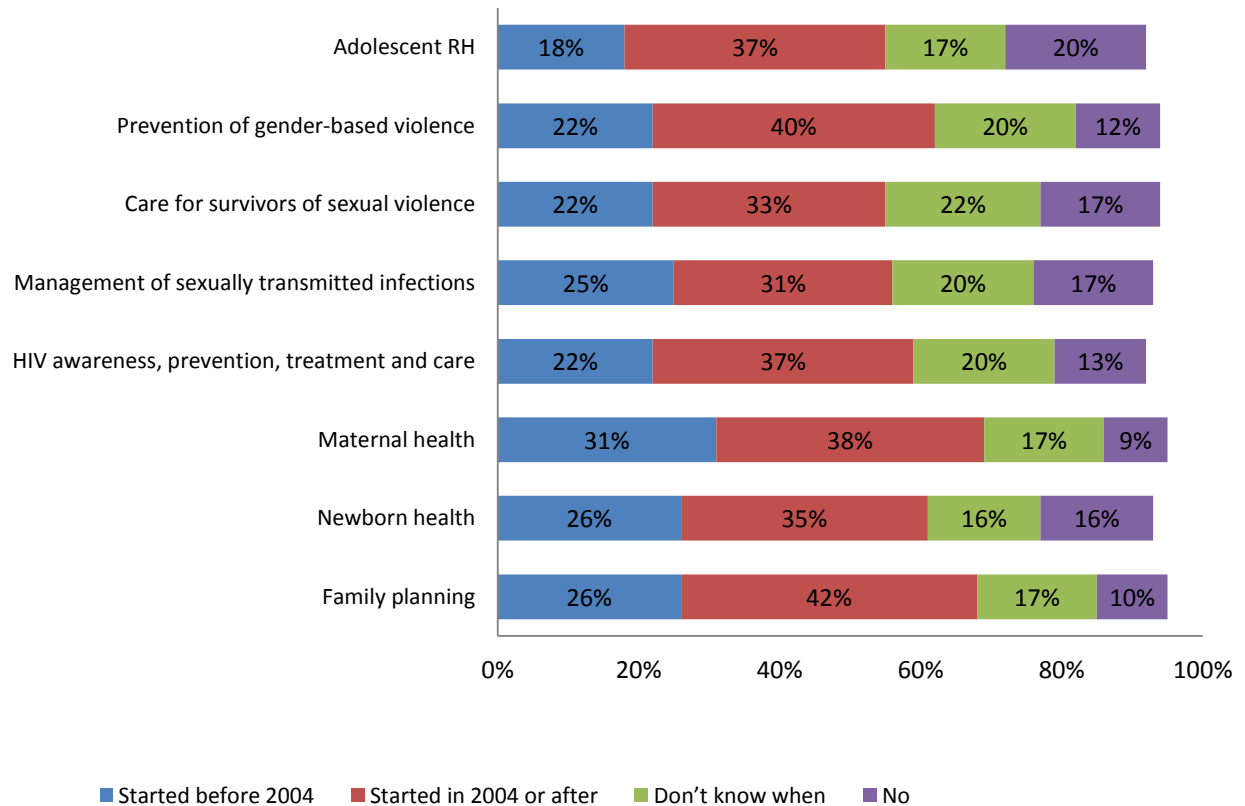
# Institutional Policy



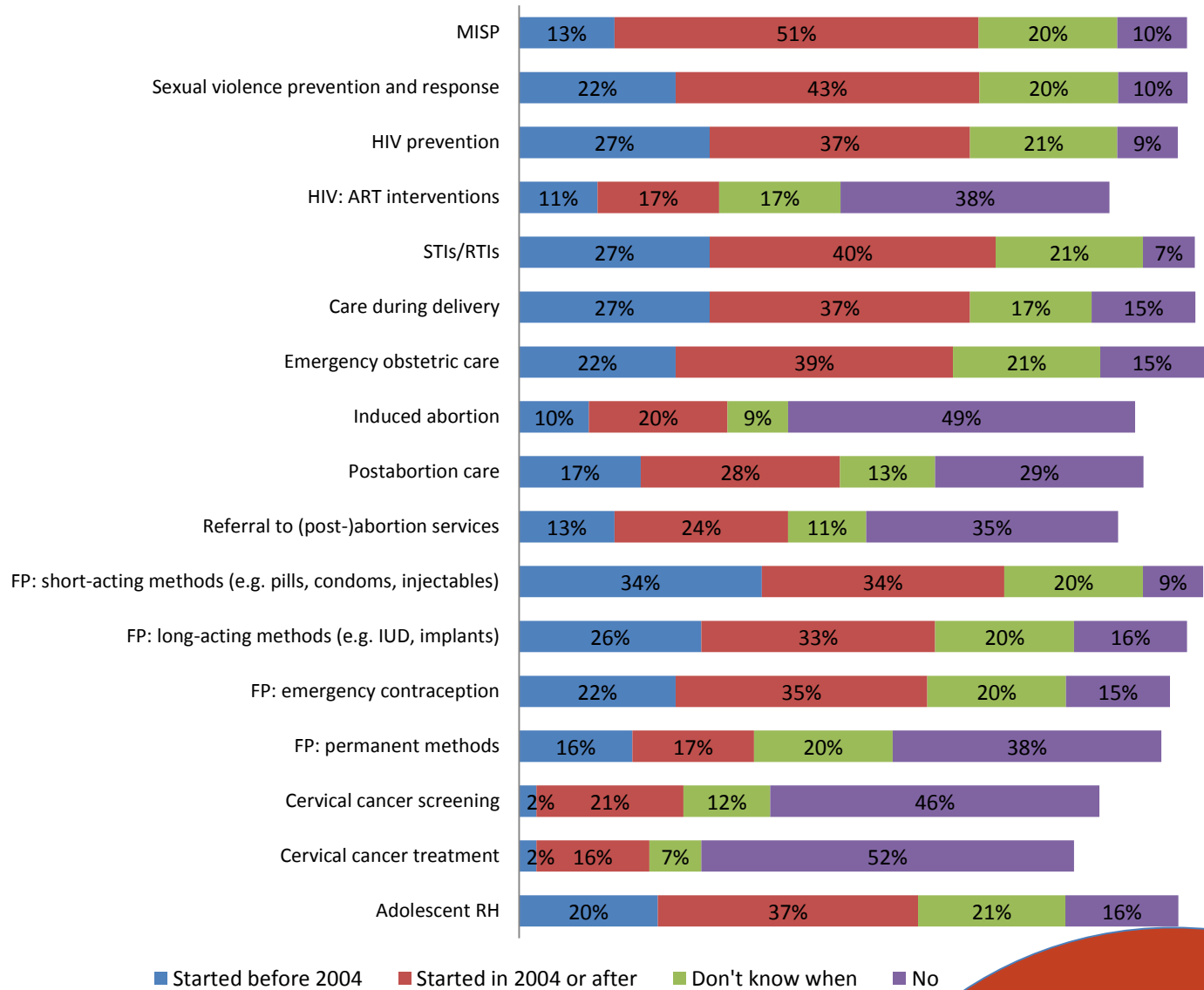
■ Has an RHHS-related institutional policy or policy-like document



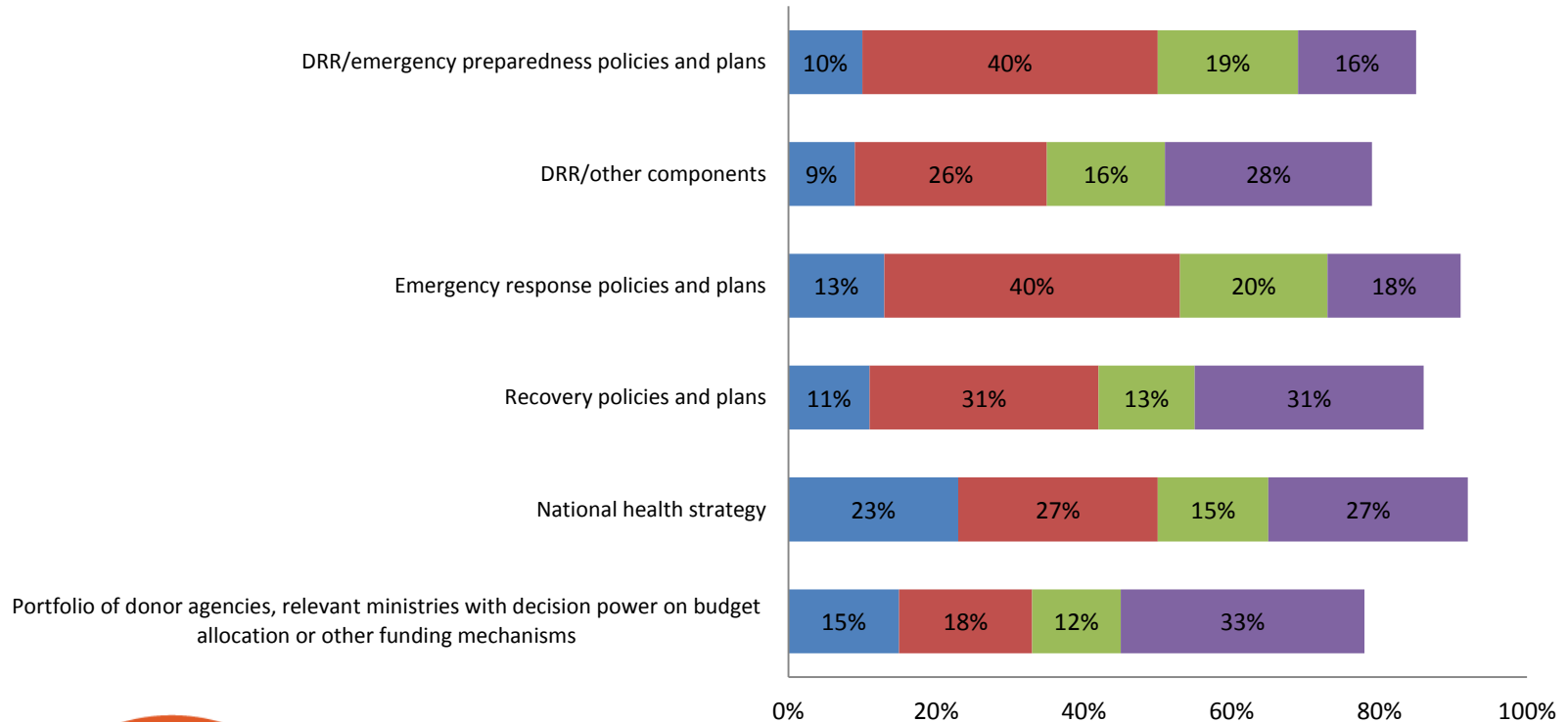
# Community-based Interventions







# Advocacy and Policy Work

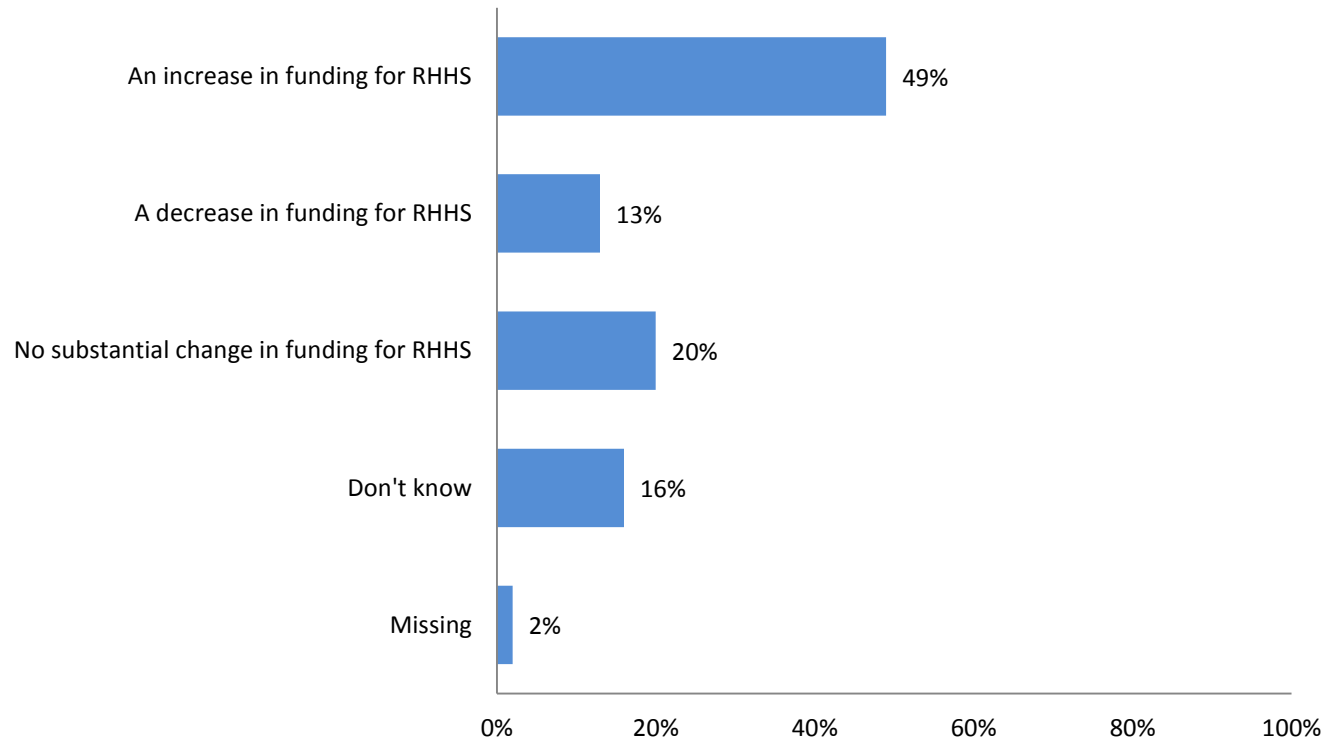


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Started before 2004   ■ Started in 2004 or after   ■ Don't know when   ■ No

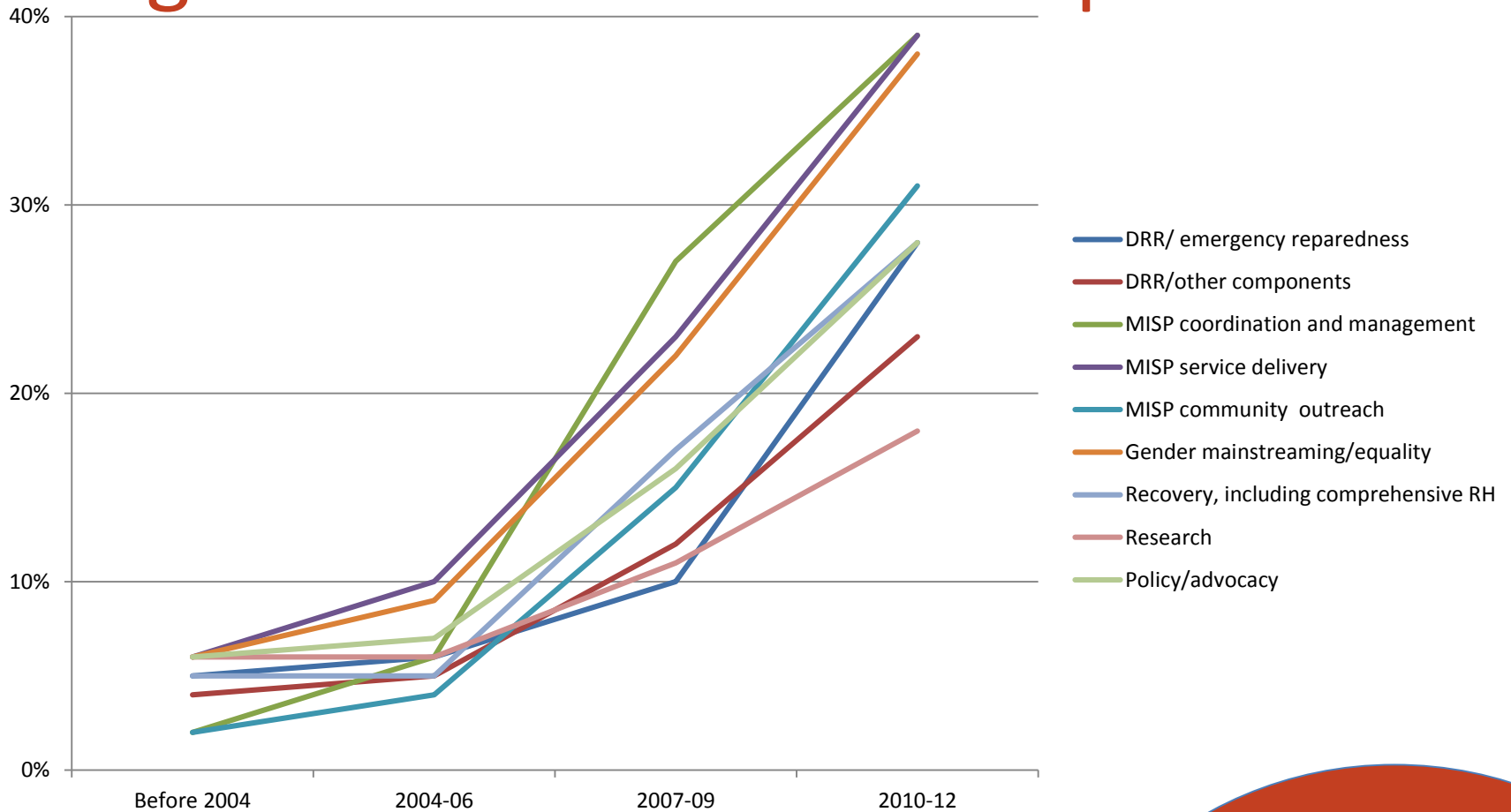


# Financial Resources

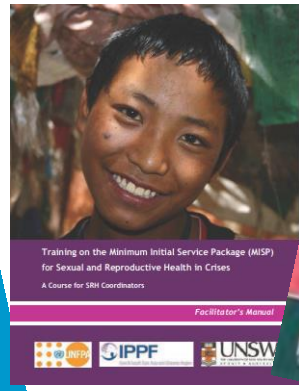


■ Institutional change in RHHS funding from 2004 to 2012

# Proportion of Institutions Reporting High Level Workforce Competencies



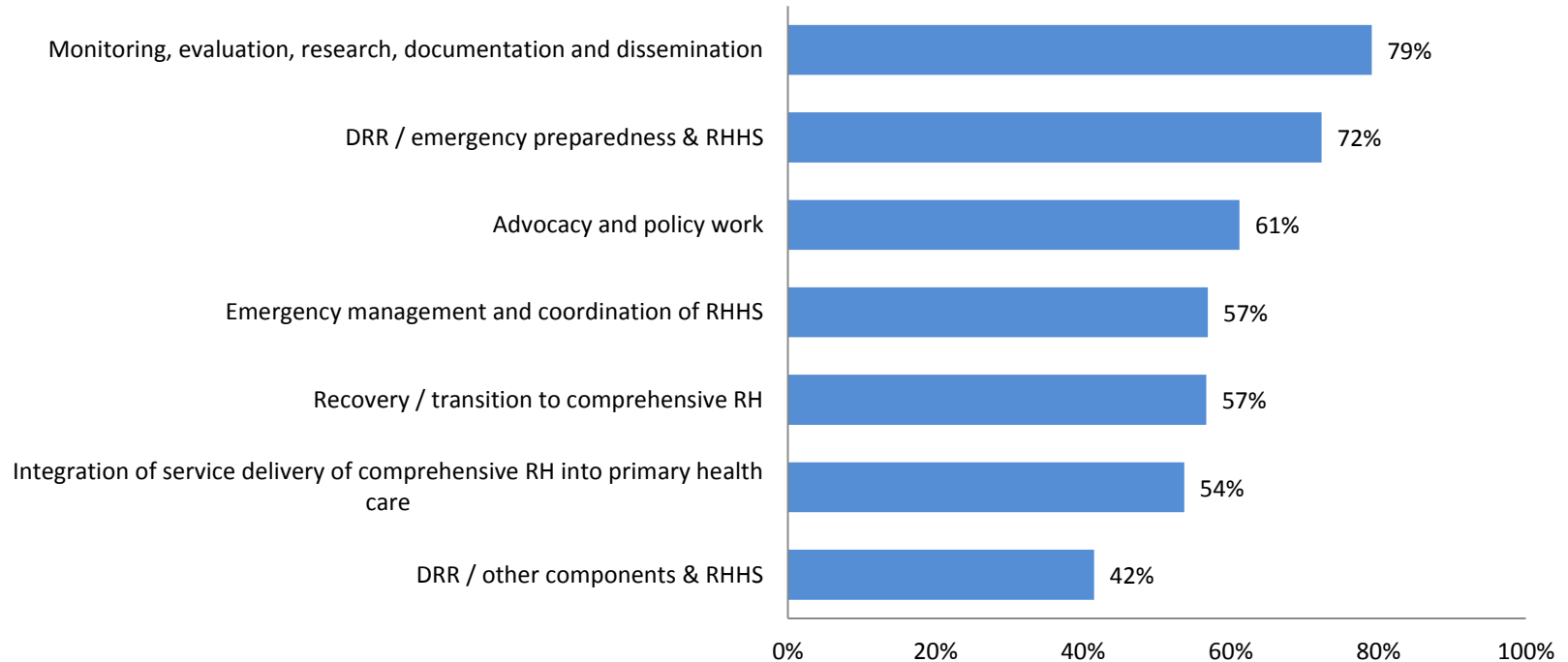
# Top Resource Materials since 2004



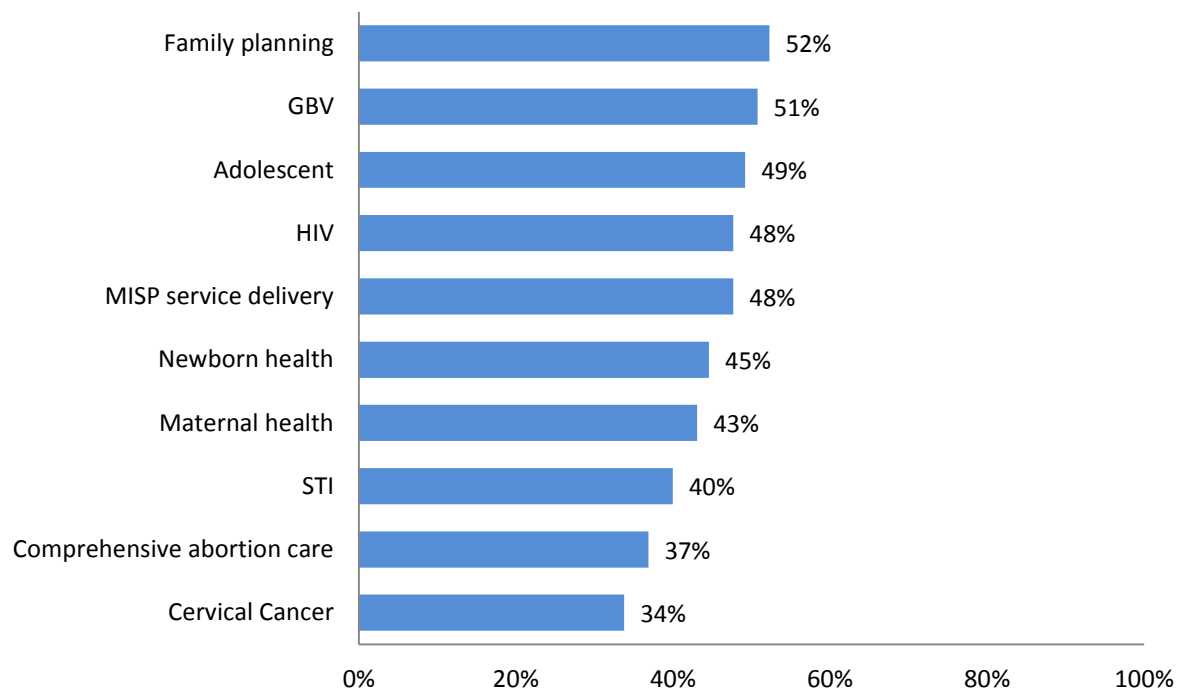
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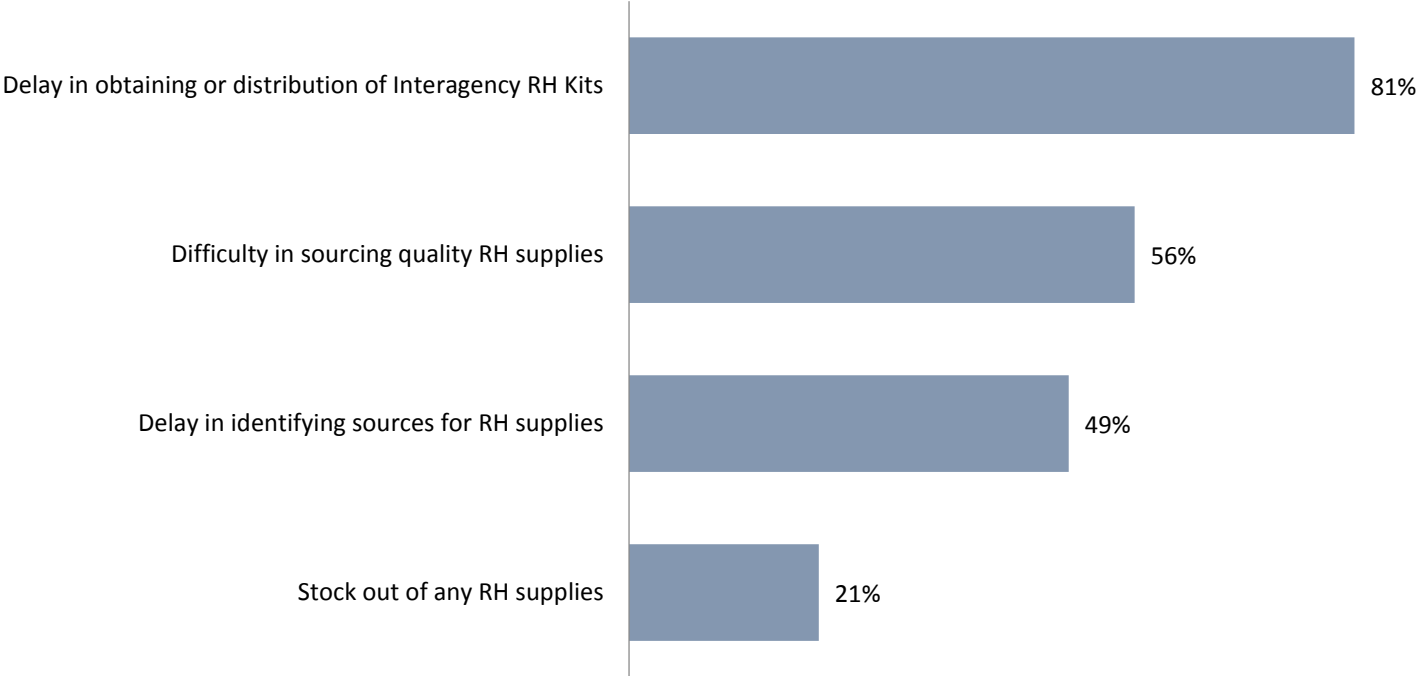
# Institutions Requiring Guidance from IAWG



# IAWG Clinical Guidance Needs



# RH Procurement Issues



■ RH procurement issues in previous 5 years





# Study Limitations

- Self-reported organizational capacity
- Non-probability sampling
- Agency representatives may have reported intentions
- Reported changes in organizational capacity over time relied on institutional memory

# Recommendations

- Formalize the Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) structure
- Continue annual work meetings and support to regional working groups on RHHS
- Systematically identify a lead agency to lead RH coordination in all emergencies
- Develop or adapt practical guidance for emerging topics
- Strengthen RH supply chain management and re-supply

# Recommendations

- Implement established mechanisms of accountability
- Advocate for engagement of development and humanitarian actors
- Strengthen formal partnerships and build resilience of crisis affected communities
- Ensure well-funded dissemination strategy for guidance resources
- Continuously improve quality and access to address gaps in service delivery