



MITIGATING THE PANDEMIC: ROLE OF CSOs

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CIVIL SOCIETY IN INDIA

Civil society is a collection of individual and collective initiatives for common public good

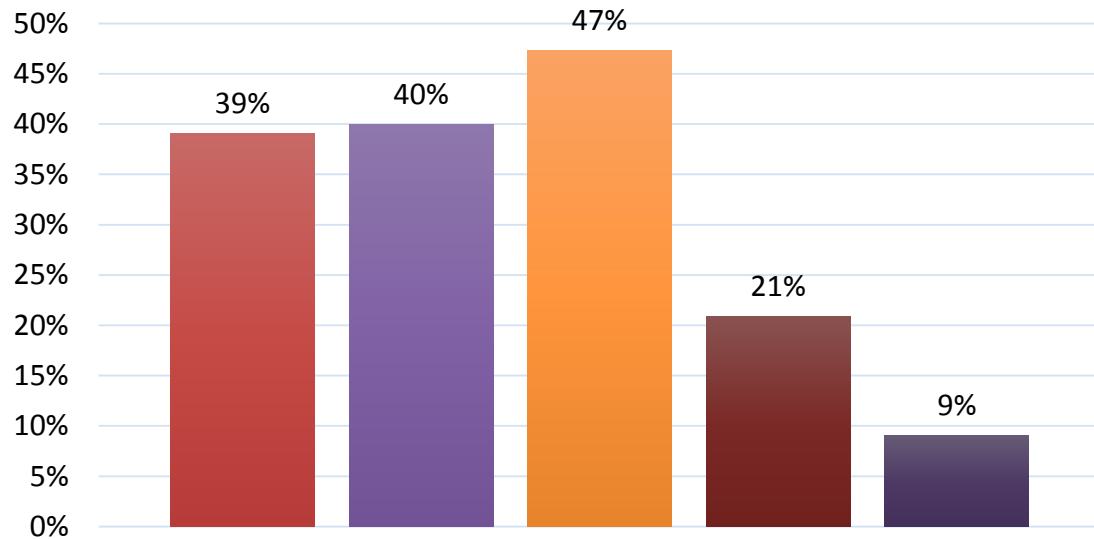
Civil society types

- Traditional associations
- Religious associations
- Social movements
- Membership associations
- Intermediary organisations

Historically civil society in India has made significant contribution in disaster response

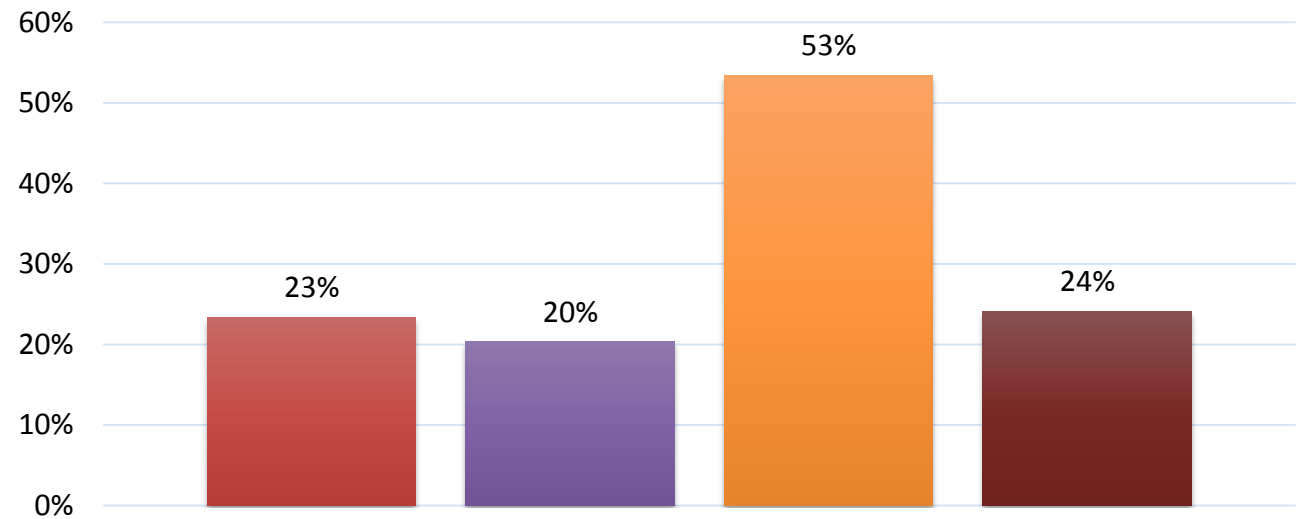
CHALLENGES FACED BY THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

Challenges faced by the Women



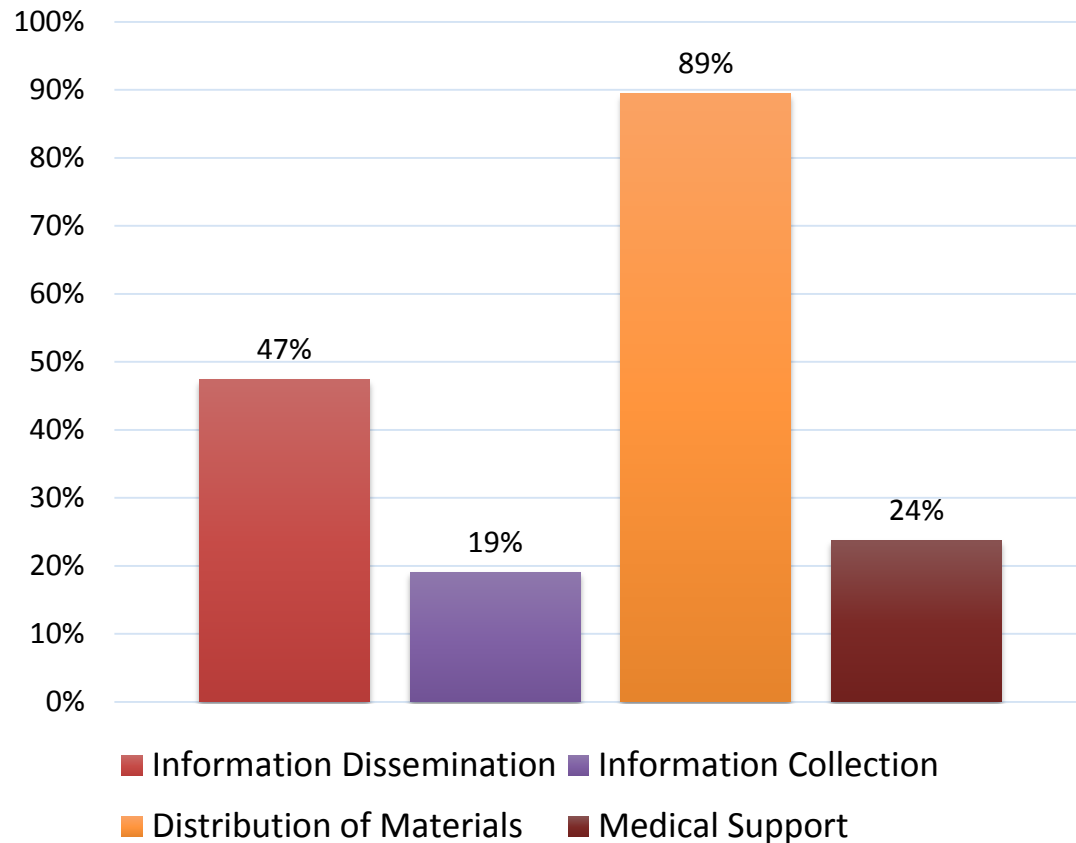
- Access to health services & products
- Lack of food & supplies
- Financial stress
- Domestic violence and neglect
- Burden of household work

Challenges faced by the Men



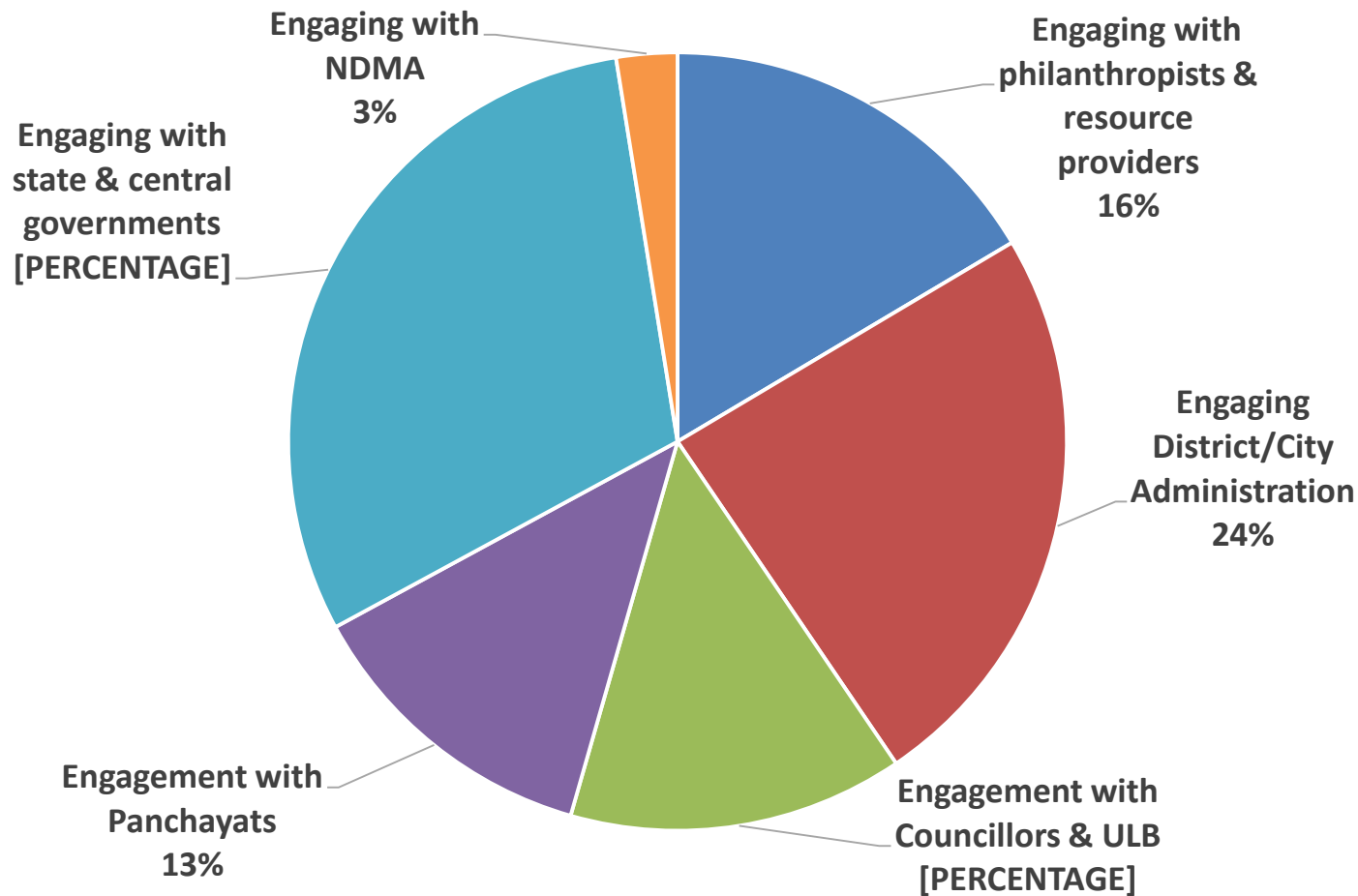
- Lack of access to health facilities including reduction in health seeking behaviour
- Lack of food supplies including lack of nutrition
- Financial difficulties
- Psychological stress

SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE CSOs TO AFFECTED COMMUNITIES



- **Providing relief support** – food, personal hygiene materials, cash, etc.
- **Awareness generation** – pandemic, health & hygiene, social protection schemes, etc.
- **Accessing social protection & welfare schemes**
- **Support to migrants** – information, establishing contacts with families, arranging special trains, safety
- **Livelihood support**
- **Psycho-social counselling**

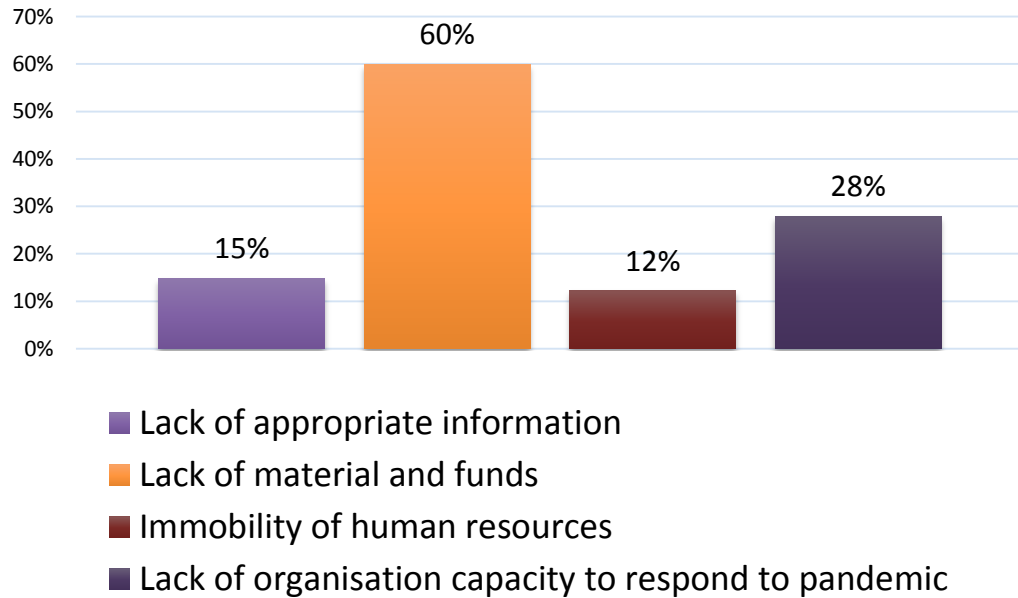
ENGAGING WITH INSTITUTIONS



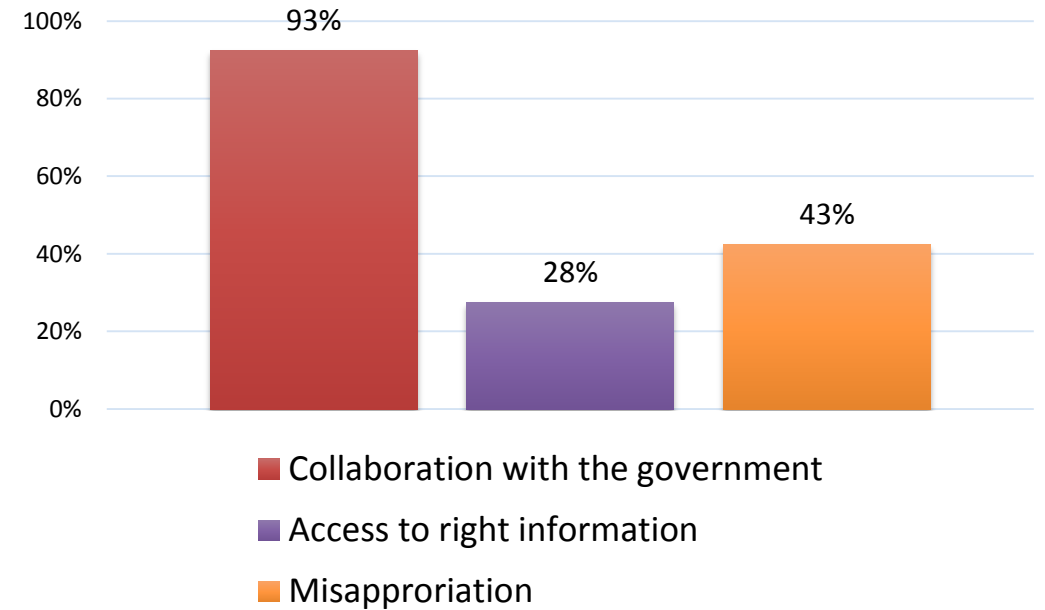
- Rapid surveys & assessment studies to understand and highlight the ground situation
- Mobilising knowledge & public education through online discussions and webinars
- Providing support to local governance institution – PRIs & ULBs
- Mobilising resources to accelerate support to the communities

CHALLENGES FACED BY CSOs

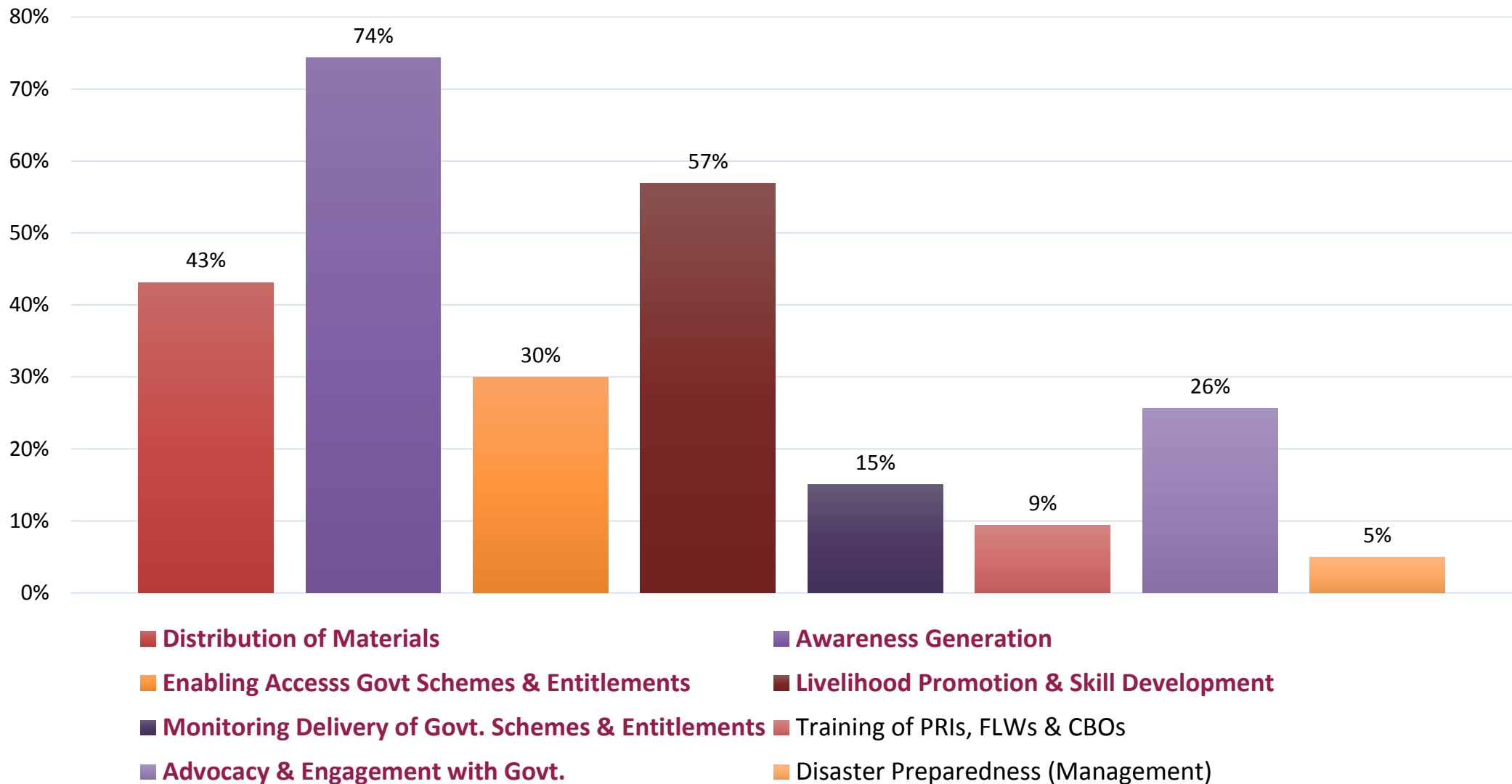
Organisational Challenges



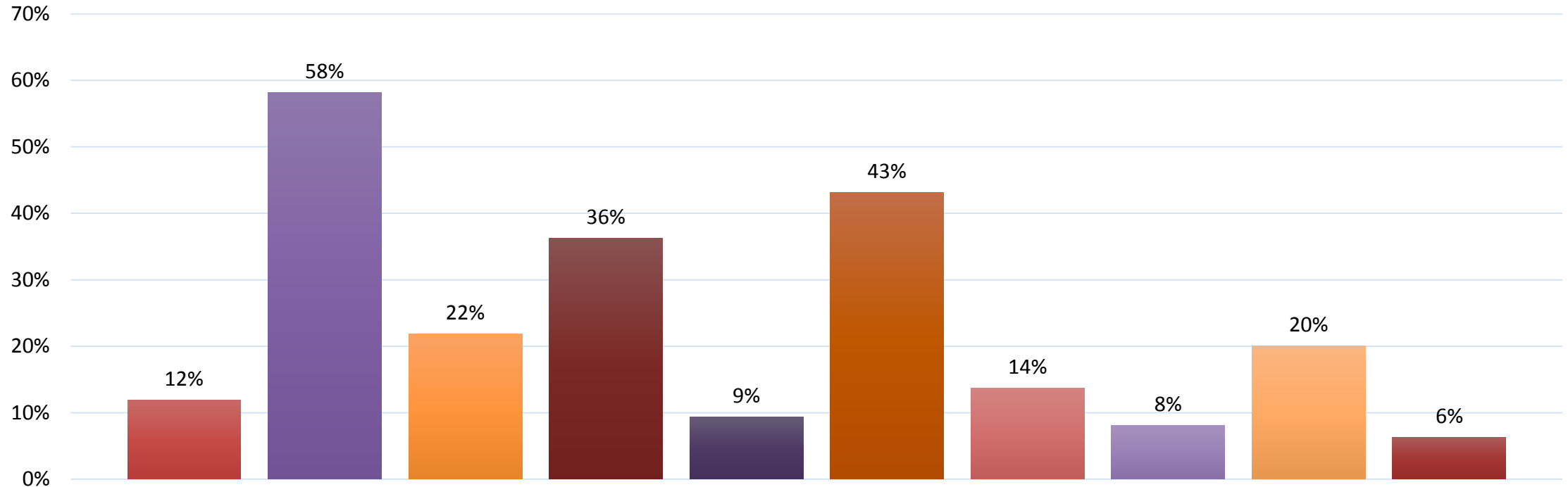
External Challenges



FUTURE INTERVENTIONS PROPOSED BY CSOs



FUTURE CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS OF CSOs



■ Use of Technology

■ Accessing Information/Knowledge

■ Project Management

■ Access to Resources

■ Access to Human Resources

■ Community Facilitation

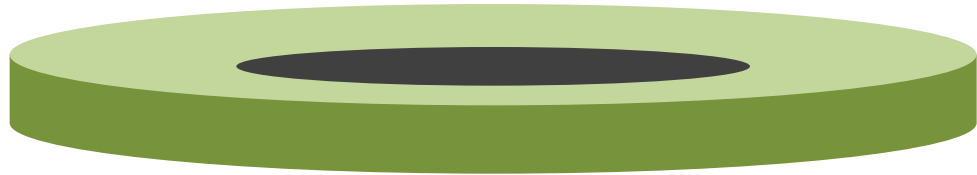
■ Livelihood for Communities

■ Networking & Partnership

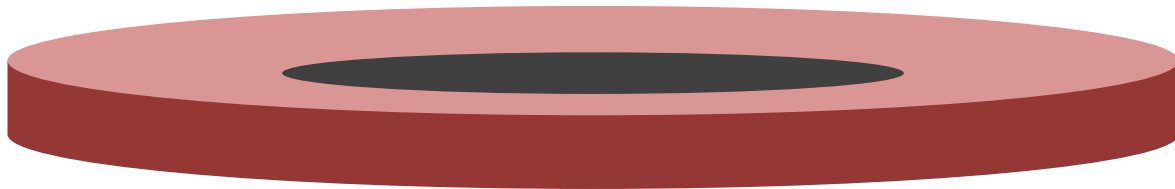
■ Advocacy & Engagement with Government

■ Monitoring of Community Entitlements

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CSOs



Provisioning of flexible resources



Strengthening partnership with government with a focus on ULBs



Reliable supply of capacity building

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