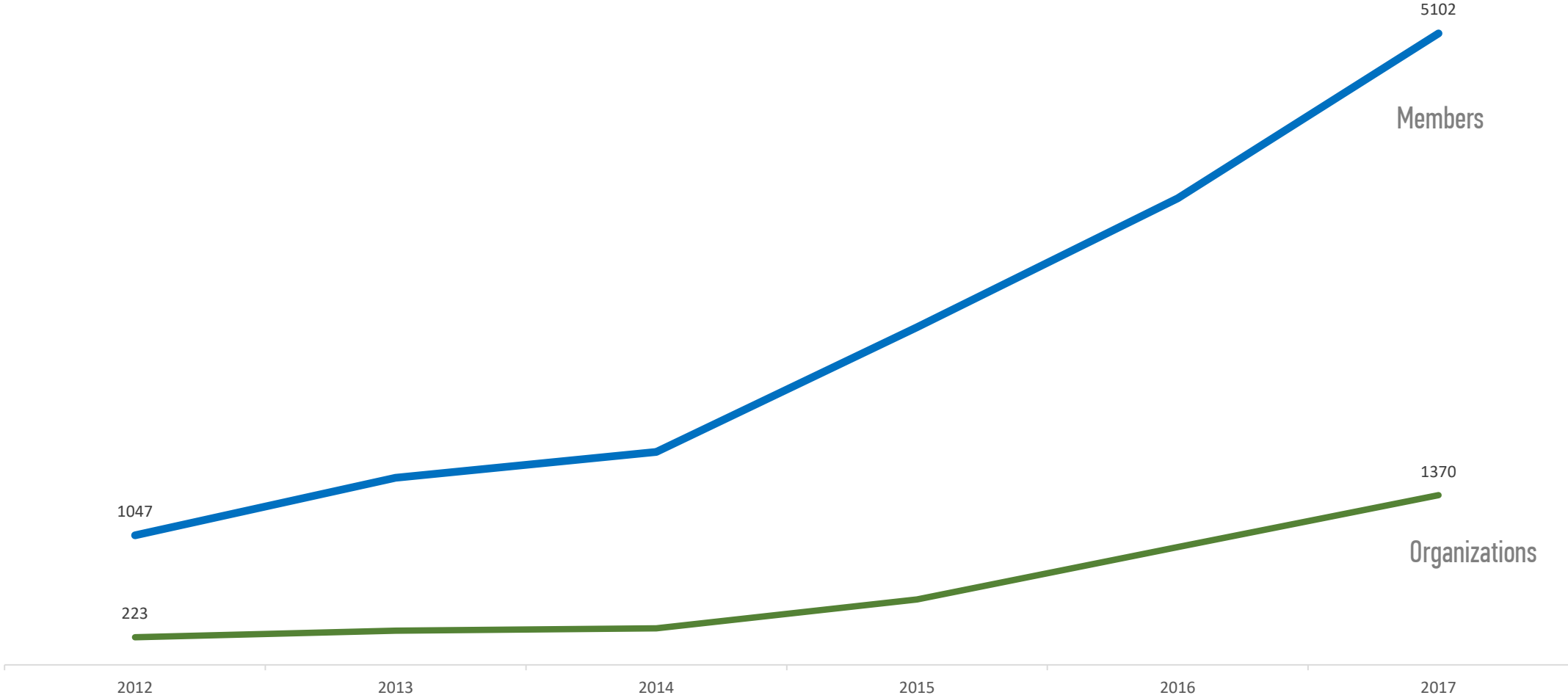


2017 Annual Network Survey Results

The third annual Global Legal Empowerment Network survey was carried out between January and March 2018. Over 250 respondents from 64 countries took part.

With each passing year, the Global Legal Empowerment Network grows and thrives.



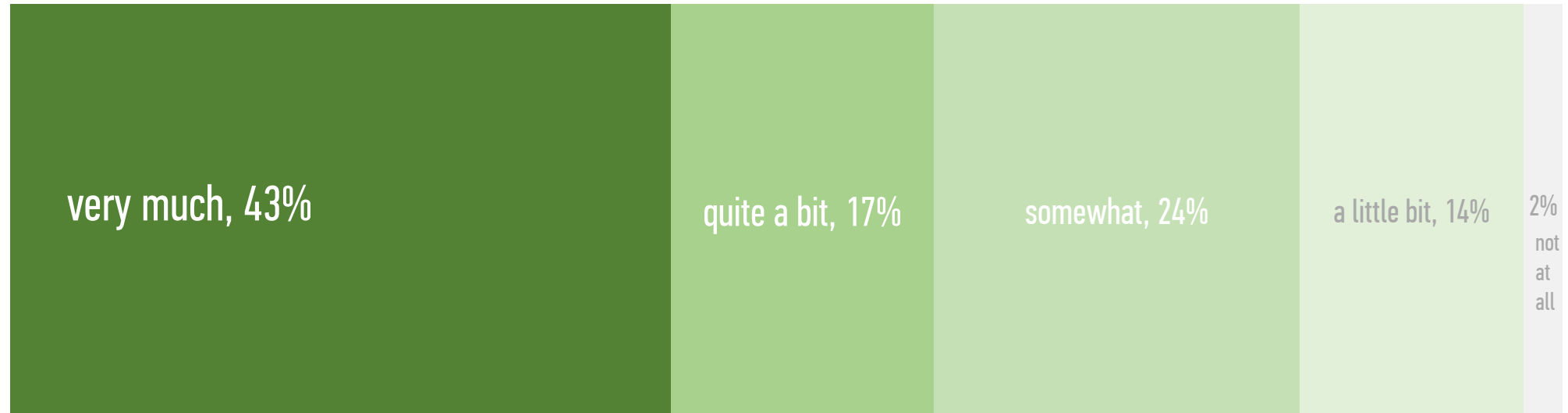
We learned a lot from the results.

————— Here are our most compelling findings —————>



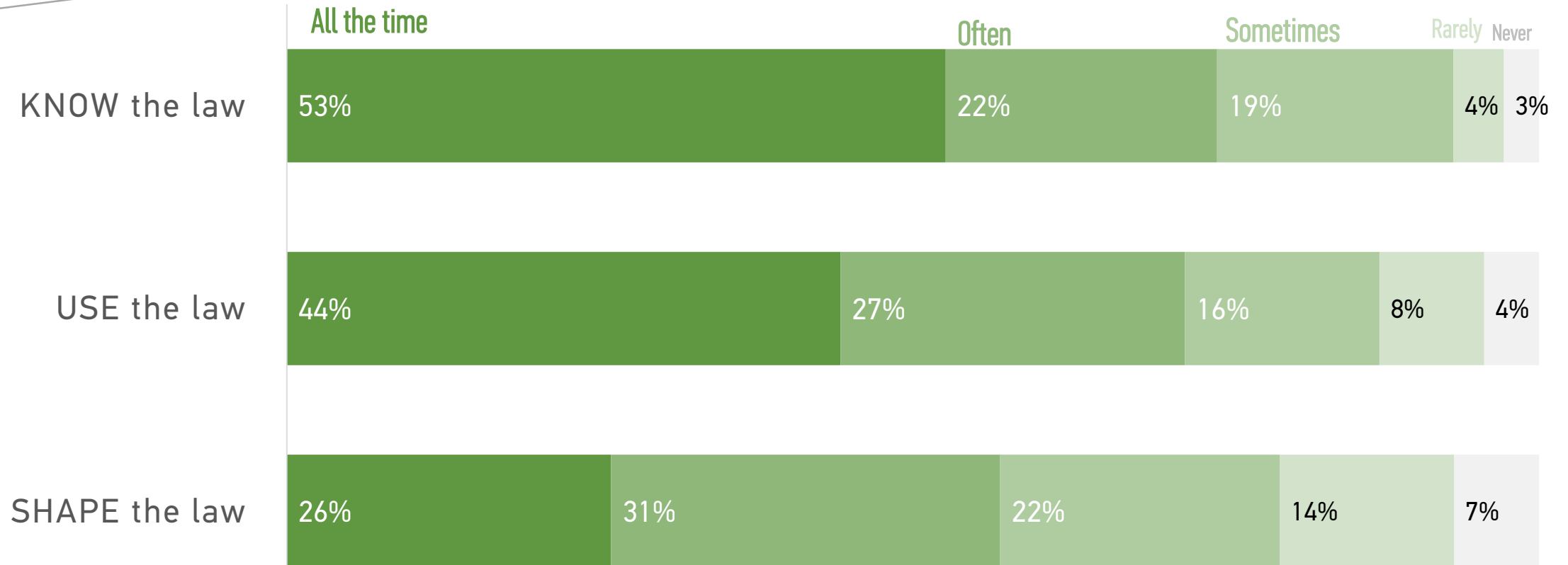
We are more than a Network. We are a community.

As a member of the Global Legal Empowerment Network, do you feel like you are part of a community?



We are united by a commitment to help people do three things:

How often do you help people to know, use, or shape the law?



We particularly value the chances we get to learn from one another...

Did you find any of the following learning resources useful?



... Because these opportunities help us to get better at what we do.



*“The **signing of petitions** and pledging of support has helped to redefine my Human Rights and social Justice Advocacy.”*



*“The Land Rights category in the **discussion forum** helped me solve land issues in my own country, Tanzania.”*

*“The **Grassroots Justice Prize** is an important vehicle for raising the profile and disseminating information about paralegals and the work they do.”*

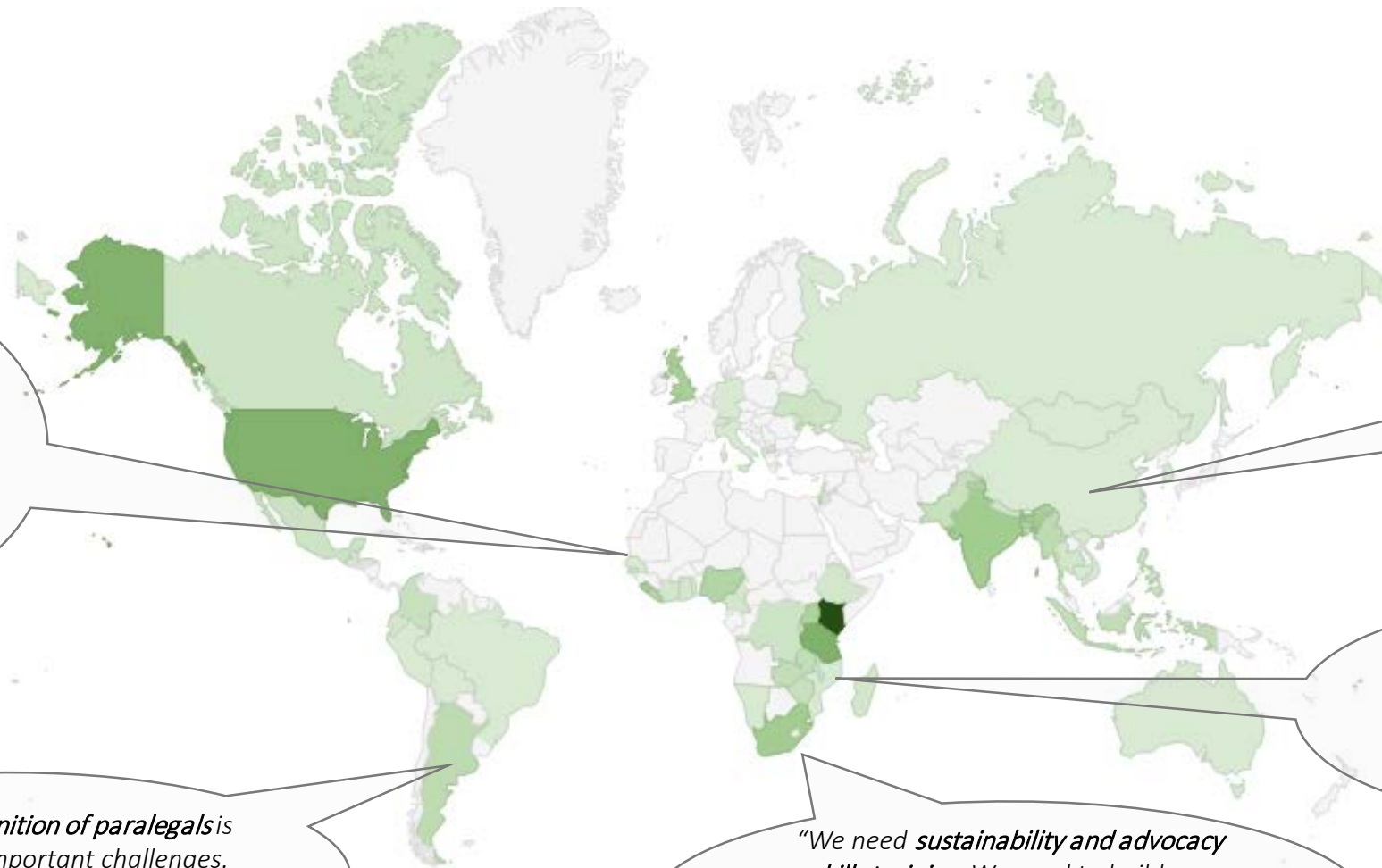


*“We adopted the “know law, use law, change law” framework after attending the **Legal Empowerment Leadership Course** in Budapest.”*

*“The information about Nubians in the **Paralegal Guidebook** has proven so useful in leading us towards fighting for the rights of slum-dwellers in danger of eviction due to gentrification.”*



Members now demand more ways to develop skills in technical areas (e.g. monitoring & evaluation), as well as in adapting legal empowerment methods for specific issues areas (e.g. women's rights).



"More resources available in French please! **Build capacity on specific competencies** like monitoring, evaluation, data collection, processing, and impact measuring."

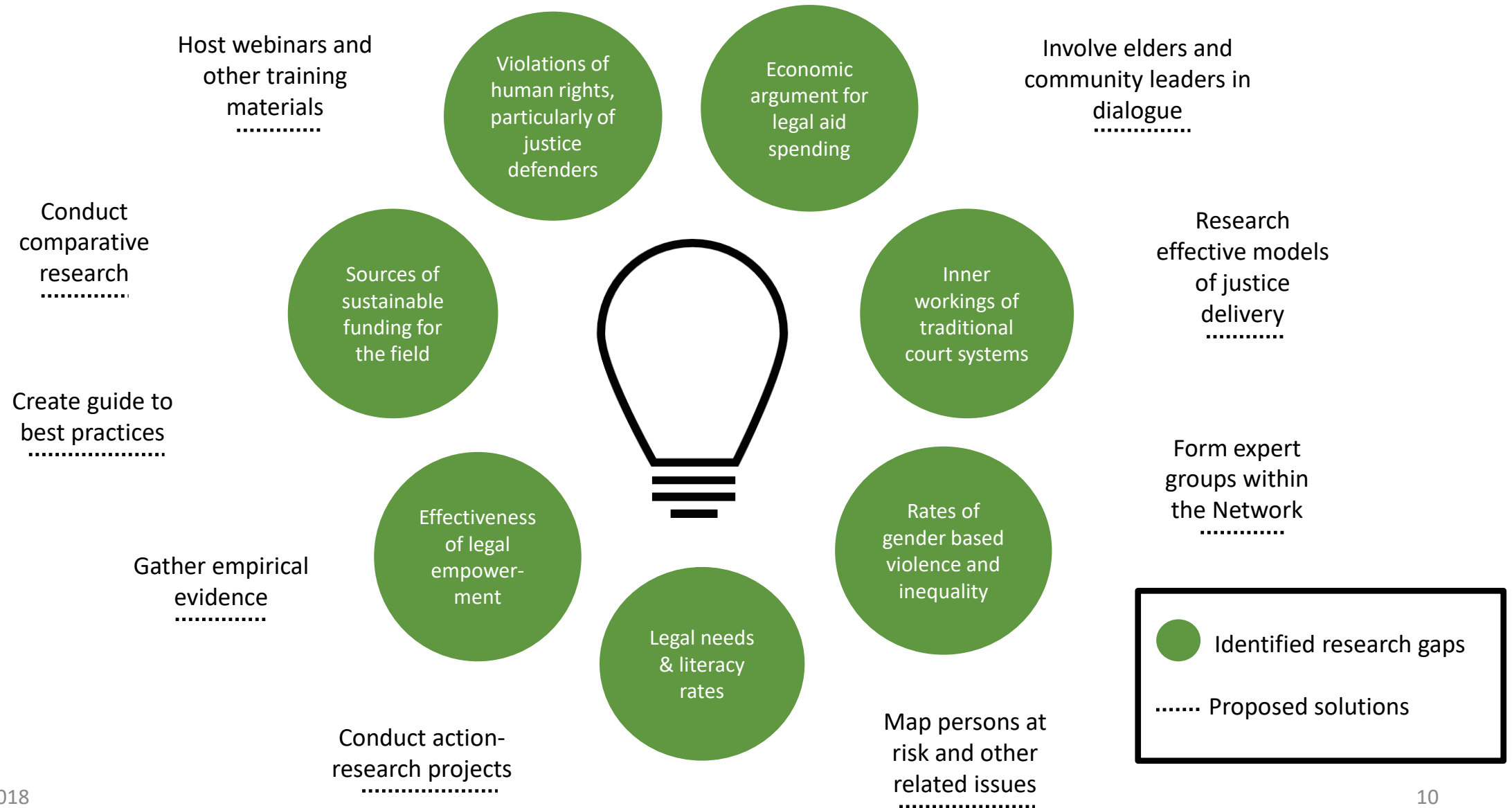
"We would like to see more of a focus on **ways to intercede on corruption.**"

"The **rights of women and environmental justice** needs to be a priority in our region. We face many violations."

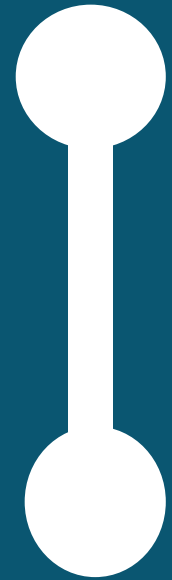
"The **formal recognition of paralegals** is one of the most important challenges. The Network could use **advocacy campaigns** to put this on the agenda."

"We need **sustainability and advocacy skills training.** We need to build our capacity on fundraising, engaging with donors, and connecting with relevant funders."

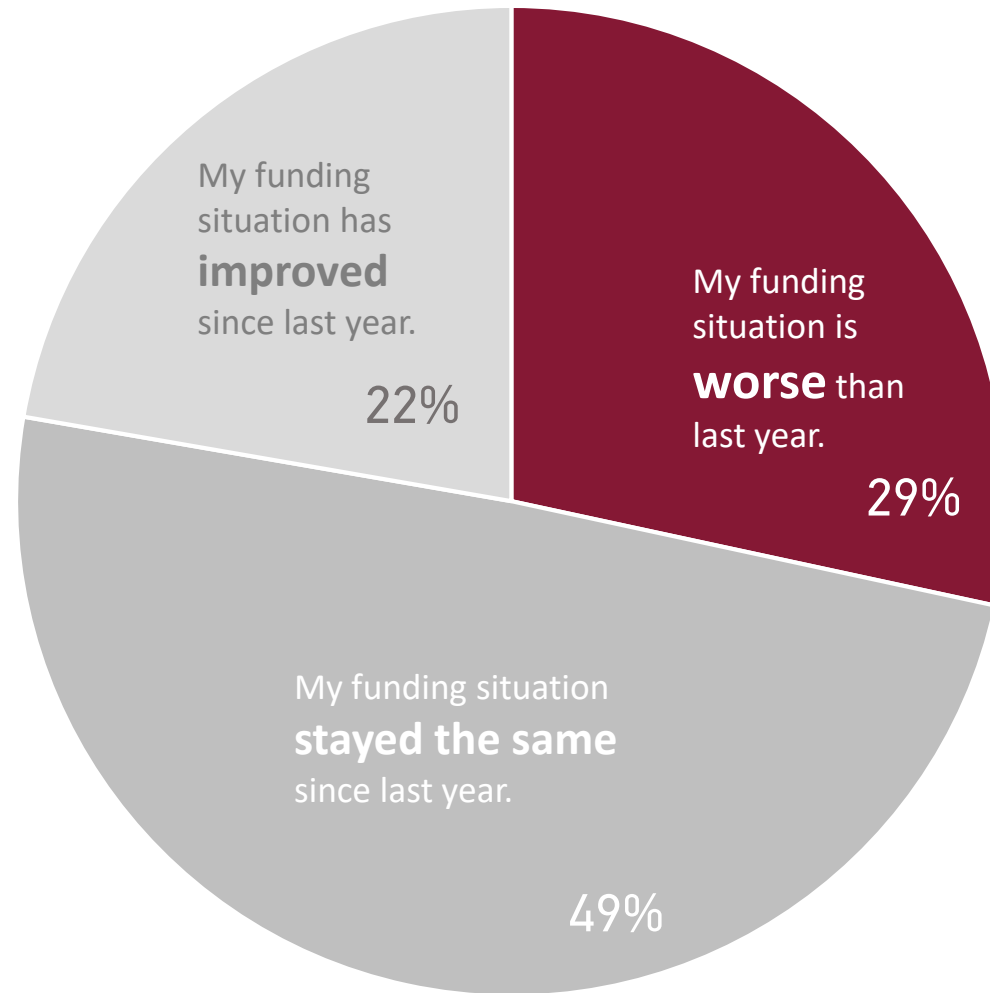
We are eager to start focusing on a few key areas of research.



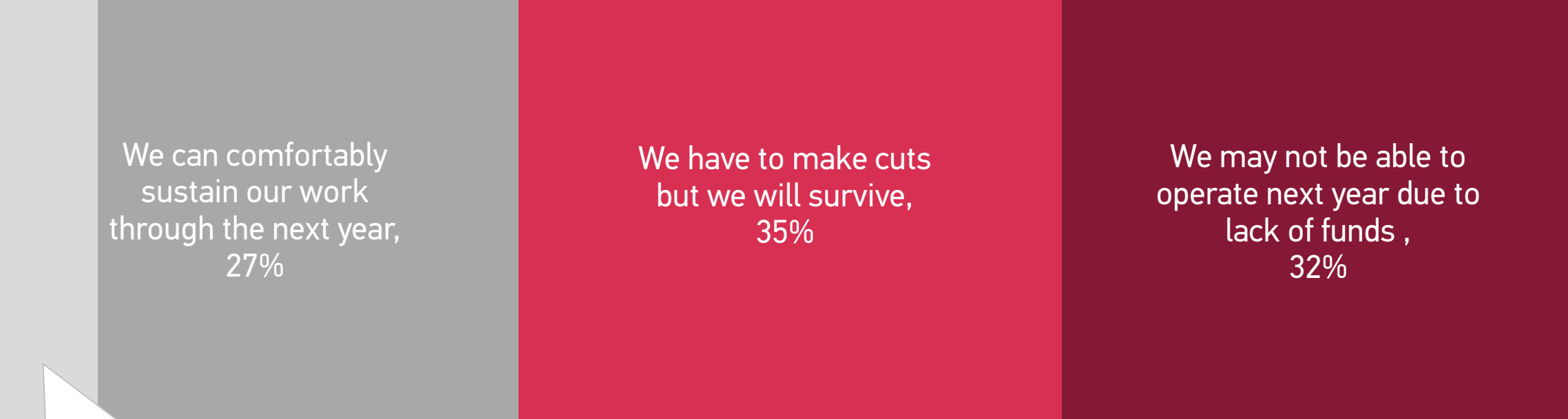
We also acknowledge that, to reach our full potential,
we must address two fundamental challenges.



Our field faces a funding crisis.

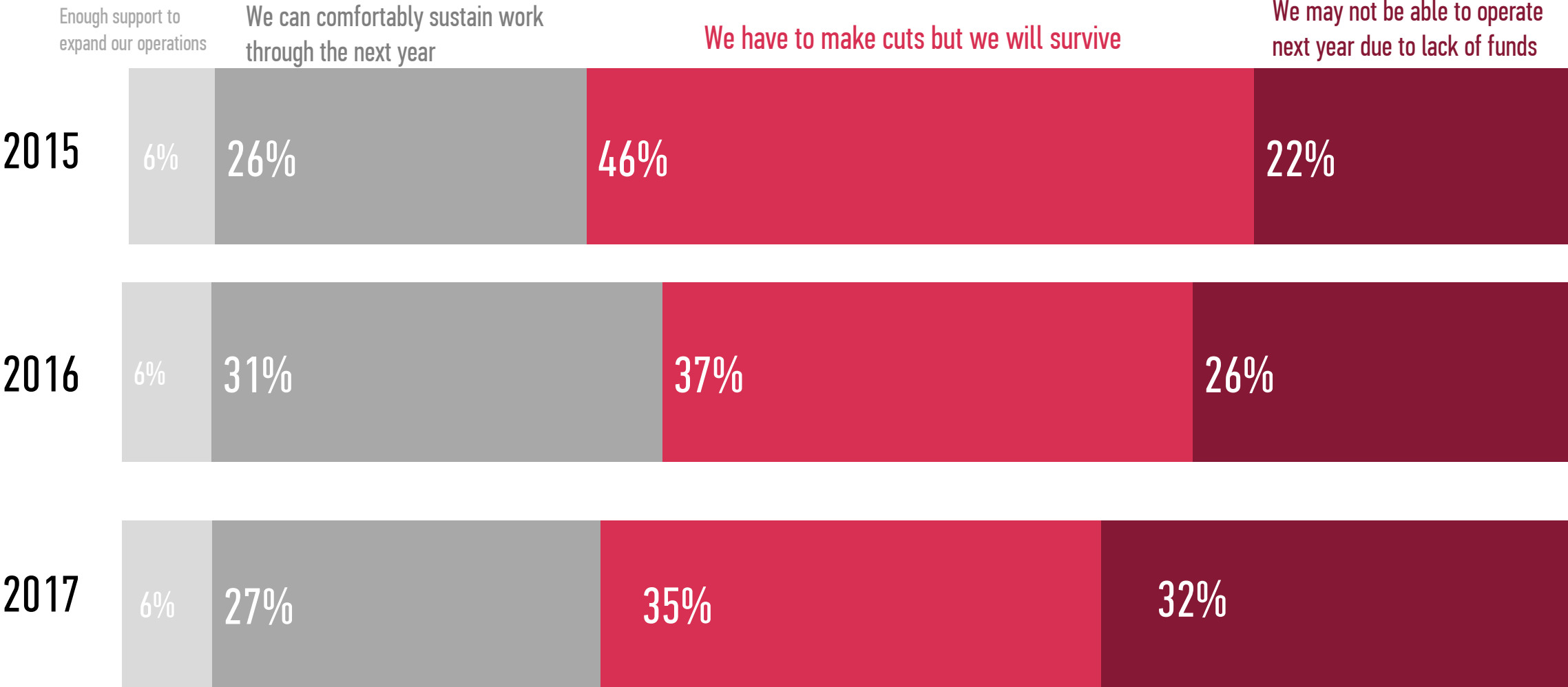


67% of us either had to make cuts or may not be able to operate in the coming year due to funding sustainability concerns.

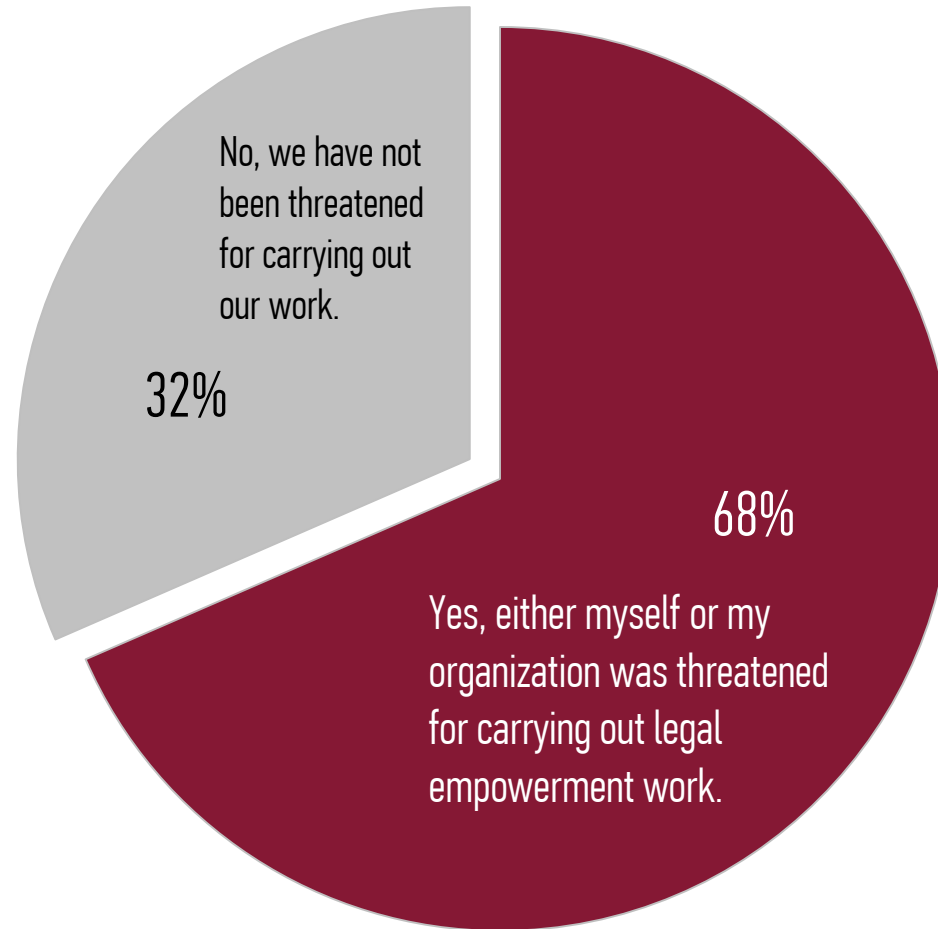


We have enough support to expand our operations , 6%

This is not new. It's a consistent message since we began our annual surveys in 2015.

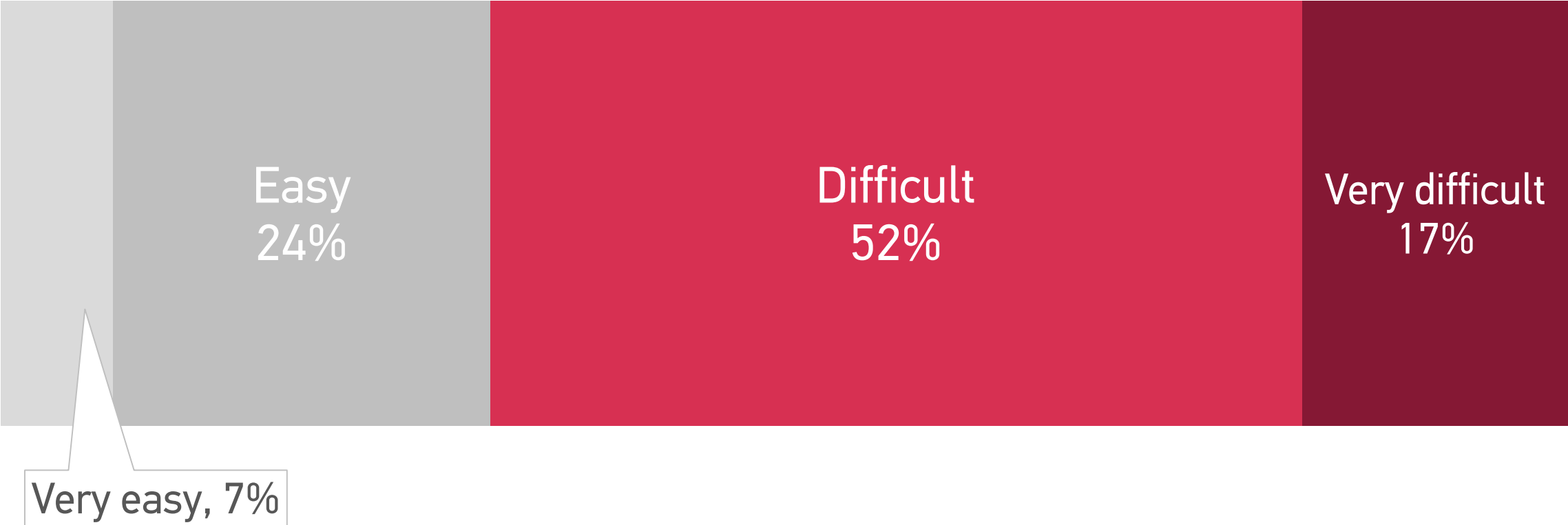


Our work puts us at risk. Grassroots legal advocates around the world are under threat.

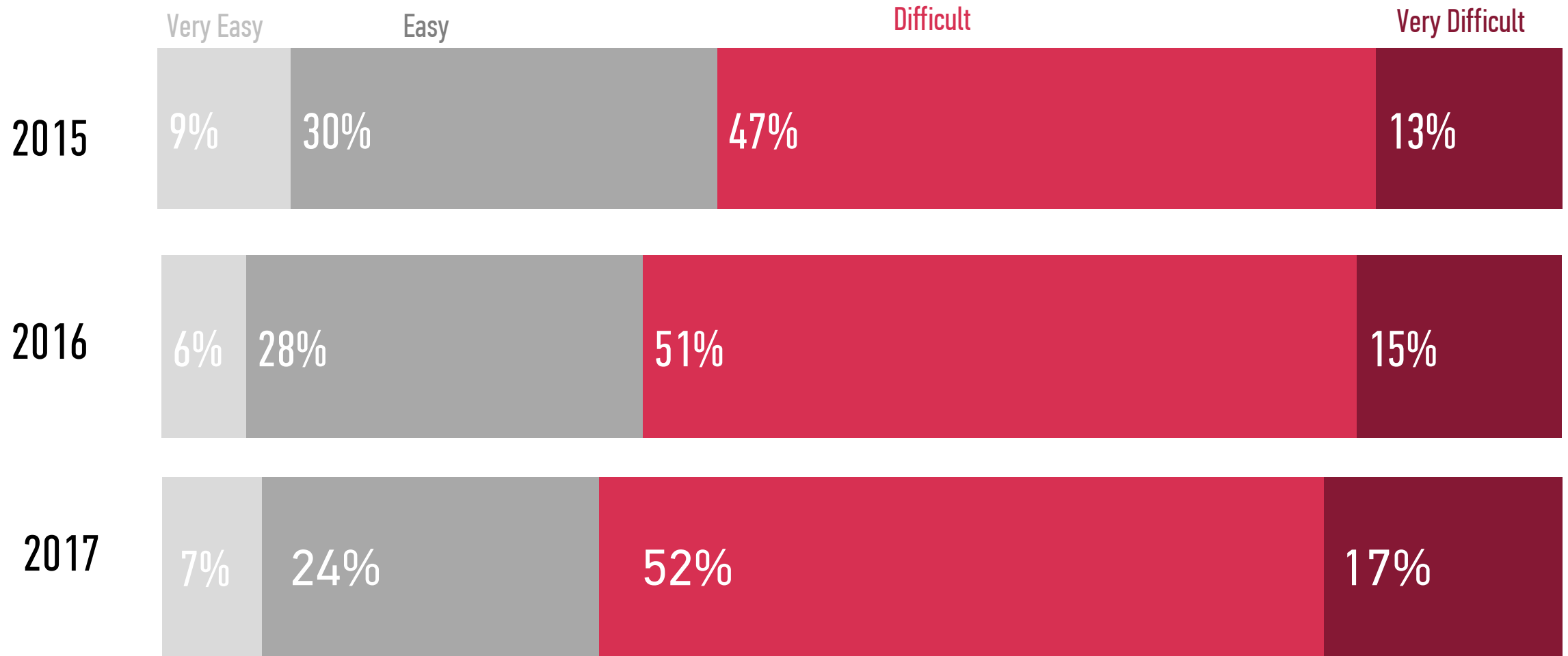


The social and political contexts in which we work are challenging. This doesn't help our safety.

How difficult is it to do legal empowerment work in our country, considering the political and social environment?



This phenomenon doesn't seem to be improving in recent years. If anything, it's getting worse.



Because of this, **network members' leading priority** is to

advocate for greater financing and protection

for legal empowerment globally.



This is why we are launching our new campaign.



<https://justiceforall2030.org>

Our network is fired up for the  **JUSTICE FOR ALL** campaign.

96% of us said we wanted to be involved.

Together, we ranked our **top 3 priorities** for the campaign.



Stand up to those who oppress justice defenders by documenting, exposing, and speaking out against oppression

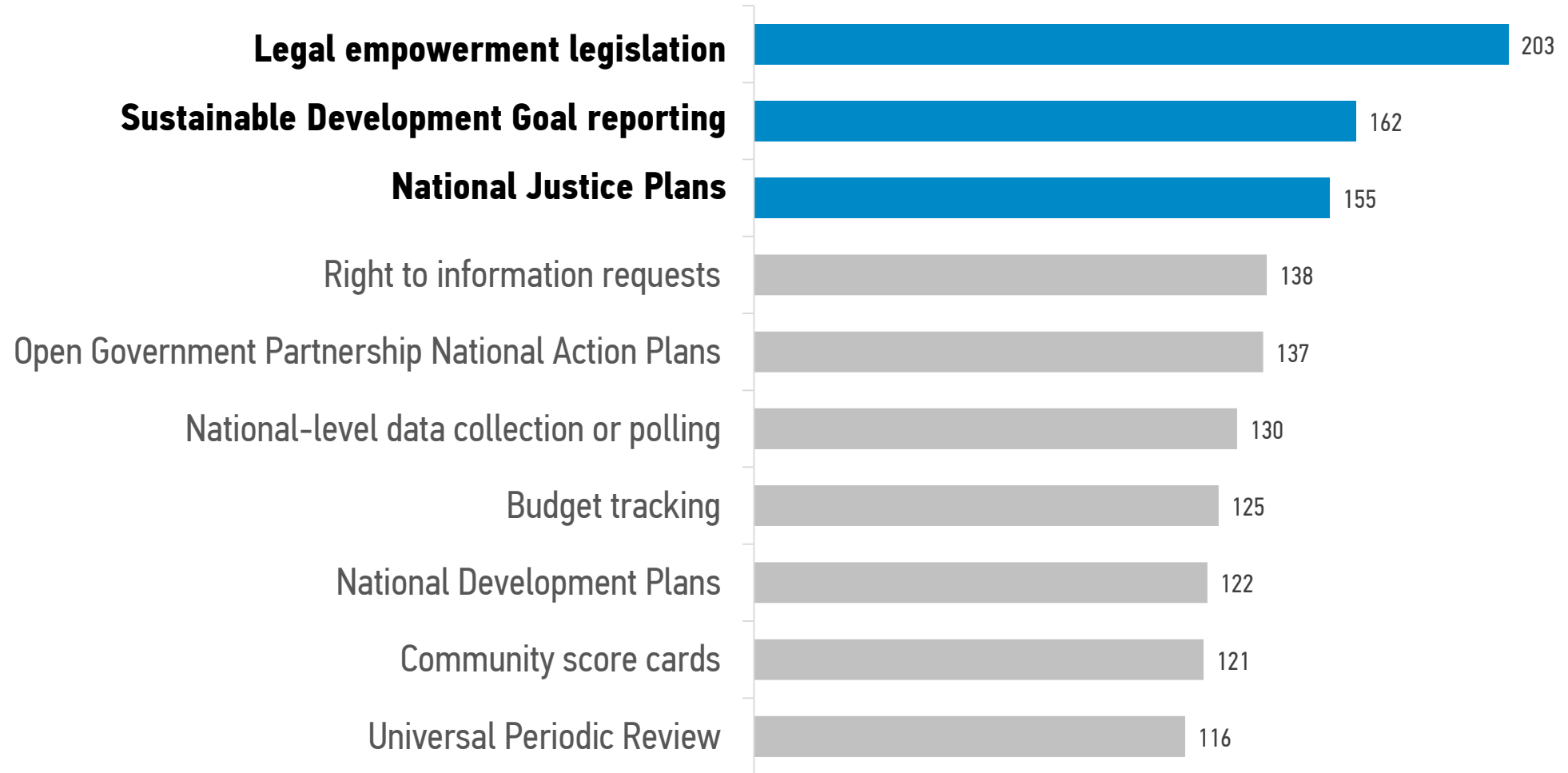


Achieve public funding for access to justice and legal empowerment at all levels



Improve partnership and coordination among governments, donors, and civil society to better utilize existing financing, fill gaps, and utilize learning

We identified a number of advocacy processes that will help us to achieve our goals.



We brainstormed ways in which the  JUSTICE FOR ALL campaign can help our work.

- Tell the stories of justice defenders, especially those that are under threat to give them legitimacy and protection*
- Bring more funding to the legal empowerment field*
- Uplift local grassroots agendas to the national and international level*
- Raise awareness around the concept of legal empowerment*
- Influence decisive moments of political opportunity, i.e. ahead and right after elections*
- Work with major development actors to amend their strategies to include legal empowerment*

Join us as we take these ideas forward.

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