

**Feedback Survey for Online Seminar on Ageing under the
COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)

This feedback survey was conducted following up on the online seminar held in December 16, 2020 on “Ageing under the COVID 19 Pandemic.” The survey was intended to assess the usefulness of the seminar in view of AFPPD’s objectives and seminar contents (in needs and timeliness) as well as needed improvements to stimulate interests in future AFPPD activities.

The survey compilation reveals an overall positive view on the seminar. The seminar is regarded as--useful particularly in terms of reactivation of AFPPD and responses to COVID-19. The respondents expressed their interest in continuing with the same issue (Ageing, particularly under the COVID-19) as the focus of AFPPD’s activities. The survey indicates that the seminar was useful in terms of formulation of policies and legislations, but further discussion and more information are necessary to strengthen the governments’ accountability and commitments.

The presentation of Life-Cycle Approach is viewed as useful, and the respondents are willing to disseminate the video (Note: some countries respondents are awaiting the availability of video.)

The survey also indicates that an important role for AFPPD to play is that of “platform” for knowledge sharing, especially as concerns the best practice and the facilitation of capacity-building for communication and media relations.

The written comments at the end of the survey confirmed the usefulness of the seminar as well as the expectation and hope that AFPPD would play a vital role in network-building and peer-to-peer learning among Asian parliamentarians.

The survey was framed in three parts: the first section was for logistics (Question 1-3), the second section (Question 4-14) was for the seminar, and the third section (Question 15-17) was for future activities.

The number of responses was rather limited: 13 responses were received, out of which five were from Japan; two were from the Philippines, and the rest is from 6 countries (India, South Korea, Cambodia, Kazakhstan, China, and Mongolia). The roles of these respondents are identified as:

Role of the Seminar	No. of Respondents
Presenter	4
Organizer	3
Supporter	1
Participant	4
Other	1

Section 1 (Logistics):

- The length of the seminar of 3 hours (Q1) was, generally considered to be “just right,” but a few participants thought it could be shortened to approximately two hours.
- All responses had relatively good internet connections (Q2), but some experienced minor interruptions.

- Concerning “opportunities for interaction” (Q3), there were mixed reviews. While close to 70% of respondents expressed satisfaction, agreeing that the seminar provided a good opportunity for interaction among participants, a little over 30% of respondents indicated somewhat limited interaction-opportunities during the seminar.

Section 2 (Seminar Contents)

- In terms of reactivating AFPPD activities (Q4), the seminar was successful--with all respondents viewing it as either “very useful” or “useful.”
- However, positive responses somewhat diminished in terms of the seminar’s efficacy in establishing AFPPD in view of its objectives: (1) to establish itself as an effective peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing platform (Q5); (2) to catalyze global health governance, as well as future governance structures, related to population issues (Q6).
- As for the Ageing issues (Q7-10), in terms of policy and legislative formulation, the seminar was viewed as either “useful” or “very useful” (12 out of 13 responses), with positive views slightly decreasing in terms of government commitment and implementation.
- To improve the lives of the Aged (Q10): improving service quality and government measures in response to emergencies were considered the top priorities.
- The presentation of “the Life-Cycle Approach” (Q11-14) was regarded as either “useful” or “very useful” in terms of applicability to Ageing issues and to national development. Almost all respondents have committed to disseminating the video in accordance with the specific means described in the answer to Q14.

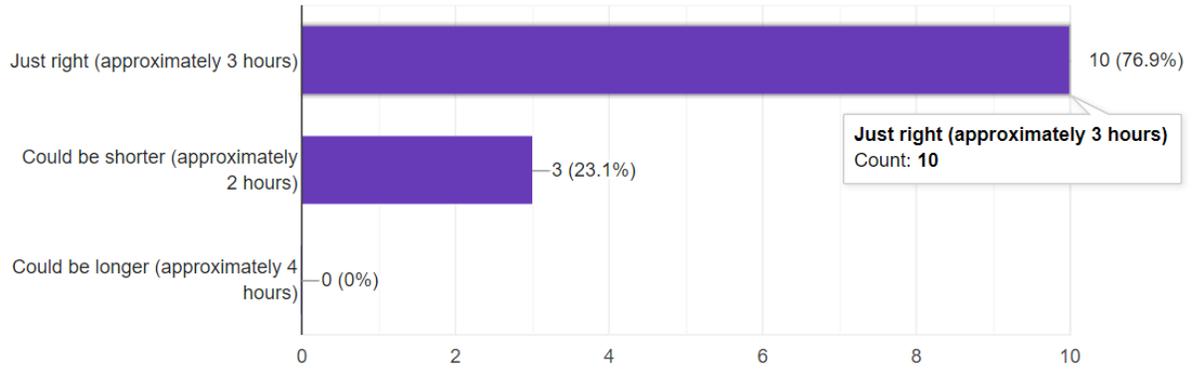
Section 3 (Future Activities)

- As for focusing AFPPD’s activities (Q15): Sharing “Best Practice” information is regarded as most important, and “Facilitating the Network” as second most important.
- For this year (Q16), Ageing is regarded as the first thematic area on which to focus, followed by Youth and Gender.
- The top three more specific issues for this year’s focus were: 1) Continuation of Ageing under the COVID-19 Pandemic; 2) Age Social Welfare and 3) Youth Education.
- For capacity-building activities (Q17), “Communication and Media Skills” and “Project Management Skills and Knowledge” were regarded as the top two activities on which AFPPD ought to focus.

The responses to each question are presented below:

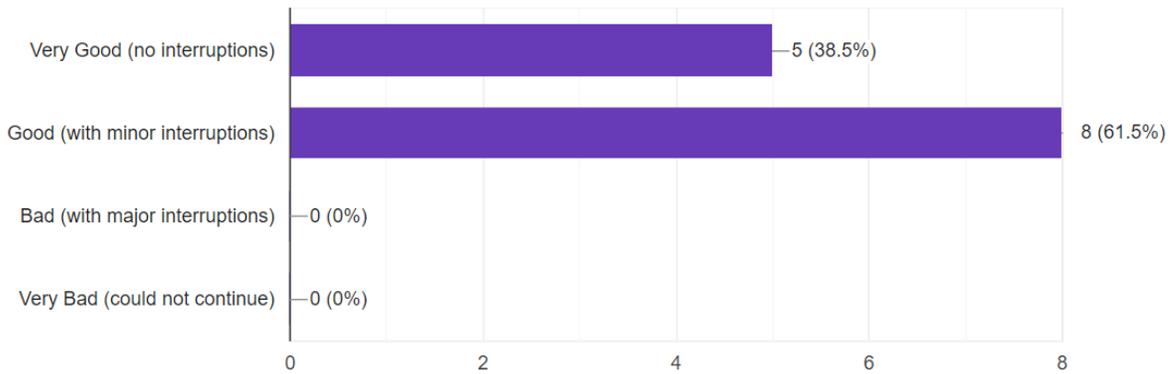
1. Seminar Duration (choose one of the following)

13 responses



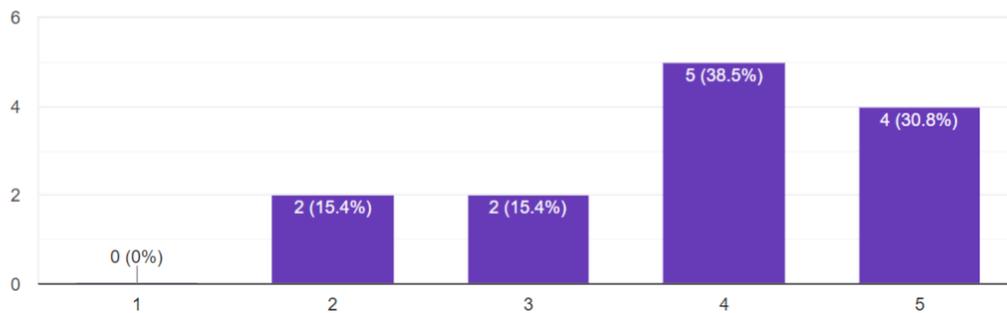
2. Internet Connection:

13 responses



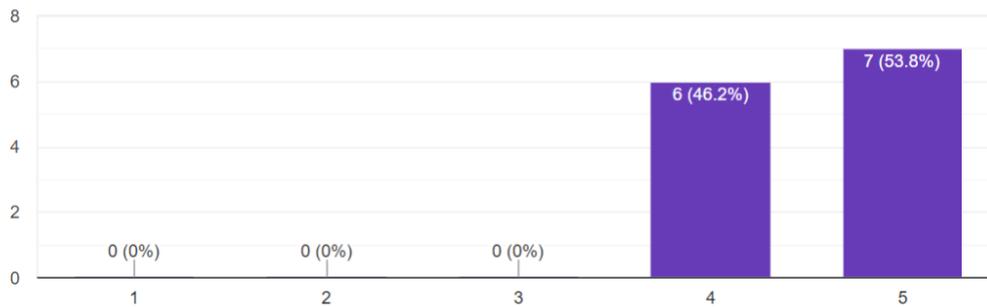
3. Opportunities for interaction among participants:

13 responses



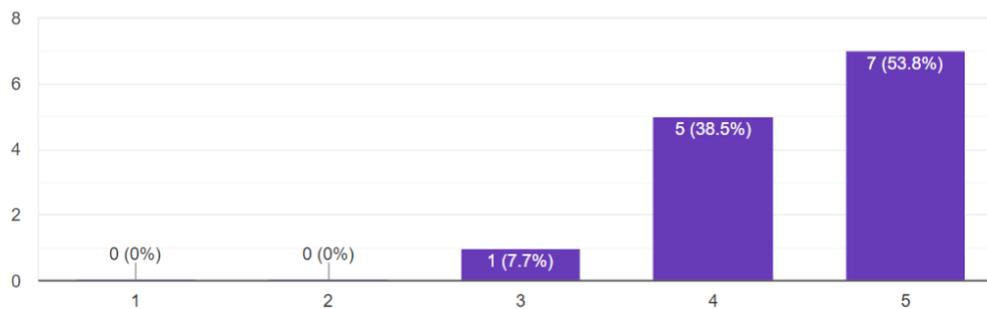
4. For uniting and strengthening the basis for reactivating AFPPD activities:

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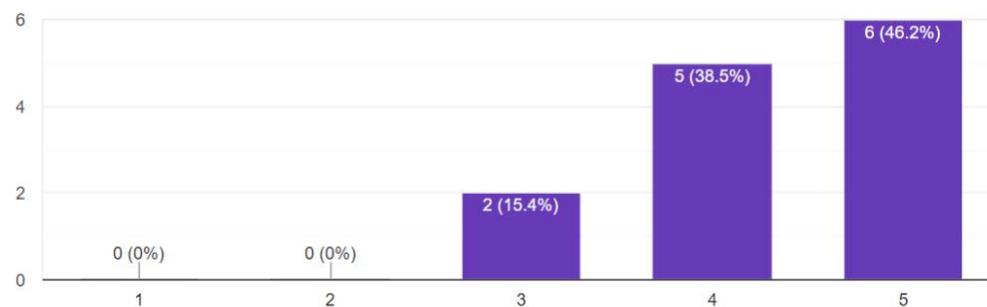
5. For establishing AFPPD as an effective peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing platform:

13 responses



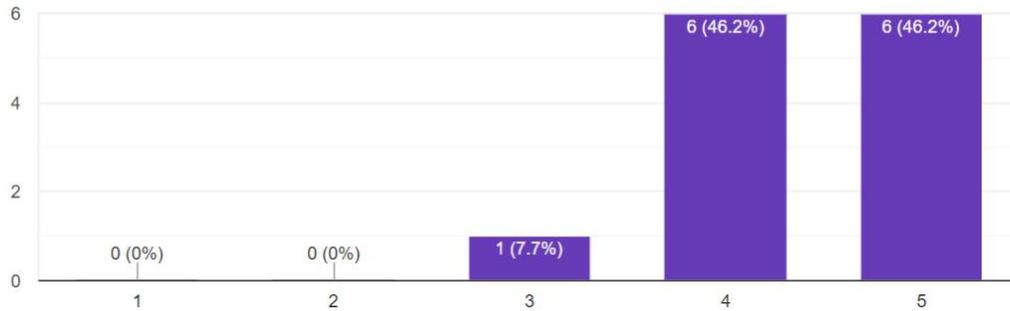
6. For catalyzing global health governance, as well as future governance structures related to population issues:

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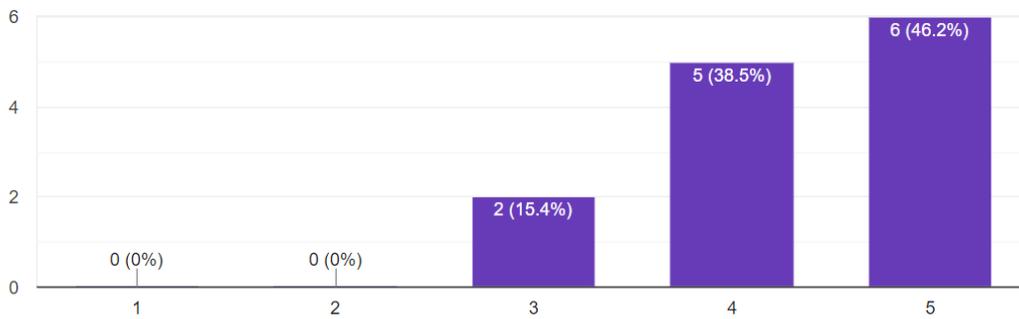
7. In terms of advocating for and formulating and amending policies and legislation for an ageing population:

13 responses



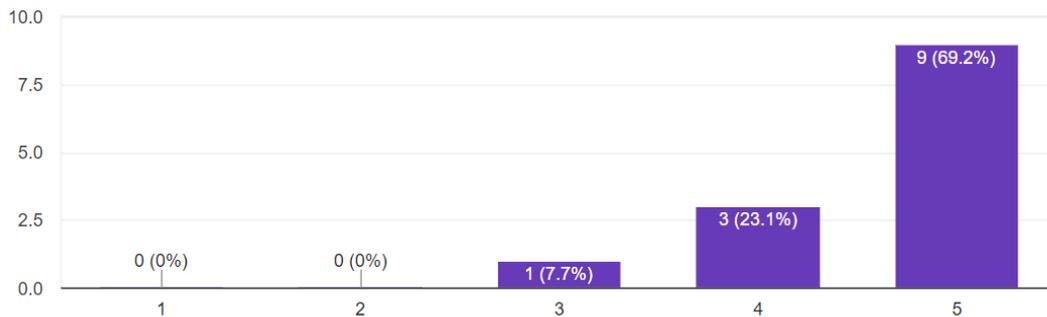
8. In terms of holding governments accountable for their commitment and implementation of ageing issues in one's own or an affiliated country:

13 responses

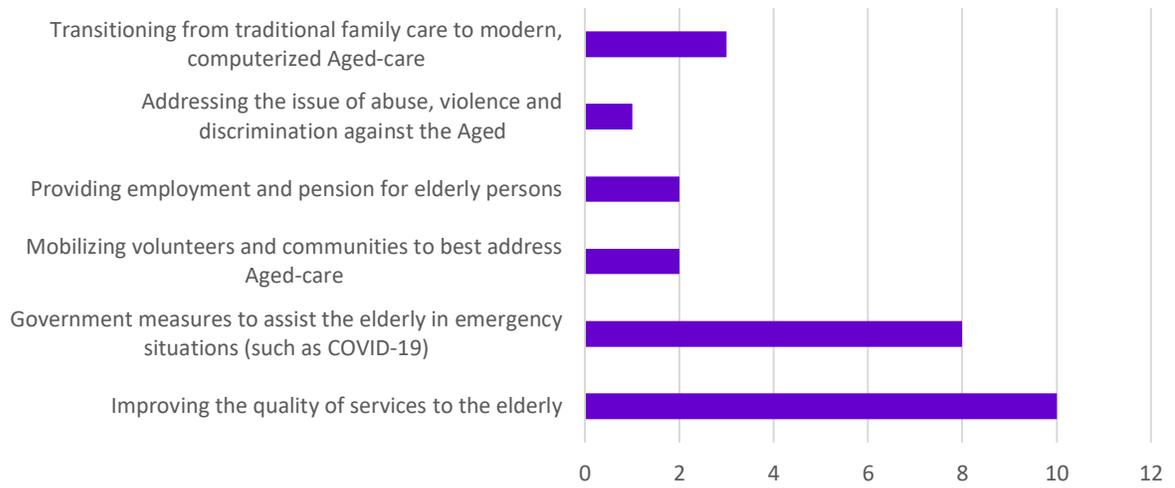


9. In terms of better understanding ageing issues during COVID 19:

13 responses

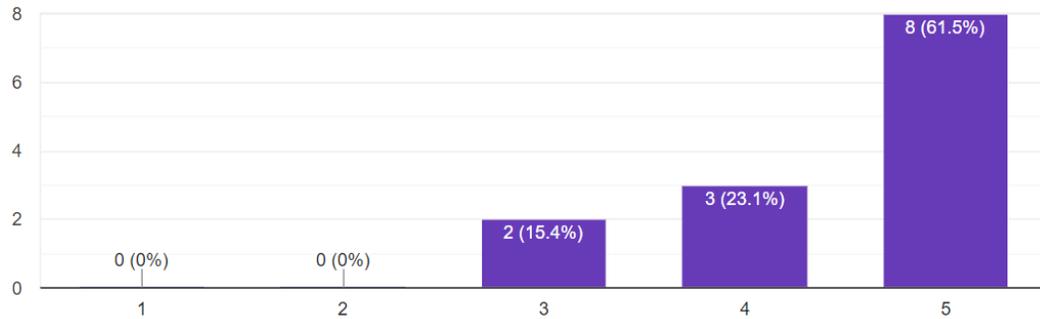


10. Among the issues listed below, choose two priorities that are most likely to improve the lives of the Aged in your country:



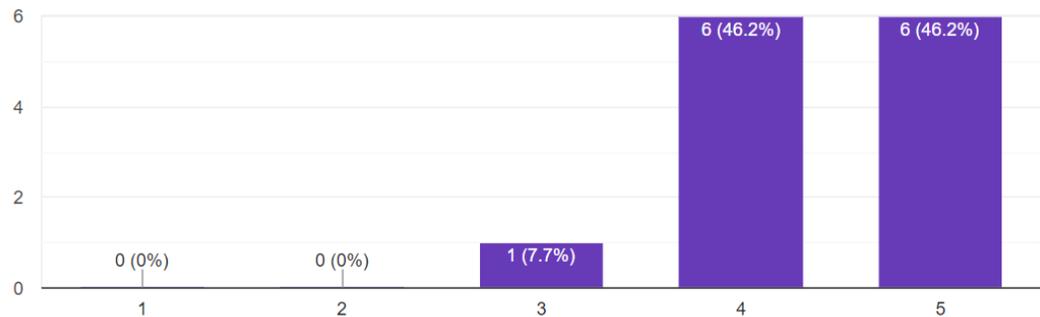
11. For better understanding the definition of “The Life-Cycle Approach” and its applicability to ageing issues:

13 responses



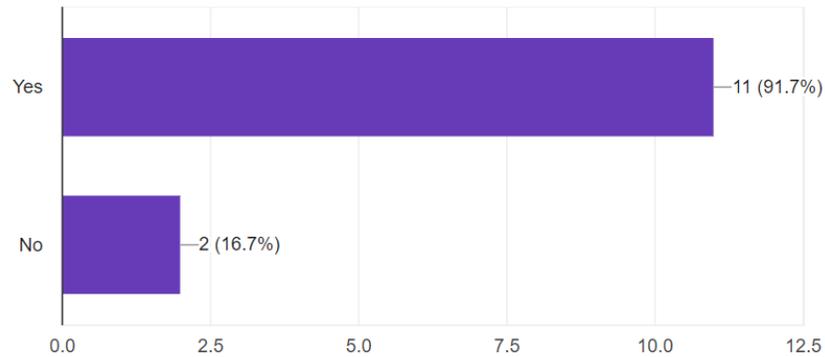
12. For incorporating “The Life-Cycle Approach” to a national development plan/strategy/program in one’s own or an affiliated country:

13 responses



13. Are you going to disseminate the video in your country?

12 responses



14. If your answer to the above question is "Yes," kindly describe your plan:

PLCPD has a strong presence online and thru them the video can be shared. It can also be cited during opportune time e.g. forums, webinars, legislative hearings, etc.

Through our web site, we are inform the video for public.

this video shown in the meeting has not been made available to us so far. on receiving the same, we will disseminate

I would like to disseminate the video anywhere as soon as possible.

I plan to have a meeting with the officials and inform about the results of the activity and developed recommendations. The results will be disseminated among the Parliament, Himan Rights Commission under President, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

Usually we include the above subject to the advocacy program to dessminate to the constituency population

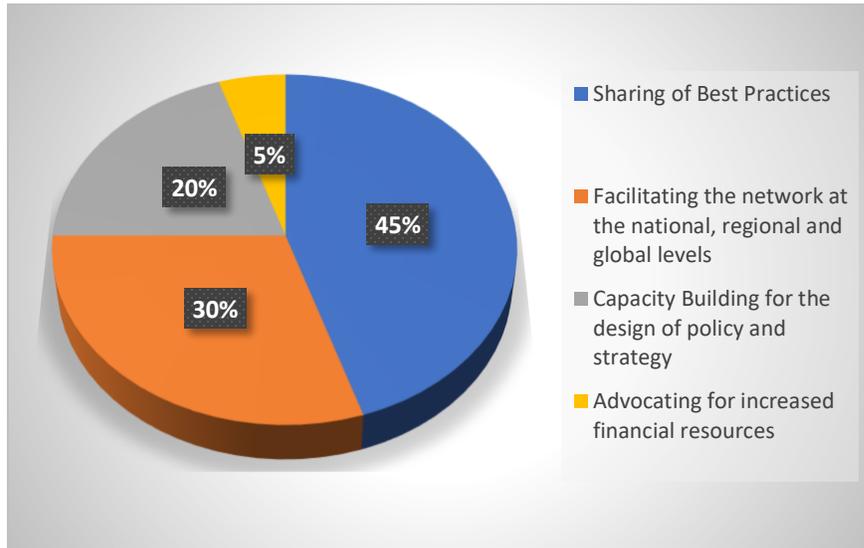
I will show it at the various meetings.

Share the videos to my peers and my constituency

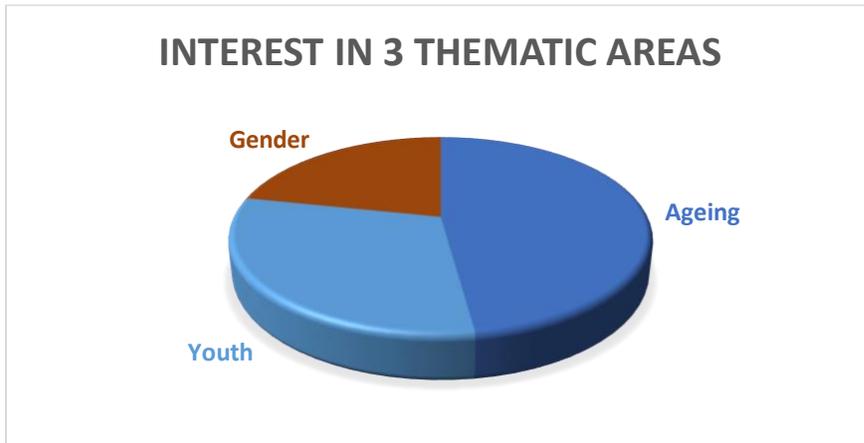
To show the possibility among us

Try to get in touch with education circles

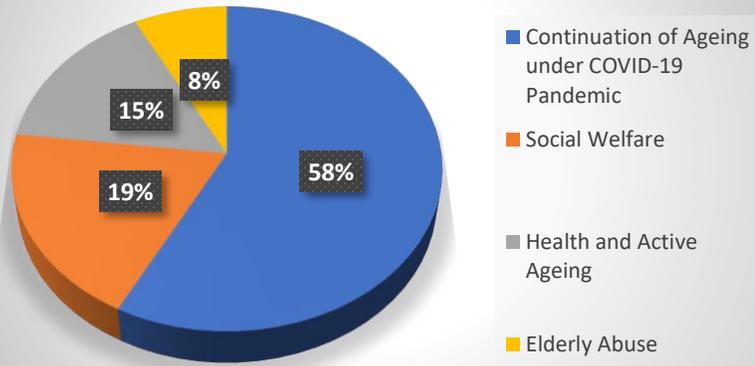
15. Choose one of the following activities where you would like to see more focus:



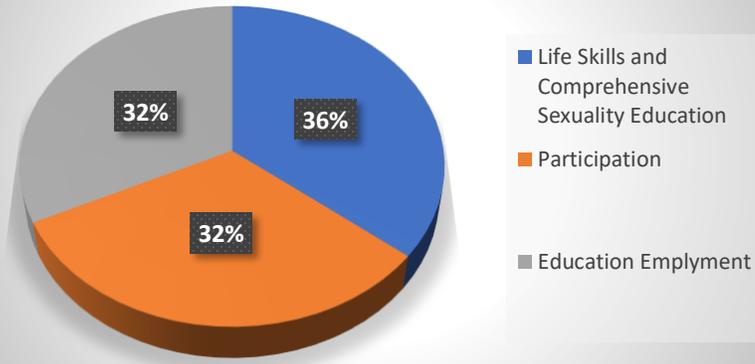
16. Choose one of the following themes that AFPPD should work on for this year:



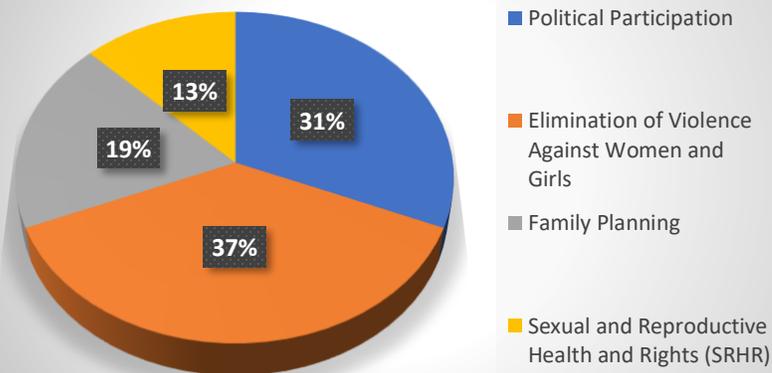
Interests among Ageing Issues



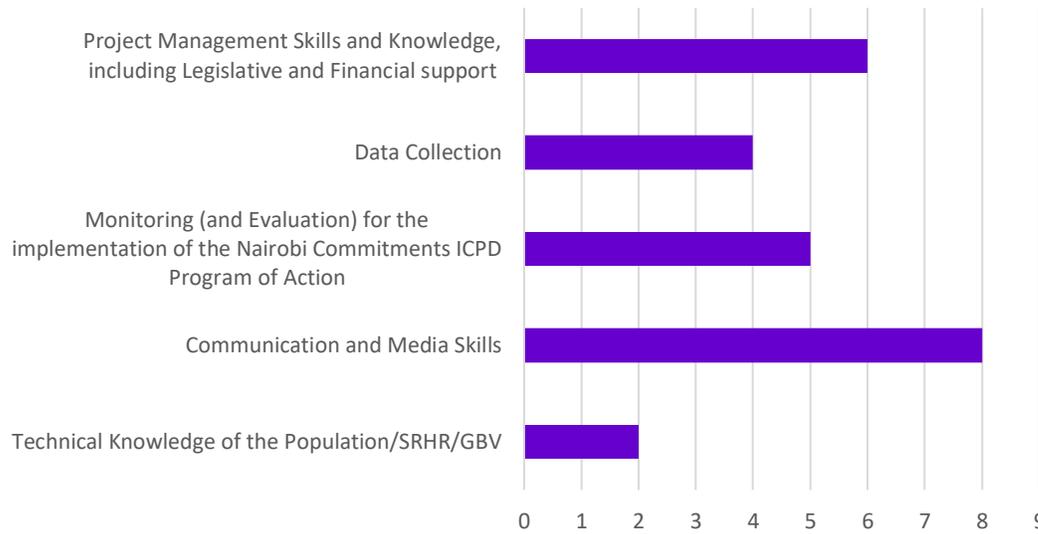
Interests among Youth Issues



Interests among Gender Issues



17. In order to strengthen the capacity of individual parliamentarians and to enhance the National



18. Committee in each of the member countries, choose two of the following capacity-building activities on which to focus:

I am aware that in certain fields, only one or two answers were required, but all of the options are relevant, hence, my answers. In terms of interaction, I don't know how future activities can better manage unnecessary and irrelevant comments (because they take up important material time) to instead focus on the substantive elements of the discussion. The three hour time allotment is sufficient if used wisely :)

frequent meetings to know about other countries situation of Covid-19

Great job was done, very useful of the analysis conducted in the countries. Need to distribute the results among all stakeholders

If It's possible next work shop should have more time to present countries progress report or regional development progress report

To participate more

Try first to seek and strengthen networking among member countries