2015 Annual Network Survey Results

The first annual Global Legal Empowerment Network survey was carried out between December 2015 and February 2016. Over 150 Network members from 52 countries responded. The responses for each question have been collated and converted into graphs for ease of use.

For information on how the survey results have influenced Namati’s strategic plans for convening and supporting the Global Legal Empowerment Network, please visit: www.namati.org/news/networksurvey.
Responses by country
How often do you do the following?

- Help people to know the law:
  - Never: 1%
  - Rarely: 6%
  - Sometimes: 11%
  - Often: 32%
  - All the time: 48%

- Help people to use the law:
  - Never: 3%
  - Rarely: 6%
  - Sometimes: 14%
  - Often: 37%
  - All the time: 39%

- Help people to shape law:
  - Never: 3%
  - Rarely: 11%
  - Sometimes: 24%
  - Often: 38%
  - All the time: 20%
What do you think are the most important priorities for the Global Legal Empowerment Network next year?

- Help members to gain government recognition of paralegals nationally (4.155)
- Learn from members who have improved their financial sustainability through innovative models (4.199)
- Support local implementation and monitoring of the access to justice commitments in the SDGs (4.286)
- Create regional hubs within our movement for networking, learning, and advocacy around regional priorities (4.286)
- Convincing global institutions -- such as the UN -- that legal empowerment is integral to their missions (4.304)
- Advocate for greater financing for legal empowerment work globally (4.36)
- Develop resources and learning opportunities to help members improve their skills (4.429)

*Average score on 1-5 scale, with 5 being the highest*
What should be the priority issue area if the Network were to campaign around a global justice challenge next year?

(Note: the size of the words below indicate frequency; the larger the word, the more it was given as a response.)
Are you currently doing or planning any of the following for 2016?

- Nationwide data collection or polling: 46
- Online activism: 54
- International advocacy / campaigning: 59
- Monitoring the government or justice institutions (e.g., community score cards, budget tracking, right to information requests): 89
- Using the media to promote legal empowerment: 92
- Influencing national policy: 111
How useful have the following Network activities been to you?

In-person meetings or conferences
- Not at all useful: 8
- Somewhat useful: 12
- Moderately useful: 32
- Extremely useful: 55
- Total: 107 users

Advocacy around the Sustainable Development Goals
- Not at all useful: 5
- Somewhat useful: 18
- Moderately useful: 50
- Extremely useful: 44
- Total: 117 users

Connections with other practitioners through our Network
- Not at all useful: 4
- Somewhat useful: 23
- Moderately useful: 39
- Extremely useful: 46
- Total: 112 users

Learning opportunities (exchanges, trainings, etc.)
- Not at all useful: 5
- Somewhat useful: 11
- Moderately useful: 25
- Extremely useful: 63
- Total: 104 users

Community Discussions (Our online discussion platform)
- Not at all useful: 4
- Somewhat useful: 34
- Moderately useful: 31
- Extremely useful: 44
- Total: 113 users

Resource Library
- Not at all useful: 1
- Somewhat useful: 29
- Moderately useful: 39
- Extremely useful: 41
- Total: 110 users
How sustainable is your funding situation for the coming year?

- 26% we can comfortably sustain our work through the next year
- 46% we have to make cuts but we will survive
- 22% we may not be able to operate next year due to lack of funds
- 6% we have enough support to expand our operations
How difficult is it to do legal empowerment work in your country, considering the political and social environment?

- Very easy: 10%
- Easy: 30%
- Difficult: 47%
- Very difficult: 13%
How important is it to you to feel a sense of community with other members of our global network?

- Not at all important: 1%
- Low importance: 4%
- Neutral: 11%
- Very important: 52%
- Extremely important: 32%
How likely are you to recommend the Global Legal Empowerment Network to a friend or colleague?

- Not at all likely: 0%
- Unlikely: 2%
- Neutral: 11%
- Likely: 41%
- Extremely likely: 46%
For more information on the Global Network for Legal Empowerment, visit:

[www.namati.org/network](www.namati.org/network)