2016 Annual Network Survey Results

The second annual Global Legal Empowerment Network survey was carried out between January and March 2017. The survey had over 340 respondents from 60 countries represented. The responses for each question have been collated and converted into graphs for ease of use.
Responses by Country

347 respondents
Help people to shape law (e.g. by working with them to improve laws and systems)

Help people to use the law (e.g. by solving justice problems together)

Help people understand the law (e.g. by increasing legal literacy and raising awareness)
What do you think should be the most important priorities for the Global Legal Empowerment Network next year?

- Government recognition of paralegals: 4.214
- Share learnings from innovative financing methods: 4.222
- Implement and monitor access to justice commitments in the SDGs: 4.336
- Convince global institutions that legal empowerment is integral to their missions: 4.407
- Create regional hubs: 4.43
- Develop resources and learning opportunities: 4.4355
- Advocate for greater financing: 4.4355

*Average score on a 1-5 scale, with 5 being the highest.*
Any other issues we should focus on? You said...

- Protection for human rights defenders
- Advocate for financial support for the field, particularly through innovative non-public financing
- Create more resources and guides for legal empowerment community
- Build capacity at ground-level by focusing on community organizing skills
  - Host more regionalized workshops, courses, and trainings
- Focus on making the Network multilingual
- Conduct strategic advocacy campaigns on “know the law, use the law, shape the law”
If the network were to campaign around a global justice challenge next year, which of the following areas should we prioritize?

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Any other areas we should focus on? You said...

- Children’s Rights
- Sexual and gender-based violence
- Climate change
- Cyber violence and online privacy
- Disability Rights
- Caste Discrimination
- Detention, torture, institutional violence
If the network campaigns on one of these issues, what tactics would you be most interested in taking part in?

- Direct monitoring of the government or justice institutions (e.g. community score cards, budget tracking, right to information requests) - 215
- Using the media to promote legal empowerment - 165
- Policy Briefs - 161
- Influencing regional and multilateral processes - 149
- Online activism [e.g. petitions] - 126
- Nationwide data collection or polling - 114
- Day of action - 72

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Any other tactics you would be interested in taking part in? You said...

- Capacity building at the community level, particular community mobilization and education
- Focus on technology for data collection, advocacy, and tools to engage the younger generation
  - Hosting more trainings, roundtables, and meetings both regionally and worldwide
  - Lobbying policymakers through dialogue and support in creating legislation
How useful have the following Global Network activities been to you?

- **In-person meetings or conferences**
  - Did not use: 112
  - Not at all useful: 15
  - Somewhat useful: 37
  - Moderately useful: 63
  - Extremely useful: 95

- **Advocacy related to the Sustainable Development Goals**
  - Did not use: 92
  - Not at all useful: 10
  - Somewhat useful: 51
  - Moderately useful: 69
  - Extremely useful: 100

- **Community Discussions (our online discussion platform)**
  - Did not use: 72
  - Not at all useful: 10
  - Somewhat useful: 67
  - Moderately useful: 89
  - Extremely useful: 89

- **Connections with other practitioners through our Network**
  - Did not use: 87
  - Not at all useful: 15
  - Somewhat useful: 41
  - Moderately useful: 75
  - Extremely useful: 106

- **Resource Library**
  - Did not use: 81
  - Not at all useful: 5
  - Somewhat useful: 55
  - Moderately useful: 84
  - Extremely useful: 101

- **Learning Opportunities (exchanges, trainings, leadership course, etc)**
  - Did not use: 102
  - Not at all useful: 8
  - Somewhat useful: 25
  - Moderately useful: 56
  - Extremely useful: 135

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How has the Network helped you in the past year?

“Perhaps the best training that I have been part of in my entire professional career.”

“It has created a pedestal and opportunity to learn how women and other vulnerable groups around the globe need legal assistance in peculiar facets like land.”

“The online group of paralegals and other like-minded organizations is very useful since I get relevant and practical feedback from comrades in real time.”
How could the Network better serve its members?

(Note: the size of the words below indicate frequency; the larger the word, the more it was given as a response)
How important is it to you to feel a sense of community with other members of our global network?

- Very important: 42%
- Extremely important: 40%
- Neutral: 13%
- Low importance: 4%
- Not at all important: 1%
How likely are you to recommend the Global Legal Empowerment Network to a friend or colleague?
How sustainable is your funding for the year?

- We may not be able to operate next year due to lack of funds: 26%
- We have to make cuts but we will survive: 37%
- We can comfortably sustain our work through the next year: 31%
- We have enough support to expand our operations: 6%
Has your funding situation improved, worsened, or stayed the same in comparison to last year?

- Improved: 23%
- Stayed the same: 49%
- Worsened: 28%
How difficult is it to do legal empowerment work in your country, considering the political and social environment?

- Very difficult: 46
- Difficult: 160
- Easy: 89
- Very easy: 19

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Has the political and social environment in your country improved, worsened, or stayed the same in comparison to last year?
The Global Legal Empowerment Network is the world’s largest community of grassroots practitioners and advocates. Currently, we have over 1,000 groups and 4,000 members in our growing directory.

We aim to foster learning, collaboration, and a stronger network for legal empowerment through opportunities such as our resource library, online discussion platform, and in-person events. Together, we are building a global movement working to advance justice throughout the world.

For more information on the Global Legal Empowerment Network, visit:

https://namati.org/network