

Review of UN.GIFT's work programme

Introduction

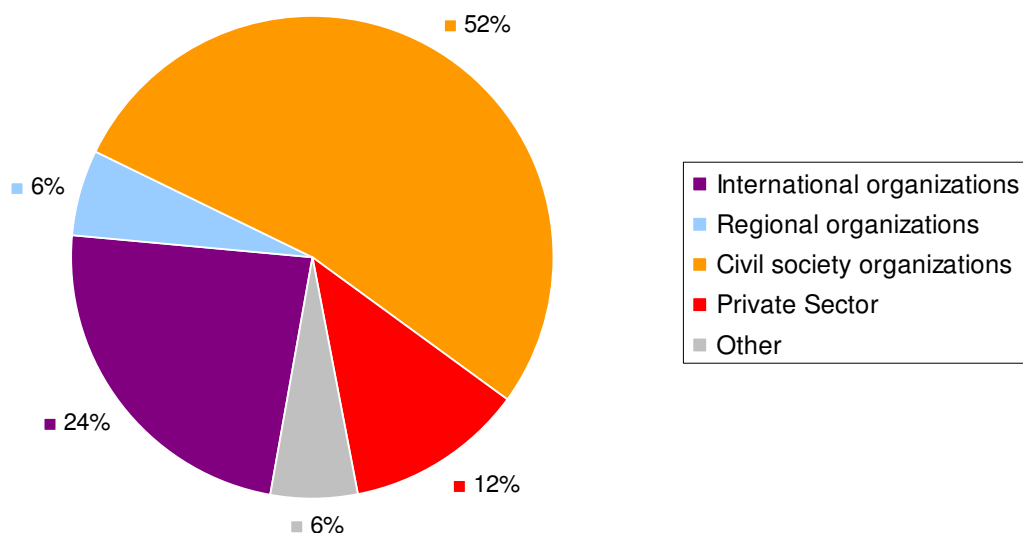
UN.GIFT carried out a survey to review its work to date to help inform its future direction by drawing on the opinions and recommendations of key partners.

UN.GIFT would like to thank all of those who contributed by responding to the survey and underscore the importance of the partnerships forged with various organizations since its launch in March 2007.

The survey focused on organizations that have worked with UN.GIFT and the information presented below is a summary of the views and comments received.

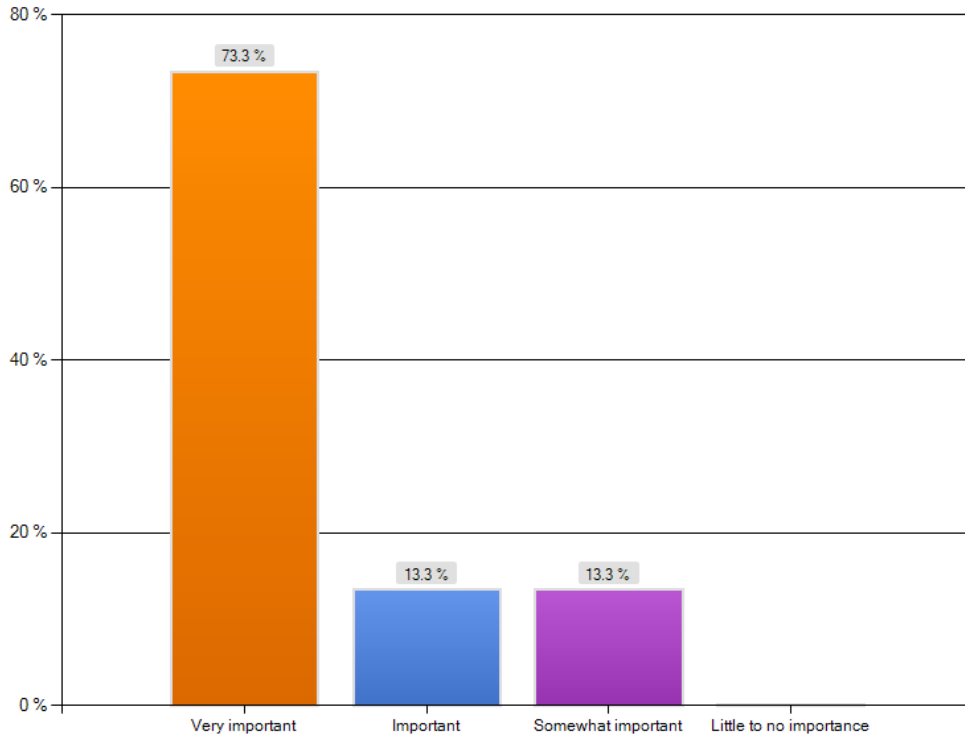
Part A) Information about the organizations surveyed

1) Percentage of responses received by sector

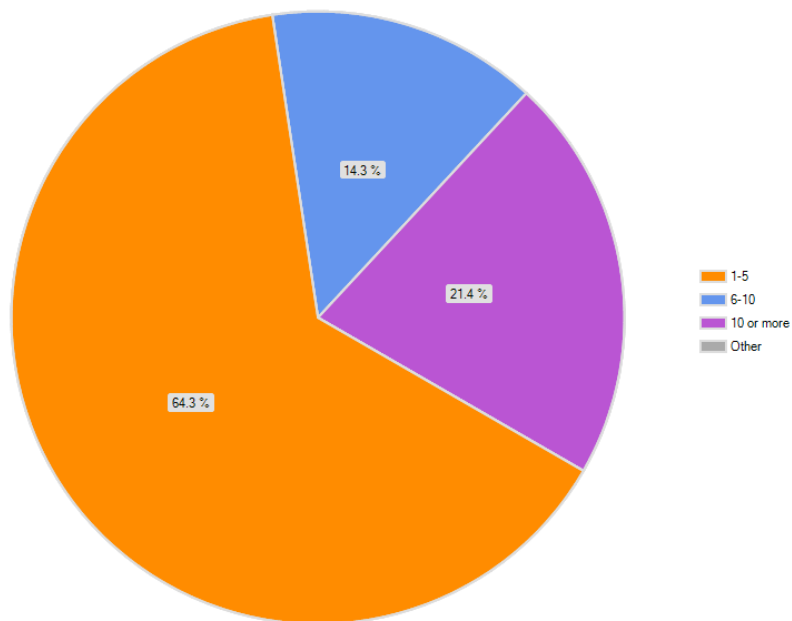


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2) Please rate the importance of human trafficking issues to your organization:

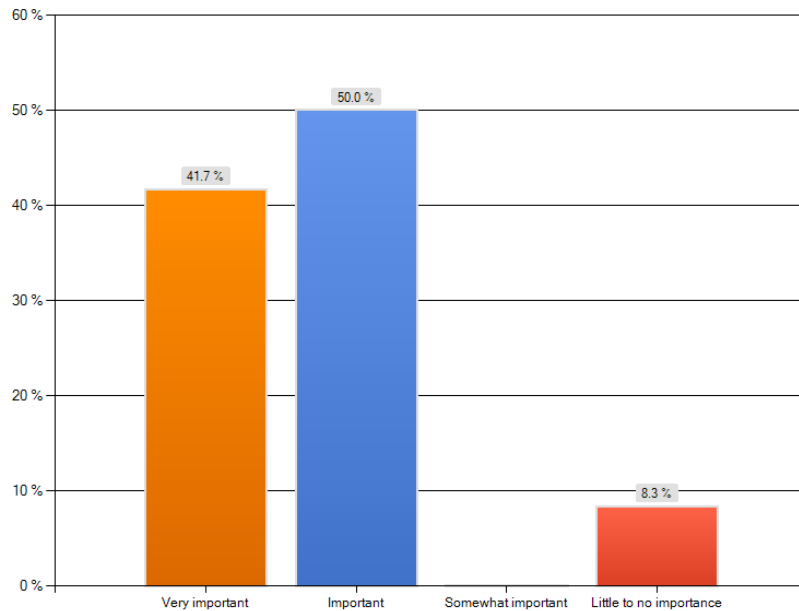


3) Please indicate how many professional staff are dedicated to trafficking in persons in your organizations' headquarters?



Part B) UN.GIFT’s mandate

1) Please rate the importance of UN.GIFT to achieving your organization’s goals/mission:



2) Please describe the added value of UN.GIFT for your organization and area of work. Please explain why and give examples as appropriate:

Many responses emphasized the role of UN.GIFT in bringing different stakeholders together, namely Governments, United Nations system organizations, international and regional entities, civil society organizations as well as the private sector.

Respondents also referred to coordination, information exchange and partnerships as the key added value of UN.GIFT. They described UN.GIFT’s role in facilitating access to global and local networks and in serving as a central reference for information and data on human trafficking. Some respondents highlighted the UN.GIFT data collection exercise that covered 155 countries and territories and the publication of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons in 2009.

Respondents mentioned the value of UN.GIFT in raising awareness on human trafficking through advocacy as well as in disseminating information from local NGOs and grassroots campaigns to a wider audience.

Other respondents highlighted the role of UN.GIFT in the development of comprehensive anti-human trafficking programmes and pilot projects for the provision of technical support and advice to Governments and other stakeholders. UN.GIFT’s role in partnering in specific projects and victim support initiatives was also acknowledged, as well as its role in contributing to greater private sector involvement in combating human trafficking.

3) How would you describe UN.GIFT's impact to date?

Responses varied when describing UN.GIFT's impact to date. Some responses referred to UN.GIFT's impact in leveraging various sectors to combat human trafficking. Others referred to its impact as significant but fragmented. Some responses considered the impact diffuse, especially during its initial phase and suggested that the core areas of work of UN.GIFT need to be better defined.

Respondents acknowledged UN.GIFT's impact in raising awareness and in advocating against human trafficking, especially in high-level inter-governmental circles and in countries that need assistance and where anti-trafficking mechanisms and capacity are still weak.

Respondents praised the UN.GIFT-led Global Report on trafficking in persons and the importance of sharing with the international community information on country-level data. References were also made to UN.GIFT publications and reference documents.

Another area of impact mentioned in the responses was the results from pilot projects that provided direct assistance to victims and the seed money made available for the development of joint programmes in targeted countries.

Other respondents referred to UN.GIFT's impact in providing an international platform that recognizes the voices of communities around the world. This was considered of special importance to grassroots organizations that can then contribute to international debates and formulation of strategies, thus influencing long-term policies.

Some respondents recognized UN.GIFT's impact on inter-agency coordination despite the pilot nature of the initiative and the fact that many of the joint initiatives underway are still limited in scope and volume.

4) What concrete steps could UN.GIFT take to enhance cooperation with your organization?

Many respondents referred to the close relationships with UN.GIFT that were built based on trust, effectiveness and transparency. Others suggested UN.GIFT should engage more closely in concept and programme development stages. They also suggested improved communication and assignment of specific focal points to facilitate cooperation.

Some respondents recommended that UN.GIFT should reach out more to NGOs by improving communication channels and including NGOs in the development of joint programmes or projects. They recommended that civil society organizations be more involved in early stages of project formulation and elaboration of UN.GIFT reports. In addition, they recommended that UN.GIFT facilitate access by local NGOs to international institutions and other stakeholders.

Other respondents made specific recommendations which include carrying out more awareness raising activities in the United States and Asia.



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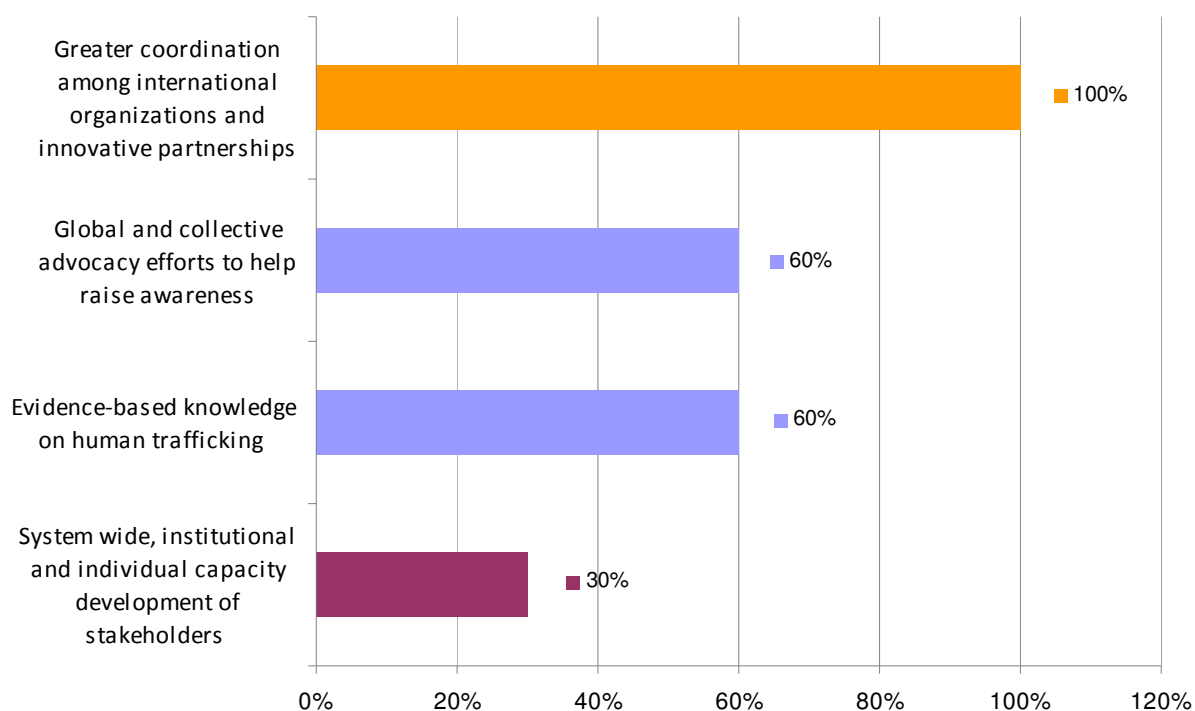
5) What concrete steps could your organization take to enhance UN.GIFT’s overall performance?

Different organizations have offered to contribute to UN.GIFT campaigns and strategic programmatic activities at the global level. Others offered to contribute to UN.GIFT reports and with in-house expertise on a number of issues, such as development of national action plans, training activities, collecting data and information on victim assistance and protection, and support with transnational referral of victims of trafficking.

Other respondents referred to joint activities in engaging the private sector to raise awareness and to advocate for the adoption of zero tolerance policies by businesses to combat human trafficking.

Some respondents also suggested that they can contribute by advocating for comprehensive programmes and pilot initiatives, recognizing the role played by different international organizations. Joint programmes and pilot initiatives were considered an important means to increase the likelihood of success in the implementation of strategic capacity building measures.

6) What are the main topics/issues that you would like UN.GIFT to address?



7) What concrete measures and activities could UN.GIFT undertake to improve its impact at the regional/national level?

Respondents referred to U.N. GIFT as a unique initiative within the UN family and as such with the potential to ensure the strategic involvement of different UN agencies and organizations. This contributes to the coordination of the anti-trafficking work of the UN and to building outside partnerships with a wide array of actors.

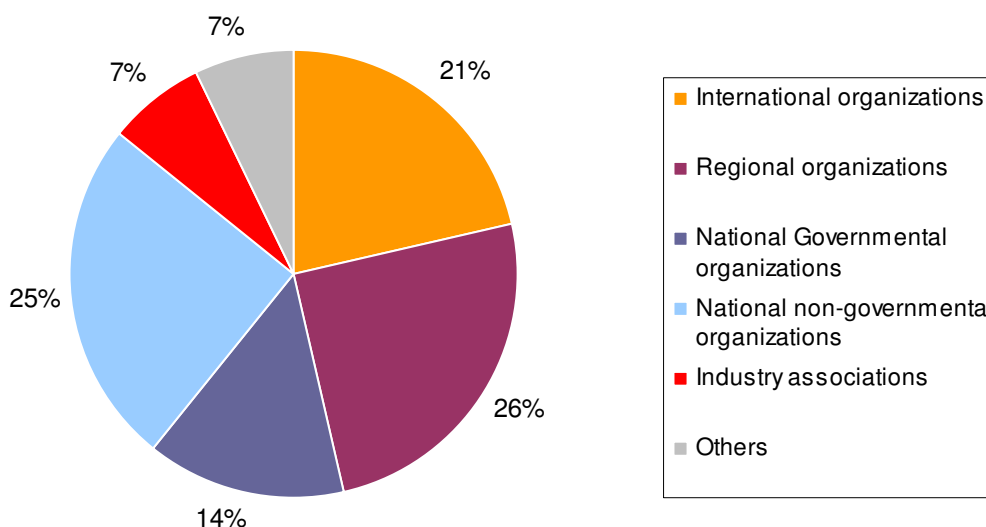
Respondents also suggested that UN.GIFT should host or promote more conferences around the world as a platform where Governments and non-governmental organizations can interact in a constructive way. In addition, UN.GIFT should help identify transparent, accountable and effective local NGOs and promote the work carried out by them at the community level, especially in prevention and victim assistance, with the ultimate aim of enhancing national policies and strategies to fight human trafficking.

Other respondents suggested that UN.GIFT should conduct campaigns in different countries and regions and raise more awareness amongst mainstream media, consumers and students. Others suggested that a UN.GIFT campaign would benefit from a systematic communication strategy to be developed in consultation with critical stakeholders, ensuring national and local ownership.

In addition, some respondents recommended that UN.GIFT should continue to provide guidelines and reference materials for its various stakeholders. Reference was also made to UN.GIFT's role in providing seed funding as an important means for the development of innovative programmes and projects on the ground.

8) Which other fora does your organization use to coordinate on trafficking issues?

The responses were grouped by sector.



9) Please list the most important partner institutions for your organization and areas of work:

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