

# Freezing US development and humanitarian aid

*Analysis of the survey results*



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# CONTEXT



On January 20, 2025, an executive order on the reevaluation of U.S. foreign aid (Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid) came into force,



The document introduces a **90-day suspension of foreign development aid**, during which the effectiveness and alignment of aid with U.S. foreign policy will be assessed.



On January 24, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio **officially suspended the flow of foreign aid provided by the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**



# PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY

Polish NGOs that depended on these funds began **receiving notifications regarding the need to halt their activities** due to a stop-work order from their partners.

In response to this situation, To Proste Foundation, NGO Forum "Together," and OFOP **decided to investigate the impact of the freezing of U.S. funding for humanitarian and development programs on the Polish non-governmental sector.**

**A survey was sent on January 30, 2025,** to a wide range of non-governmental organizations in Poland via the communication channels of OFOP, NGO Forum "Razem," and the Mapuj Pomoc Network – including newsletters and social media (Facebook and Instagram). The deadline for submitting responses was February 3, 2025. **We collected responses until 5 February 2025.**



# RESPONDENT PROFILE



The survey was completed by **38 non-governmental organizations, 23 of which operate in the area of humanitarian aid or migration.** They were asked to provide answers to questions regarding issues such as:

- sources and amounts of funding received for aid projects,
- the method of communication regarding the stop-work order,
- the organization's future plans following the sudden loss of financial liquidity.

**The main areas of activity for the organizations that participated in the survey are:**

- migration or humanitarian aid (23 responses),
- education (17 responses),
- promoting democracy and civil society (13 responses),
- gender equality, women's rights, and support for the LGBT+ community (11 responses).



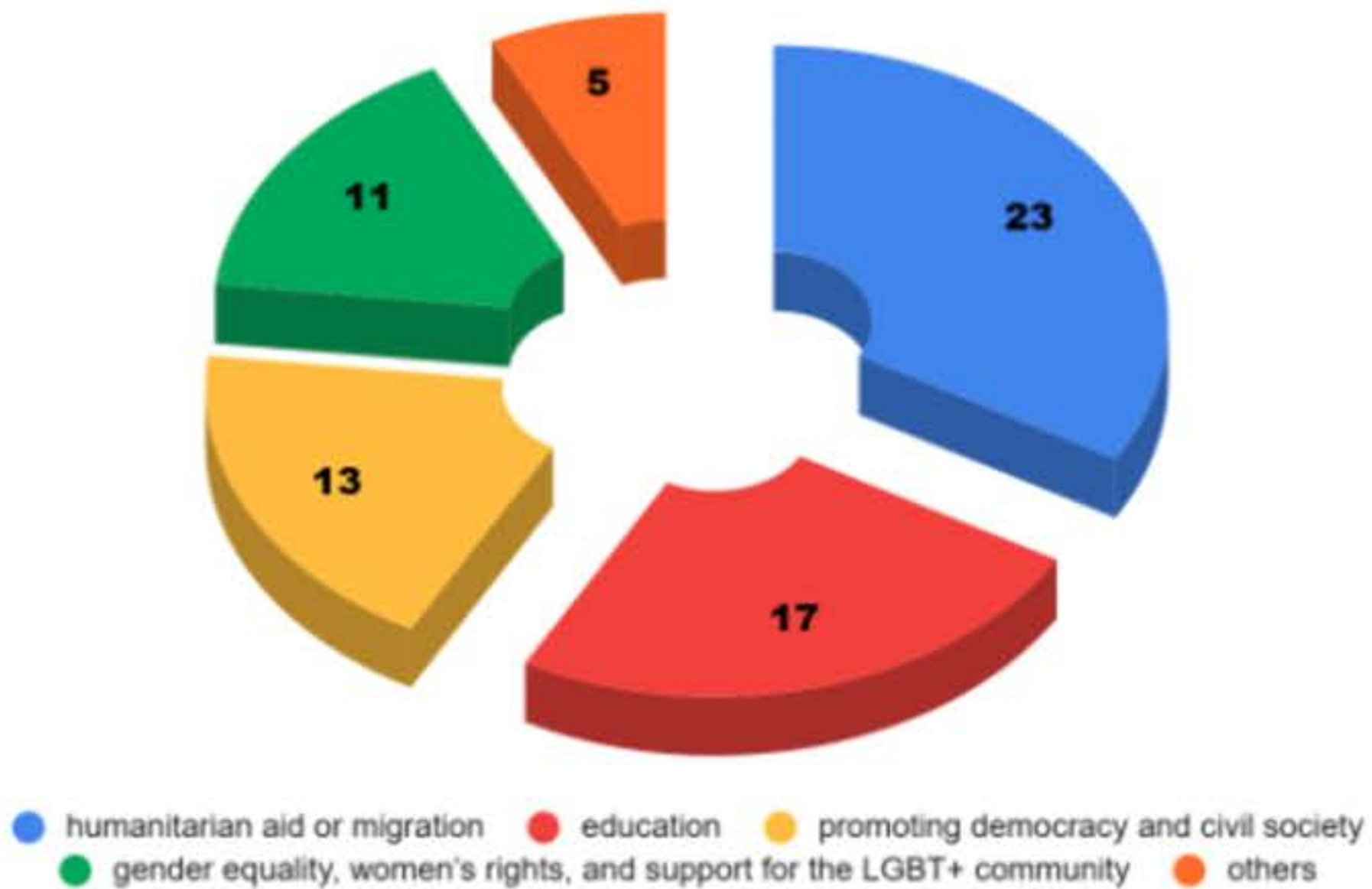
*Other areas of the respondents' projects include supporting minorities, elderly people and those with disabilities, media and culture, and volunteering and combating peer violence.*



# RESPONDENT PROFILE



Question 9. What area does your organization operate in?



# FUNDING SOURCE

USAID

**34 out of 38 survey respondents identified U.S. foreign aid as a source of funding for their activities.** The funding was provided through the following pathways:

- **6 organizations** received funding directly from the U.S. government and simultaneously through other entities (e.g., UN agencies or INGOs),
- **28 respondents** received indirect funding, including:
  - 12 organizations through an international non-governmental organization (INGO) or international program,
  - 16 organizations through UN agencies,



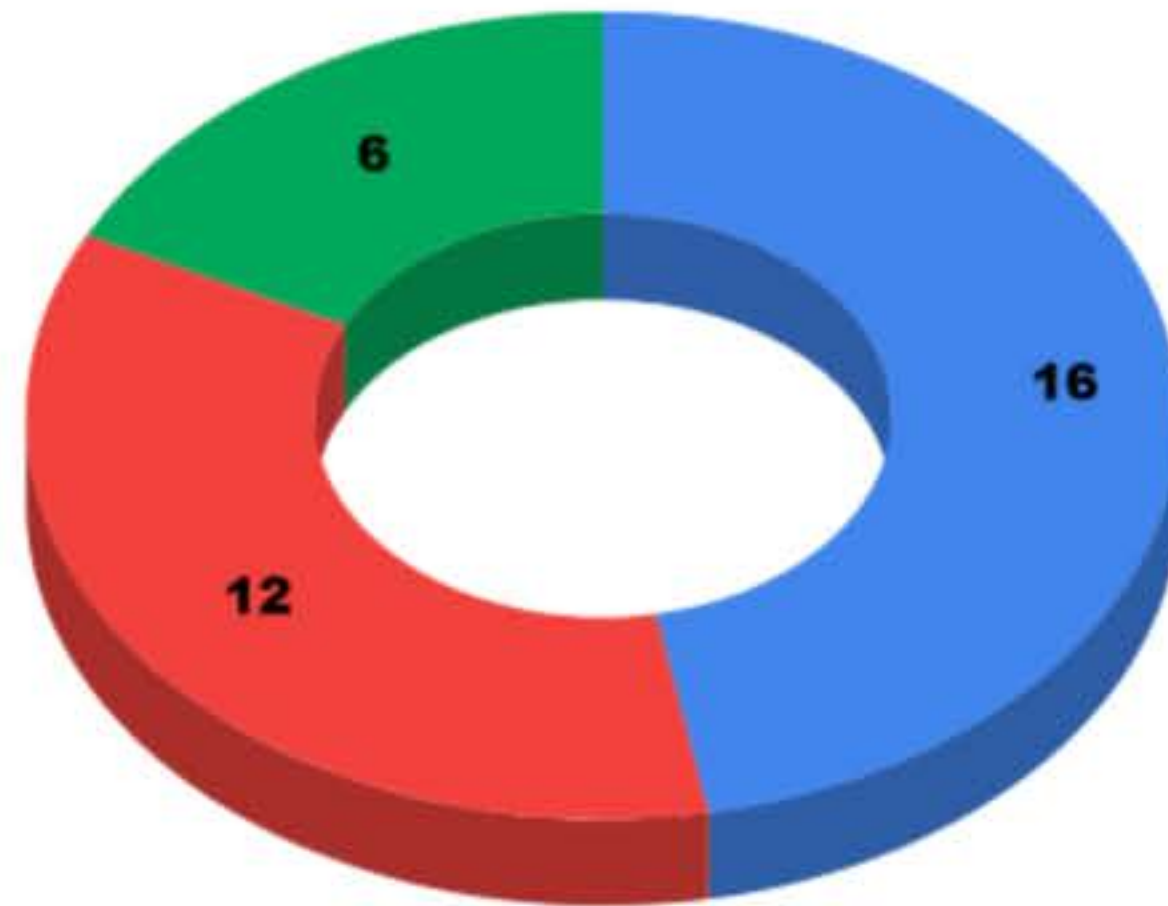
*In the case of humanitarian and migration organisations, 20 respondents received US funding indirectly through: UN agencies, and an additional 2 organisations also received directly from the US government.*



# FUNDING SOURCE



**Question 3.** Do you receive funds from the U.S. government (BHA, USAID, PRM)?

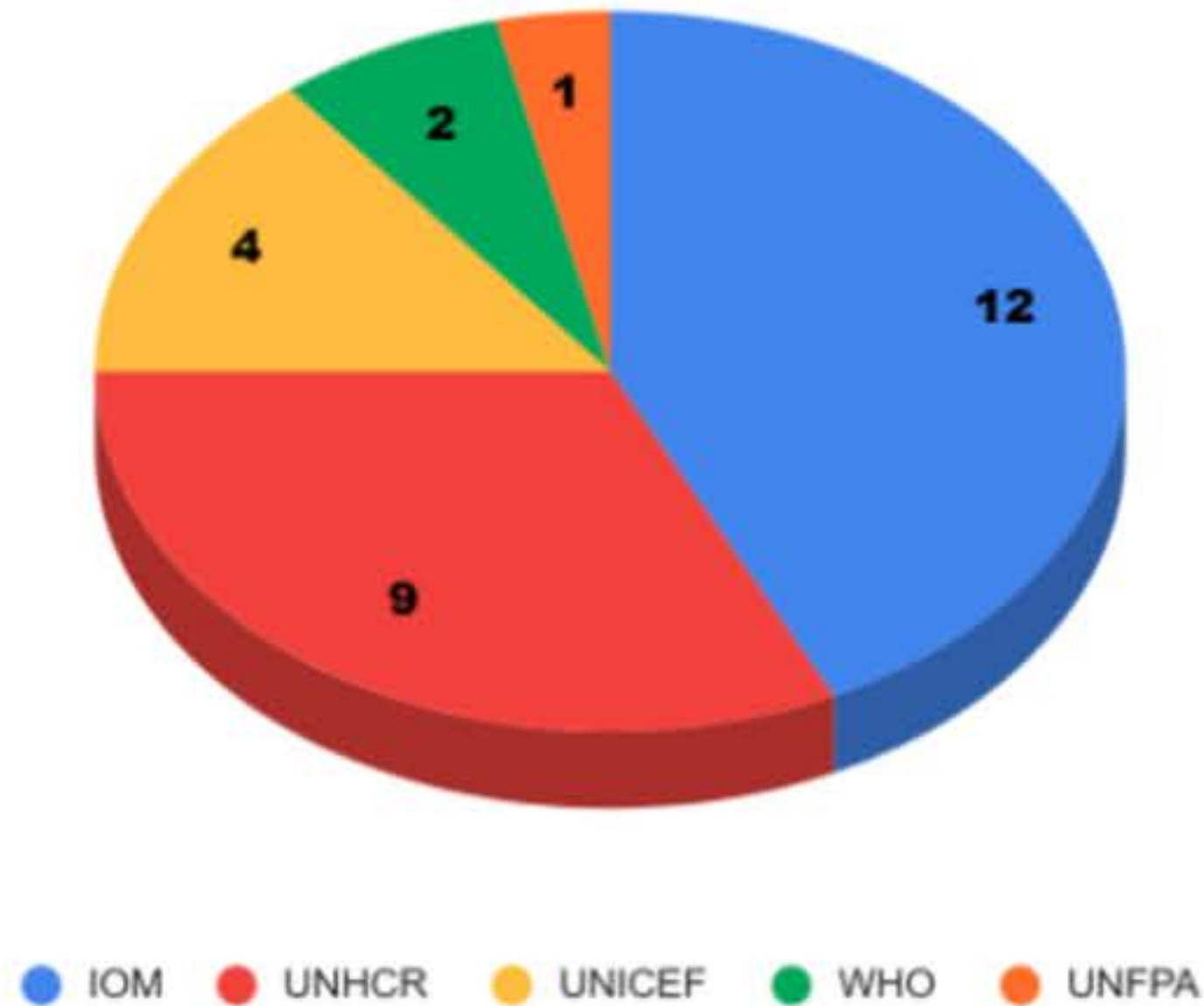


- I receive indirectly through UN agencies (UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO)
- I receive funding indirectly - through an international NGO (INGO)
- I receive direct and indirect funding

# FUNDING SOURCE



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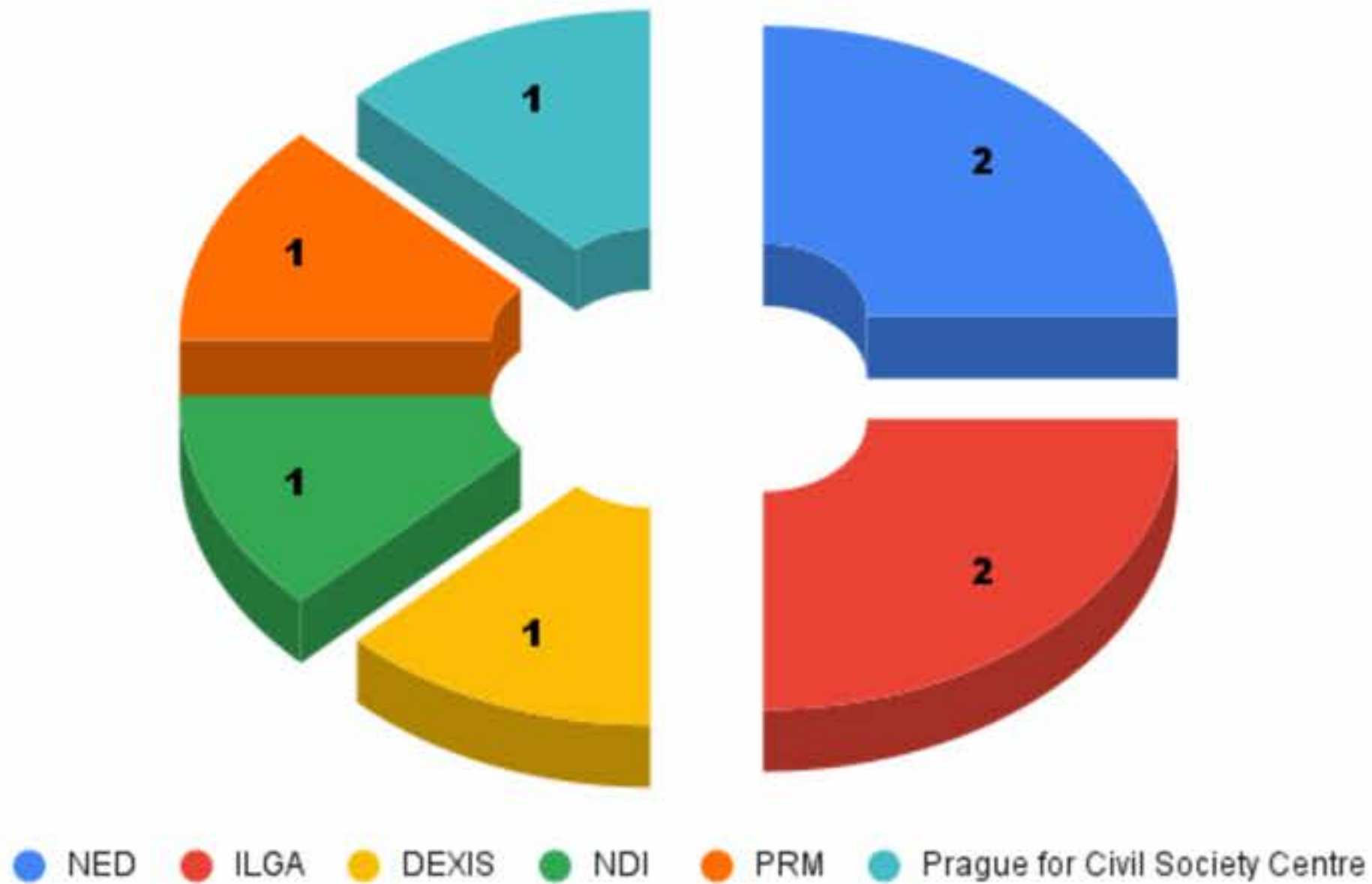




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**Question 3b.** *If you receive funding from an international organization or program, which one do you receive it from? (e.g., Dexis, NED, INGO)*

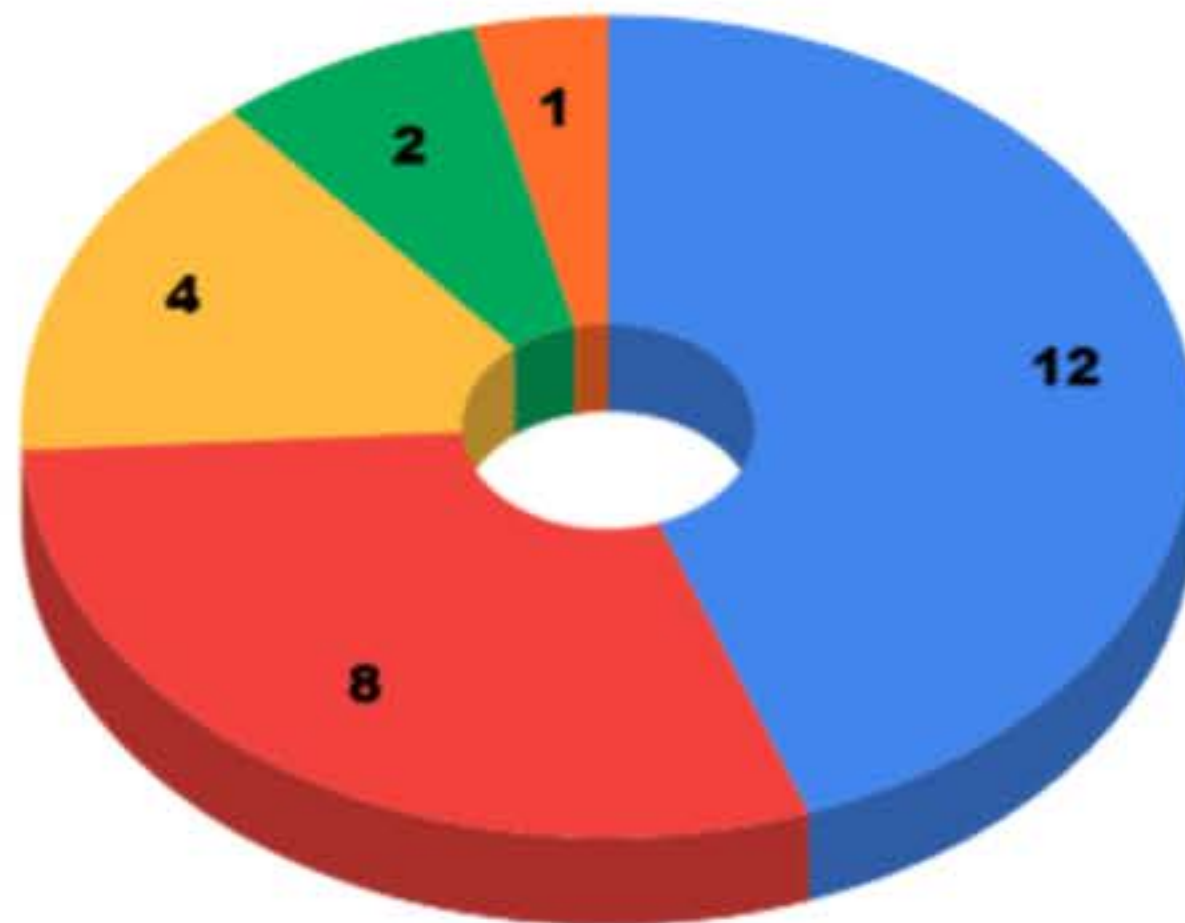




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**Question 3a.** *If you receive funding from a UN agency, which one do you receive it from? (for humanitarian organizations and those working in the migration field)*

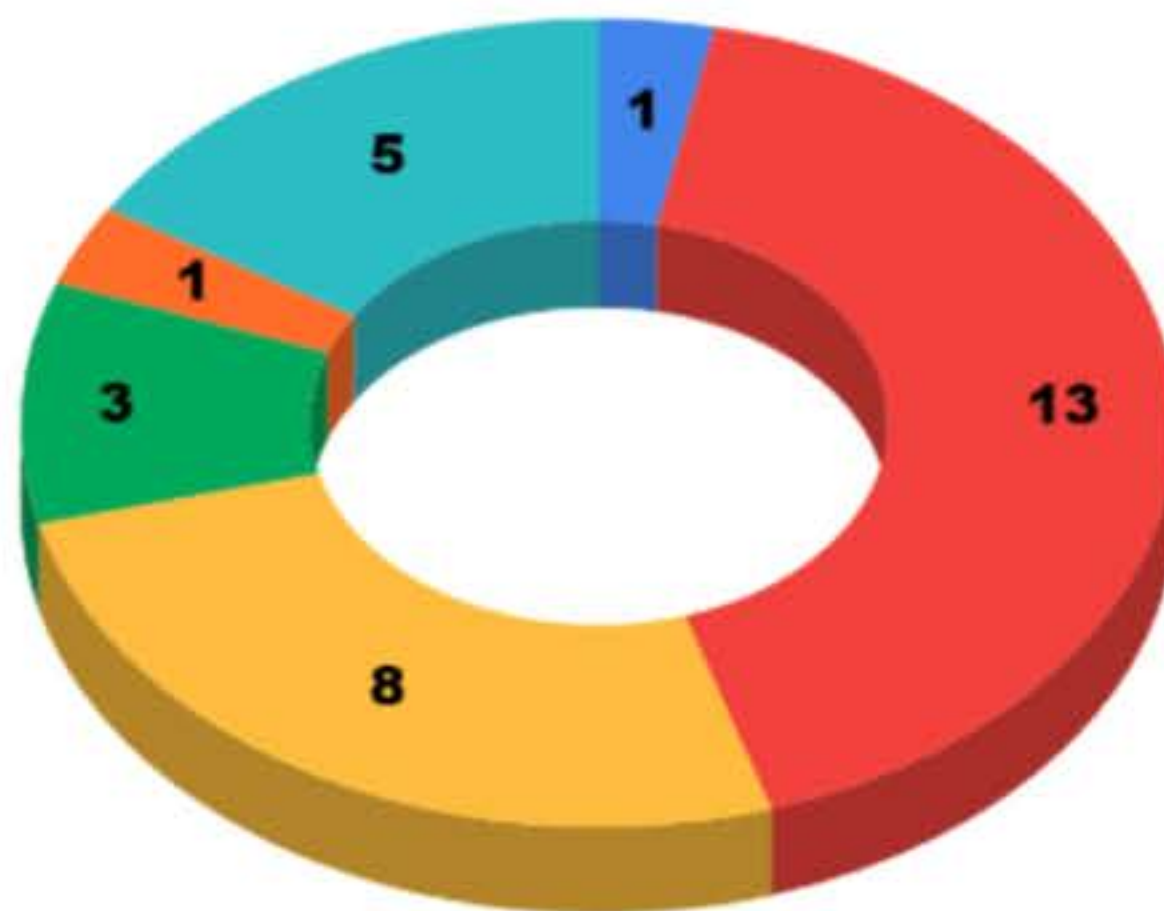


● IOM ● UNHCR ● UNICEF ● WHO ● UNFPA



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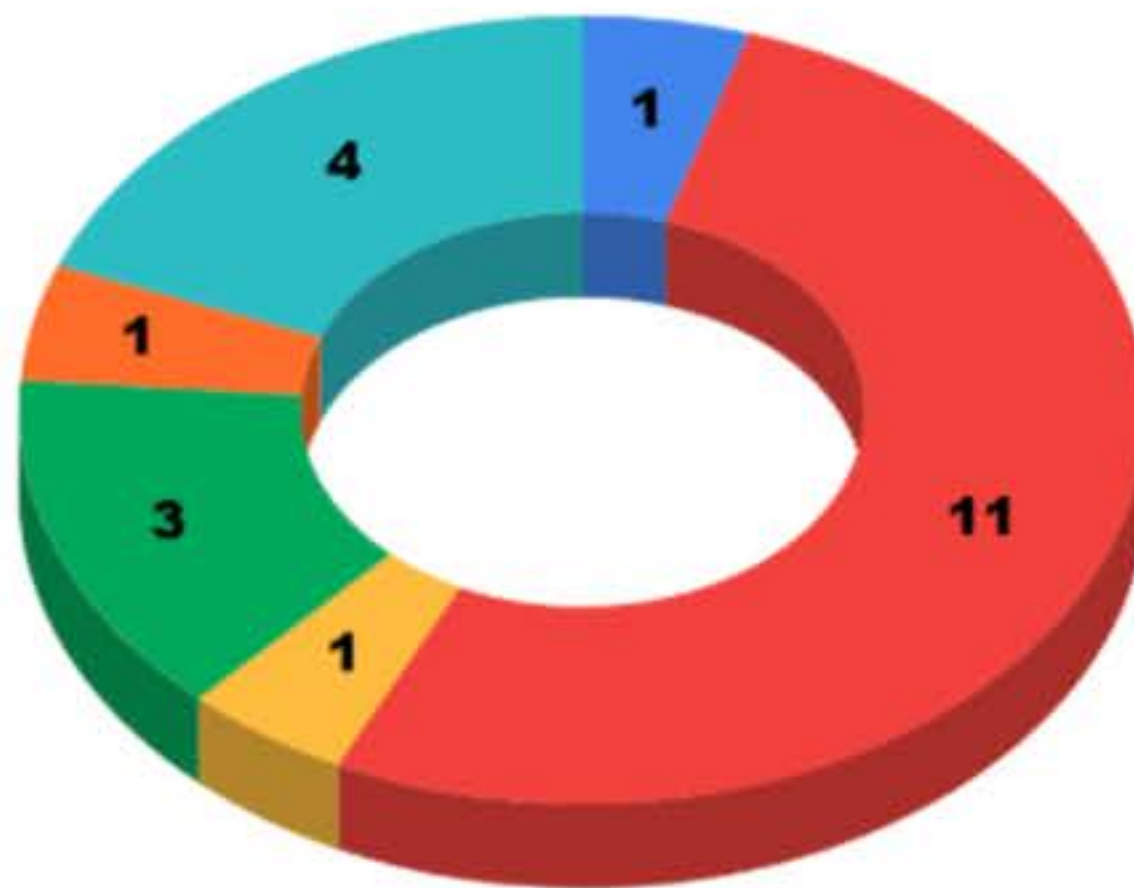
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# PERCENT OF BUDGET

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The percentage that is represented by the frozen funds varies greatly between organisations. **For 50% of respondents, the frozen funds represented half of their budget for activities in the first half of 2025.**

- 1,000,000 PLN and above – 1,
  - from 400,000 PLN to 999,000 PLN – 7,
  - from 100,000 PLN to 399,000 PLN – 15,
  - from 40,000 PLN to 99,000 PLN – 3,
  - below 40,000 PLN – 5,
- **total: approximately 9,517,829.90 PLN.**

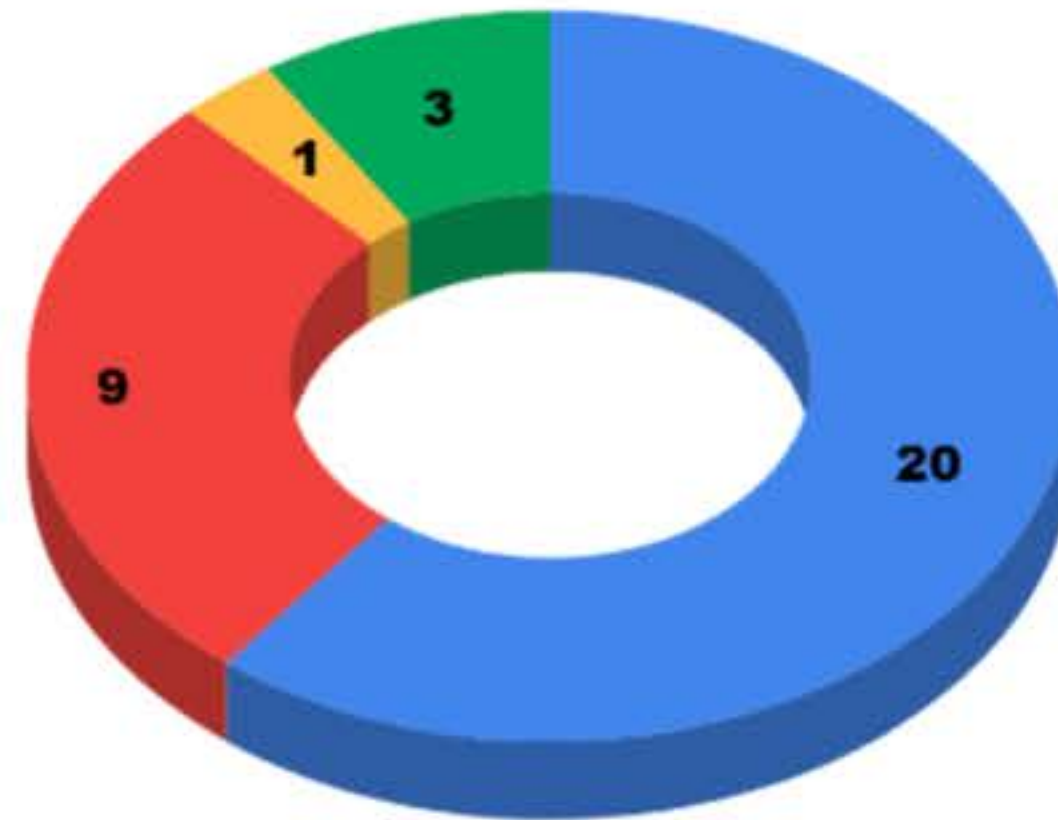


*For 40% of respondents, the frozen funds represented half of their budget for activities in the first half of 2025 - **approximately 7 517 288,00 złotych.***



# PLANS FOR FUTURE ACTIONS

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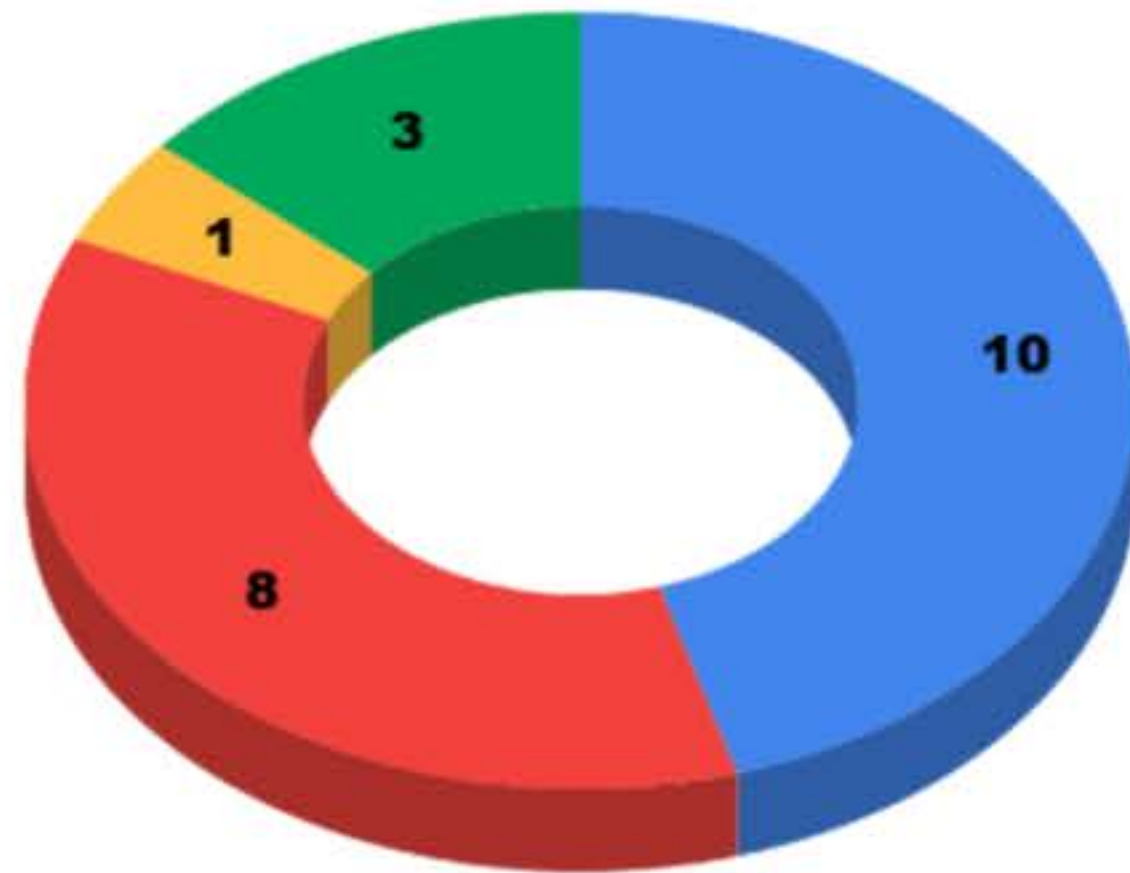
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# MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS

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When asked about the most important needs, **25 organizations indicated the necessity of ensuring the flow of information** regarding the further actions of the U.S. government concerning the suspension of funding and oversight of U.S. foreign aid, as well as **taking advocacy actions. 19 responses related to enabling dialogue with key partners.**



**All NGOs indicated the need of ensuring the flow of information on the further actions** of the U.S. government regarding the suspension of funding a control of the US foreign aid. **About three quarters of respondents indicated their need for advocacy actions. 19 responses concerned enabling dialogue with key partners.**



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