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Survey Information

Survey	Survey Fielded	Survey Population	Number of Responses Received	Survey Response Rate
GFC 2025	September and October 2025	194	154	79%
GFC 2021	September and October 2021	94	72	77%
GFC 2018	September and October 2018	153	120	78%

Throughout this report, Global Fund for Children's survey results are compared to CEP's broader dataset of more than 60,000 grantee responses from over 350 funders built up over more than a decade of grantee surveys. A list of some funders who have recently participated in the GPR can be found at <https://cep.org/gpr-participants/>.

Subgroups

In addition to showing GFC's overall ratings, this report shows ratings segmented by Geographical Area Served. The online version of this report also shows ratings segmented by Percent of Budget Funded and Respondent Gender Identity.

Geographical Area Served	Number of Responses
Africa	22
Americas	61
Asia	38
Europe and Central Asia	33
Percent of Budget Funded	Number of Responses
Less than 5%	19
5% - 10%	16
11% - 20%	22
20% - 50%	28
More than 50%	43
Respondent Gender Identity	Number of Responses
Identifies as a Man	49
Identifies as a Woman	90

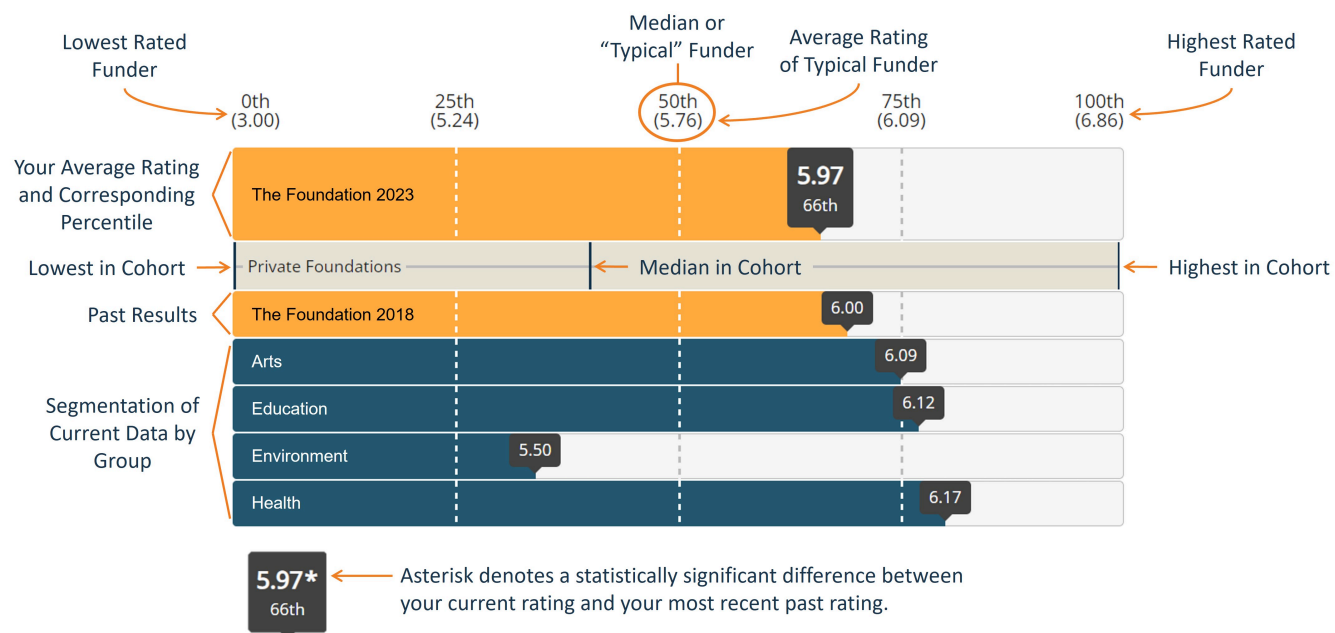
Peer Funder Cohort

GFC selected a set of 13 funders to create a smaller comparison group that more closely resembles GFC in scale and scope.

Peer Funder Cohort
African Women's Development Fund
Arcus Foundation
EMpower
Foundation for a Just Society
Global Fund For Children
Malala Fund
Mama Cash
Oak Foundation
Porticus
Segal Family Foundation
The Lego Foundation
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Tinker Foundation Inc.

Interpreting Your Charts

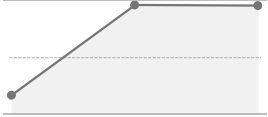
Many of the charts in this report are shown in this format. See below for an explanation of the chart elements.



Missing data: Selected grantee ratings are not displayed in this report due to changes in the survey instrument, or when a question received fewer than ten responses.

Key Ratings Summary

The following chart highlights a selection of Global Fund for Children's key results. Each of these data points corresponds to an individual survey measure that is displayed with additional detail in the subsequent pages of this report.

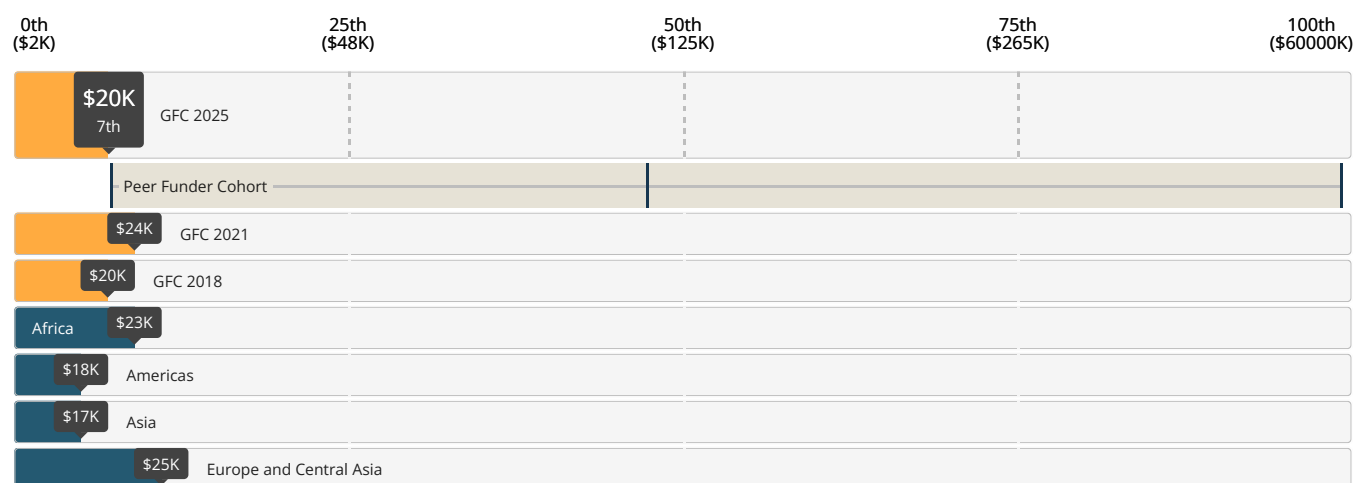
Key Measure	Average	Percentile Rank	Trend Data
Field Impact Impact on Grantees' Fields	6.29	 Peer Funder Cohort	
Community Impact Impact on Grantees' Communities	6.14	 Peer Funder Cohort	
Organizational Impact Impact on Grantees' Organizations	6.61	 Peer Funder Cohort	
Approachability Comfort Approaching the Foundation	6.70	 Peer Funder Cohort	
Communications Clarity of Communications	6.44	 Peer Funder Cohort	
Selection Process Helpfulness of the Selection Process	6.42	 Private Foundations	N/A

Grantmaking Characteristics

Funders make different choices about the ways they organize themselves, structure their grants, and the types of grantees they support. The following charts and tables show some of these important characteristics. The information is based on self-reported data from funders and grantees, and further detail is available in the Contextual Data section of this report.

Median Grant Size

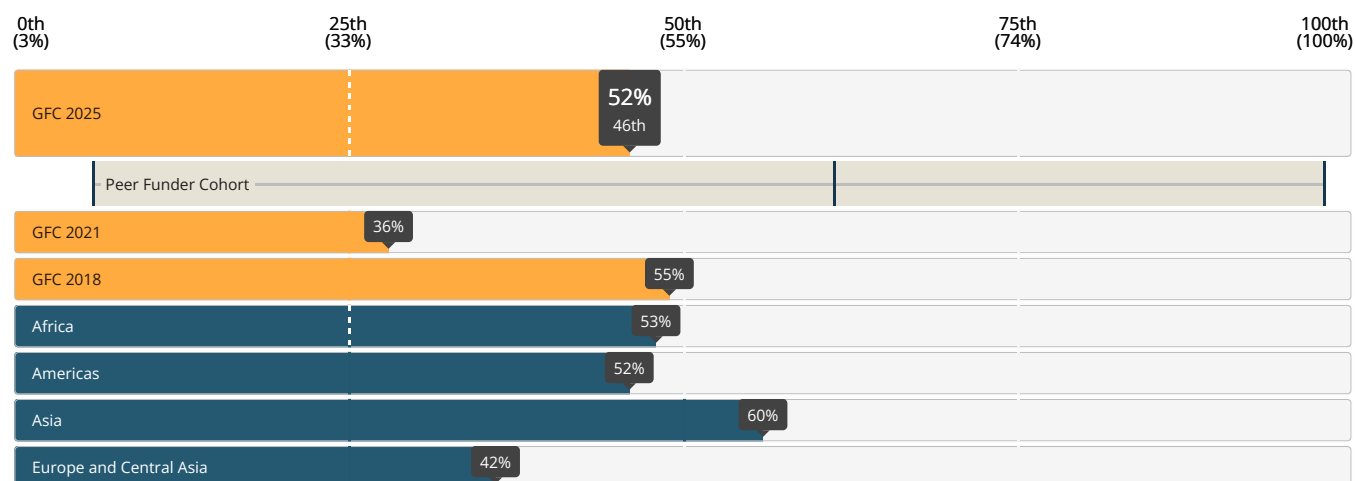
Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



Proportion of Multi-year Grants

Proportion of grantees that report receiving grant for two years or longer

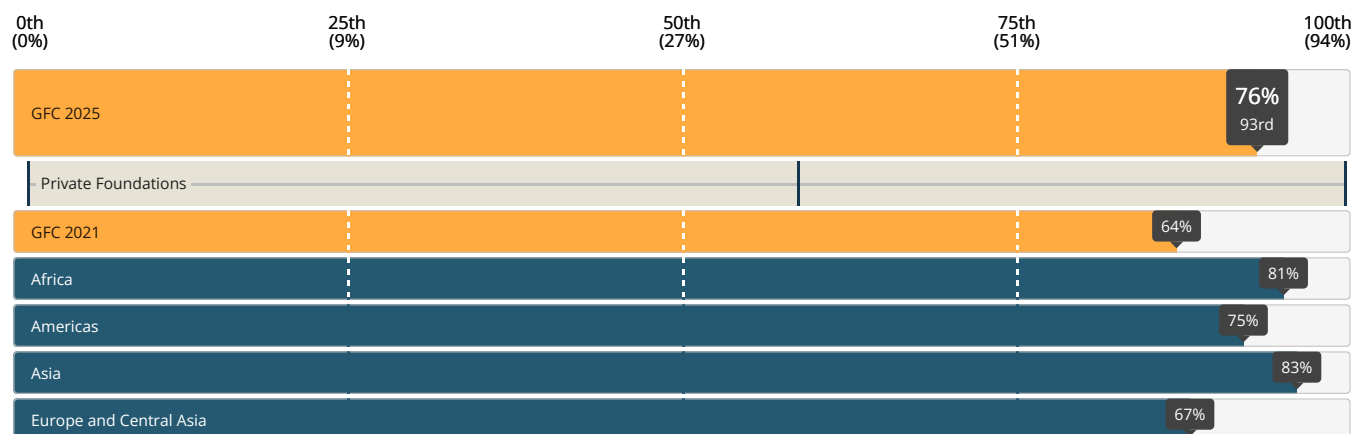
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Proportion of Unrestricted Funding

Proportion of grantees responding 'No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (e.g., general operating, core support)'

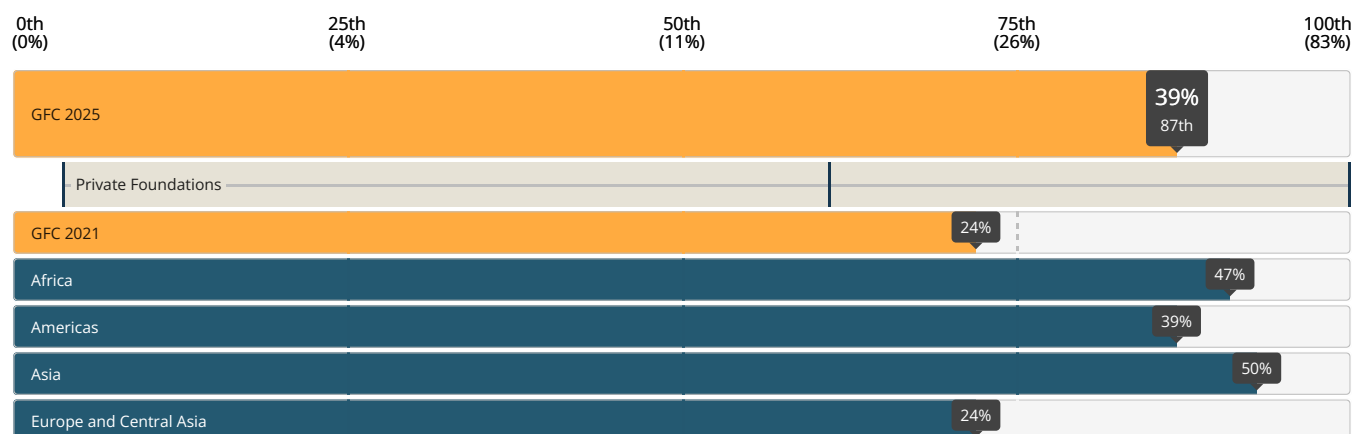
Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



Proportion of Multi-year Unrestricted Grants

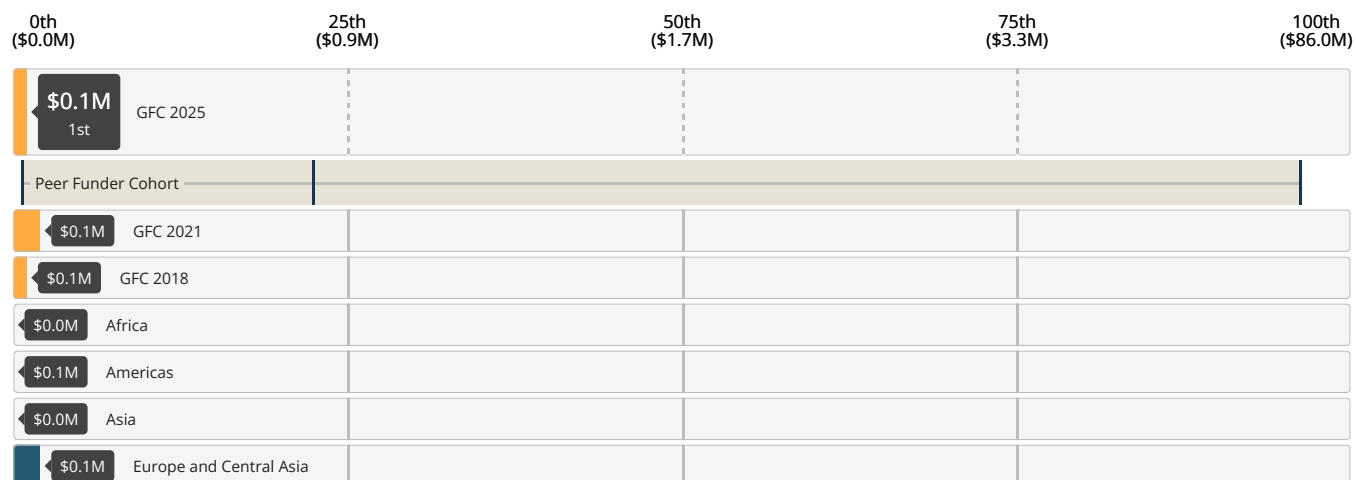
Proportion of grantees that report receiving grants for two years or longer and who report receiving general operating support funding that was not restricted to a specific use.

Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



Median Organizational Budget

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Median Percent of Budget Funded by Grant (Annualized)	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Size of grant relative to size of grantee budget	27%	11%	16%	4%	10%

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Median Percent of Budget Funded by Grant (Annualized) (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
Size of grant relative to size of grantee budget	32%	25%	44%	18%

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

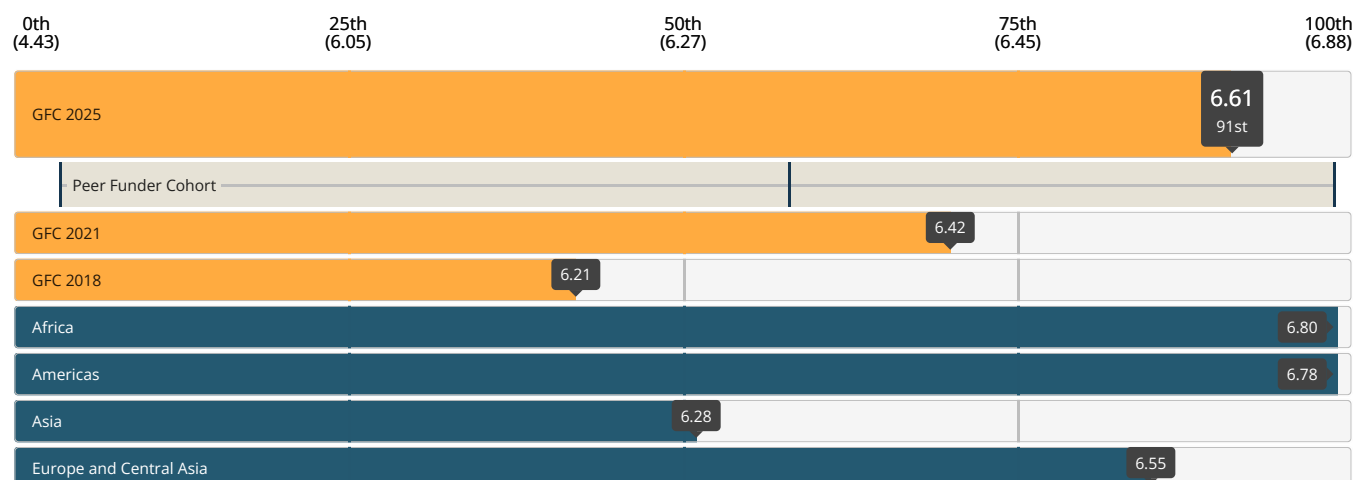
Program Staff Load	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Dollars awarded per program full-time employee	\$0.4M	\$0.2M	\$0.3M	\$2.9M	\$1.7M
Applications per program full-time employee	24	11	29	20	21
Active grants per program full-time employee	19	11	29	30	19

Overall Impact

Overall, how would you rate GFC's impact on your organization?

1 = No impact 7 = Significant positive impact

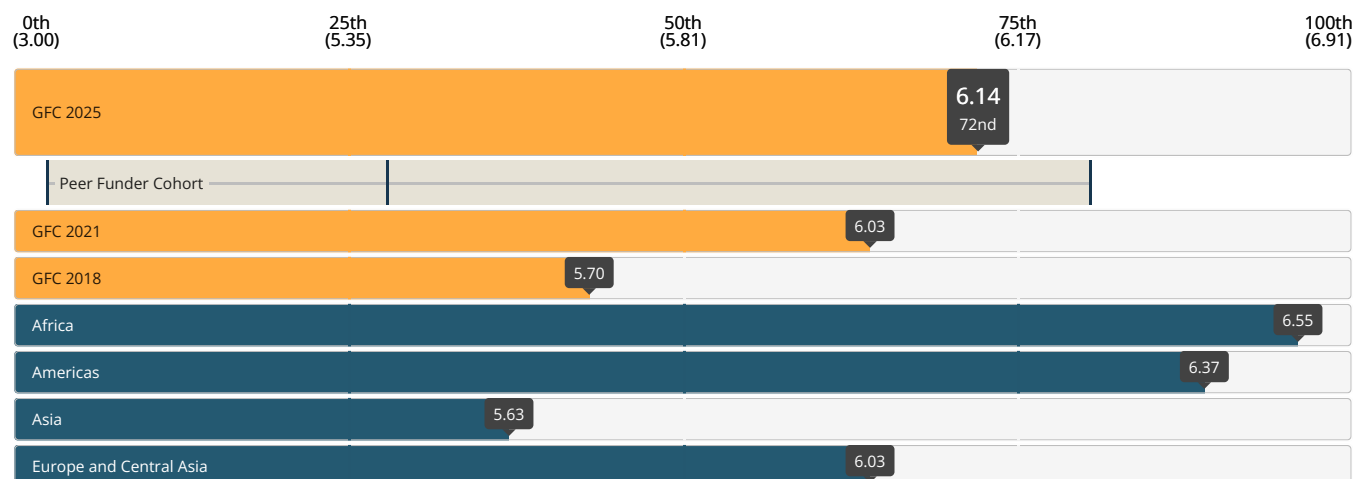
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Overall, how would you rate GFC's impact on your local community?

1 = No impact 7 = Significant positive impact

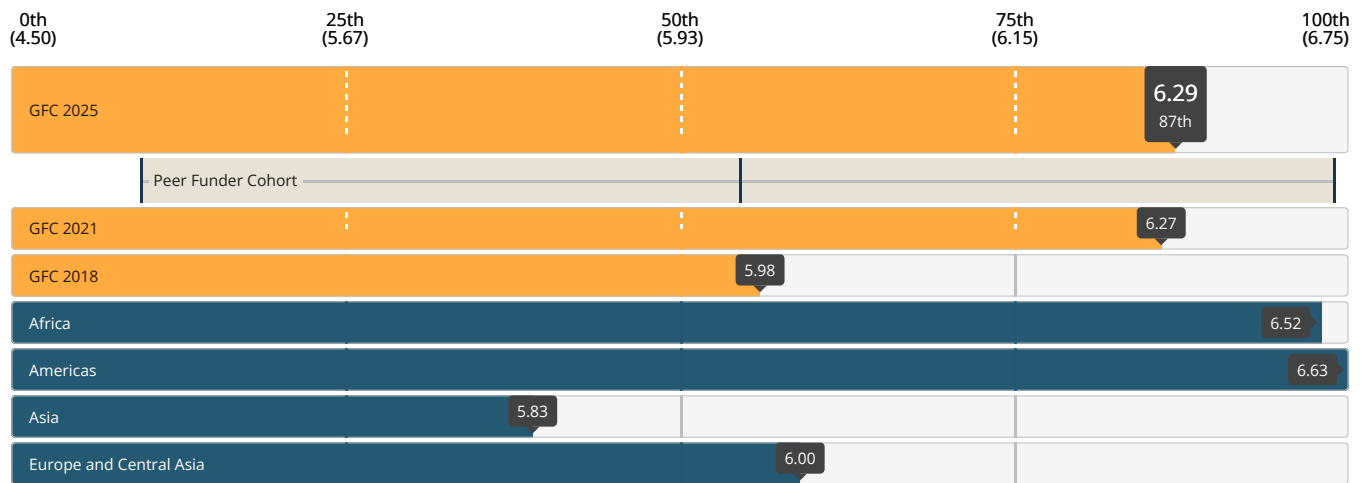
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Overall, how would you rate GFC's impact on your field?

1 = No impact 7 = Significant positive impact

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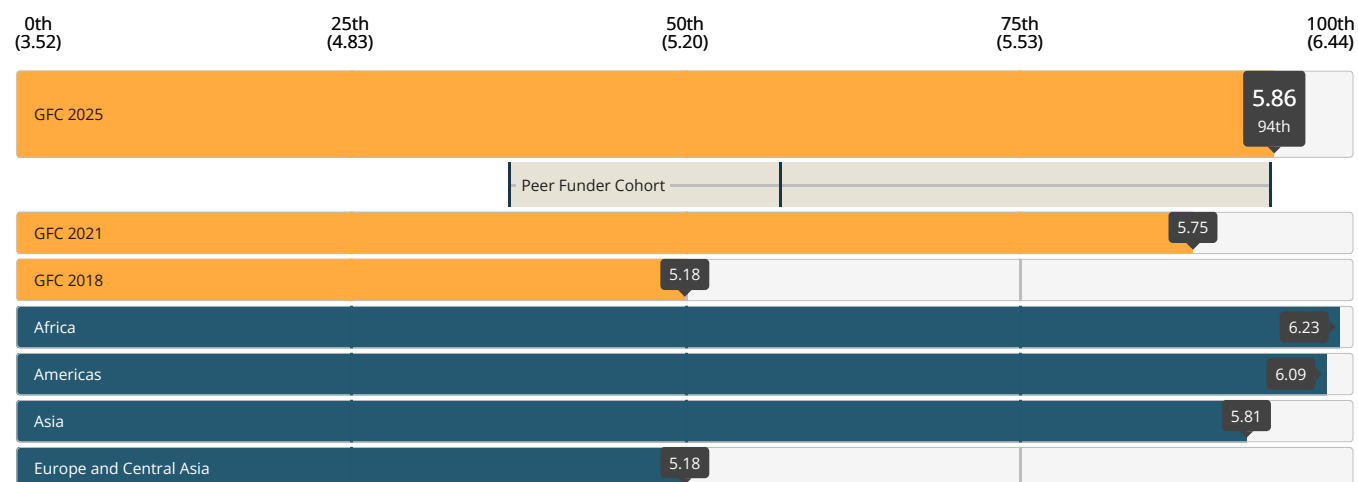


Advancing Knowledge and Public Policy

To what extent has GFC advanced the state of knowledge in your field?

1 = Not at all 7 = Leads the field to new thinking and practice

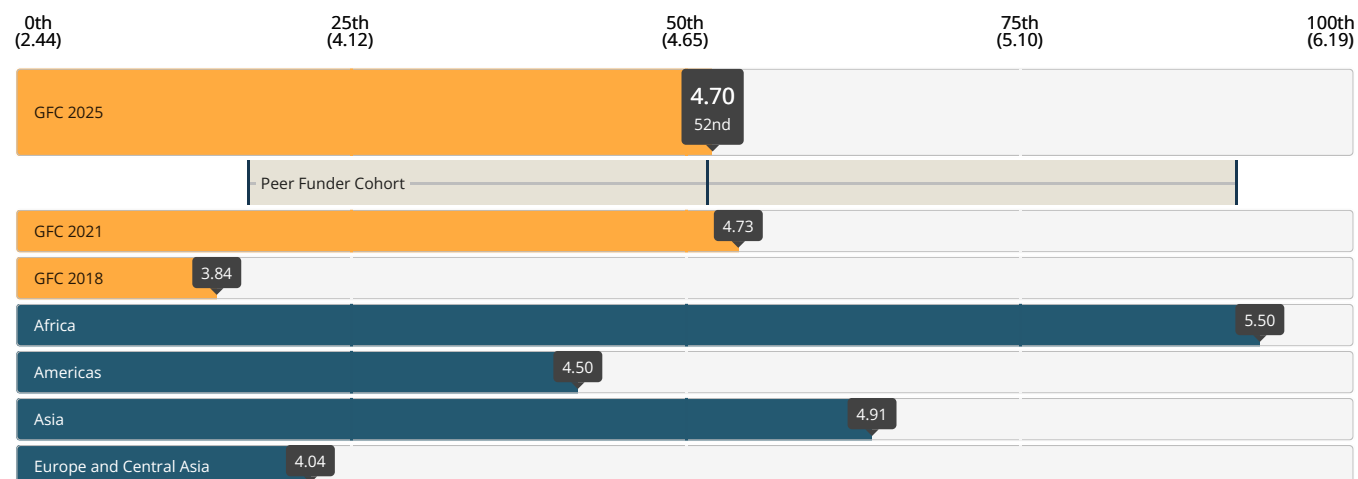
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To what extent has GFC affected public policy in your field?

1 = Not at all 7 = Major influence on shaping public policy

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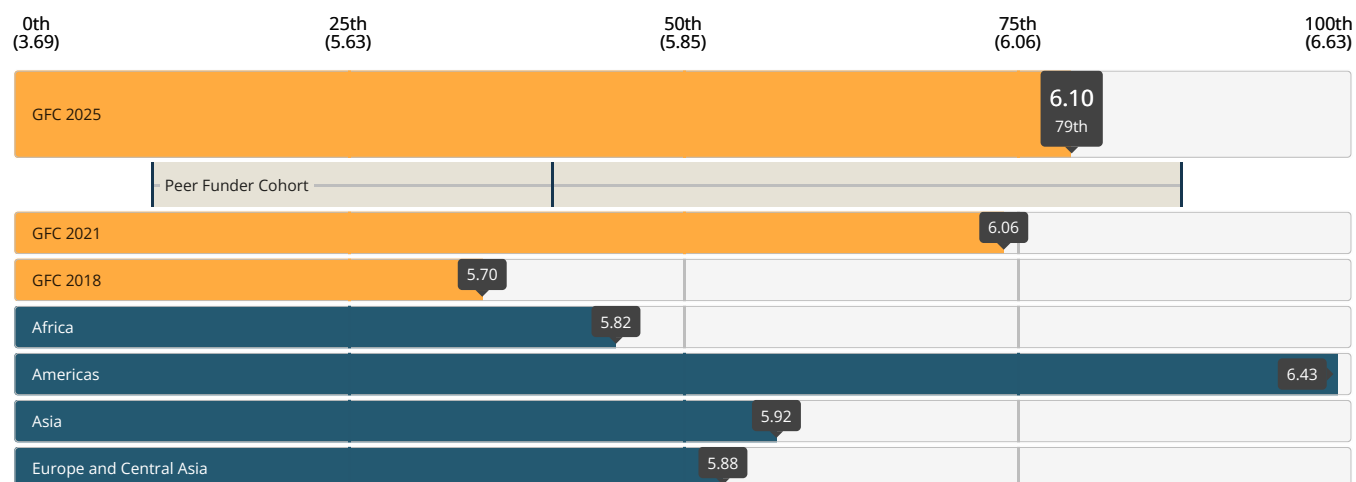


Overall Understanding

How well does GFC understand your organization's strategy and goals?

1 = Limited understanding 7 = Thorough understanding

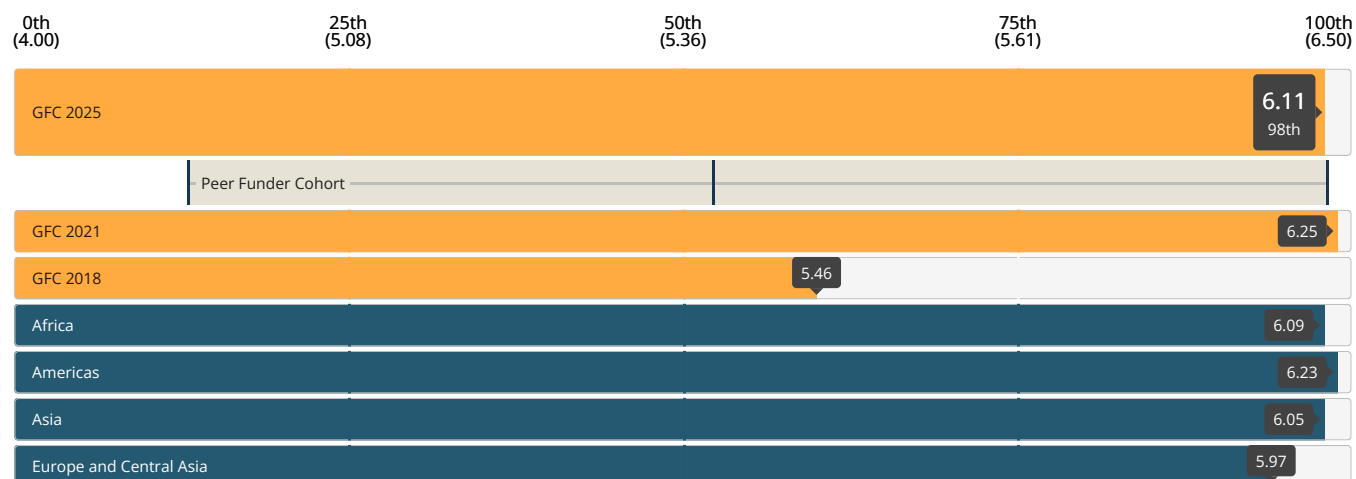
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How aware is GFC of the challenges that your organization is facing?

1 = Not at all aware 7 = Extremely aware

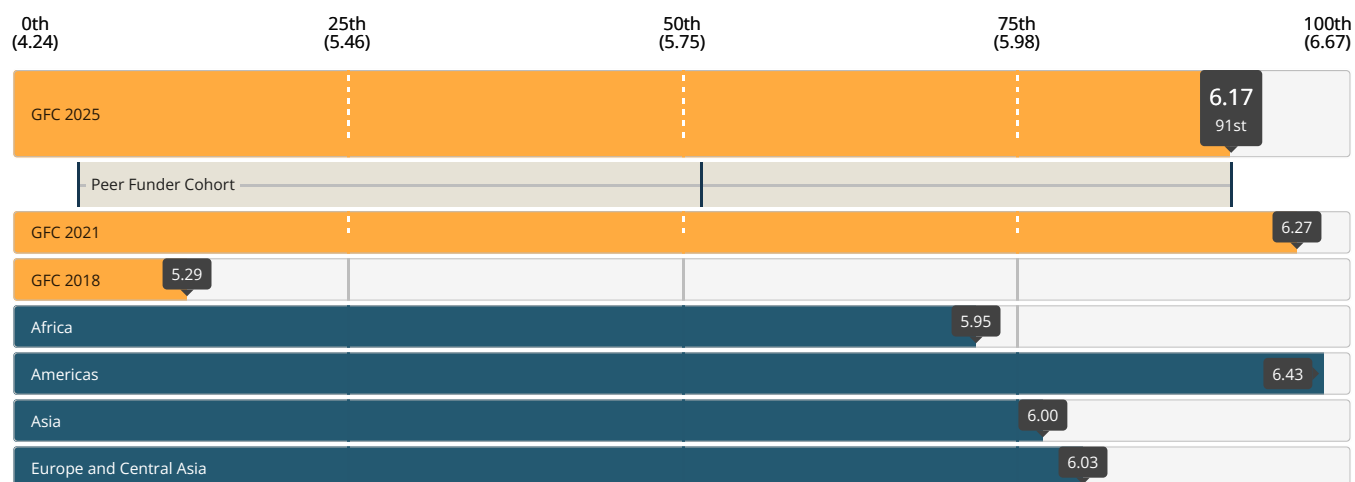
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How well does GFC understand the social, cultural, or socioeconomic factors that affect your work?

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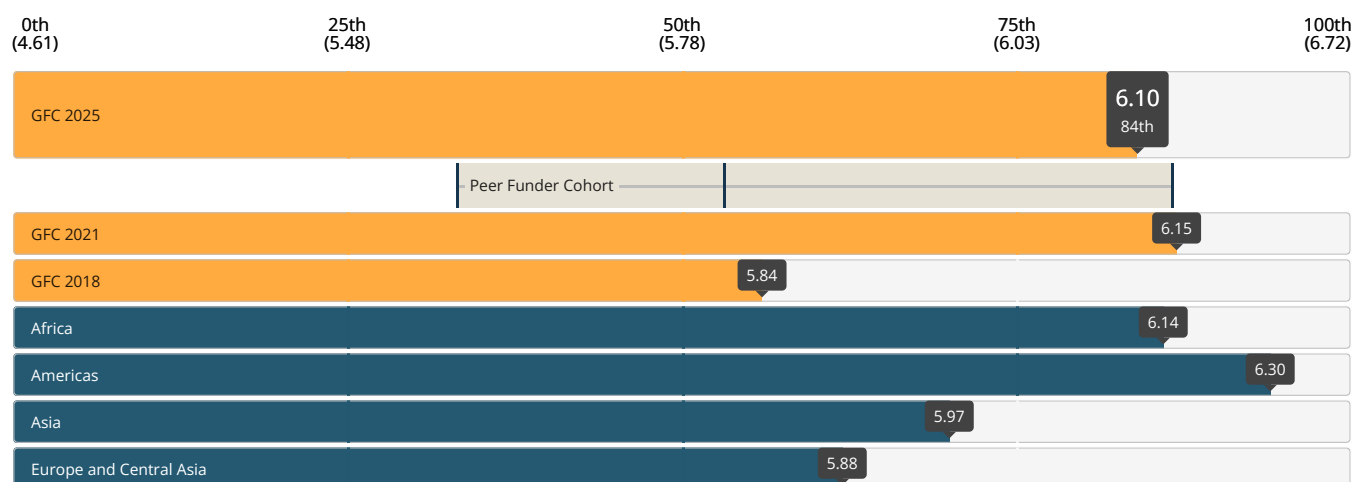
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How well does GFC understand the field in which you work?

1 = Limited understanding of the field 7 = Regarded as an expert in the field

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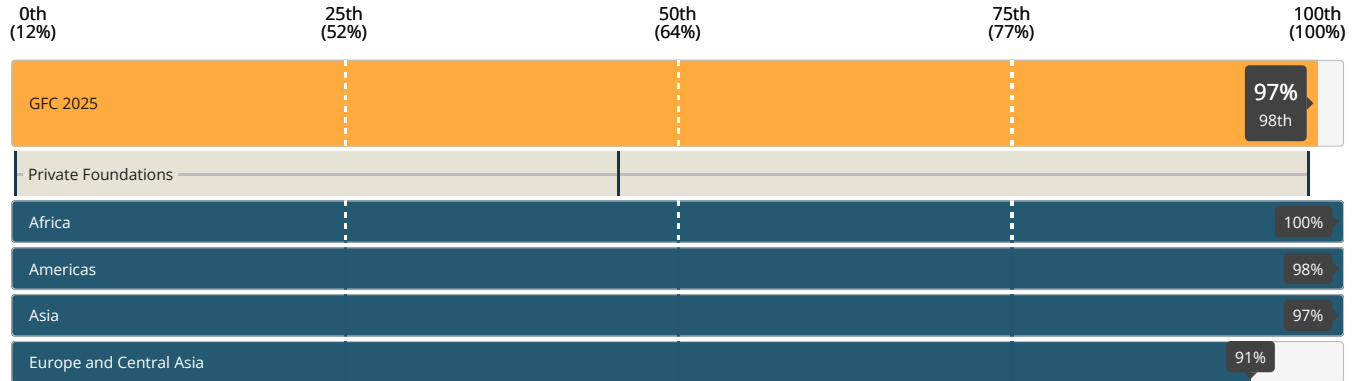


Assistance Beyond the Grant

Proportion of Grantees Receiving Assistance Beyond the Grant

Proportion of grantees who indicate receiving at least one form of assistance beyond the grant

Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

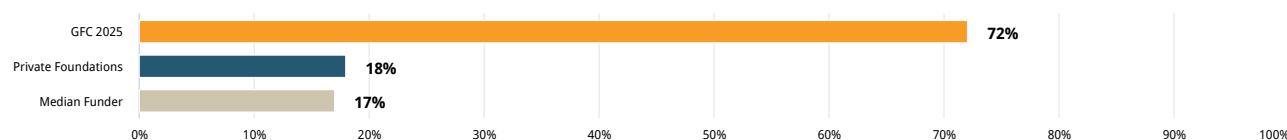


In the survey, respondents were asked about the assistance beyond the grant they received in a check-all-that-apply format. Therefore, the following charts provide greater detail on the previous assistance beyond the grant question.

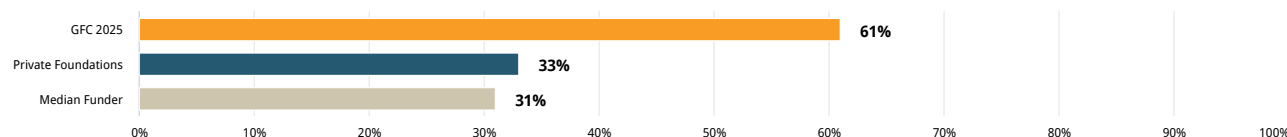
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Cohort: Private Foundations

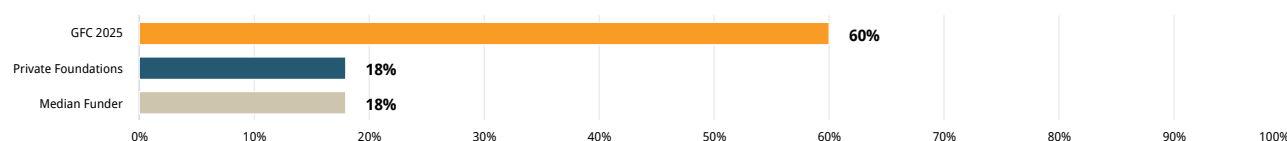
Organizational Capacity Building Assistance (e.g., advice on your organizational capacity, board development, etc.)



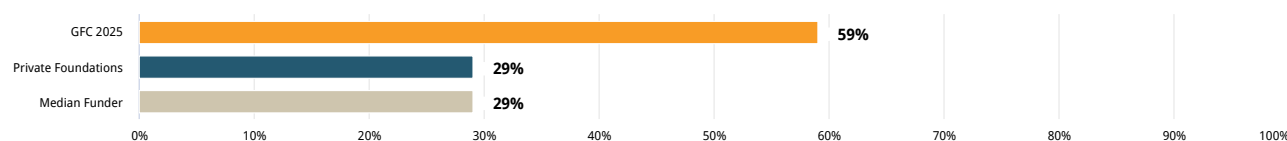
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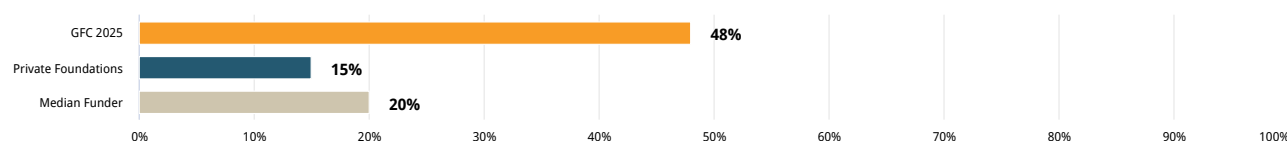
Fundraising and Development Assistance (e.g., introductions to other funders or donors, development consulting, fundraising review, etc.)



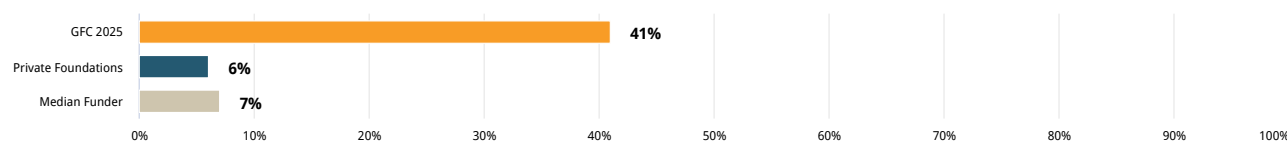
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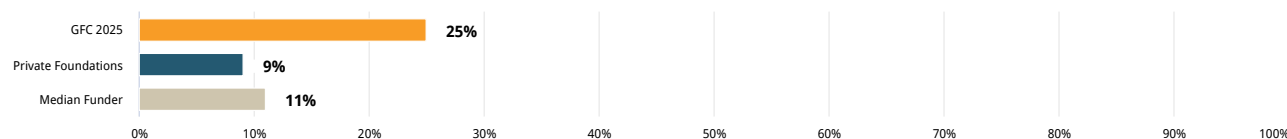
Communications Assistance (e.g., promoting your organization's work on GFC's social media, website, or other communication channels, drafting press releases, support for your organization's communications strategy, etc.)



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Assistance (e.g., provide training or facilitation related to DEI, DEI assessment processes, expertise to add a DEI lens to your work, etc.)



Other assistance not listed above

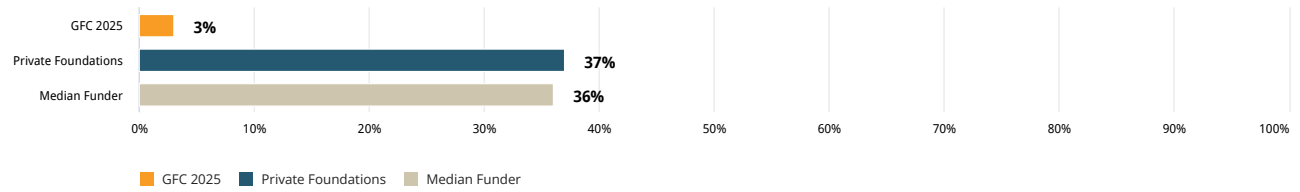


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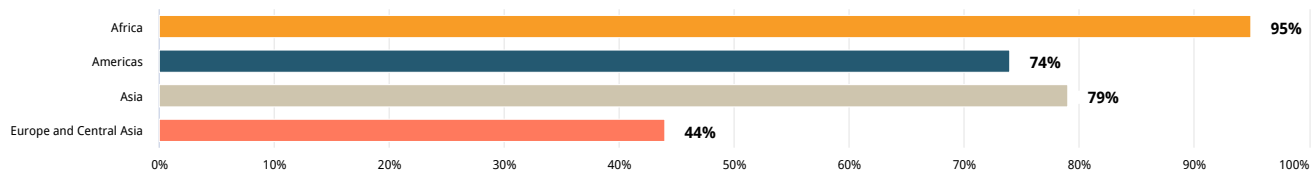
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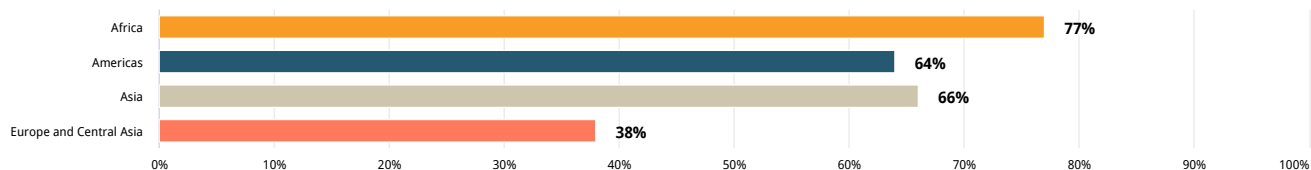
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Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

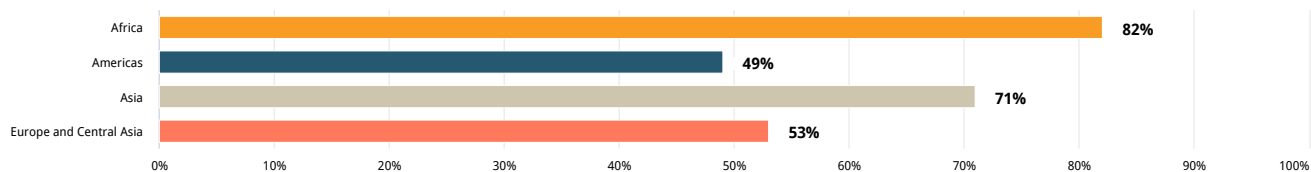
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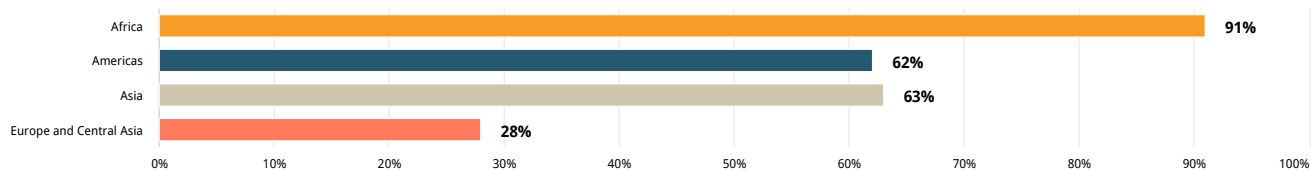
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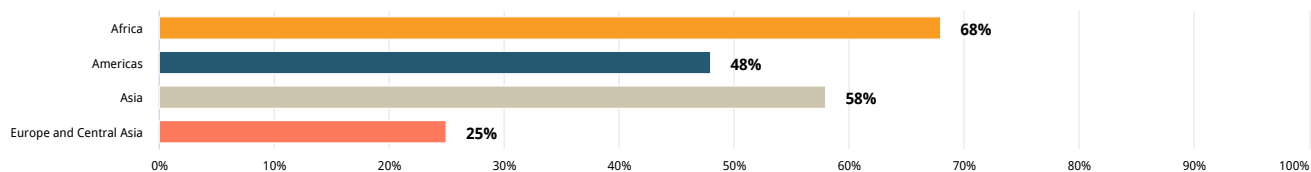
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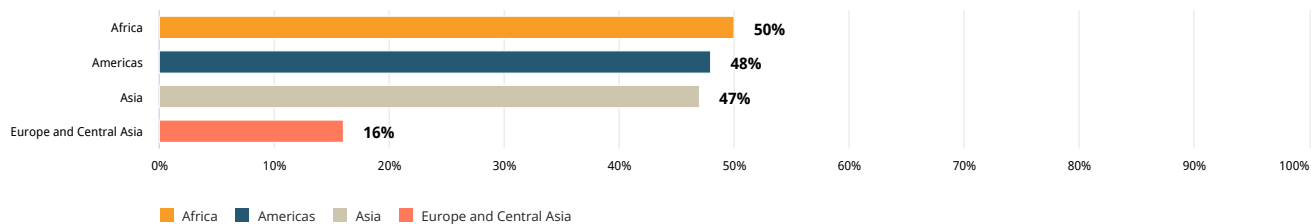
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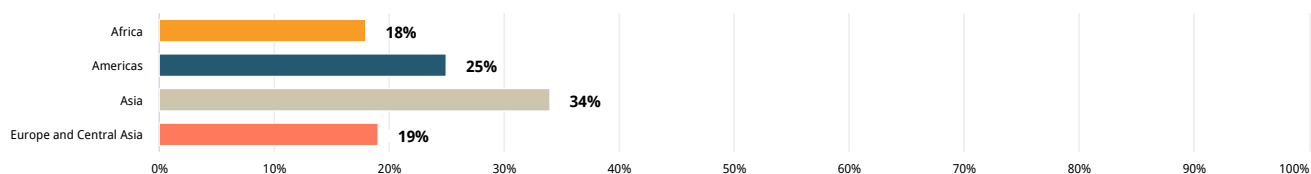
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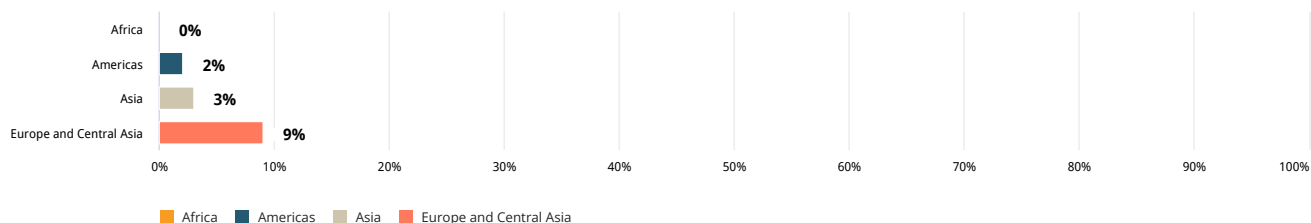
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Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Other assistance not listed above



Did not receive any assistance beyond the grant



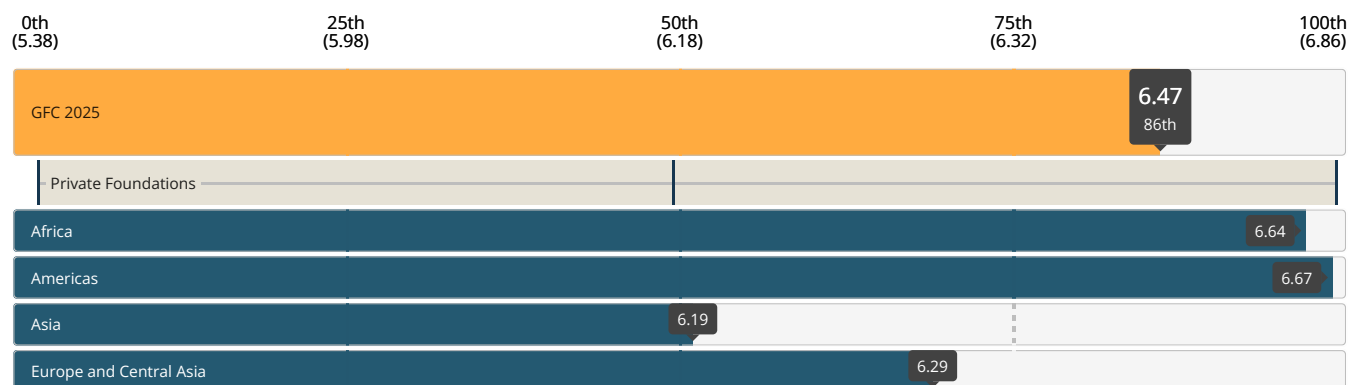
Note: The following questions were asked only of grantees who indicated receiving at least one form of assistance beyond the grant in the previous question.

Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the assistance beyond the grant you received from GFC.

The support I received met an important need for my organization and/or program

1 = Not at all 4 = Somewhat 7 = To a great extent

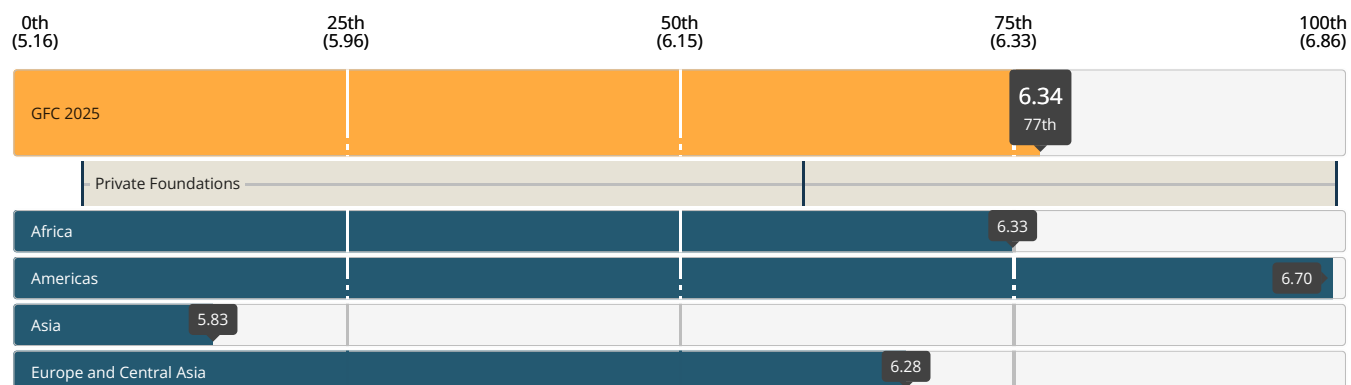
Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



GFC's assistance beyond the grant was a worthwhile use of the time required of us

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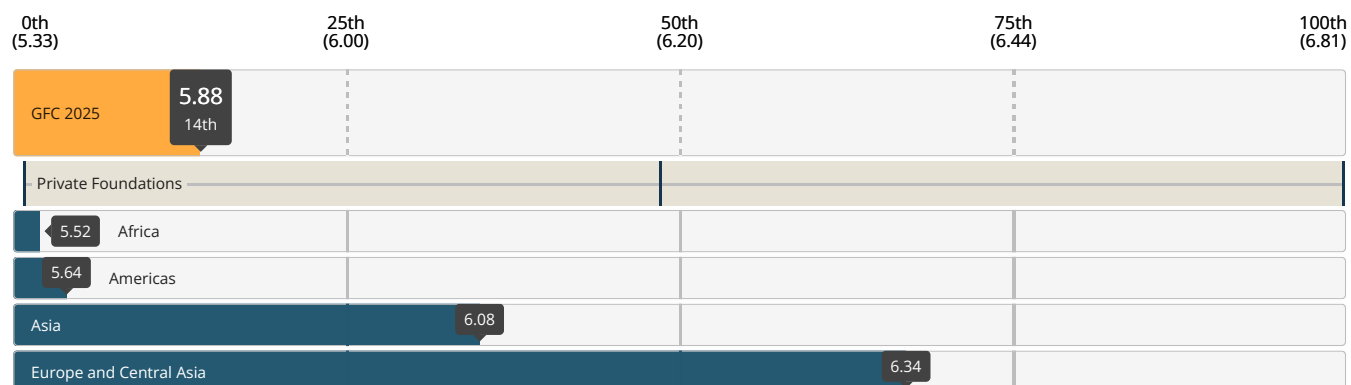
Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



I felt GFC would be open to feedback about the assistance beyond the grant it provided

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Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



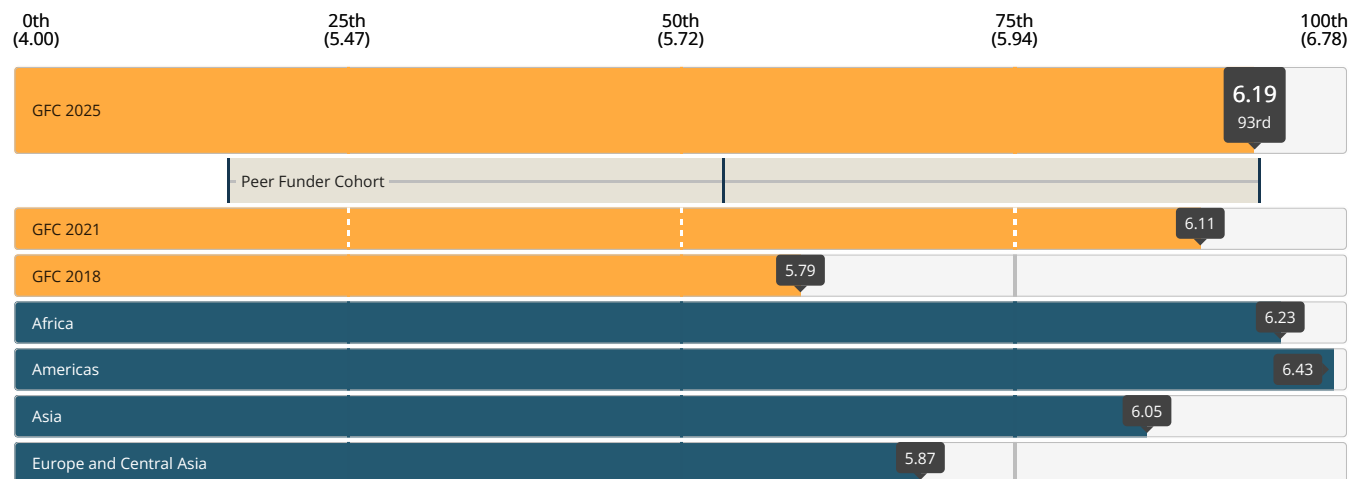
People and Communities Served

In the following question, we use the phrase "the people and communities that you serve" to refer to those your organization seeks to serve through the services and/or programs it provides.

How well does GFC understand the needs of the people and communities that you serve?

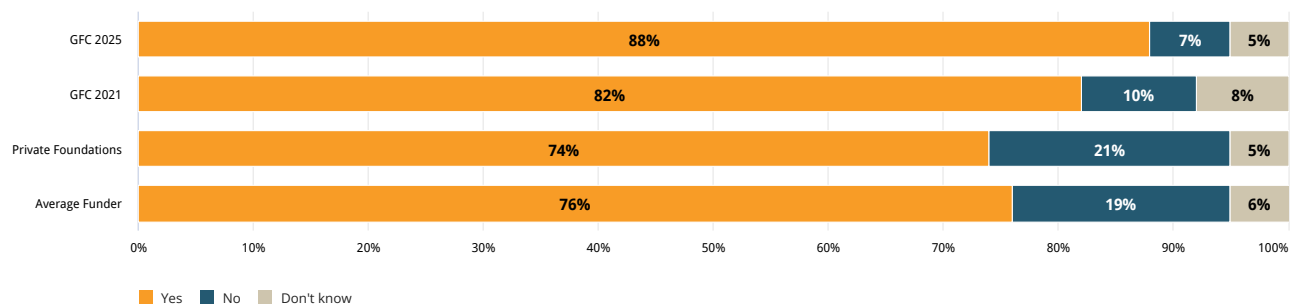
1 = Limited understanding 7 = Thorough understanding

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



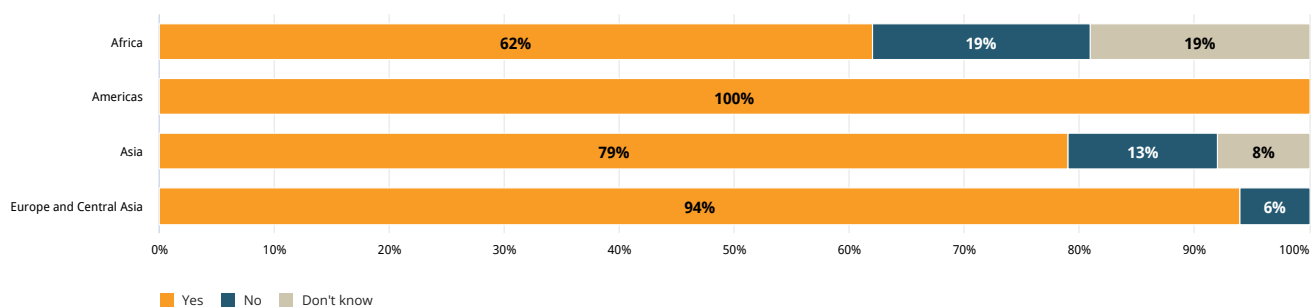
Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups?

Cohort: Private Foundations Past Results: On



Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups? - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

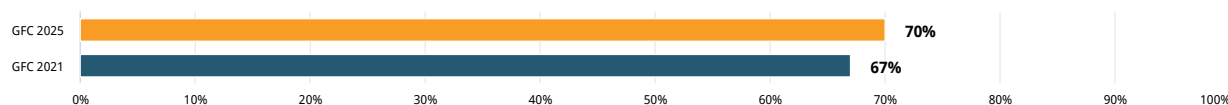


The following question is asked only of grantees based outside of the U.S. who answered "yes" to the question "Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups?"

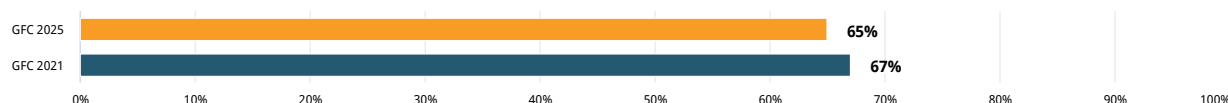
Specifically, are any of the following populations the primary intended people and/or communities served by the efforts funded by this grant?

Past Results: On

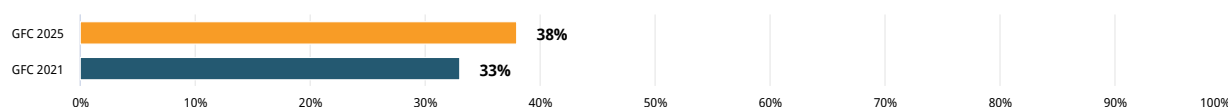
Women



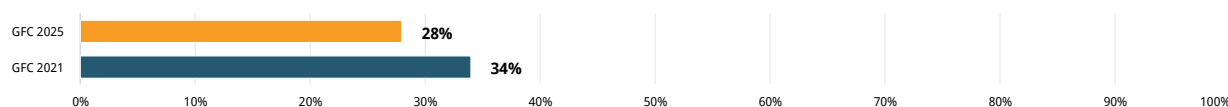
Historically disadvantaged racial, indigenous, or ethnic groups



Individuals with disabilities



Members of the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) community



None of the above



Don't know

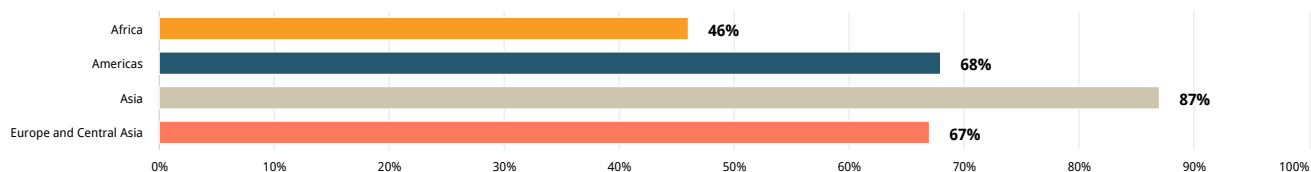


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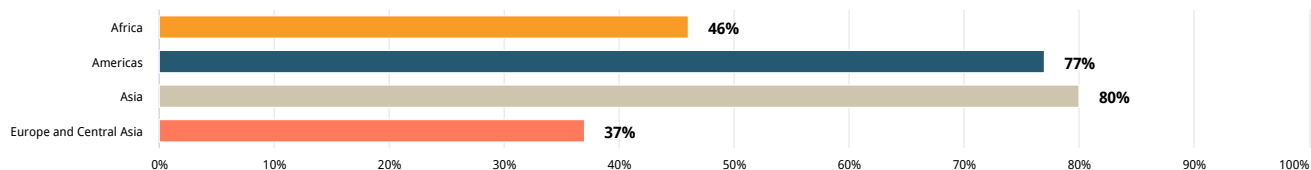
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Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

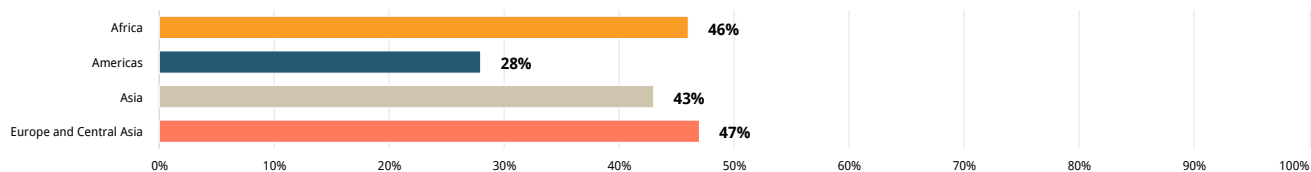
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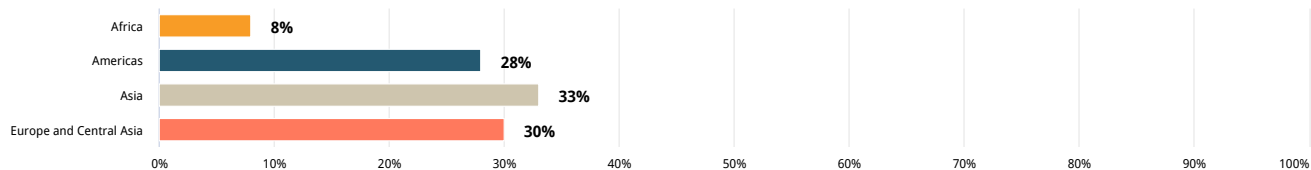
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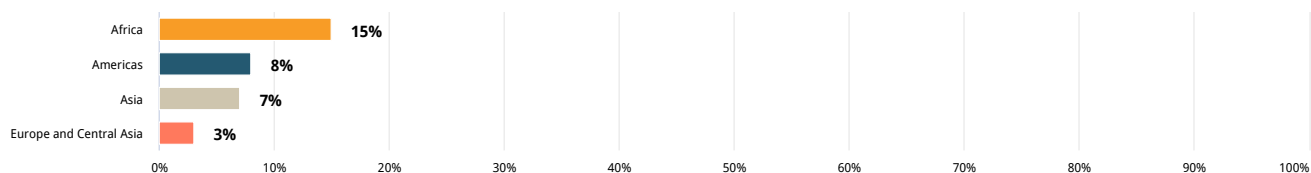
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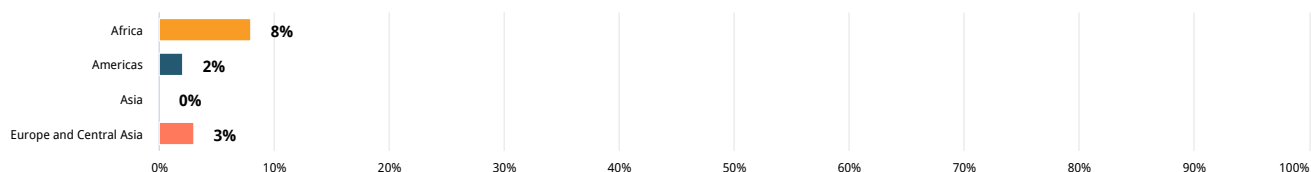
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None of the above



Don't know



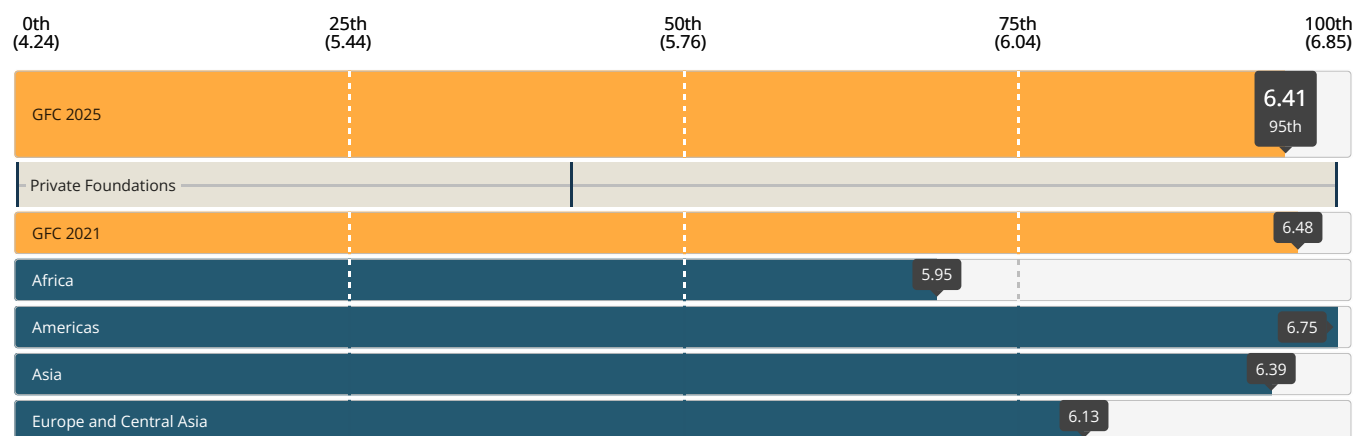
■ Africa
 ■ Americas
 ■ Asia
 ■ Europe and Central Asia

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

To what extent do you agree or disagree that GFC has clearly communicated what diversity, equity, and inclusion means for its work?

1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree

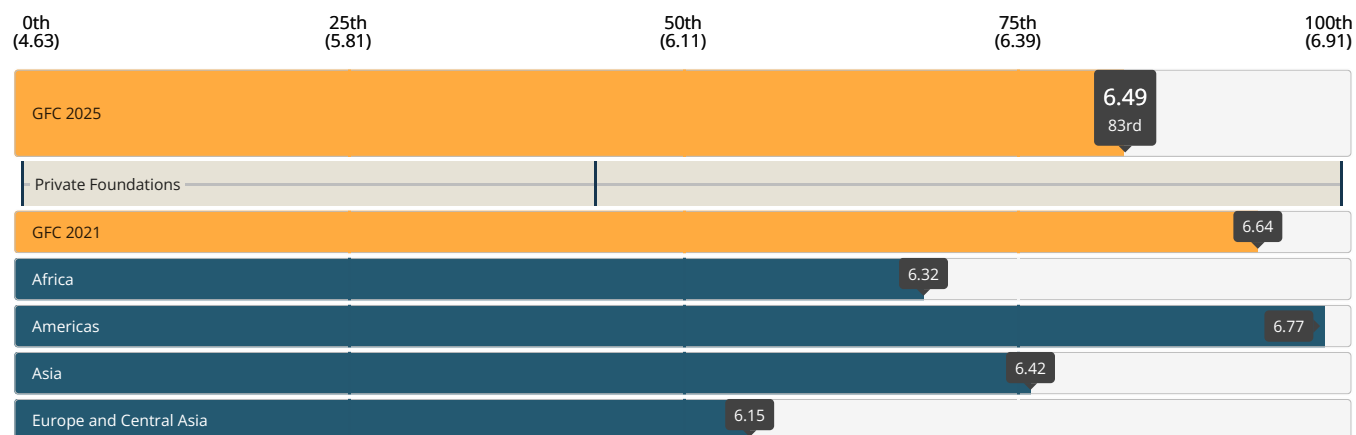
Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



To what extent do you agree or disagree that GFC demonstrates an explicit commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in its work?

1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree

Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On

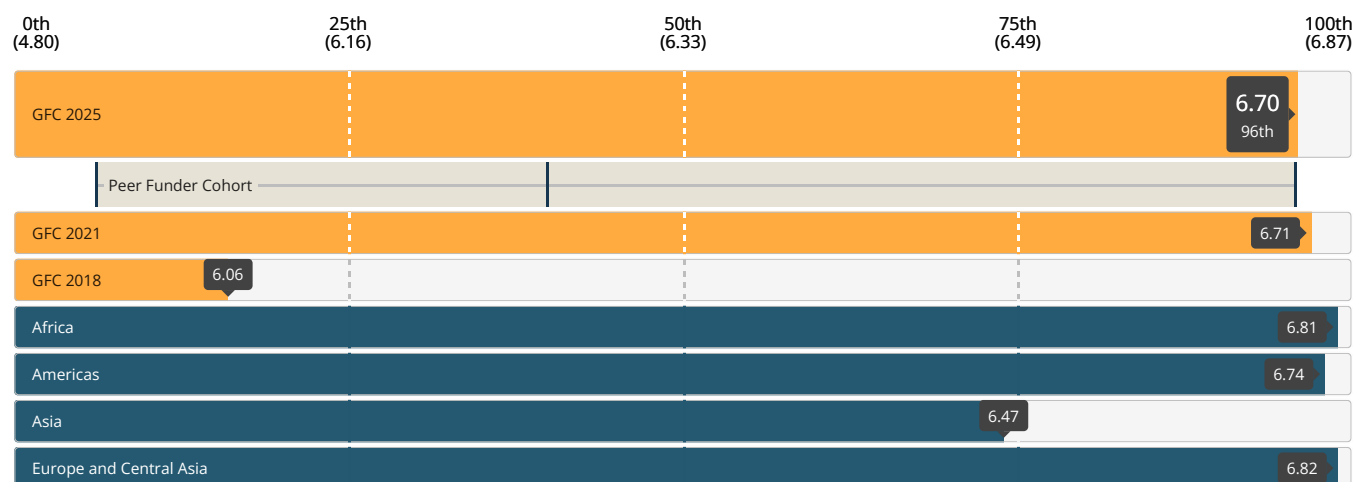


Funder-Grantee Relationships

How comfortable do you feel approaching GFC if a problem arises?

1 = Not at all comfortable 7 = Extremely comfortable

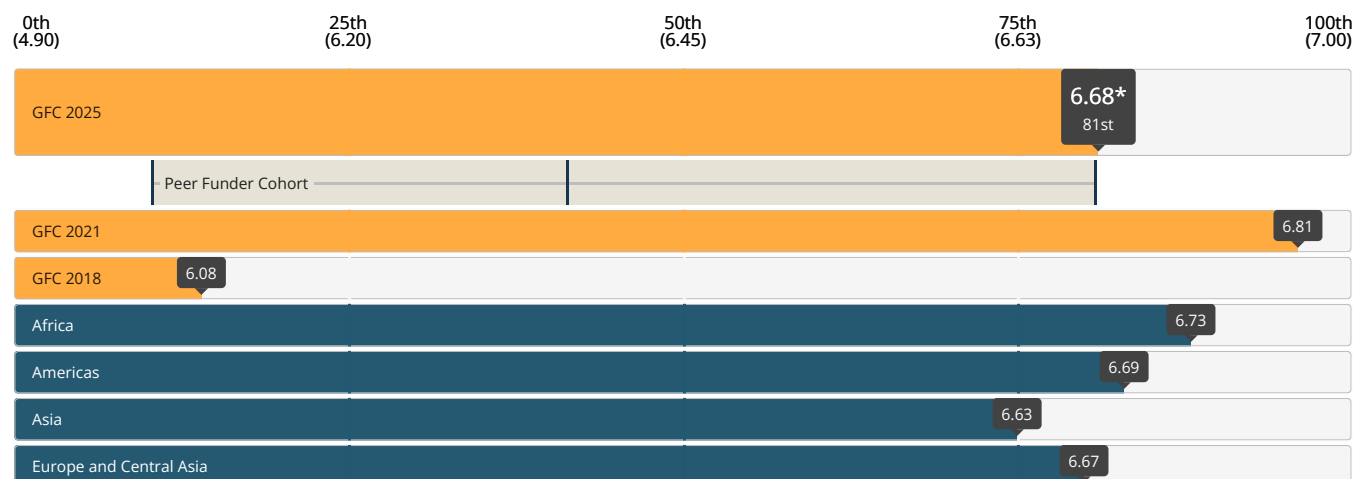
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Overall, how responsive was GFC staff?

1 = Not at all responsive 7 = Extremely responsive

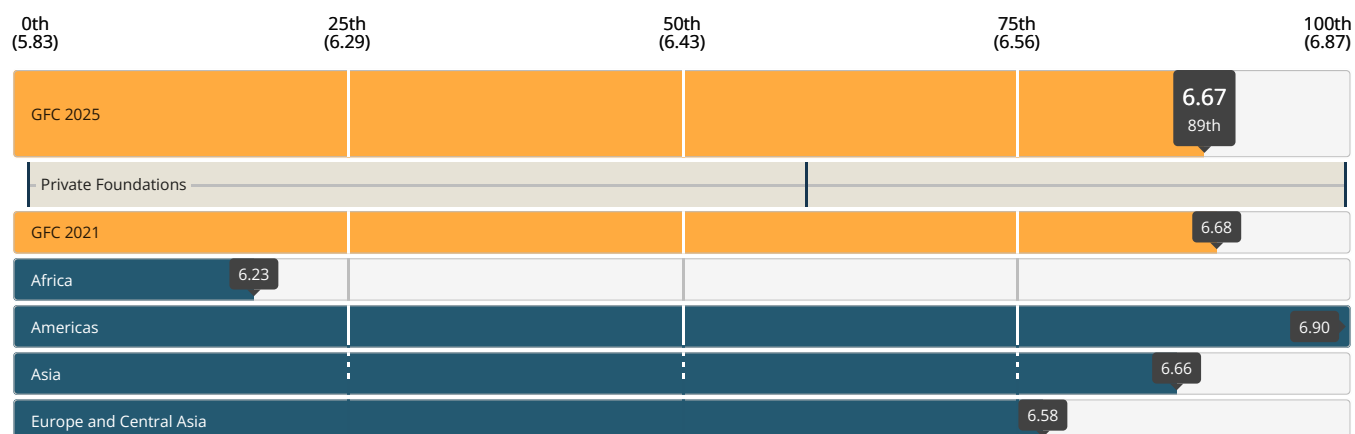
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To what extent did GFC exhibit trust in your organization's staff during this grant?

1 = Not at all 4 = Somewhat 7 = To a great extent

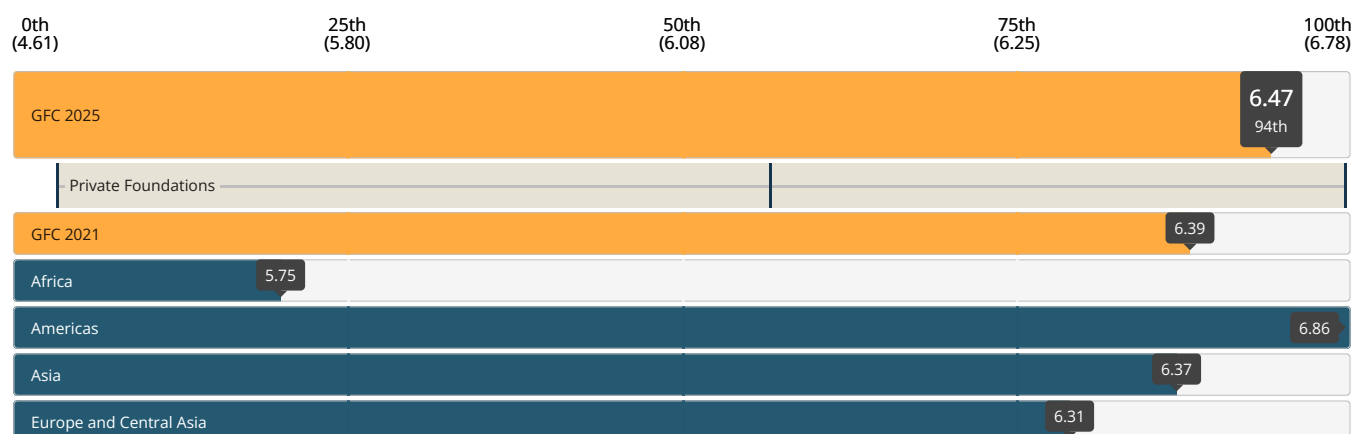
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To what extent did GFC exhibit candor about GFC's perspectives on your work during this grant?

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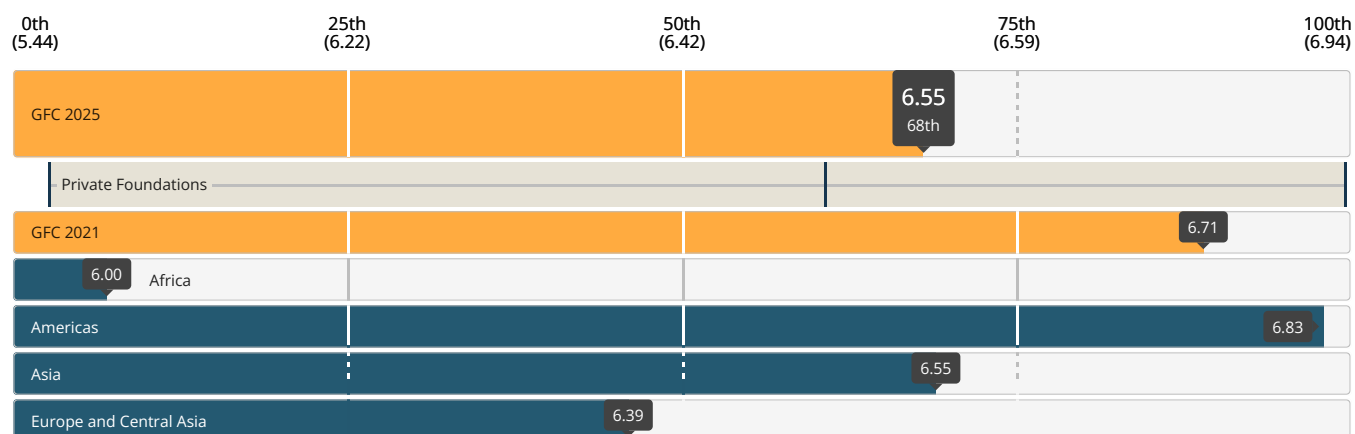
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To what extent did GFC exhibit compassion for those affected by your work during this grant?

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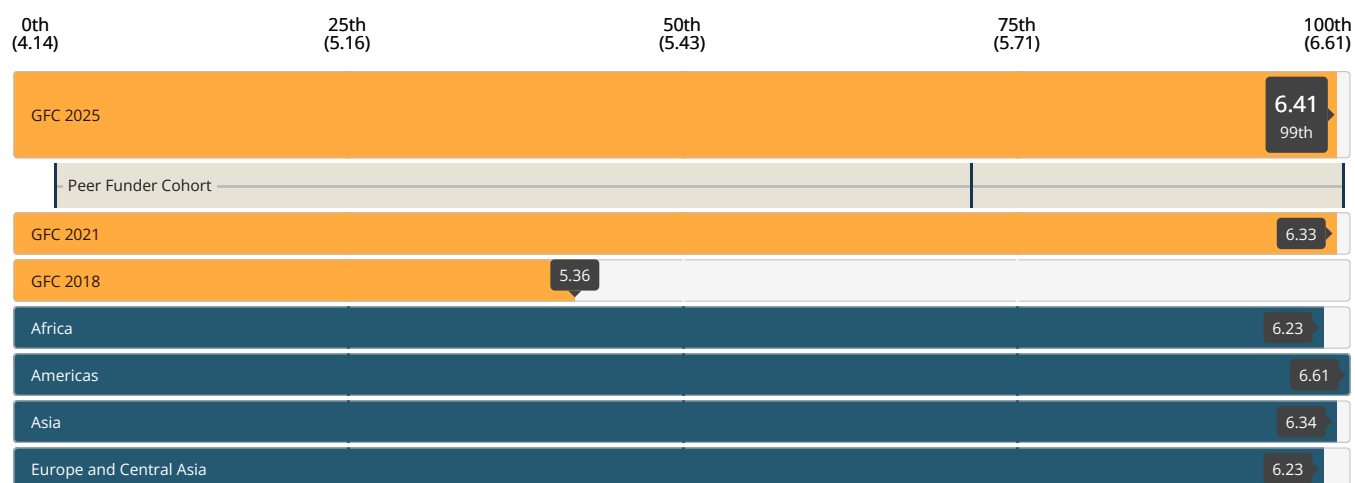
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To what extent is GFC open to ideas from grantees about its strategy?

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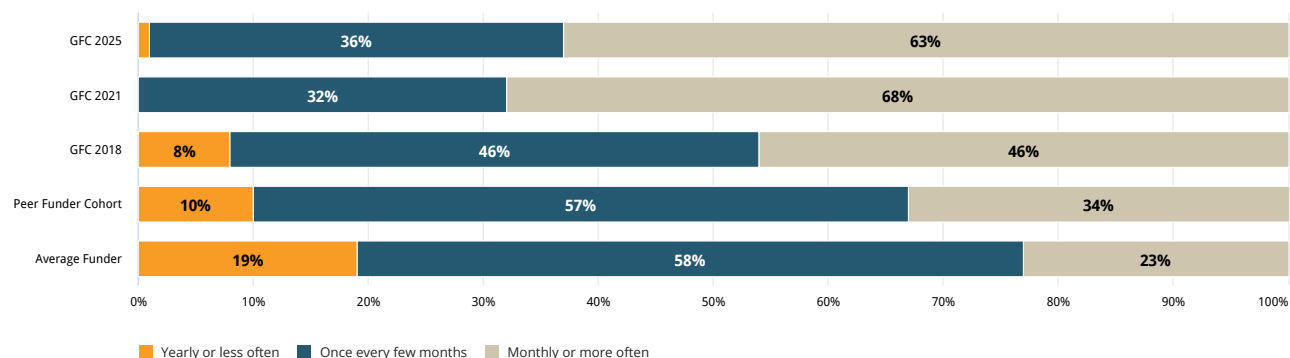
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Interaction Patterns

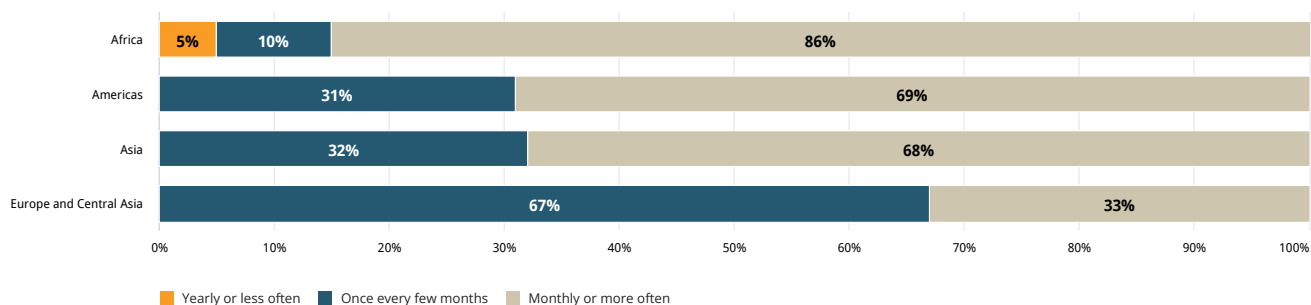
How often do/did you have contact with your program officer during this grant?

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On



How often do/did you have contact with your program officer during this grant? - By Subgroup

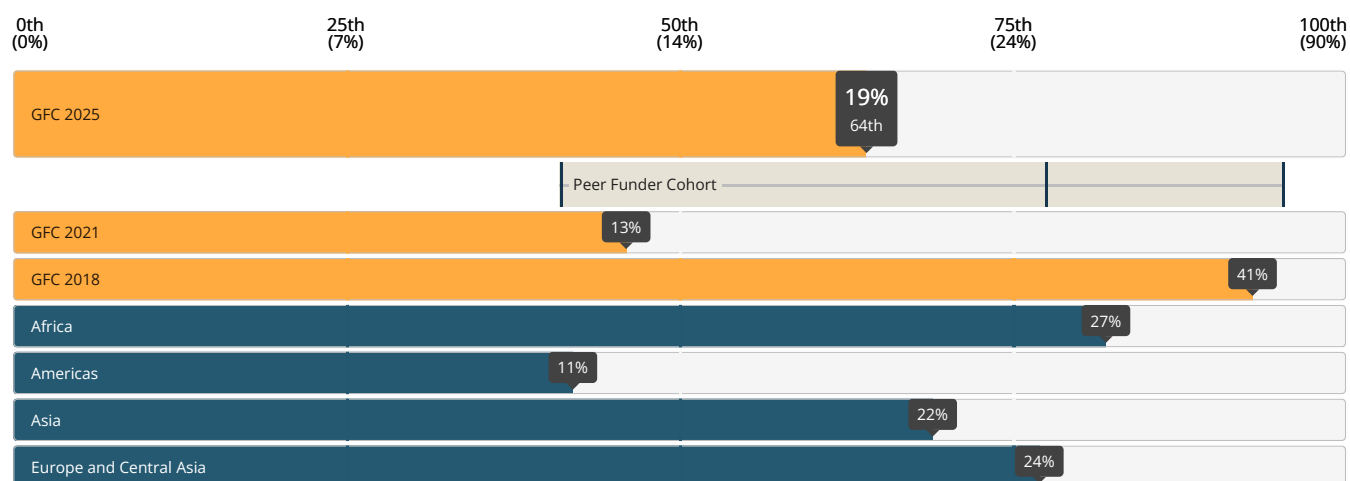
Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



Has your main contact at GFC changed in the past six months?

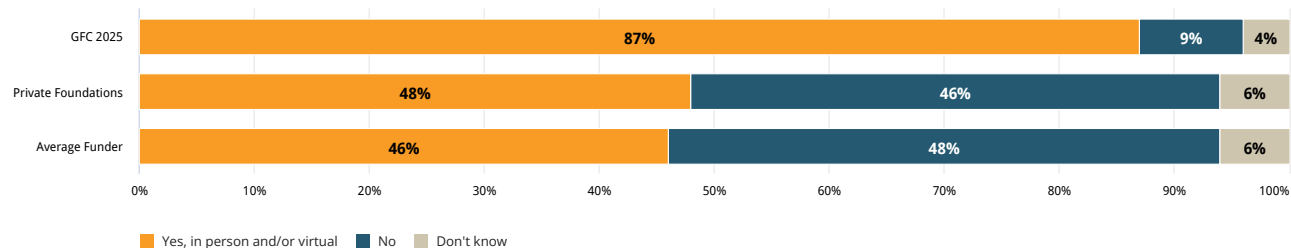
Proportion of grantees responding 'Yes'

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



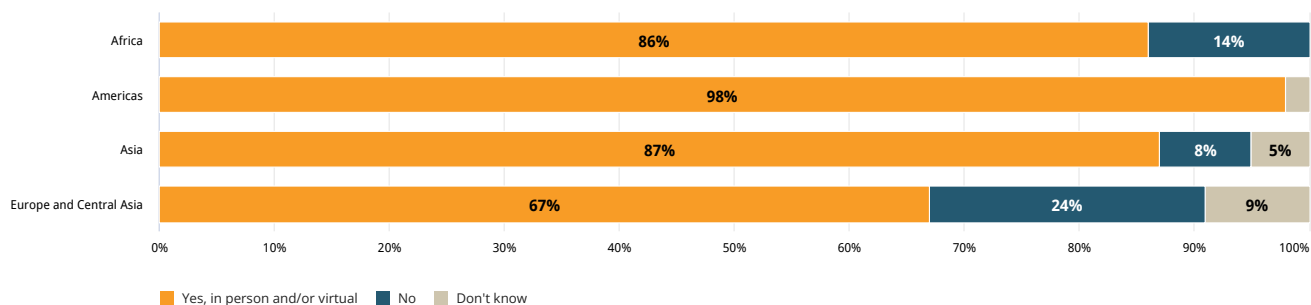
At any point during this grant, including the selection process, did GFC staff conduct a site visit?

Cohort: Private Foundations Past Results: On



At any point during this grant, including the selection process, did GFC staff conduct a site visit? - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

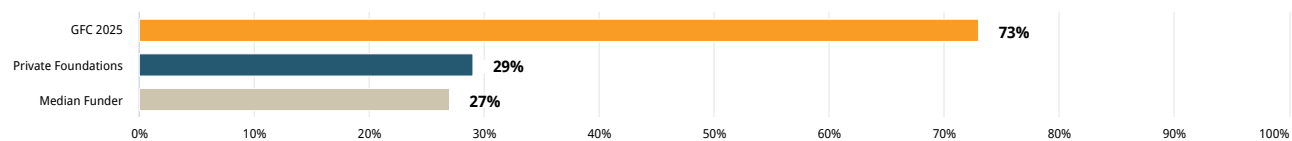


In the survey, respondents were asked the site visit question in a check-all-that-apply format. Therefore, the following charts provide greater detail on the previous site visit question.

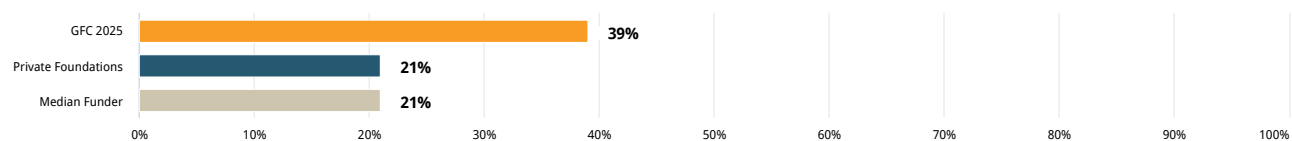
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Cohort: Private Foundations

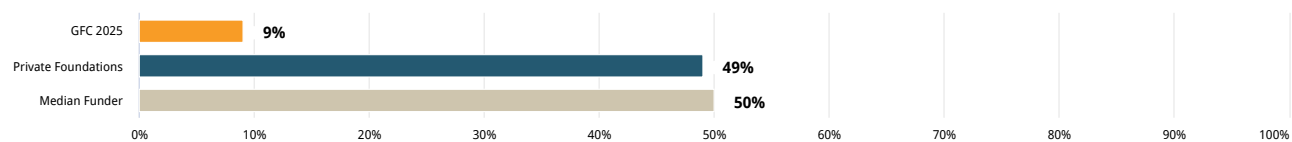
Yes, in person



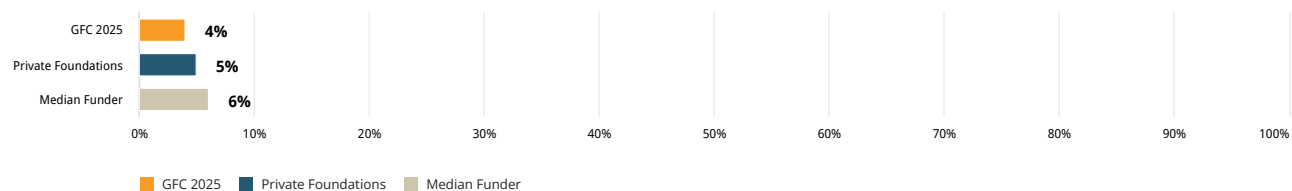
Yes, virtually



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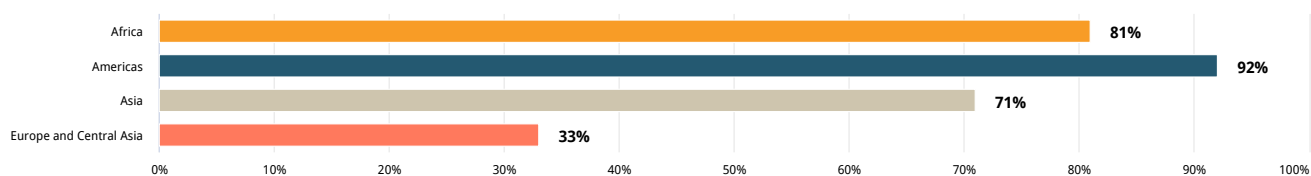
Don't know



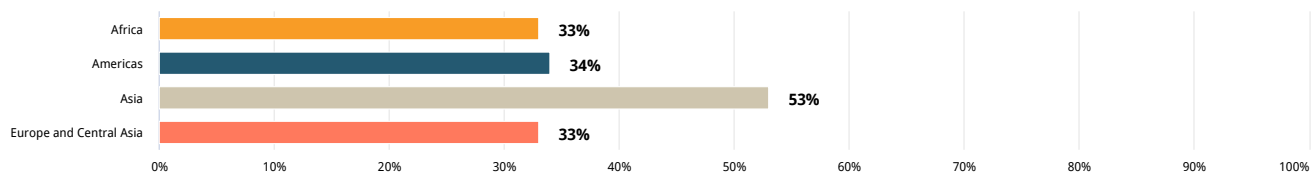
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Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

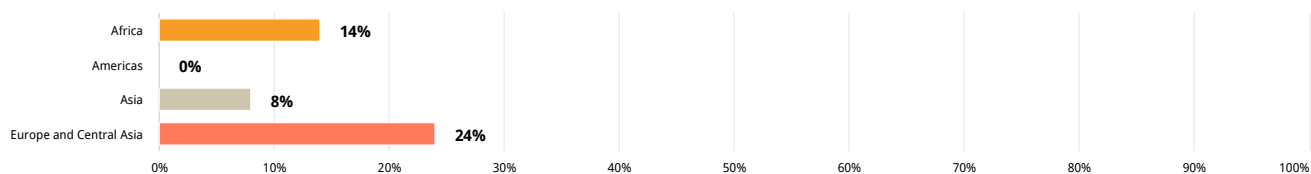
Yes, in person



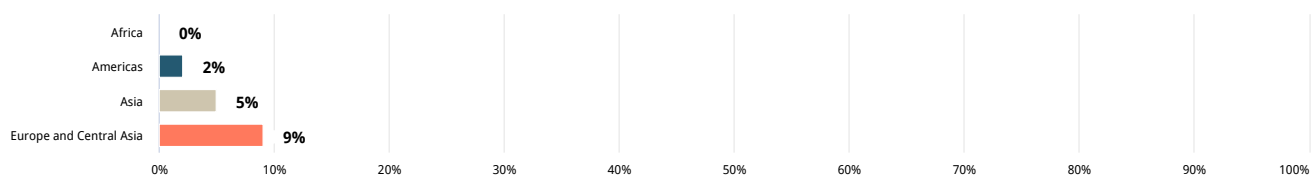
Yes, virtually



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Don't know



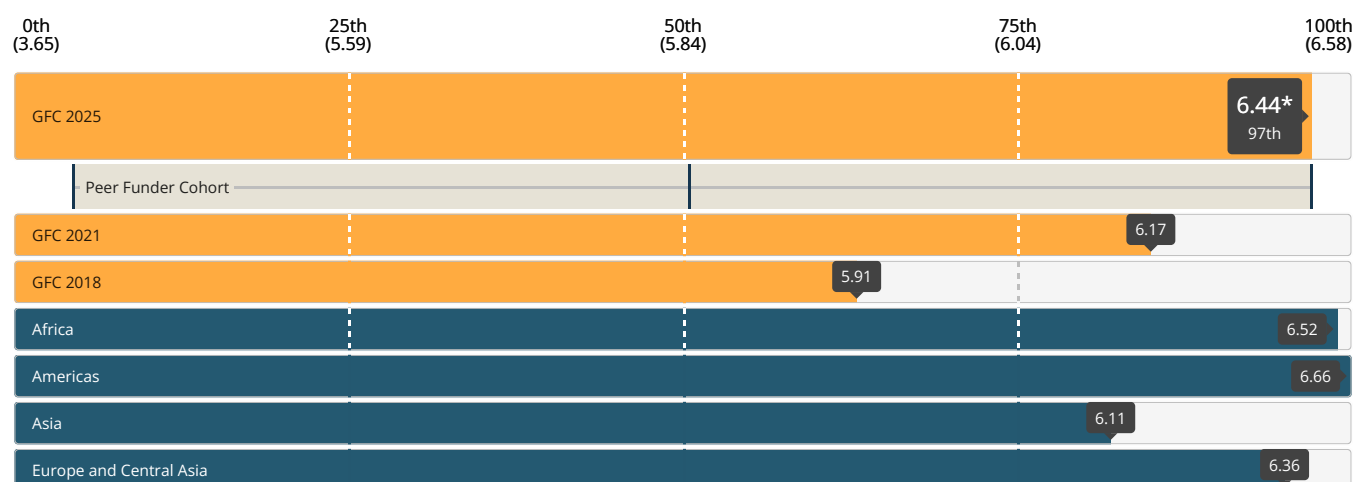
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Communication

How clearly has GFC communicated its goals and strategy to you?

1 = Not at all clearly 7 = Extremely clearly

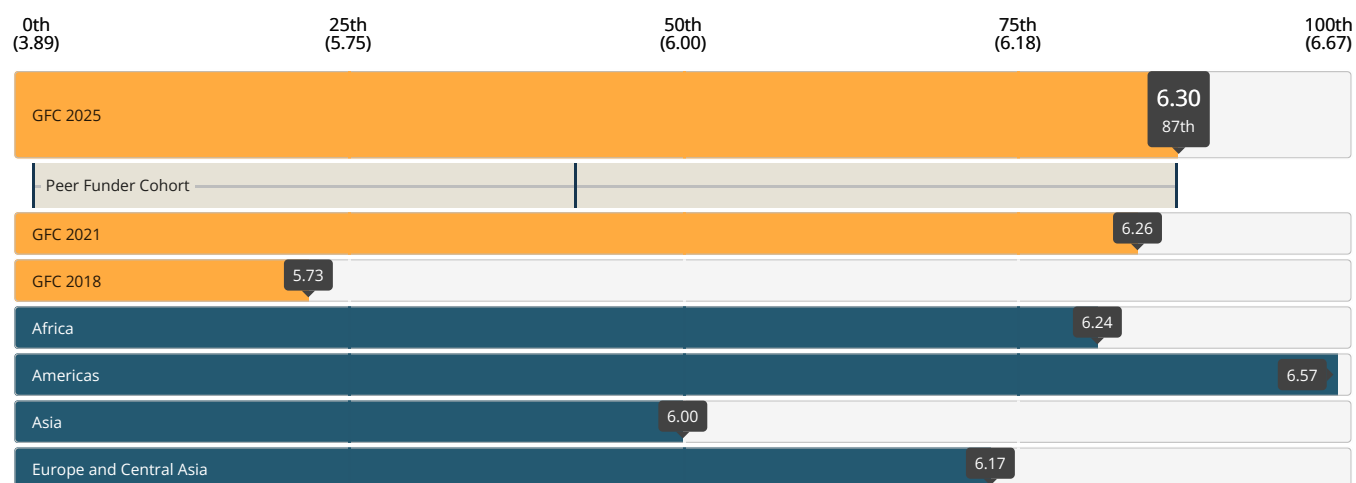
Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



How consistent was the information provided by different communication resources, both personal and written, that you used to learn about GFC?

1 = Not at all consistent 7 = Completely consistent

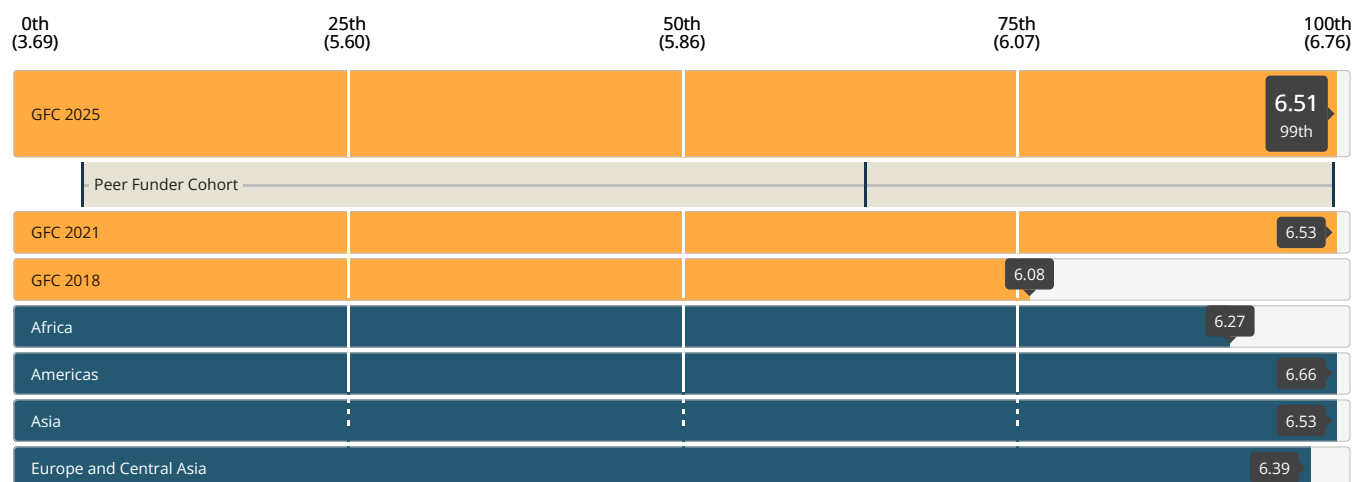
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Overall, how transparent is GFC with your organization?

1 = Not at all transparent 7 = Extremely transparent

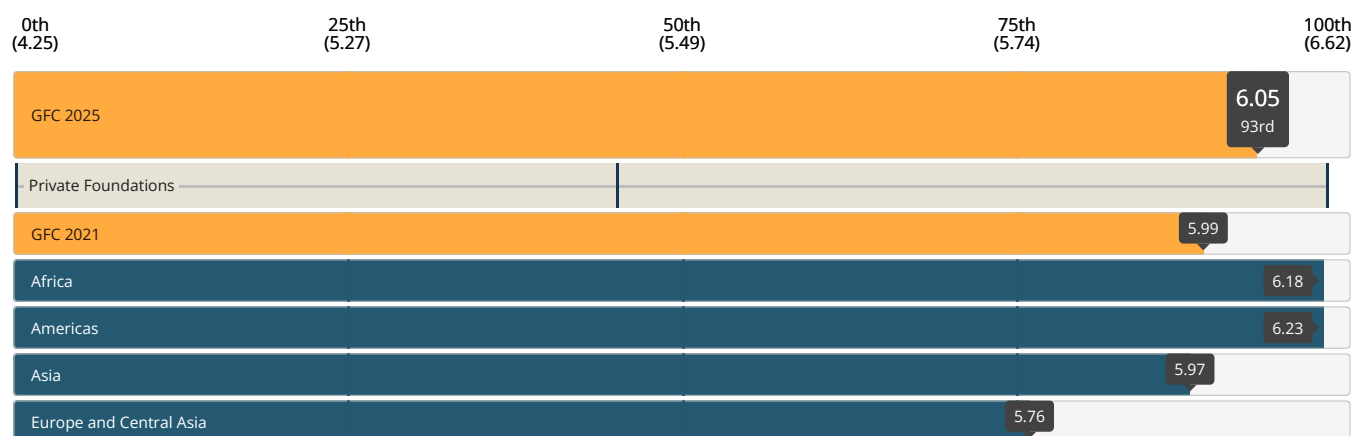
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How well do you understand the way in which the work funded by this grant fits into GFC's broader efforts?

1 = Limited understanding 7 = Thorough understanding

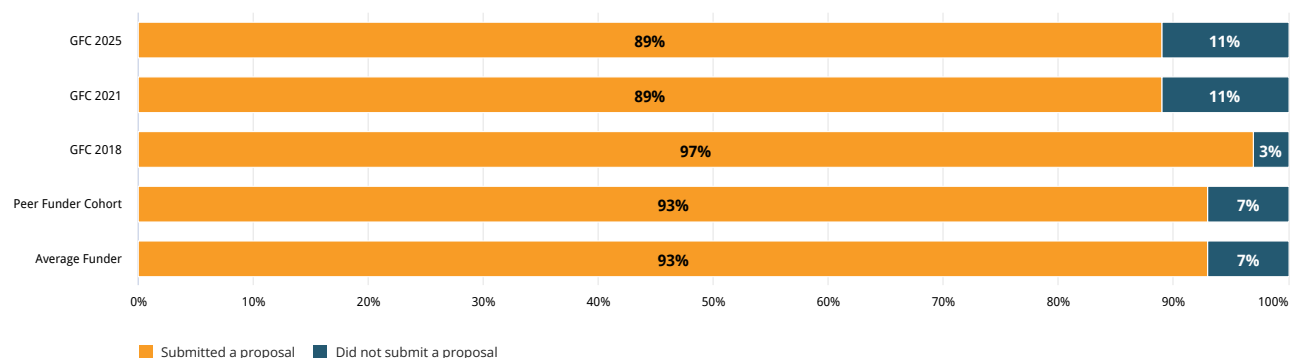
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Grant Processes

Did you submit a proposal to GFC for this grant?

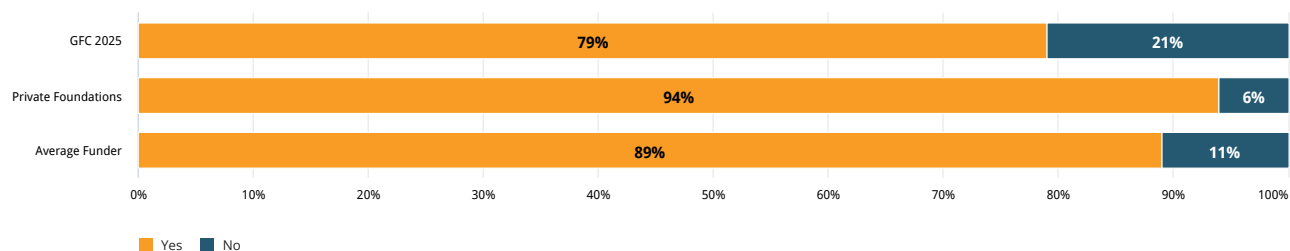
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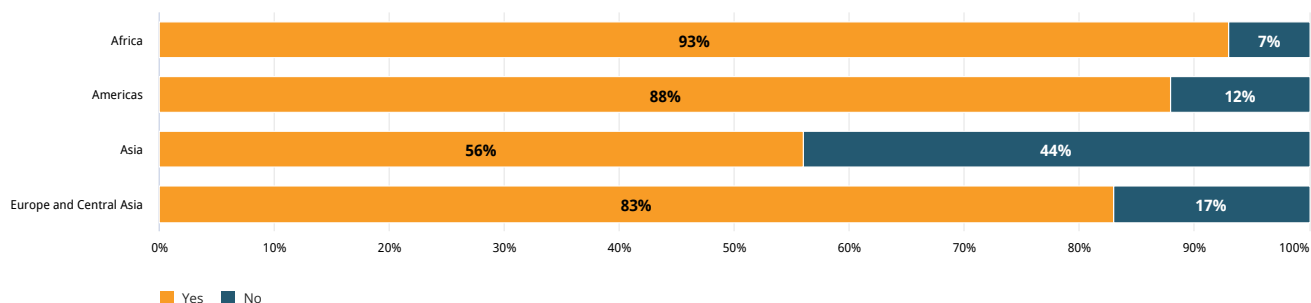
Did you have contact with a GFC staff member via phone, email, or in-person/video before you applied?

Cohort: Private Foundations Past Results: On



Did you have contact with a GFC staff member via phone, email, or in-person/video before you applied? - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

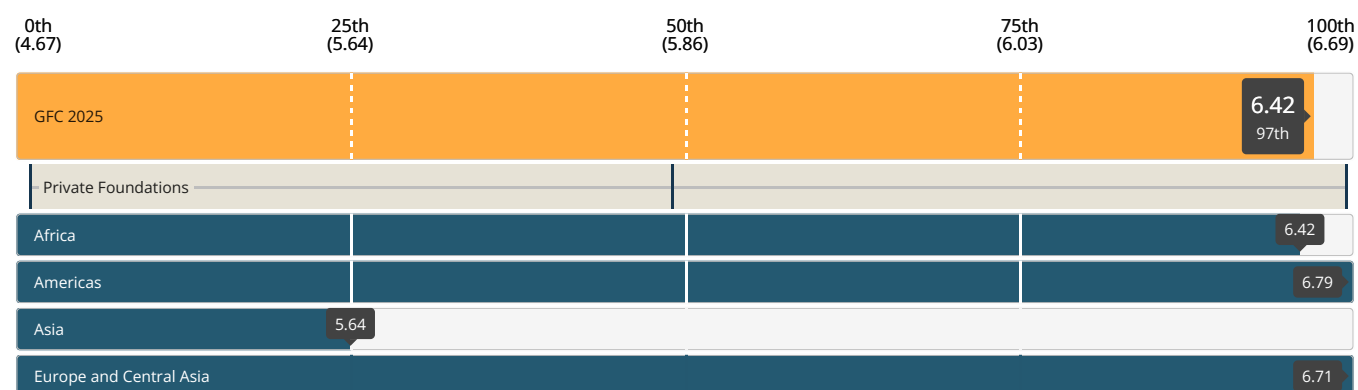


Selection Process

To what extent was GFC's selection process a helpful opportunity to strengthen the efforts funded by the grant?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

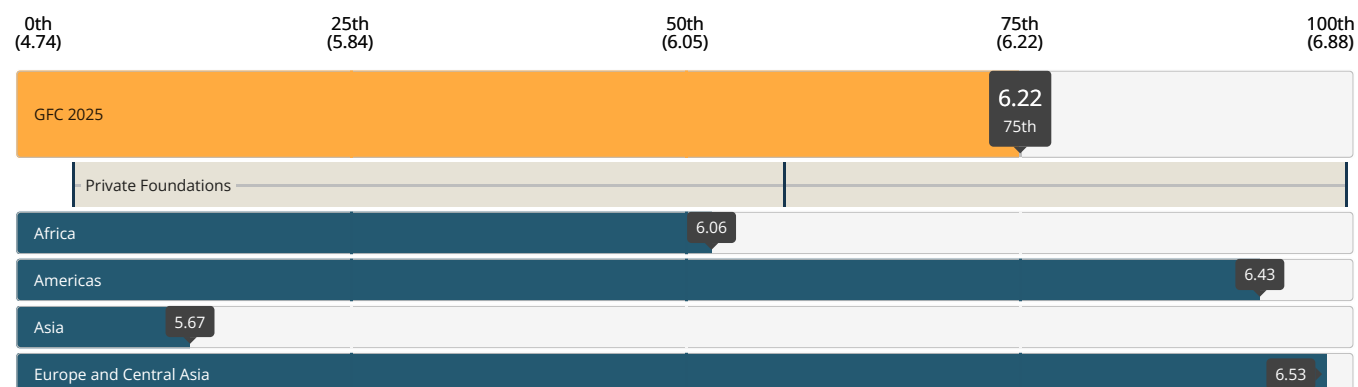
Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



To what extent was GFC's selection process an appropriate level of effort given the amount of funding received?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

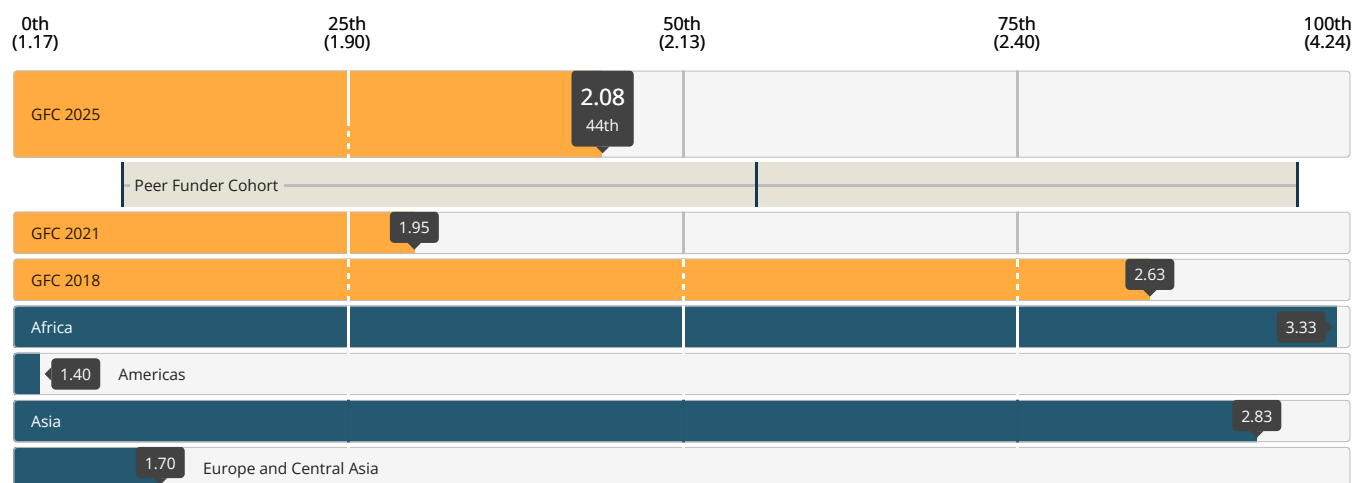
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As you developed your grant proposal, how much pressure did you feel to modify your organization's priorities in order to create a grant proposal that was likely to receive funding?

1 = No pressure 7 = Significant pressure

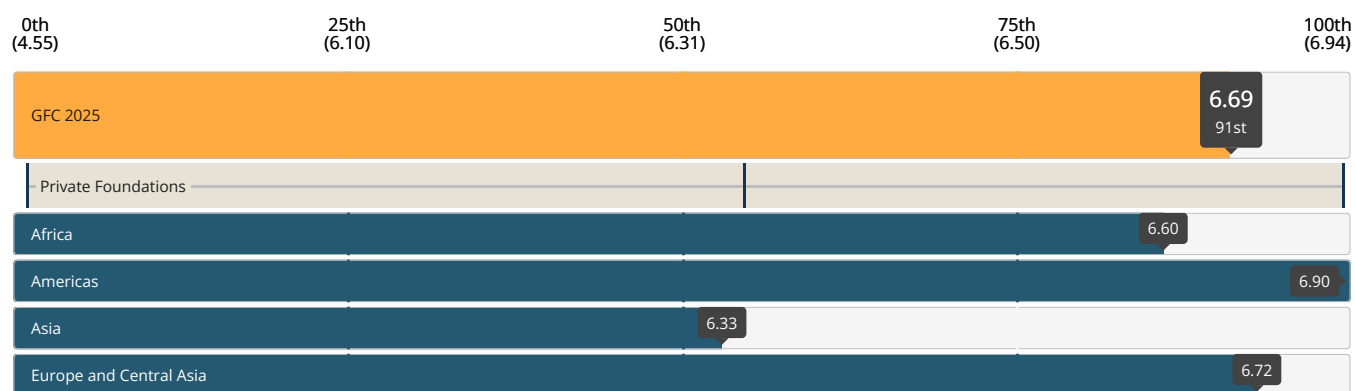
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To what extent was GFC clear and transparent about the selection process requirements and timelines?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

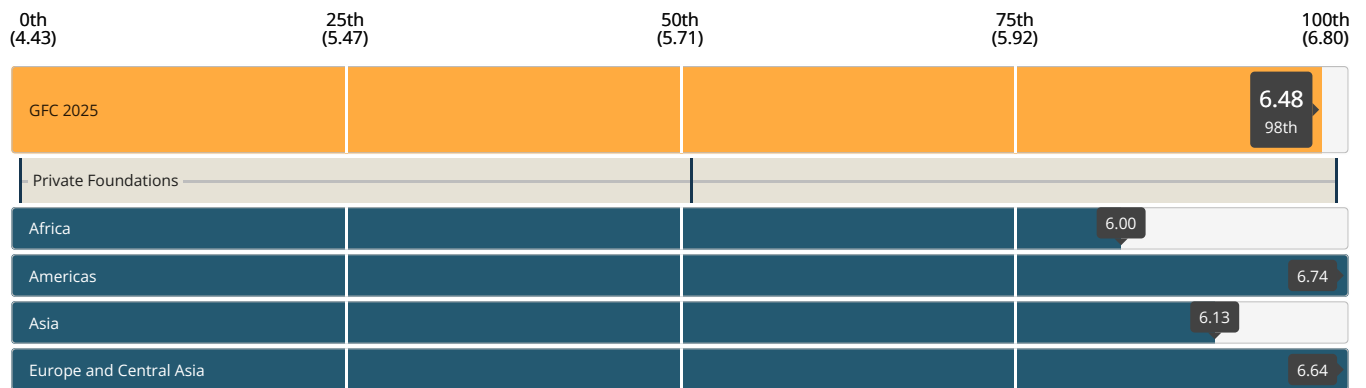
Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



To what extent was GFC clear and transparent about the criteria GFC uses to decide whether a proposal would be funded or declined?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

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Reporting and Evaluation Process

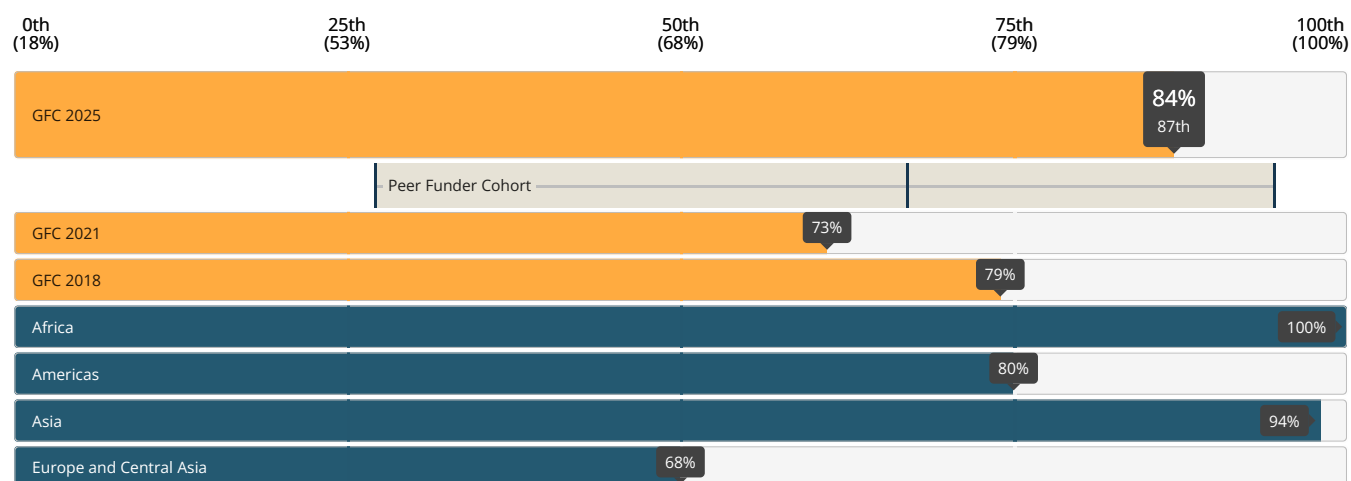
Definition of Reporting and Evaluation

- "Reporting" - GFC's standard oversight, monitoring, and grant reporting.
- "Evaluation" - formal activities *beyond reporting* undertaken by GFC to assess or learn about a grant, a program, or GFC's efforts.

At any point during the proposal or the grant period, did GFC and your organization exchange ideas regarding how your organization would assess the results of the work funded by this grant?

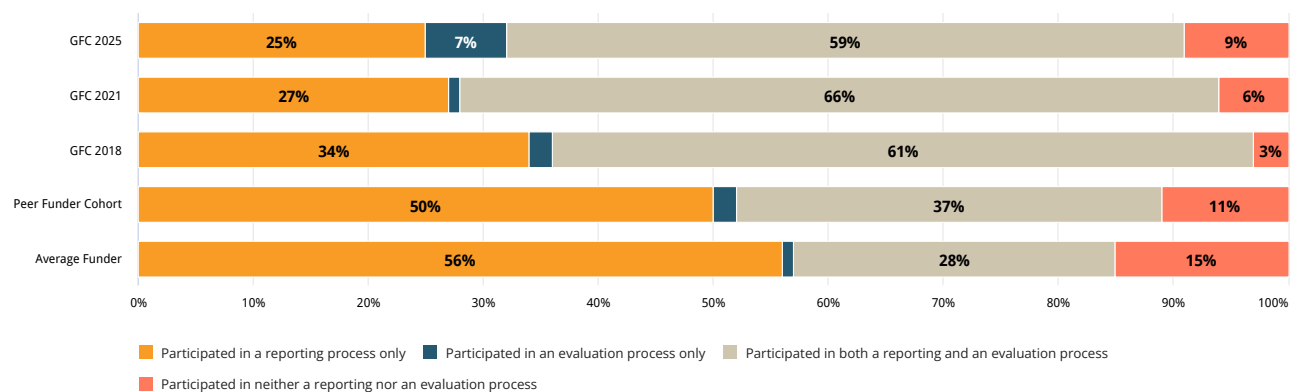
Proportion of grantees responding 'Yes'

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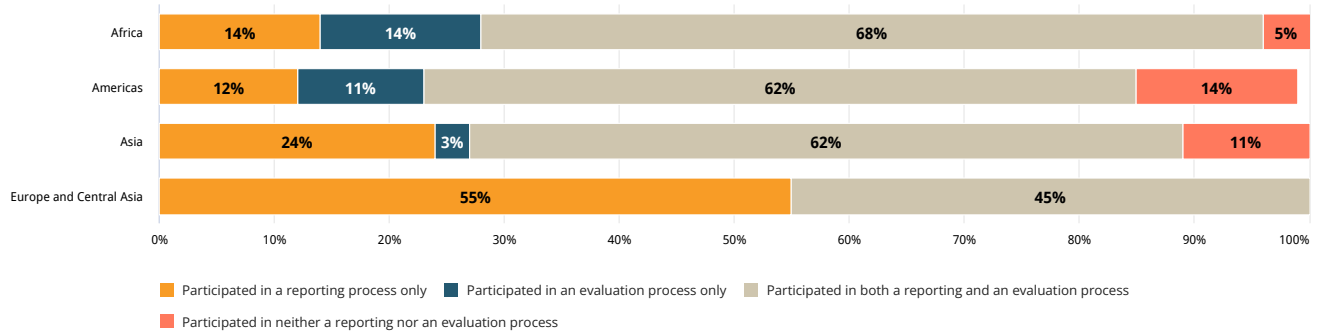
Participation in Reporting and/or Evaluation Processes

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Participation in Reporting and/or Evaluation Processes - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



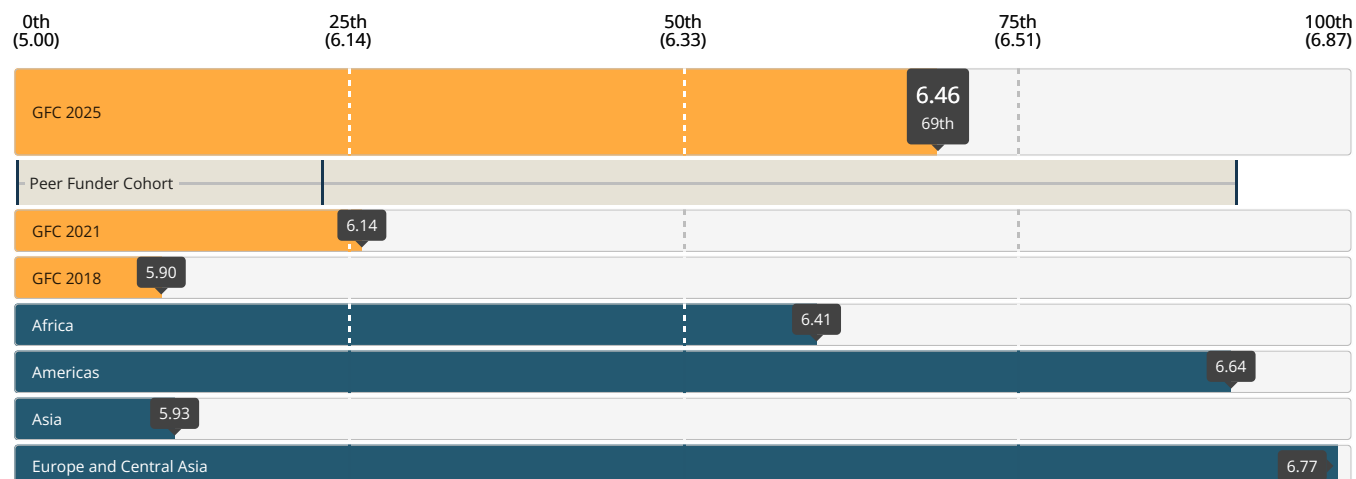
Reporting Process

The following questions were only asked of grantees that indicated having participated in a reporting process. See the "Reporting and Evaluation Process" page for data on the proportion of grantees participating in this process.

To what extent was GFC's reporting process straightforward?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

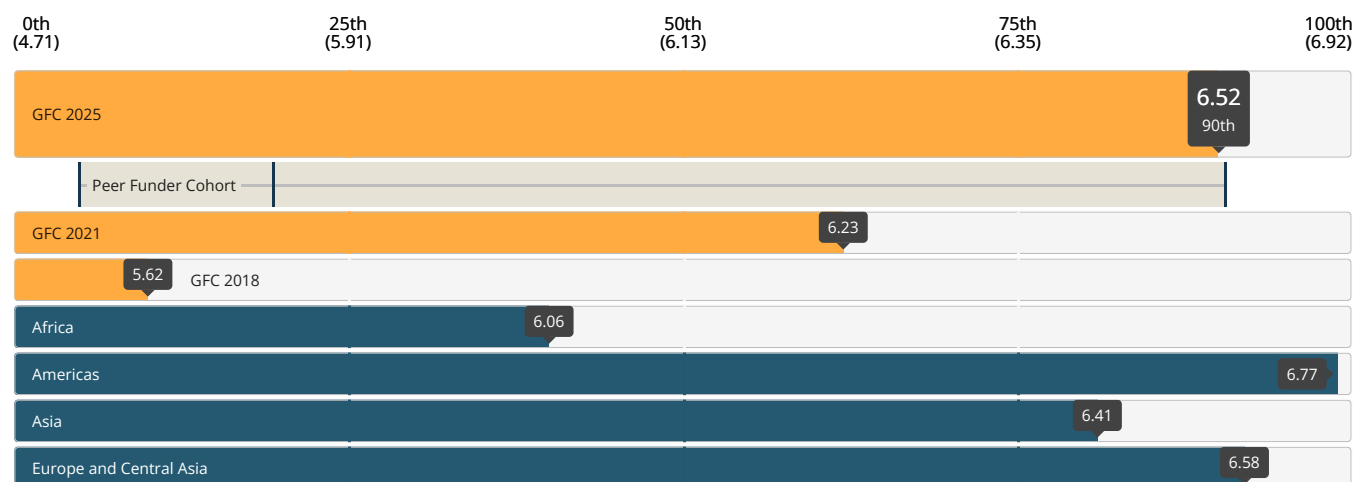
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To what extent was GFC's reporting process adaptable, if necessary, to fit your circumstances?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

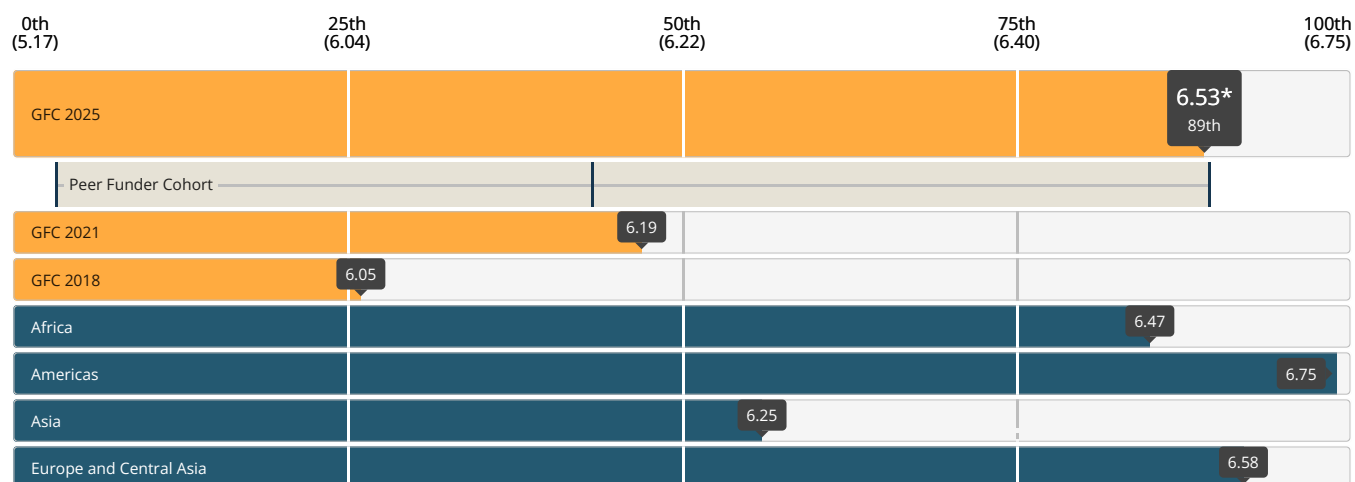
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To what extent was GFC's reporting process relevant, with questions and measures pertinent to the work funded by this grant?

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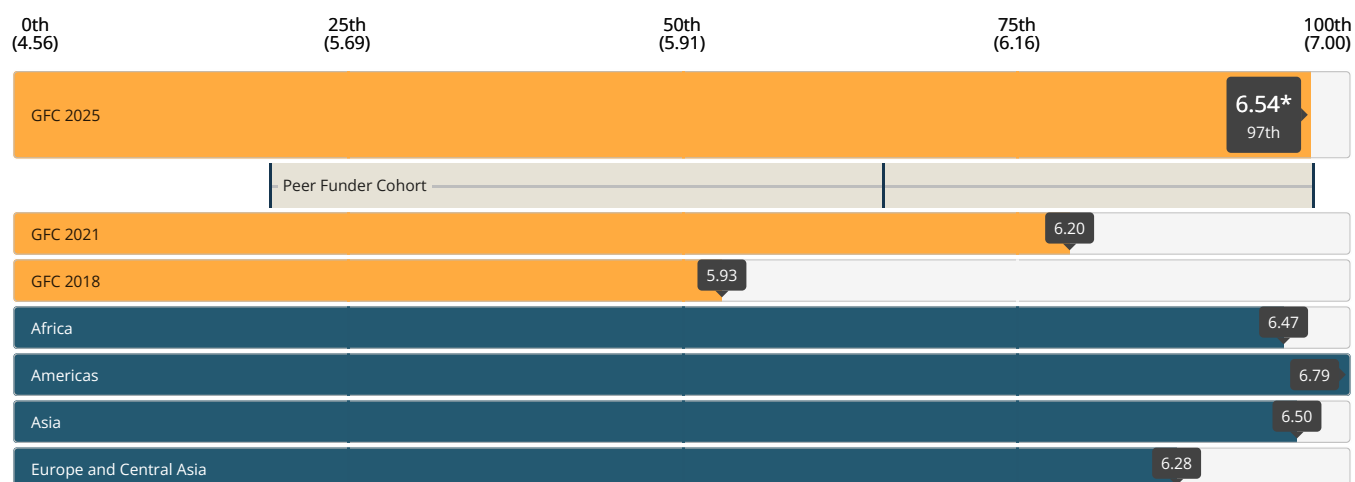
Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



To what extent was GFC's reporting process a helpful opportunity for you to reflect and learn?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

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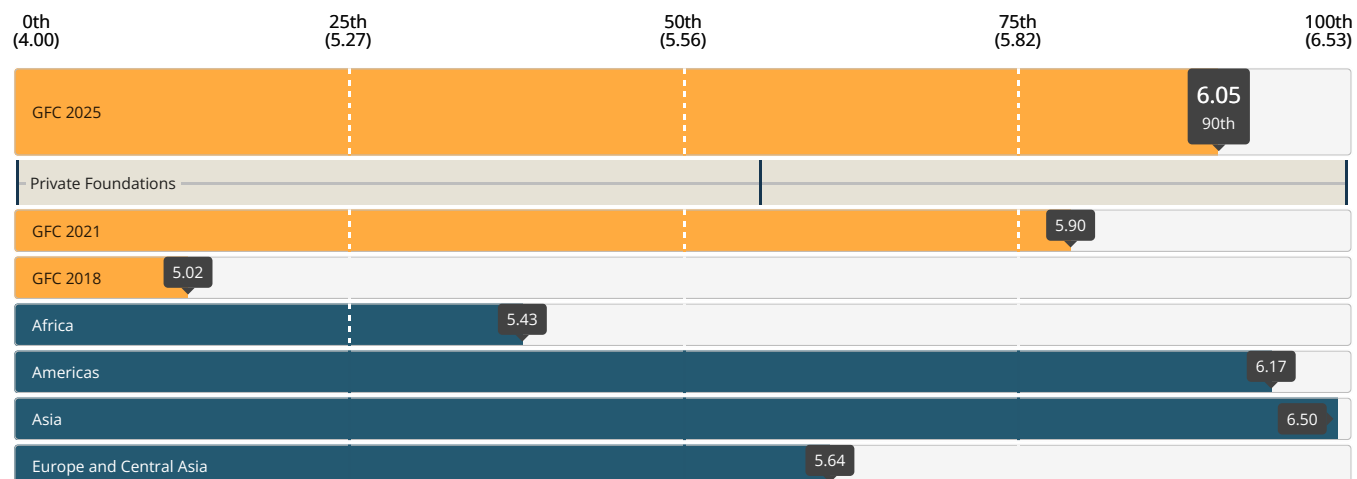
Evaluation Process

The following questions were only asked of grantees that indicated having participated in an evaluation process. See the "Reporting and Evaluation Process" page for data on the proportion of grantees participating in this process.

To what extent did the evaluation incorporate input from your organization in the design of the evaluation?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

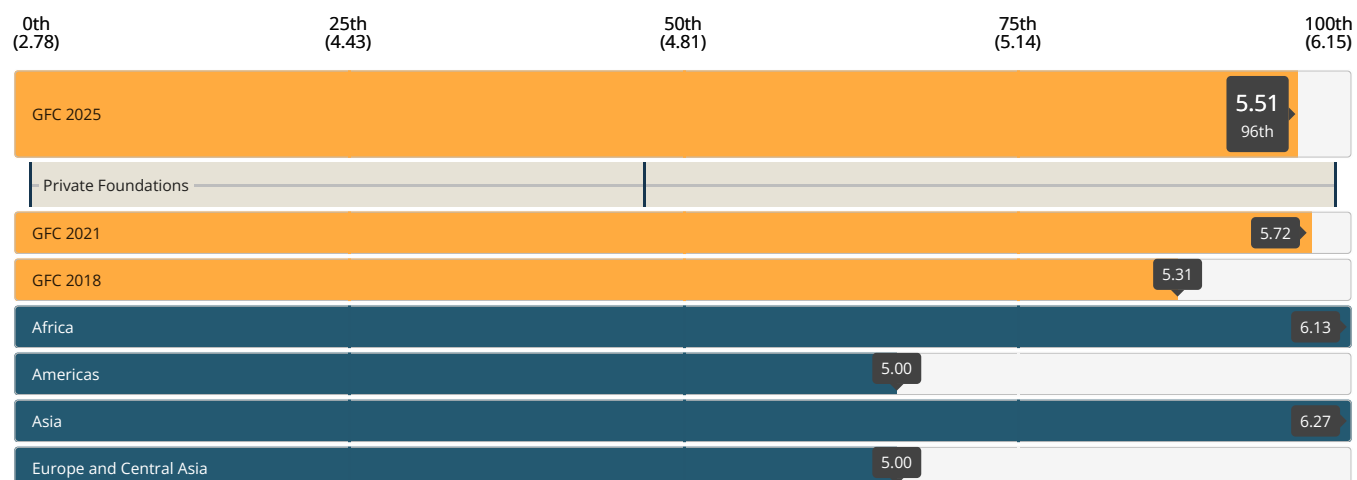
Cohort: Private Foundations Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



To what extent did the evaluation result in your organization making changes to the work that was evaluated?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

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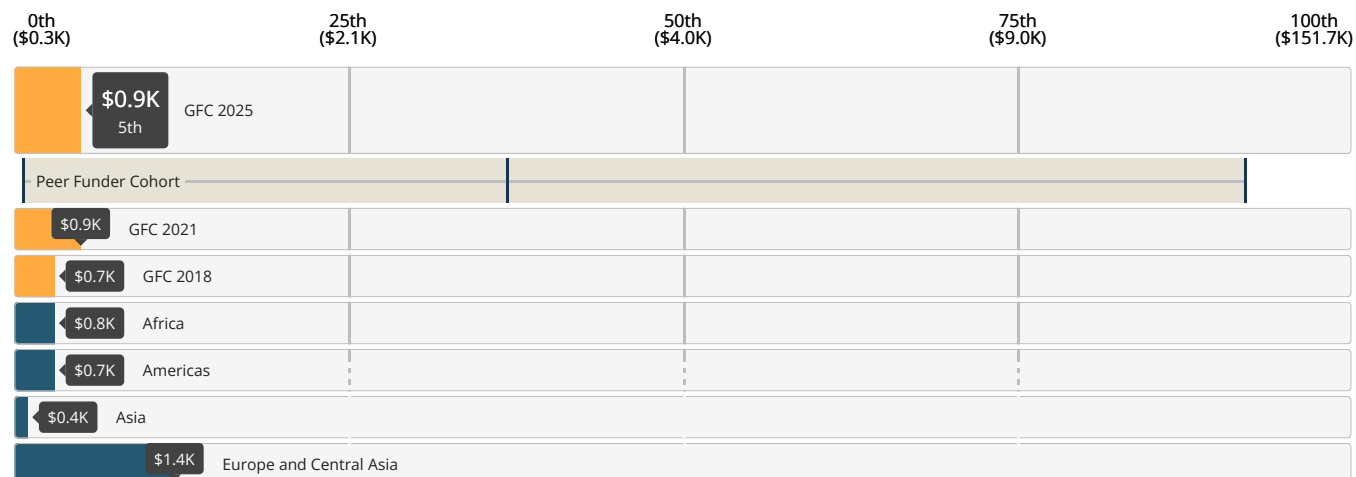


Monetary Return and Time Spent on Processes

Dollar Return: Median grant dollars awarded per process hour required

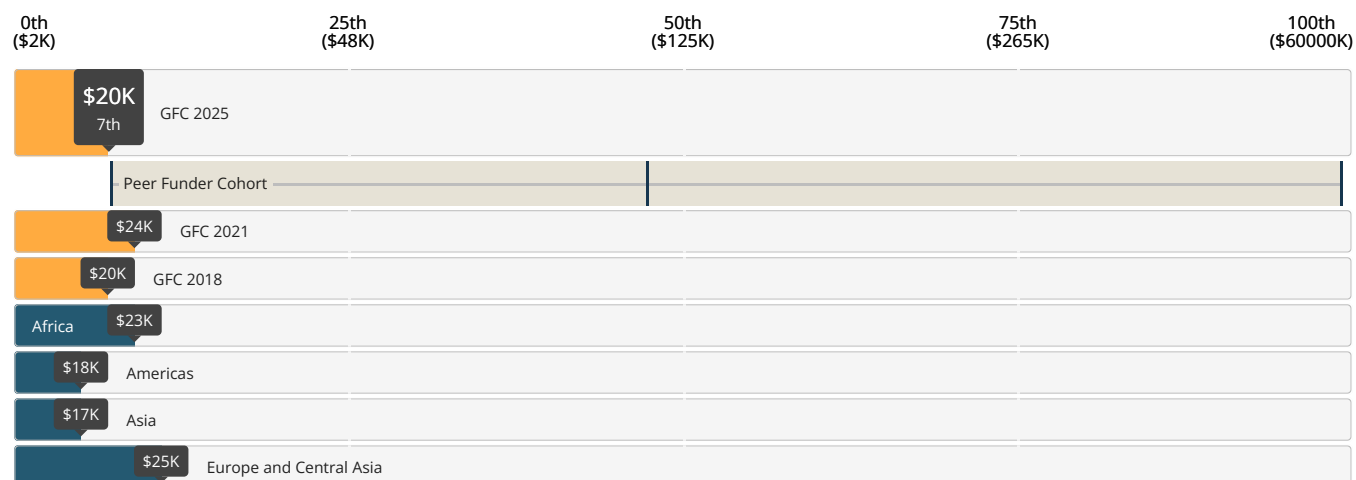
Includes total grant dollars awarded and total time necessary to fulfill the requirements over the lifetime of the grant

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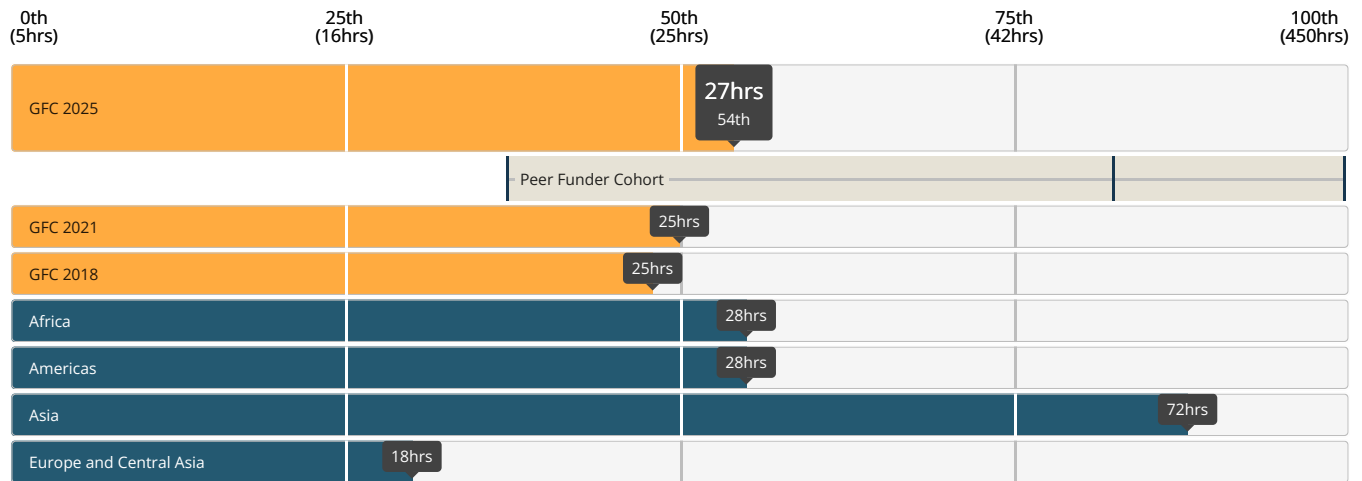
Median Grant Size

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Median hours spent by grantees on funder requirements over grant lifetime

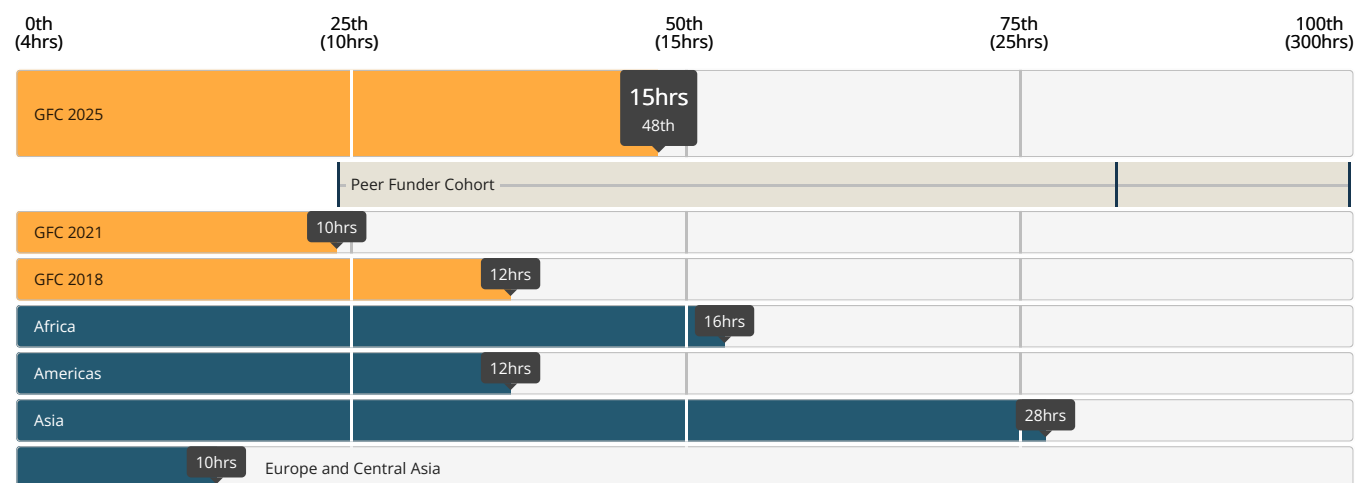
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Time Spent on Selection Process

Median Hours Spent on Proposal and Selection Process

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Time Spent On Proposal and Selection Process	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Average Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
1 to 9 hours	40%	44%	33%	29%	18%
10 to 19 hours	16%	19%	25%	23%	14%
20 to 29 hours	14%	11%	9%	15%	15%
30 to 39 hours	6%	3%	5%	6%	8%
40 to 49 hours	8%	11%	10%	9%	12%
50 to 99 hours	10%	5%	12%	9%	16%
100 to 199 hours	4%	5%	2%	5%	9%
200+ hours	3%	2%	5%	3%	8%

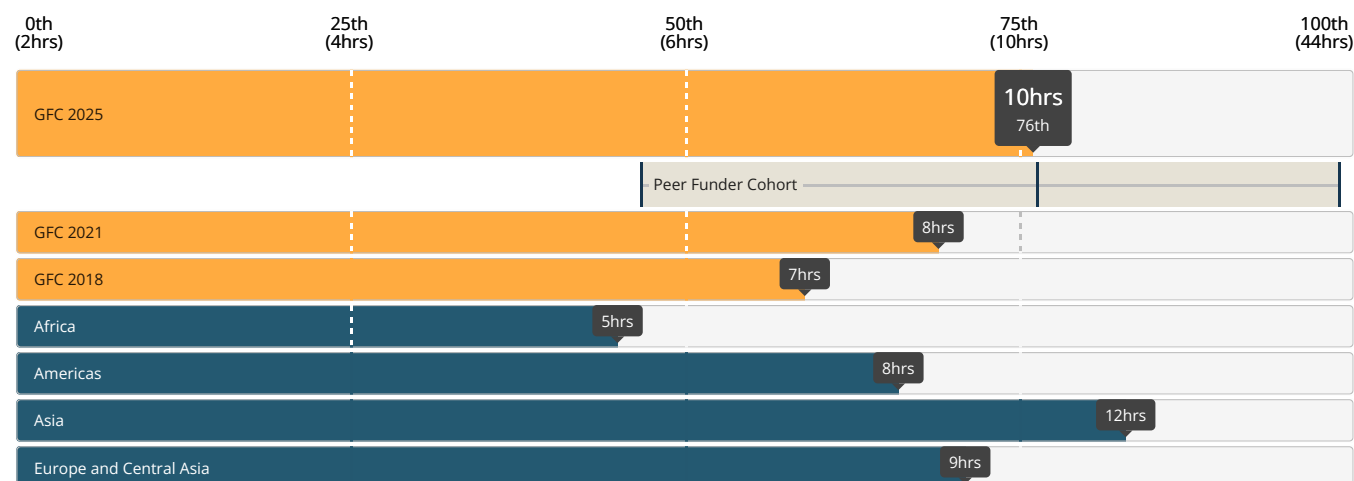
Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Time Spent On Proposal and Selection Process (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
1 to 9 hours	33%	44%	26%	50%
10 to 19 hours	20%	14%	16%	17%
20 to 29 hours	20%	12%	10%	17%
30 to 39 hours	0%	7%	3%	10%
40 to 49 hours	13%	9%	13%	0%
50 to 99 hours	7%	7%	23%	3%
100 to 199 hours	7%	0%	10%	3%
200+ hours	0%	7%	0%	0%

Time Spent on Reporting and Evaluation Process

Median Hours Spent on Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation Process Per Year

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Time Spent On Monitoring, Reporting, And Evaluation Process (Annualized)

	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Average Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
1 to 9 hours	49%	52%	60%	60%	43%
10 to 19 hours	21%	12%	12%	18%	19%
20 to 29 hours	14%	7%	7%	9%	12%
30 to 39 hours	2%	11%	2%	3%	4%
40 to 49 hours	5%	5%	5%	3%	5%
50 to 99 hours	2%	7%	7%	4%	8%
100+ hours	6%	5%	7%	4%	10%

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Time Spent On Monitoring, Reporting, And Evaluation Process (Annualized) (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
1 to 9 hours	64%	52%	34%	50%
10 to 19 hours	14%	20%	24%	25%
20 to 29 hours	14%	13%	10%	19%
30 to 39 hours	7%	0%	3%	3%
40 to 49 hours	0%	4%	10%	3%
50 to 99 hours	0%	4%	3%	0%
100+ hours	0%	7%	14%	0%

Customized Questions

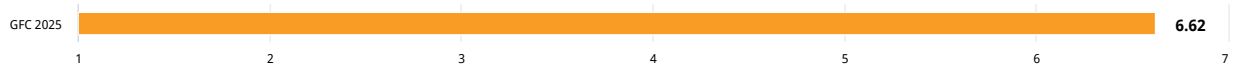
GFC included a series of custom questions asked only of its grantees in GFC's survey. Grantees' responses to these questions are shown on the following pages.

Financial Support

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding financial support from GFC:

1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree

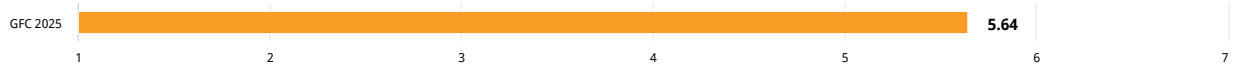
GFC's grants were flexible enough to allow us to use the funding as our organization decides



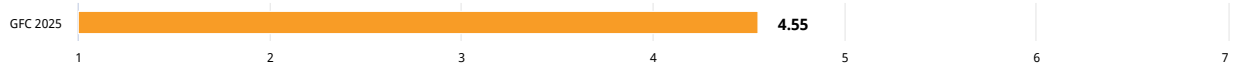
The amount of funding we received from GFC allowed us to make significant progress toward accomplishing our goals



The length of funding we received from GFC was sufficient to support significant progress toward accomplishing our goals.



Our organization is prepared to sustain our work with other funding if GFC is unable to continue providing funding



We would prefer to receive multiple smaller grants throughout the year rather than one larger annual grant



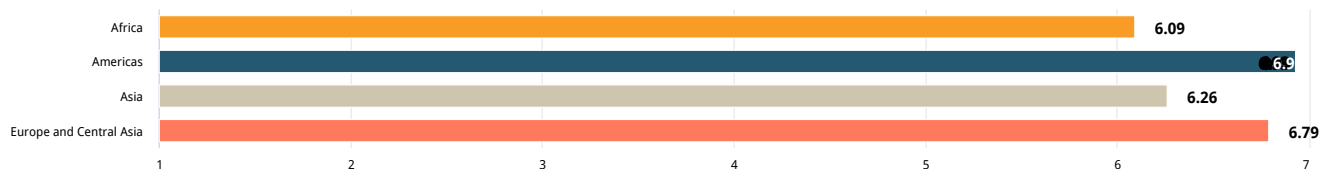
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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding financial support from GFC: - By Subgroup

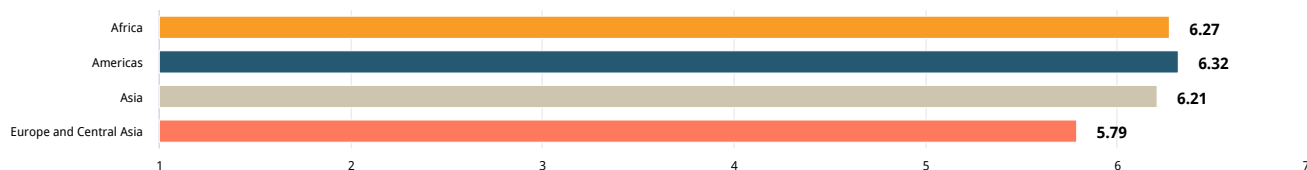
1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree

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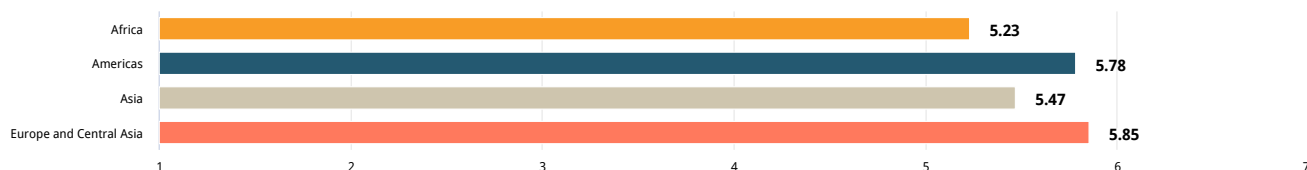
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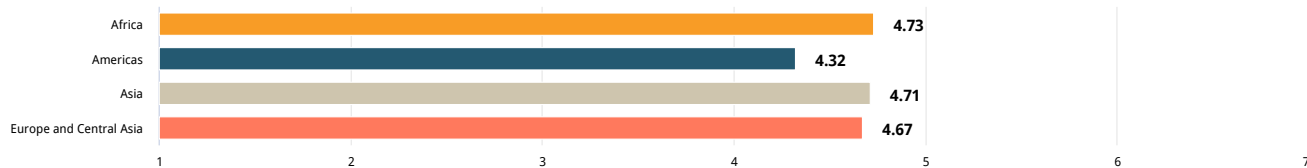
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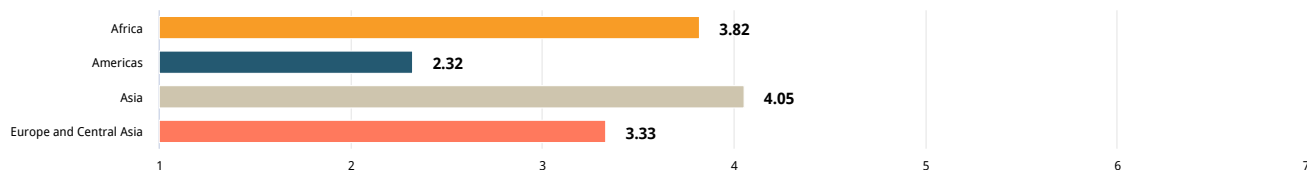
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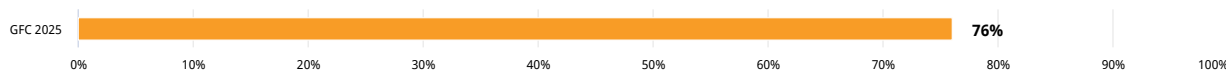


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Additional Support

Please indicate which of these supports you have received from GFC:

Workshops or other support delivered by GFC staff (e.g., communications, healthy masculinities, theory of change)



Organizational capacity assessment (OCI/MIO/self-assessment)



Training or support provided by consultants hired by our organization and funded by GFC's grants



Wellbeing advice or support



Safeguarding training and support



Training or support provided by another GFC partner



Ongoing organizational capacity support from external consultants hired by GFC (e.g., learning and evaluation, community engagement)



Training or other support delivered by external organizations hired by GFC (e.g., Tostan, Project Soar, Play Action International)



N/A - We have not received any of these supports from GFC

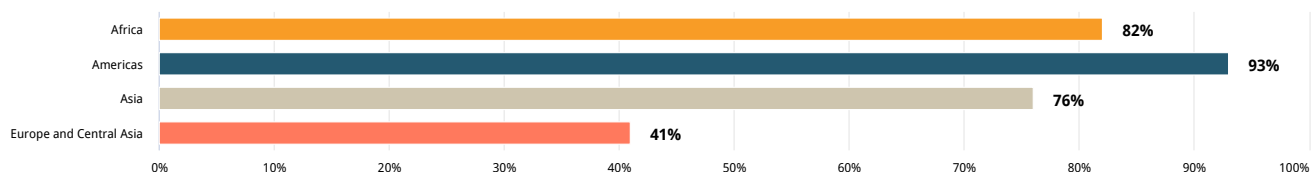


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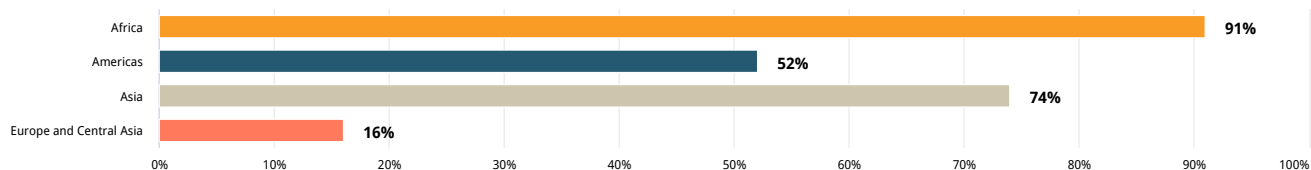
Please indicate which of these supports you have received from GFC: - By Subgroup

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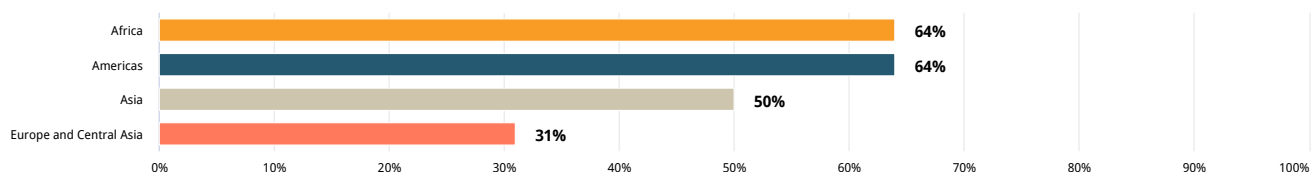
Workshops or other support delivered by GFC staff (e.g., communications, healthy masculinities, theory of change)



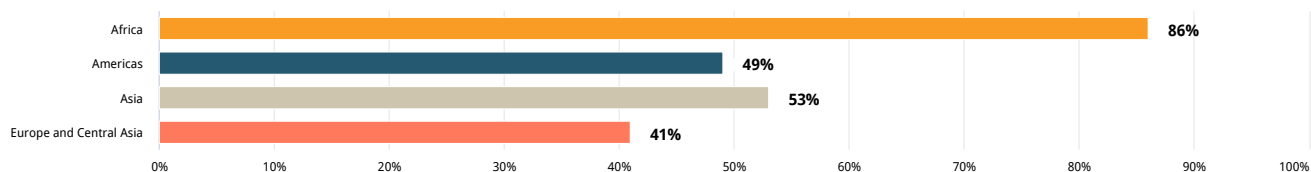
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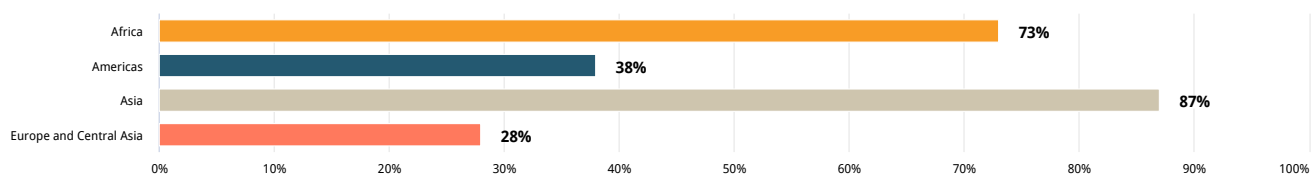
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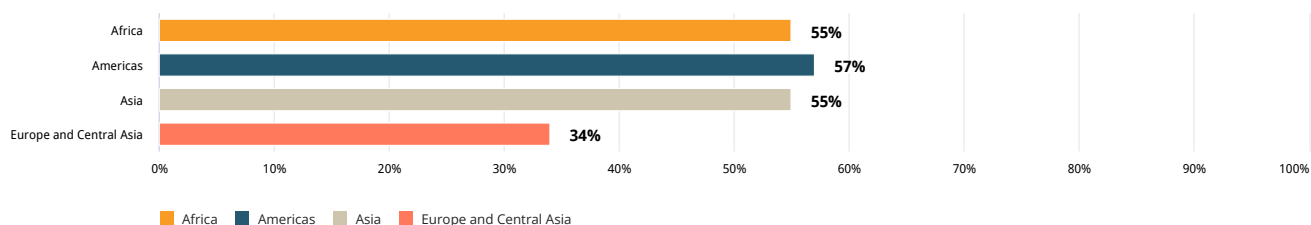
Wellbeing advice or support



Safeguarding training and support



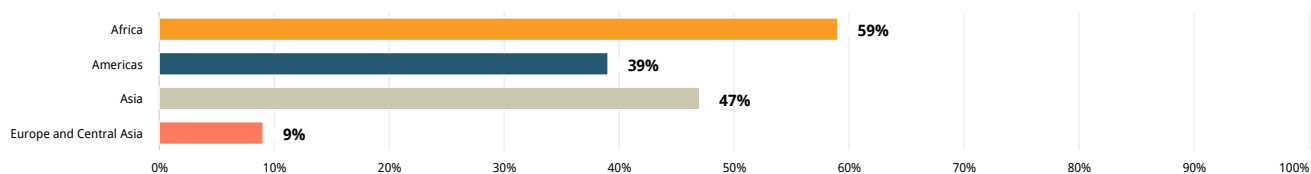
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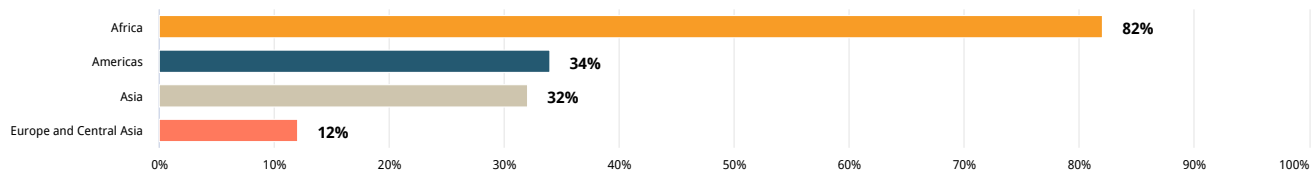
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Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

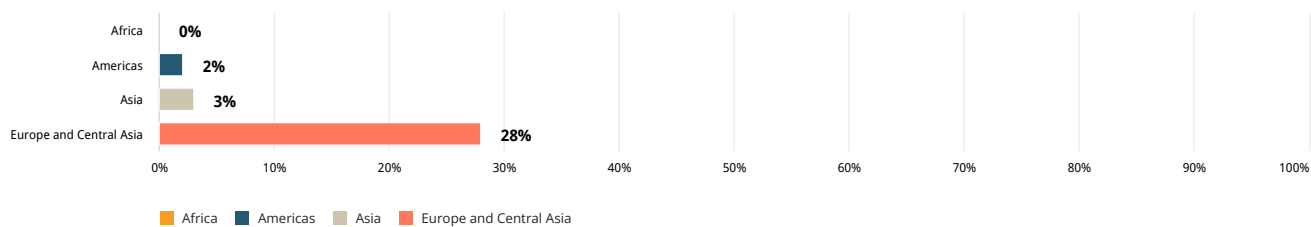
Ongoing organizational capacity support from external consultants hired by GFC (e.g., learning and evaluation, community engagement)



Training or other support delivered by external organizations hired by GFC (e.g., Tostan, Project Soar, Play Action International)



N/A - We have not received any of these supports from GFC



For each type of support listed below, please indicate how well your organization has been able to integrate it into your practices:

1 = Not at all well 7 = Extremely well

Wellbeing advice or support



Training or support provided by consultants hired by our organization and funded by GFC's grants



Organizational capacity assessment (OCI/MIO/self-assessment)



Training or support provided by another GFC partner



Workshops or other support delivered by GFC staff (e.g., communications, healthy masculinities, theory of change)



Safeguarding training and support



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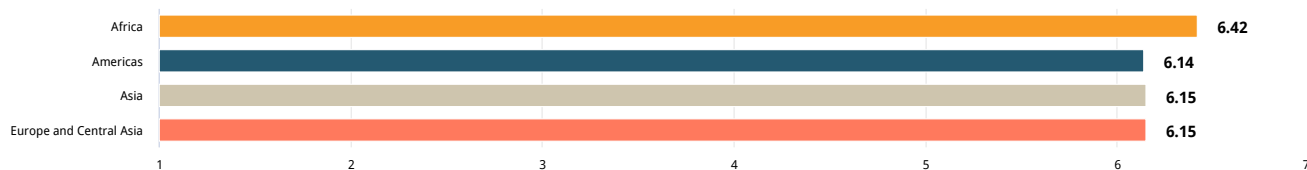
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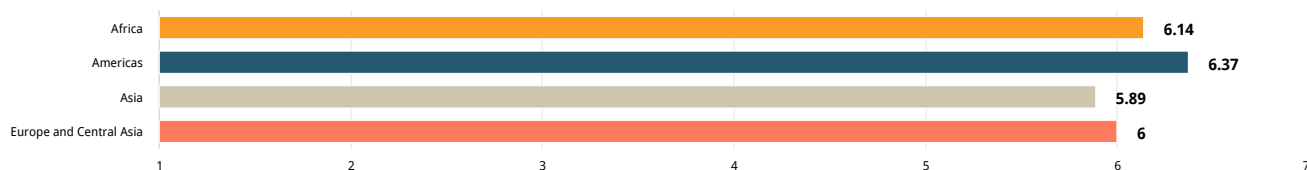
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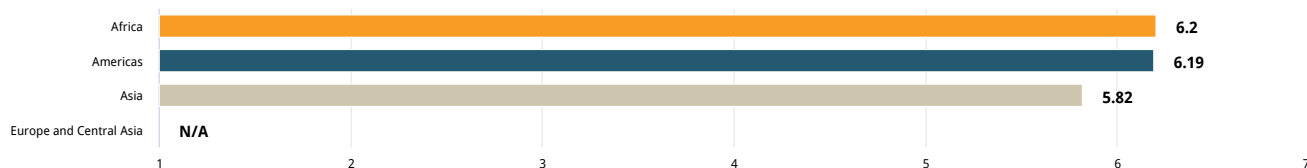
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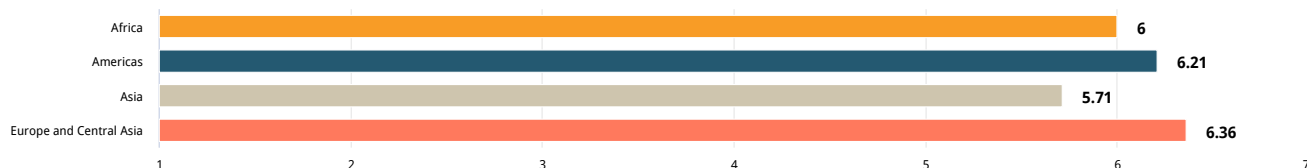
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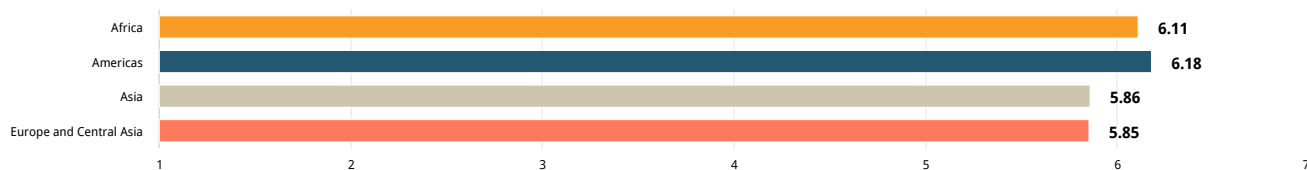
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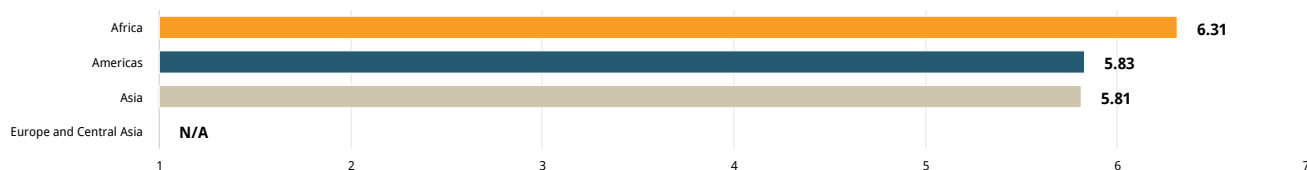
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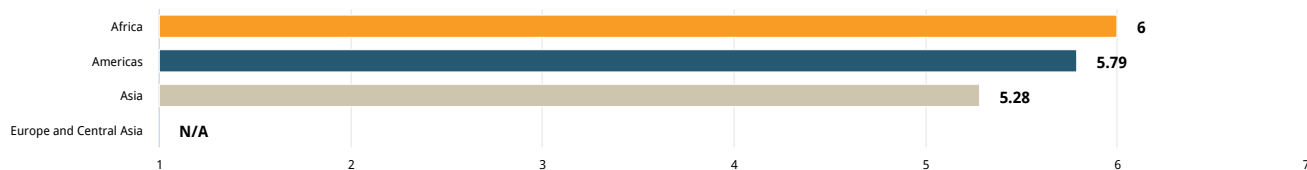
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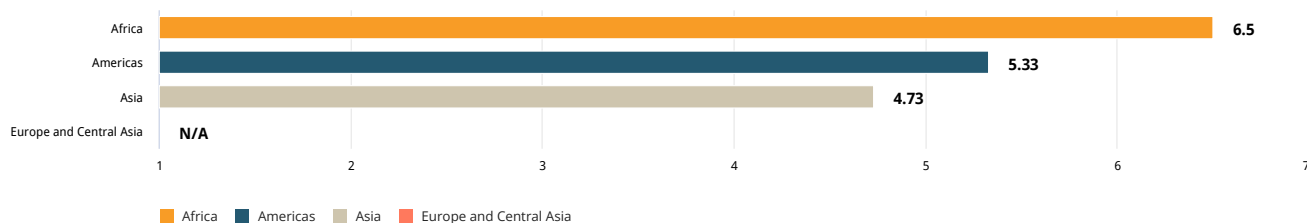
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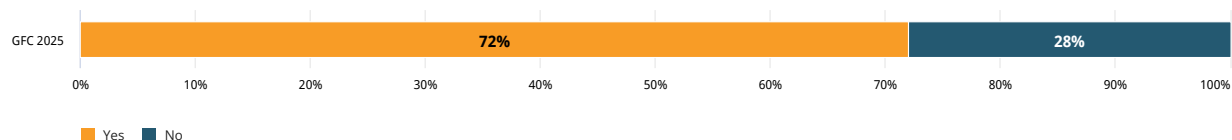
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Peer Learning Groups

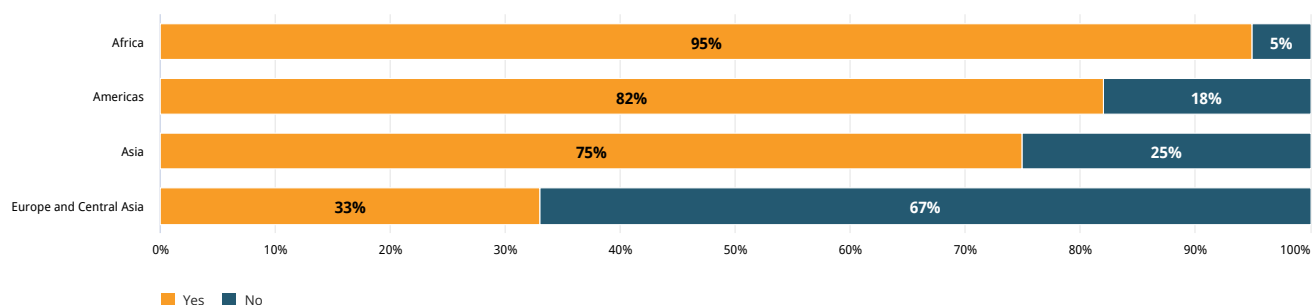
GFC often funds organizations working on similar issues in the same region as part of a peer learning group. Have you been part of such a group with other GFC partners?

Past Results: On



GFC often funds organizations working on similar issues in the same region as part of a peer learning group. Have you been part of such a group with other GFC partners? - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



Note: the following question was only asked of grantees who have participated in a peer learning group.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about GFC's peer learning groups approach:

1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree

We have the freedom to choose how much we collaborate with other peers in our peer learning group



GFC is clear about expectations for being part of the peer learning group



I feel part of a movement for change that is bigger than only my organization



Being part of the peer learning group has helped us develop new ideas and skills



Being part of a peer learning group has helped us develop meaningful connections with peers



Being part of the peer learning group has helped our organization make meaningful progress toward accomplishing our goals



We have turned peer connections into collaborations or partnerships as a result of being part of a peer learning group



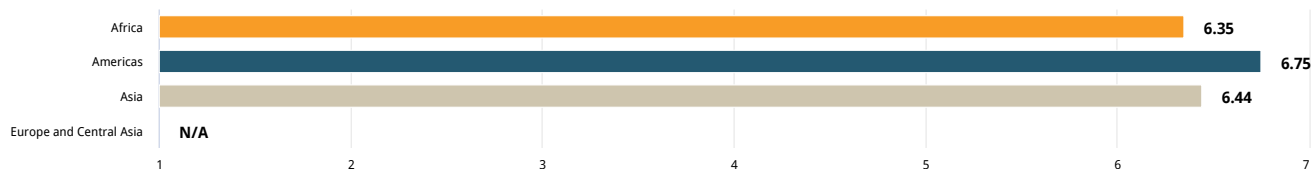
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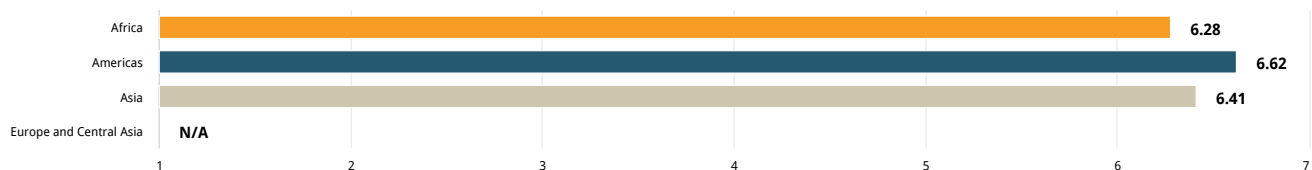
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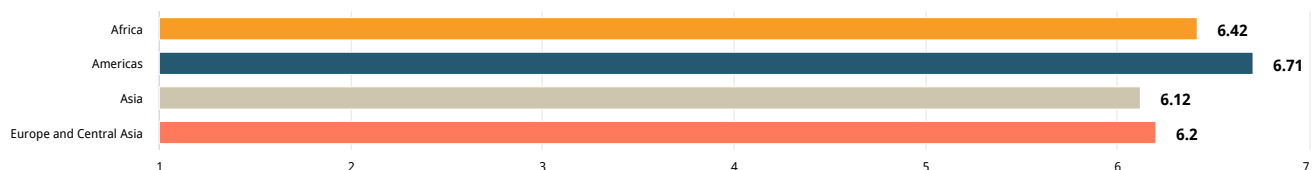
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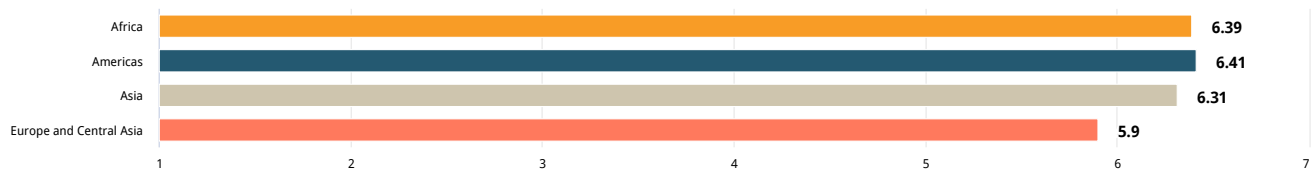
GFC is clear about expectations for being part of the peer learning group



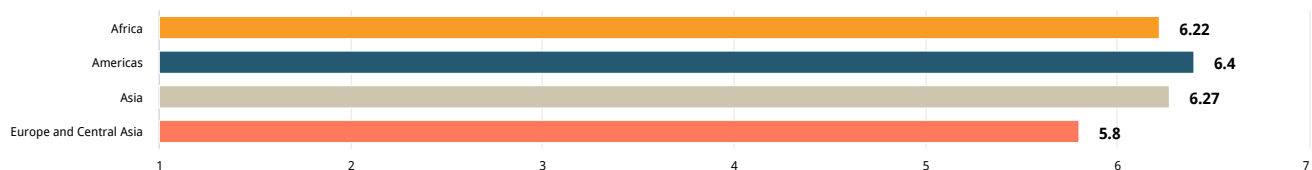
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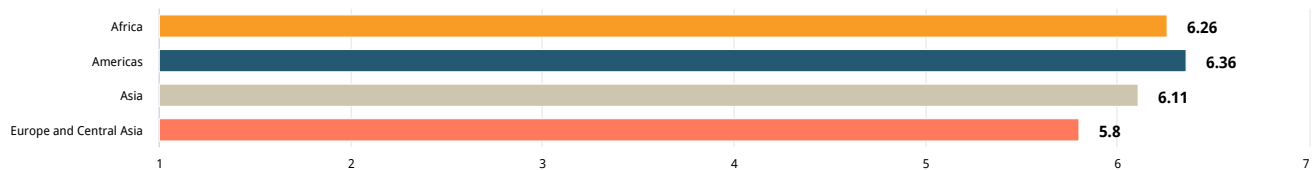
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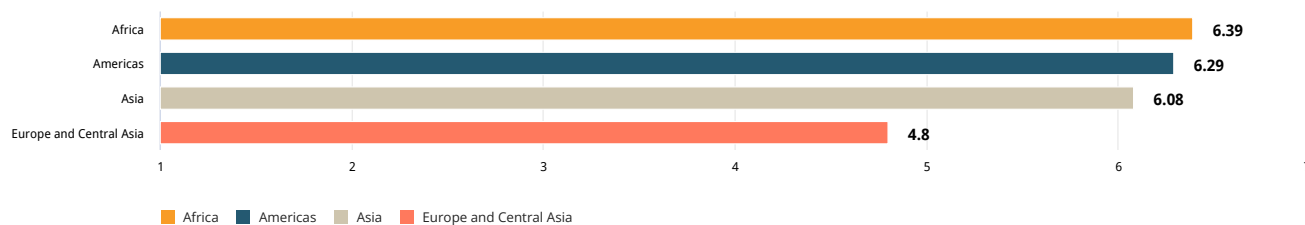


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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about GFC's peer learning groups approach: - By Subgroup

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Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

We have turned peer connections into collaborations or partnerships as a result of being part of a peer learning group

Relationships with Grantees

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your relationship with GFC:

1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree

Our relationship with GFC has introduced new ideas, relationships, or opportunities for our organization



Our connection with GFC has positively affected the wellbeing of staff in our organization



We see GFC as partners working with us to solve problems



Our relationship with GFC has helped strengthen trust across staff members within my organization



We feel free to disagree with GFC when necessary



GFC provides room for our organization to make mistakes, experiment, and take on challenges



GFC has challenged us to see our work in new ways



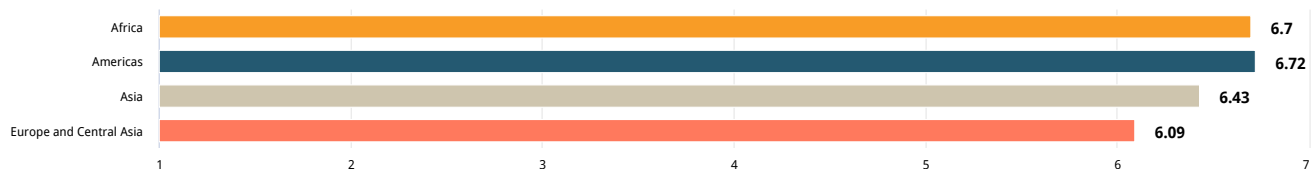
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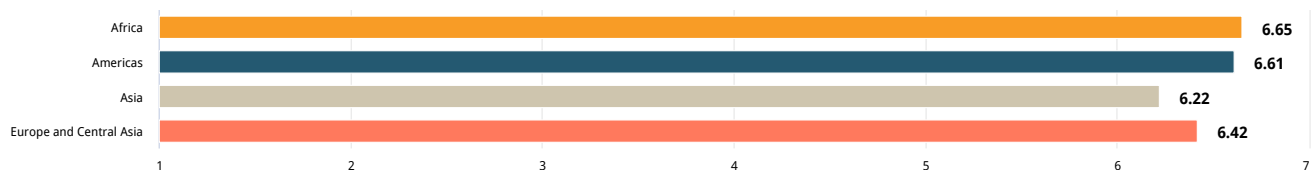
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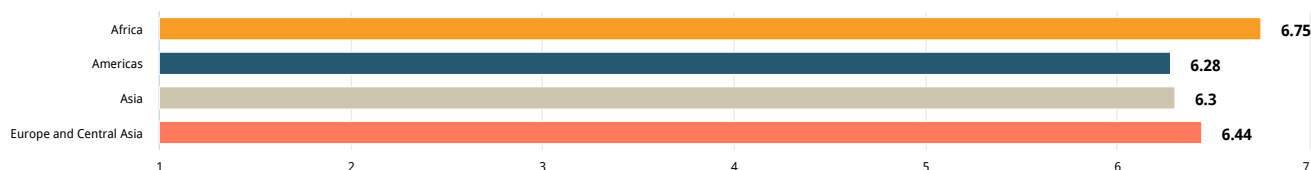
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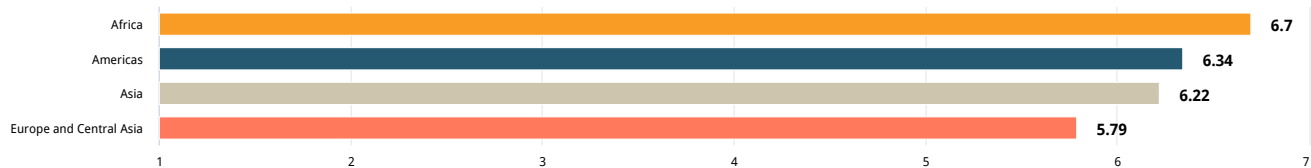
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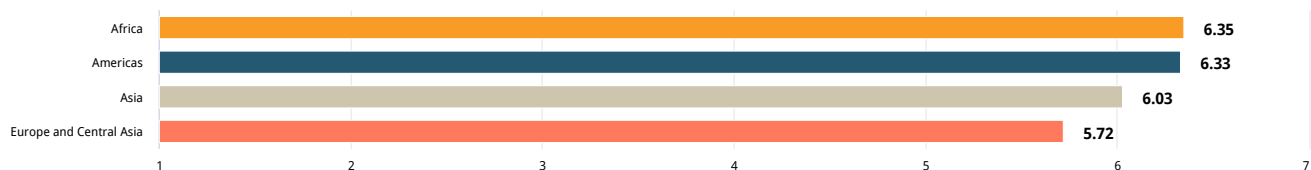
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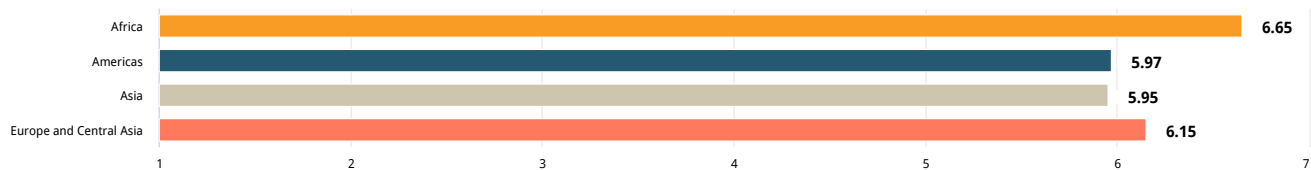
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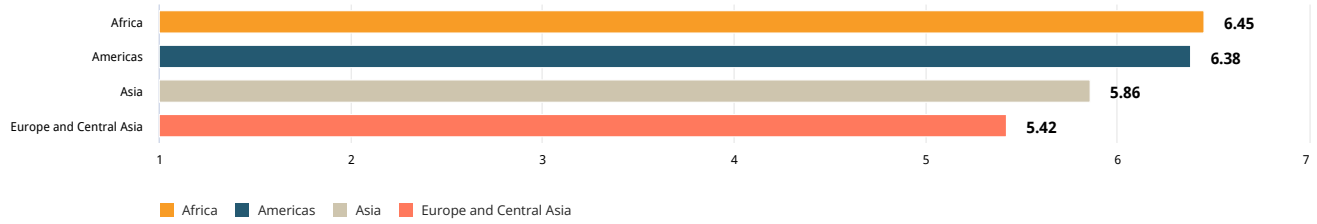
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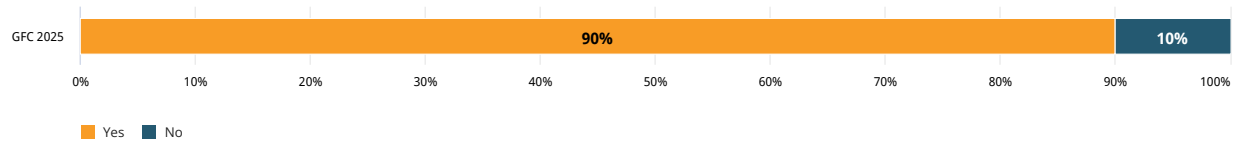
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Grantee Convenings

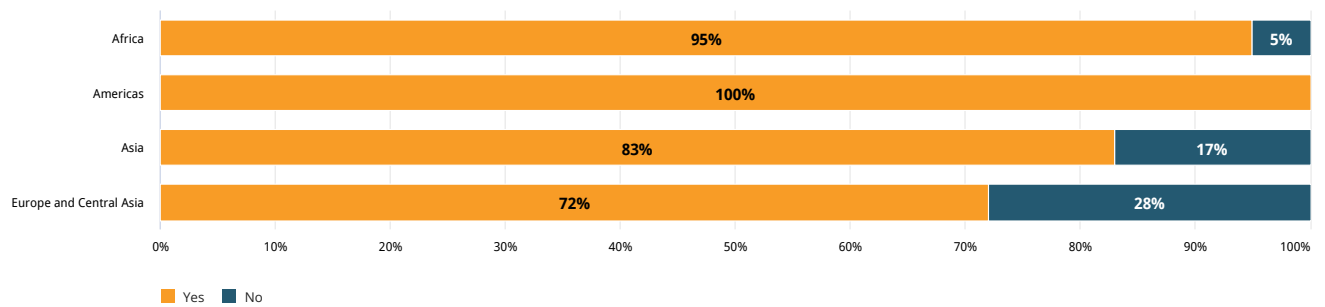
Have you attended convenings with other GFC partners that GFC organized?

Past Results: On



Have you attended convenings with other GFC partners that GFC organized? - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



Note: the following question was only asked of grantees who have attended GFC-organized convenings.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements: Participating in GFC convenings...

1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree

Gave us an opportunity to reflect on our work



Was a worthwhile use of our organization's time



Gave us an opportunity to regain energy and inspiration



Gave us an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills



Has led to us making positive changes in our organization



Gave us an opportunity to build solidarity with other partners



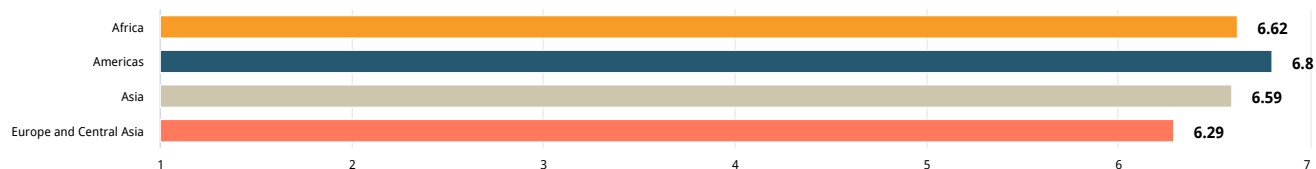
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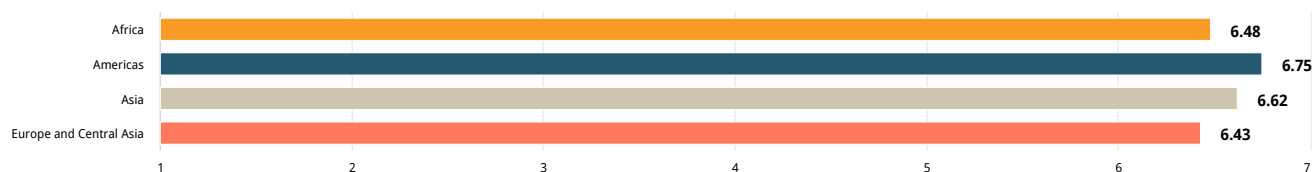
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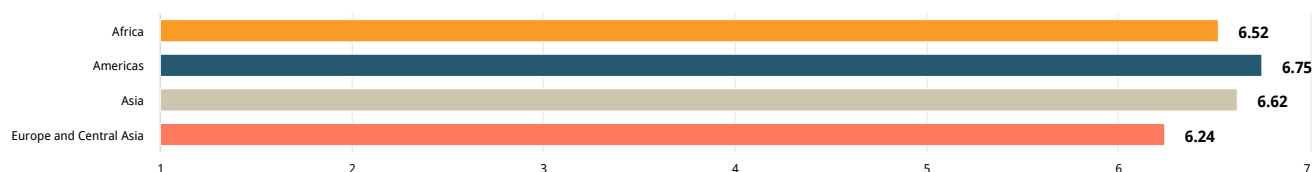
Gave us an opportunity to reflect on our work



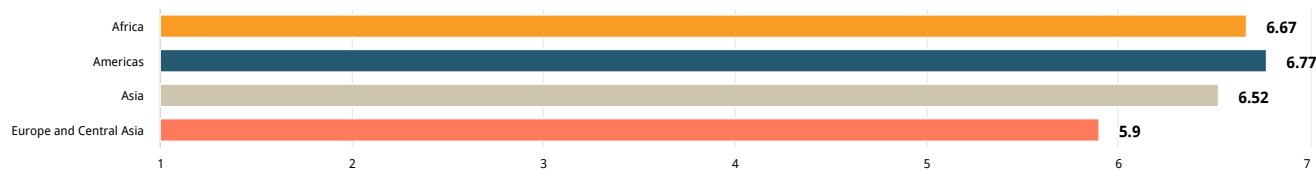
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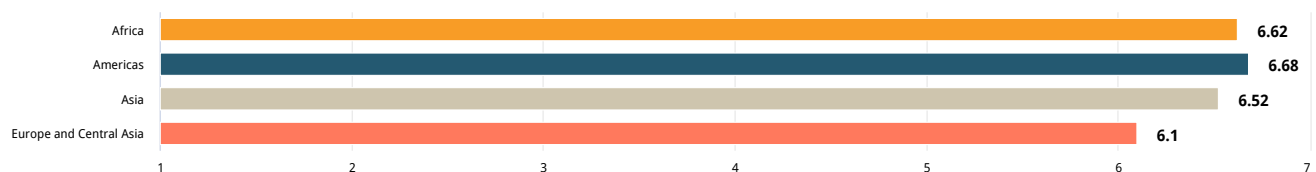
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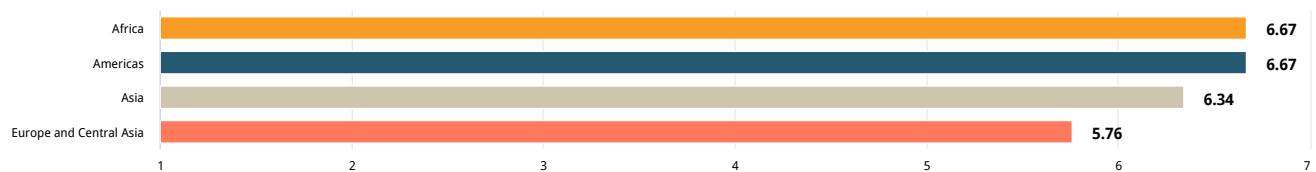
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Political or Policy Environment in 2025

Funders had the option to add the following questions to CEP's grantee surveys in the fall of 2025. These questions were only asked of grantees based outside of the U.S. and do not include comparative data.

Did your organization receive funding from any of the following entities in your previous fiscal year?

Foreign agencies or governments other than that of the U.S. or your home country



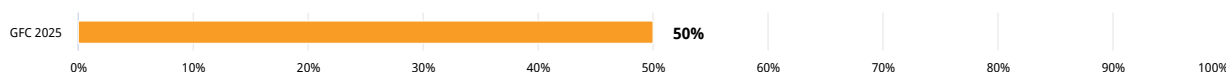
The government of your home country



The U.S. federal government and/or related agencies (e.g., USAID)



None of the above



Don't know / Prefer not to say

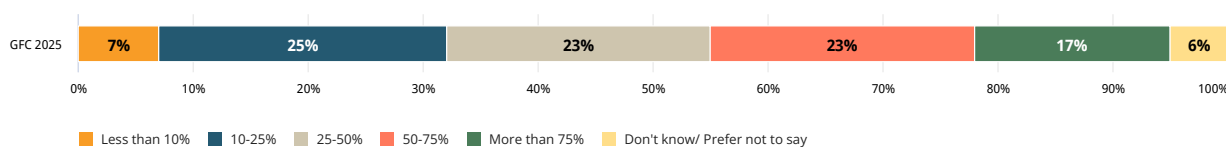


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The following question was only asked of respondents who indicated receiving funding from any government and/or related agencies in the previous question.

Approximately what proportion of your organization's revenue was derived from these sources in your most recently completed fiscal year?

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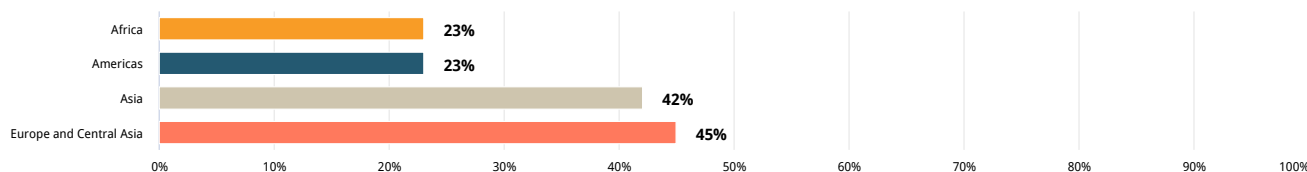


Political Climate and Funding Sources - By Subgroup

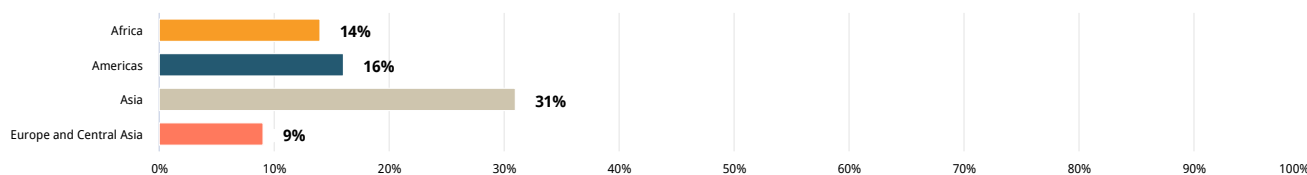
Did your organization receive funding from any of the following entities in your previous fiscal year? - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

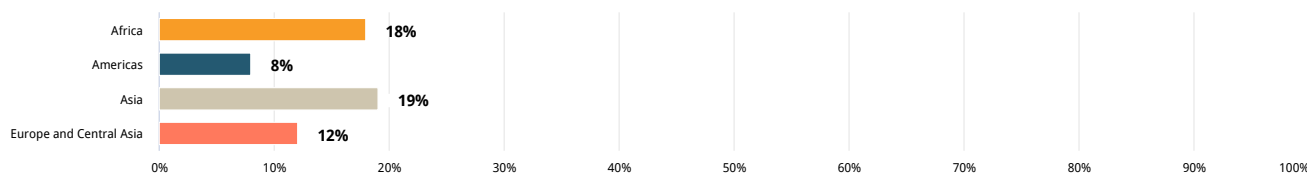
Foreign agencies or governments other than that of the U.S. or your home country



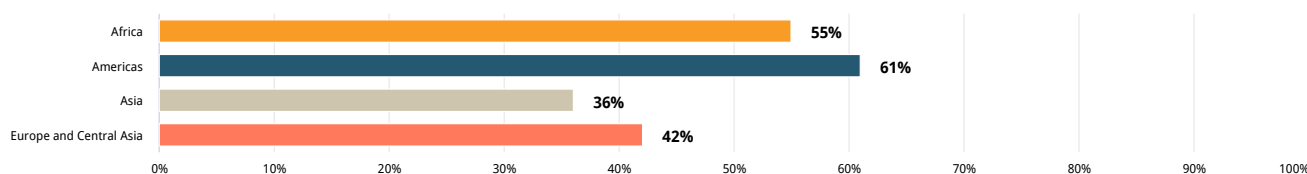
The government of your home country



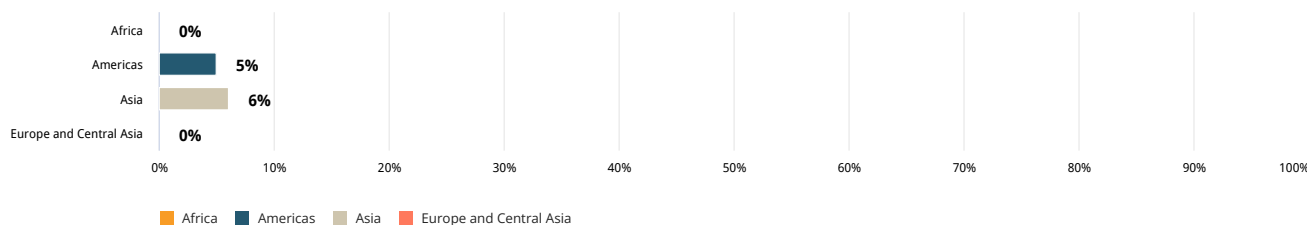
The U.S. federal government and/or related agencies (e.g., USAID)



None of the above



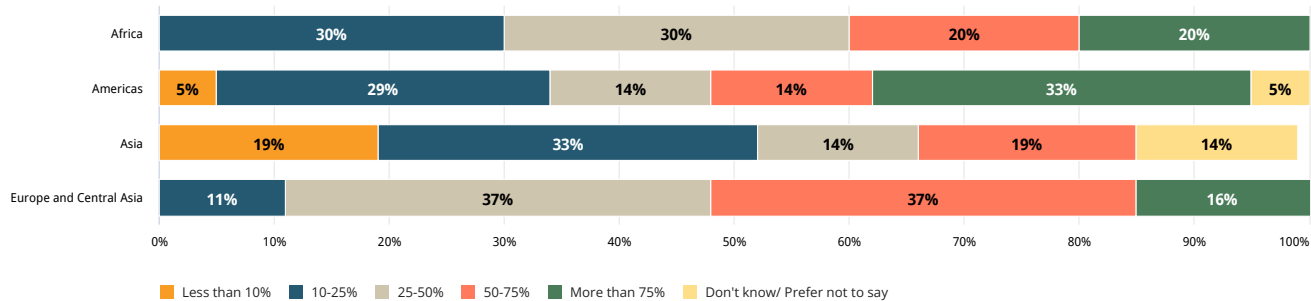
Don't know / Prefer not to say



The following question was only asked of respondents who indicated receiving funding from any government and/or related agencies in the previous question.

Approximately what proportion of your organization's revenue was derived from these sources in your most recently completed fiscal year? - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



Reductions in Funding

The following questions were only asked of respondents who indicate receiving funding from any government and/or related agencies.

In 2025, has your organization experienced a loss of funding from any of the following entities?

Yes, from foreign agencies or governments other than that of the U.S. or your home country



Yes, from the U.S. federal government and/or related agencies (e.g., USAID)



Yes, from the government of your home country



No



Don't know / Prefer not to say

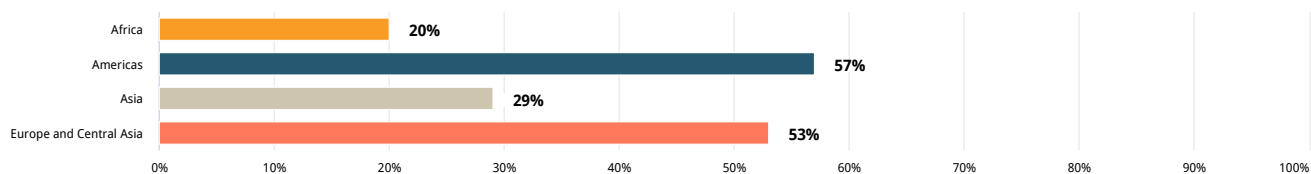


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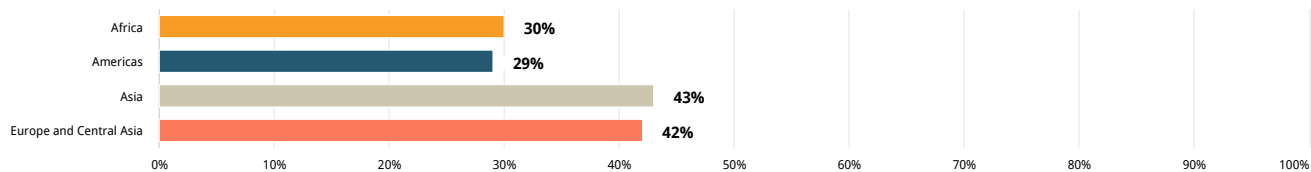
In 2025, has your organization experienced a loss of funding from any of the following entities? - By Subgroup

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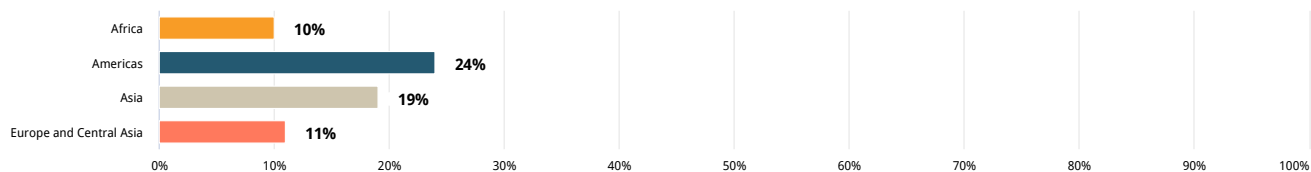
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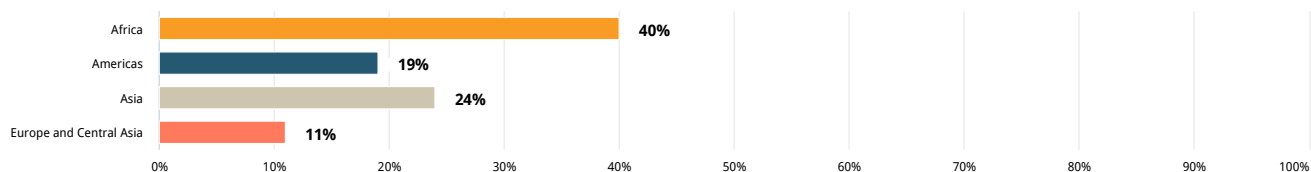
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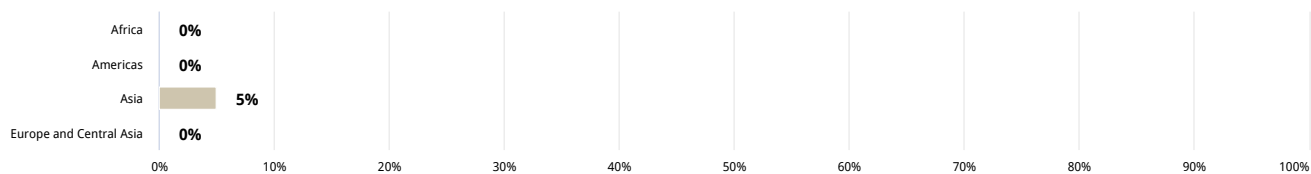
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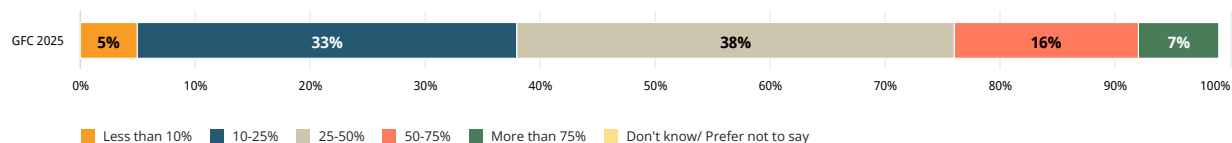


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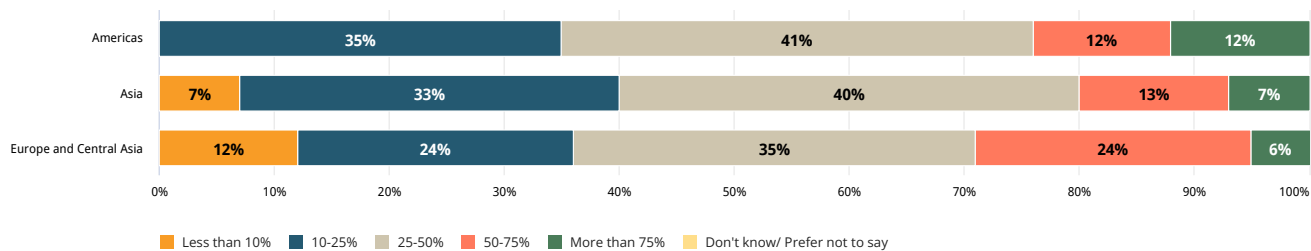
Approximately what proportion of your annual operating budget has your organization lost in 2025 from funding cuts - through cancelled contracts, reduced awards, or other funding reductions?

Past Results: On



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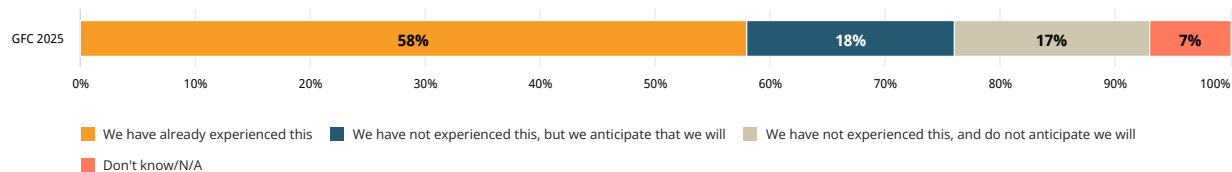


Grantee Experiences

In 2025, has your organization experienced greater levels of the following?

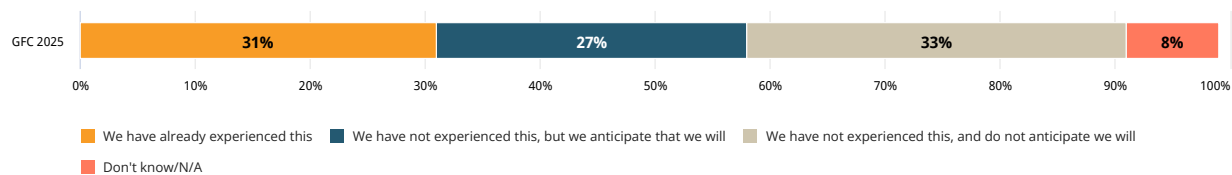
Concerns about the well-being and safety of those that our organization is seeking to help

Past Results: On



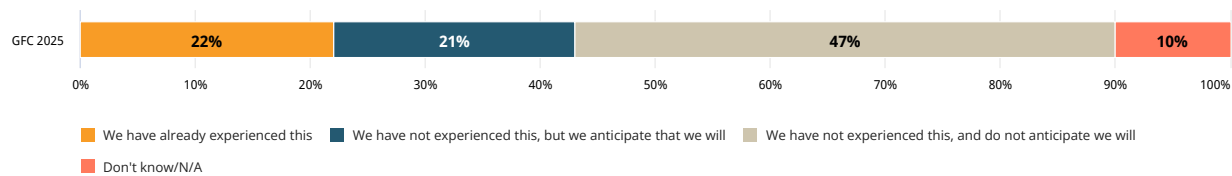
Legal challenges related to the people or issues affected by our work

Past Results: On



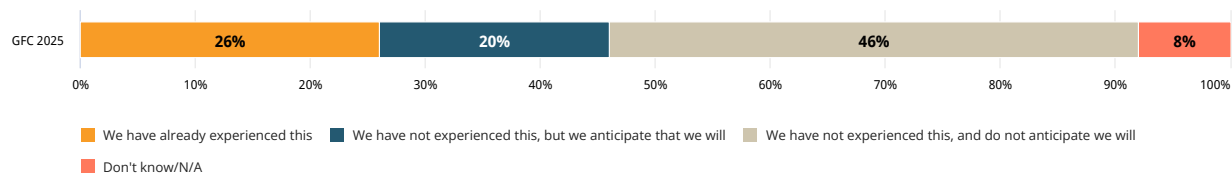
Backlash or opposition to our organization's mission

Past Results: On



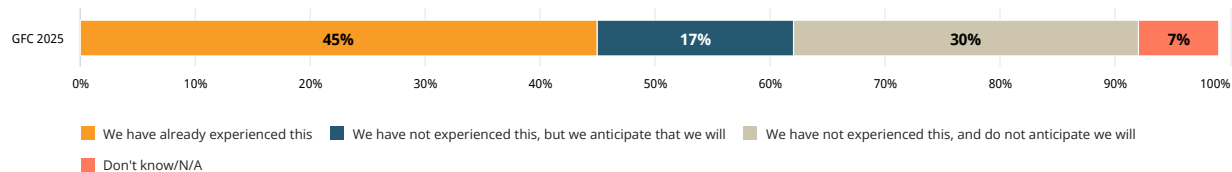
Pressure to meaningfully reframe how we publicly describe our work

Past Results: On



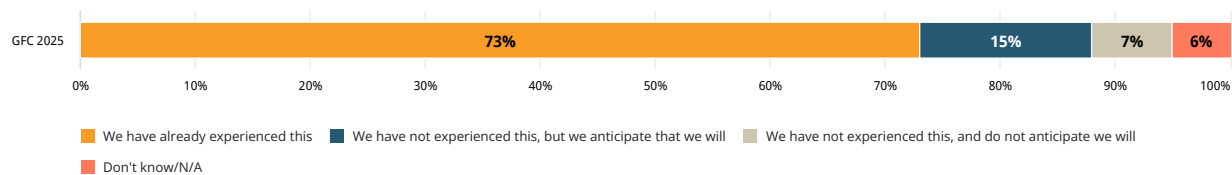
Concerns about our staff's or board's well-being and safety

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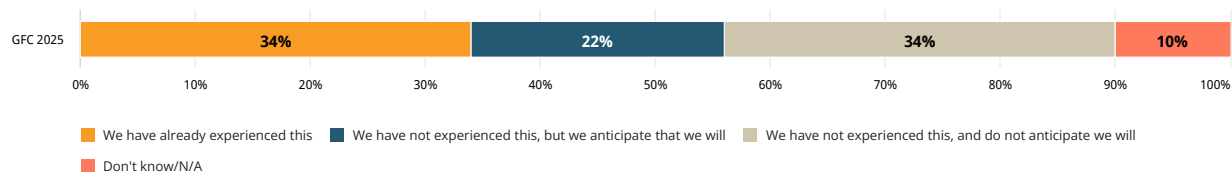
Increased demand for our services

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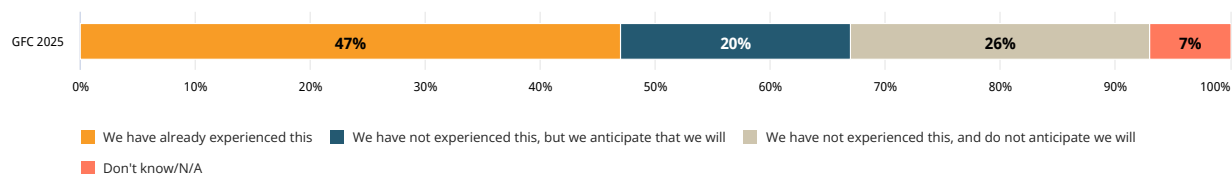
Reduction in the services we provide

Past Results: On



Reduction in our staffing

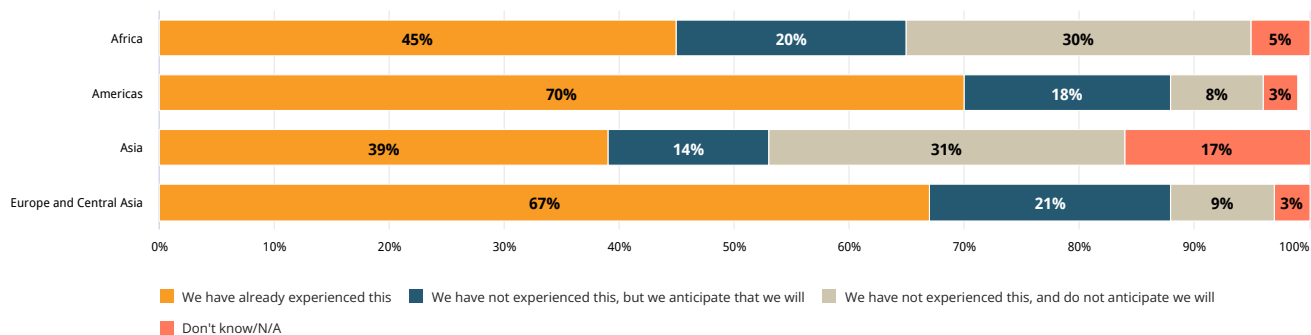
Past Results: On



In 2025, has your organization experienced greater levels of the following? - By Subgroup

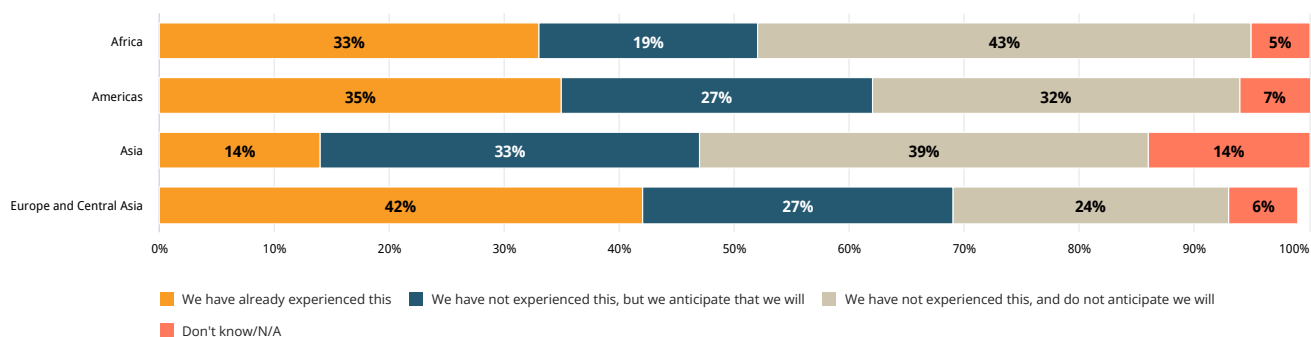
Concerns about the well-being and safety of those that our organization is seeking to help - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



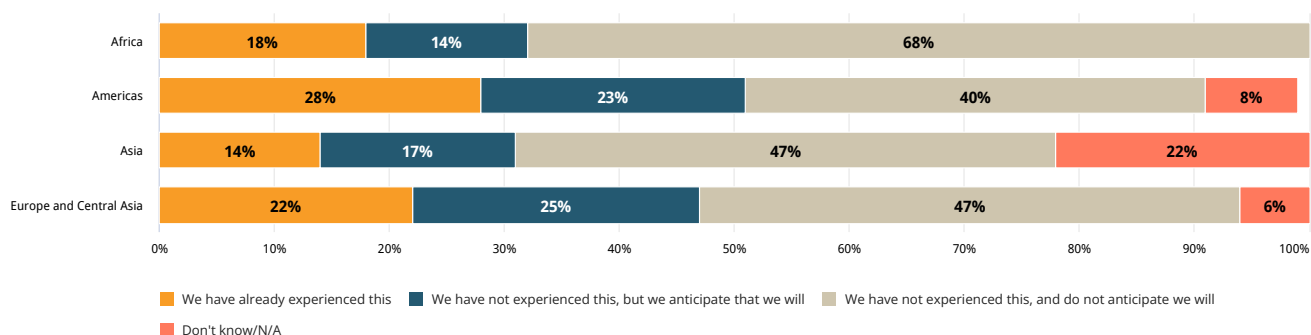
Legal challenges related to the people or issues affected by our work - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



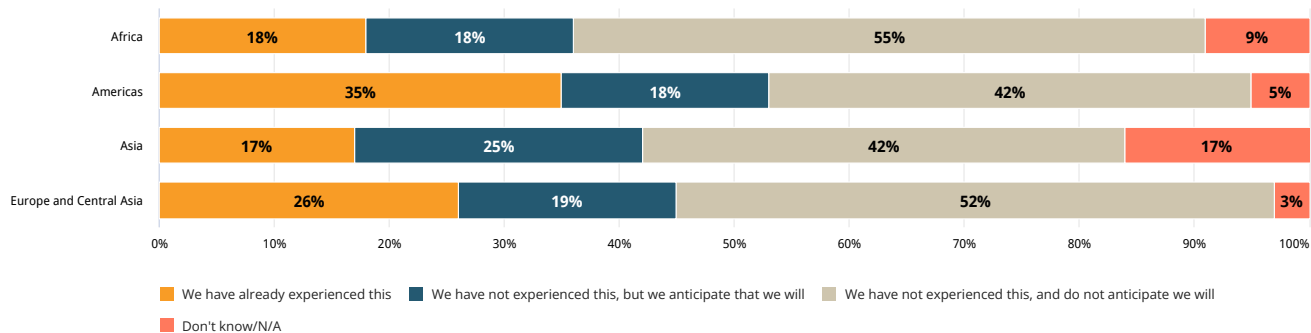
Backlash or opposition to our organization's mission - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



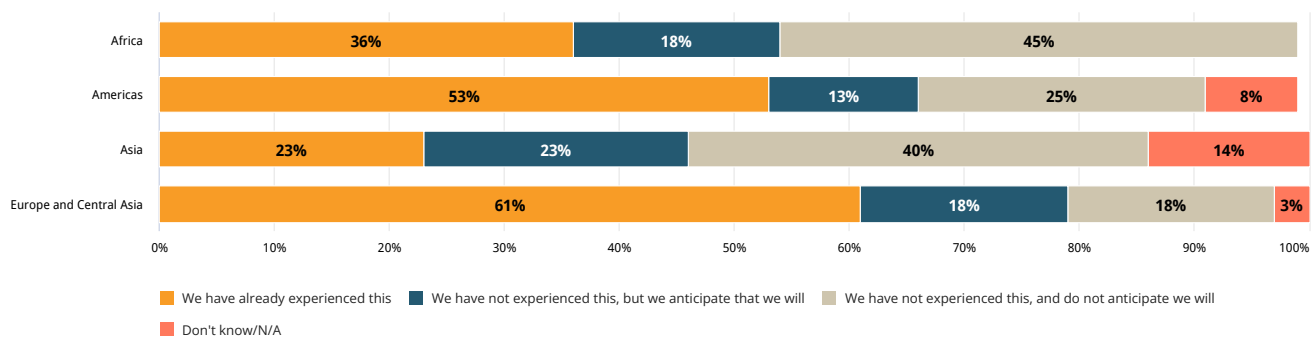
Pressure to meaningfully reframe how we publicly describe our work - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



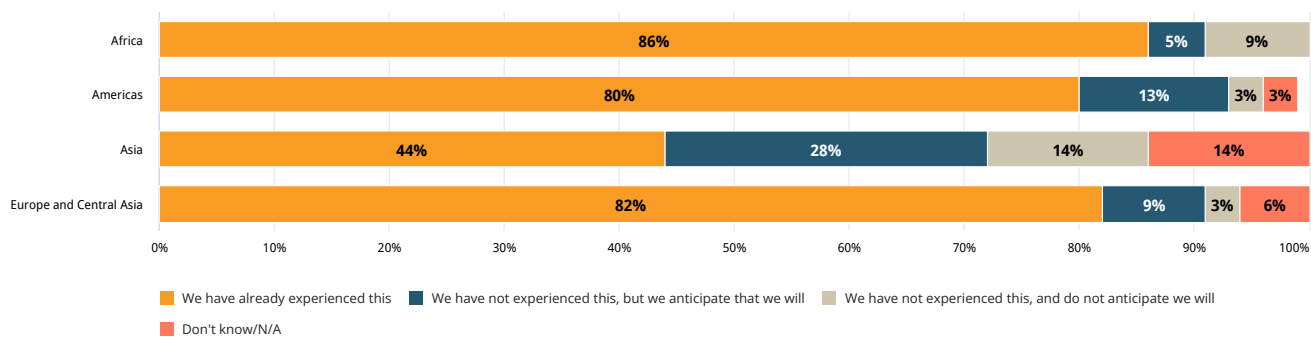
Concerns about our staff's or board's well-being and safety - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



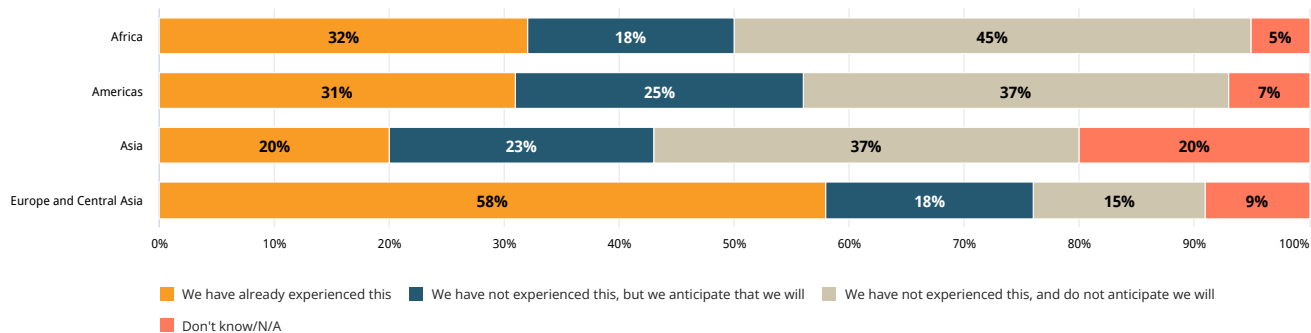
Increased demand for our services - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



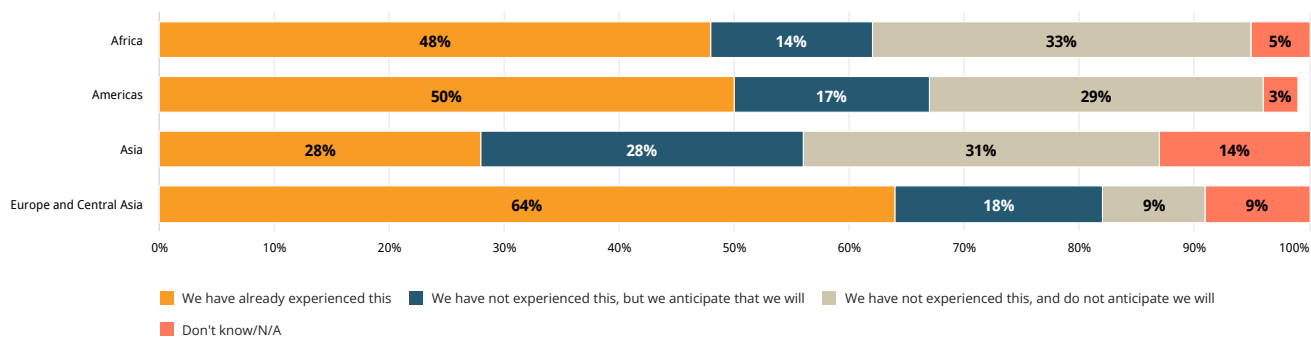
Reduction in the services we provide - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



Reduction in our staffing - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served



Grantees' Written Comments

In GFC's Grantee Perception Report survey, CEP asks five written questions:

1. "Please comment on the quality of GFC's processes, interactions, and communications."
2. "Thinking beyond the grant you received, please comment on how GFC influences your field, community, or organization."
3. "What specific improvements would you suggest that would make GFC a better funder?"
4. "Please share a specific example of how challenges related to the political or policy environment have affected your organization, its staff, or the people and communities you serve."
5. "As GFC enters its strategic planning process for 2027-2031, we want to incorporate your voice and ideas into our strategic approach. This is an open discussion - we encourage you to think freely about possibilities and even things GFC has not tried before, and we will consider them carefully as part of our process. What are the most important things that GFC should focus on?"

To download the full set of grantee comments and suggestions, please refer to the Attachments in the ["Report Overview"](#) section of your report.

CEP's Qualitative Analysis

CEP reviews each comment submitted and conducts comprehensive qualitative analysis on grantees' suggestions in the GPR.

The following page outlines the results of CEP's analyses.

Selected Suggestions

Grantees were asked to provide any suggestions for how GFC could improve. The 154 grantees that responded to the survey provided a total of 137 distinct suggestions. These suggestions were thematically categorized by CEP and grouped into the topics below.

1. Strong Satisfaction with Current Approach

The most frequent response was expressions of high satisfaction with GFC's work, with many grantees stating they had no suggestions for improvement or explicitly praising GFC as an exemplary funder.

- "GFC is already an outstanding and collaborative fund provider."
- "At the moment, I don't have specific suggestions for improvement because my experience with GFC has been very positive. They are patient, focused on our growth and team development, and their funding is flexible and trust-based. I truly appreciate how stress-free the process is and how much confidence they place in our ability to carry out activities."
- "GFC is an exceptional donor. From our experience, it's the only one that really commits to small organizations, supports them in their growth, and above all, trusts them. That trust is so valuable that those of us who have worked with GFC consider it sacred, and we would never break it... GFC does not need to become a 'better donor'; what is really needed is for great philanthropists to learn from its example."

2. Long-term and Multi-year Funding

The second most frequent request was for longer-term funding commitments extending beyond current grant cycles, with organizations seeking 3-10 year partnerships to enable sustainability, strategic planning, and deeper impact.

- "Long-term Funding Support: Local organizations will be able to work more sustainably if provided with long-term funding in addition to the short-term project-oriented support."
- "I think it is playing a very good role according to the existing policy. However, unless the funding is made long-term, the foundations of the organizations will not be strong."
- "It would be nice if you could provide longer multi-year grants, say 5 years. This would relieve us from worrying whether we would actually be open the following year and help us focus on our work."

3. Peer Learning and Exchange Opportunities

Grantees expressed strong interest in structured opportunities to connect with fellow GFC partners for mutual learning, knowledge sharing, and collaboration across regions and contexts.

- "Communication and exchange of ideas: If regular exchange of ideas with partner organizations and sharing platforms are made, everyone's experiences and learnings would be utilized."
- "One improvement could be to provide more opportunities for peer learning and exchange among grantee partners, so grassroots organizations can share experiences and strengthen each other's work"
- "One improvement that could make GFC an even better funder is to create more spaces for grantee partners to connect with each other. Peer learning and exchange—especially across countries or regions—could spark new ideas and collaborations."

4. Capacity Building and Technical Support

Organizations requested expanded training, mentorship, and technical assistance beyond financial support to strengthen their leadership, management, monitoring and evaluation, and organizational development capabilities.

- "One area for improvement could be expanding mentorship and technical support alongside funding. Many youth-led organizations would benefit from more structured guidance in areas like financial management, digital tools, storytelling, and scaling impact."
- "Additionally, providing more structured technical assistance in areas such as monitoring and evaluation, resource mobilization, and organizational development would help partners grow their capacity beyond project implementation."
- "I had a fantastic time participating in GFC's training with our management team! It was a great experience filled with discovery learning, and I really enjoyed all the insights we gained. I strongly believe that continuing these training sessions regularly would be beneficial for our entire team."

5. Connections to Other Donors and Fundraising Support

Grantees requested assistance in connecting with additional funders and building broader donor networks to diversify funding sources and ensure organizational sustainability beyond GFC support.

- "GFC could work with other donors to get more flexible funding that supports community-led projects. This would help GFC become a stronger funding partner and give communities more resources and chances to come up with their own solutions."
- "There is strong potential for GFC to further increase its funding support and to leverage its credibility by connecting organizations like ours with other funders who share similar values. By actively advocating for and promoting trust-based philanthropy within the sector, GFC can inspire more funders to adopt this model."
- "Based on our experience working with GFC, my suggestion is that it creates an action plan to integrate other donors without losing sight of its mission."

6. Enhanced Communication and Field Engagement

Organizations requested more frequent direct contact with GFC, including field visits, video calls, and improved communication channels to strengthen understanding and relationships.

- "Regular Field-level Visits: Projects will be more effective if the GFC team conducts regular field-level visits to closely understand the local realities and challenges."
- "Conducting bilateral video calls or visits to the territory a little more frequently."

- "We would like to see improvements in communication, as there have recently been coordinator changes resulting in staff who cannot communicate in Thai or local languages. This has made communication more difficult, created gaps, and may have led to misunderstandings between the funder and the network."

7. Increased Funding Amounts

Several grantees requested larger grant sizes to expand impact, increase staff salaries, and better address inflation and organizational needs.

- "We can only wish for bigger amounts of grants so we could do more work for our communities, increase the salaries for the staff and do not look at all at the restrictive funding."
- "The amount of fund should be increase according to the needs. If GFC'S can consider inflation fluctuation and increase the funding in future that will be helpful."
- "Generally, some of GFC's grants are relatively small in size. They provide organisations with some breathing space. However, depending on the size of the organisation, these grants can sometimes be too limited to create a substantial impact."

8. Organizational Visibility and Advocacy

Organizations sought GFC's help in raising their profile, celebrating achievements, and using GFC's platform for advocacy and connecting with broader audiences.

- "The tremendous work of GFC deserves wider recognition through local and international media outlets... I believe a more prominent media presence could significantly increase philanthropic support from around the globe."
- "Celebrating and/or making visible the small or large achievements that organizations achieve thanks to their influence and support!"
- "Greater visibility of organizations through campaigns or networks would help give greater projection to the work done."

9. Administrative and Operational Improvements

Some grantees suggested streamlining administrative processes, simplifying reporting requirements, covering administrative costs, and ensuring timely fund disbursement.

- "One possible improvement would be to simplify some reporting requirements by allowing more flexible formats (such as short narrative updates or visual storytelling) that better reflect the realities of grassroots organizations."
- "There are times that I think the reports can be a bit long but I understand the need for information from the grantees."
- "Flexibility in administrative procedures - Simplifying certain administrative requirements and allowing greater flexibility in reporting deadlines or budget adjustments would enable partner organizations to better adapt to unforeseen circumstances in the field."

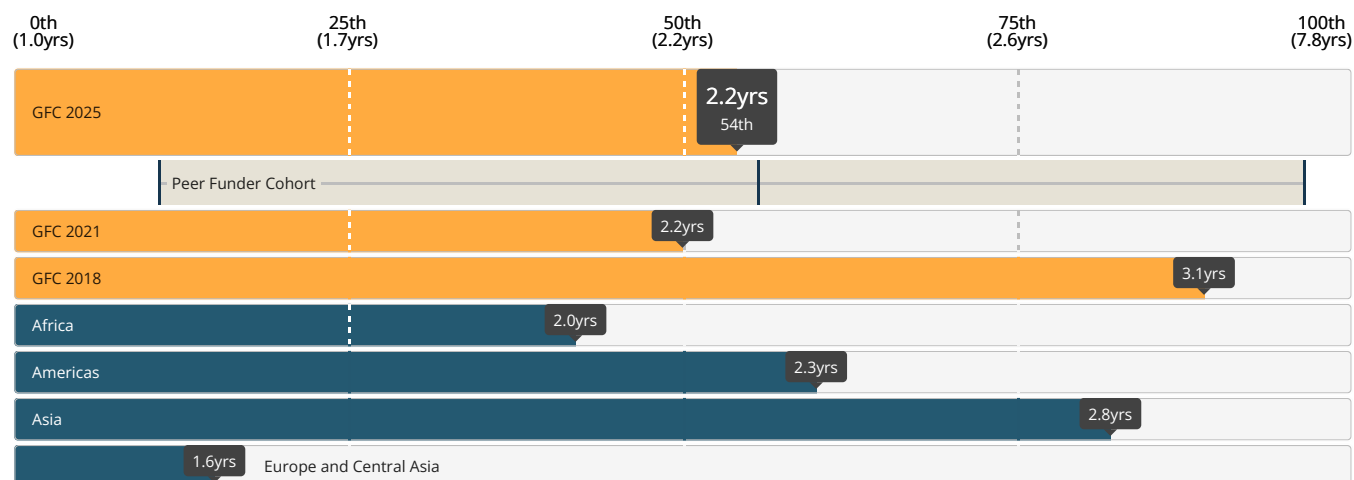
Contextual Data

Please note that all information below is based on self-reported data from grantees.

Grantmaking Characteristics

Average Grant Length

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: Geographical Area Served Past Results: On



Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Length of Grant Awarded	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Average grant length	2.2 years	2.2 years	3.1 years	2.2 years	2.3 years

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Length of Grant Awarded	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Average Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
0 - 1.99 years	48%	64%	45%	46%	36%
2 - 2.99 years	23%	9%	9%	24%	25%
3 - 3.99 years	18%	10%	7%	19%	26%
4 - 4.99 years	4%	6%	10%	3%	5%
5 - 50 years	6%	12%	29%	7%	8%

Past Results: On

Proportion of Unrestricted Funding	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	Average Funder
No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (e.g., general operating, core support)	76%	64%	32%
Yes, this funding was restricted to a specific use (e.g., supported a specific program, project, capital need, etc.)	24%	36%	68%

Grantmaking Characteristics - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Length of Grant Awarded (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
Average grant length	2 years	2.3 years	2.8 years	1.6 years

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Length of Grant Awarded (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
0 - 1.99 years	47%	48%	40%	58%
2 - 2.99 years	18%	4%	40%	39%
3 - 3.99 years	18%	31%	14%	0%
4 - 4.99 years	12%	7%	0%	0%
5 - 50 years	6%	9%	6%	3%

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Proportion of Unrestricted Funding (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (e.g., general operating, core support)	81%	75%	83%	67%
Yes, this funding was restricted to a specific use (e.g., supported a specific program, project, capital need, etc.)	19%	25%	17%	33%

Grant Size

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Grant Amount Awarded	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Median grant size	\$20K	\$24K	\$20K	\$125K	\$109K

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Grant Amount Awarded	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Average Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Less than \$10K	7%	15%	14%	7%	4%
\$10K - \$24K	46%	40%	50%	10%	10%
\$25K - \$49K	29%	36%	15%	12%	12%
\$50K - \$99K	14%	4%	19%	15%	16%
\$100K - \$149K	2%	3%	2%	10%	9%
\$150K - \$299K	2%	0%	0%	17%	16%
\$300K - \$499K	0%	0%	0%	10%	12%
\$500K - \$999K	0%	0%	0%	9%	9%
\$1MM and above	0%	1%	0%	11%	12%

Grant Size - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Grant Amount Awarded (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
Median grant size	\$23K	\$18K	\$17.2K	\$25K

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Grant Amount Awarded (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
Less than \$10K	5%	16%	0%	0%
\$10K - \$24K	47%	40%	67%	34%
\$25K - \$49K	26%	29%	11%	50%
\$50K - \$99K	11%	12%	22%	9%
\$100K - \$149K	0%	3%	0%	3%
\$150K - \$299K	11%	0%	0%	3%
\$300K - \$499K	0%	0%	0%	0%
\$500K - \$999K	0%	0%	0%	0%
\$1MM and above	0%	0%	0%	0%

Grantee Characteristics

Please note that all information below is based on self-reported data from grantees.

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Operating Budget of Grantee Organization	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Median Budget	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$1.7M	\$0.8M

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Operating Budget of Grantee Organization	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Average Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
<\$100K	60%	40%	58%	8%	19%
\$100K - \$499K	29%	47%	35%	18%	25%
\$500K - \$999K	8%	6%	4%	13%	15%
\$1MM - \$4.9MM	3%	7%	3%	31%	22%
\$5MM - \$24MM	0%	0%	0%	19%	11%
>=\$25MM	1%	0%	0%	12%	8%

Grantee Characteristics - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Operating Budget of Grantee Organization (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
Median Budget	\$0M	\$0.1M	\$0M	\$0.1M

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Operating Budget of Grantee Organization (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
<\$100K	63%	63%	71%	39%
\$100K - \$499K	37%	28%	21%	35%
\$500K - \$999K	0%	5%	6%	19%
\$1MM - \$4.9MM	0%	2%	3%	6%
\$5MM - \$24MM	0%	0%	0%	0%
>=\$25MM	0%	2%	0%	0%

Funding Relationship

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Funding Status	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Percent of grantees currently receiving funding from GFC	81%	79%	74%	82%	85%

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Pattern of Grantees' Funding Relationship with GFC	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Average Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
First grant received from GFC	31%	26%	5%	30%	34%
Consistent funding in the past	60%	72%	91%	53%	54%
Inconsistent funding in the past	9%	1%	4%	17%	12%

Funding Relationship - by Subgroup

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Funding Status (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
Percent of grantees currently receiving funding from GFC	65%	90%	100%	53%

Subgroup: Geographical Area Served

Pattern of Grantees' Funding Relationship with GFC (By Subgroup)	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe and Central Asia
First grant received from GFC	33%	28%	54%	9%
Consistent funding in the past	62%	71%	41%	64%
Inconsistent funding in the past	5%	2%	5%	27%

Funder Characteristics

Please note that all information below is based on self-reported data from Global Fund For Children.

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Financial Information	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Total assets	N/A	\$8.5M	\$8.9M	\$349M	N/A
Total giving	\$10.7M	\$2M	\$2.2M	\$22M	\$12.7M

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Funder Staffing	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Total staff (FTEs)	75	31	32	19	50
Percent of staff who are program staff	32%	29%	25%	45%	41%

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Grantmaking Processes	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Median Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Proportion of grants that are invitation-only	96%	100%	100%	64%	90%
Proportion of grantmaking dollars that are invitation-only	97%	100%	100%	78%	90%

Methodology, Analysis, and Respondent Demographics

Survey	Survey Fielded	Survey Population	Number of Responses Received	Survey Response Rate
GFC 2025	September and October 2025	194	154	79%
GFC 2021	September and October 2021	94	72	77%
GFC 2018	September and October 2018	153	120	78%

Survey Year	Year of Active Grants
GFC 2025	January 2024 - January 2025
GFC 2021	January 2020 - January 2021
GFC 2018	January 2017 - January 2018

Standard Comparative Cohorts

CEP included 18 standard cohorts to allow for comparisons to a variety of different types of funders.

Strategy Cohorts

Cohort Name	Count	Description
Small Grant Providers	31	Funders with median grant size of \$20K or less
Large Grant Providers	85	Funders with median grant size of \$300K or more
High Touch Funders	33	Funders for which a majority of grantees report having contact with their primary contact monthly or more often
Proactive Grantmakers	131	Funders that make at least 90% of grants by invitation only
Responsive Grantmakers	115	Funders that make at most 10% of grants by invitation only
Intermediary Funders	27	Funders that primarily regrant philanthropic dollars
International Funders	59	Funders that fund outside of their own country

Annual Giving Cohorts

Cohort Name	Count	Description
Funders Giving Less Than \$5 Million	52	Funders with annual giving of less than \$5 million
Funders Giving \$50 Million or More	101	Funders with annual giving of \$50 million or more

Foundation Type Cohorts

Cohort Name	Count	Description
Private Foundations	189	All private foundations in the GPR dataset
Family Foundations	95	All family foundations in the GPR dataset
Community Foundations	40	All community foundations in the GPR dataset
Health Conversion Foundations	29	All health conversion foundations in the GPR dataset
Corporate Foundations	31	All corporate foundations in the GPR dataset

Other Cohorts

Cohort Name	Count	Description
Funders Outside the United States	51	Funders that are primarily based outside the United States
Recently Established Foundations	87	Funders that were established in 2000 or later
Recently Surveyed Funders	260	Funders who surveyed grantees in 2020 or later
European Funders	30	Funders that are headquartered in Europe

Subgroup Methodology and Differences

The following page outlines the methodology used to determine the subgroups that are displayed in the report, along with any differences in grantee perceptions. Differences should be interpreted in the context of GFC's goals and strategy.

CEP conducts statistical analysis on groups of 10 or larger. Ratings described as "significantly" higher or lower reflect statistically significant differences at a P-value less than or equal to 0.1. Ratings described as "trending" higher or lower reflect a 0.3-point difference larger or smaller than the overall average rating.

Subgroup Methodology

Geographical Area Served: Using the grantee list provided by GFC, CEP tagged grantees based on their served geographical area.

Percent of Budget Funded: Using data grantees provided in the survey, CEP tagged grantees based on the proportion of their annual organizational budget funded by GFC.

Respondent Gender Identity: Using data grantees provided in the survey, CEP tagged grantees based on their gender identity. Those segmented as "Identifies as a Man" selected "Man" only, and those segmented as "Identifies as a Woman" selected "Woman" only.

Subgroup Differences

Geographical Area Served: Grantees serving areas in the Americas rate significantly higher than other GFC grantees on several measures in the report, particularly measures related to GFC's understanding of their organizations, its communications, and its grantmaking processes.

Percent of Budget Funded: No group consistently rates higher or lower than others when grantees are segmented by the percent of their budget funded by GFC.

Respondent Gender Identity: No group consistently rates higher or lower when grantees are segmented by their gender identity.

For more information on respondents' demographic characteristics, please see the ["Respondent Demographics"](#) section.

Respondent Demographics

International survey respondents are asked to opt-in to responding to all demographic questions. International survey respondents are asked questions related to their gender identity, transgender identity, identity as a member of a racial or ethnic minority in their country, disability identity, and identity as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Survey language and response options for questions about race and ethnicity are guided by best practices shared by [National Institutes of Health](#), [Pew Research Center](#), [Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research](#), and the [US Census Bureau](#).

Survey language and response options for questions about gender and LGBTQ+ identity are guided by best practices shared by [Fundations For LGBTQ Issues](#), [HRC Foundation's Welcoming Schools](#), and the [Williams Institute of the University of California – Los Angeles School of Law](#).

Survey respondents are asked to share their gender identities in a check-all-that-apply question. Each chart has the option of showing the average ratings of respondents who selected only "man," only "woman," multiple gender identities, "gender non-conforming or non-binary," "prefer to self-identify," and "prefer not to say" - as long as that response option had at least 10 respondents.

All demographic survey questions are optional.

Differences in Ratings by Respondent Demographics

It is CEP's standard practice to analyze responses for differences by the following demographics characteristics:

There are no consistent, statistically significant differences across respondent gender or LGBTQ+ identity.

There are too few respondents to analyze results by Transgender Identity

Ratings from respondents who have a disability are significantly higher than respondents who do not have a disability for the following measures:

- Impact on grantee organizations
- The assistance beyond the grant met an important need for grantees' organizations and/or programs
- Assistance beyond the grant was a worthwhile use of the time required of grantees
- Grantees felt the funder would be open to feedback about the assistance beyond the grant it provided
- The extent to which the funder exhibits compassion for those affected by grantees' work
- Clarity of the funder's communication of its goals and strategy
- Agreement that GFC's grants were flexible enough to allow grantees to use the funding as their organization decides
- Agreement that GFC convenings gave grantees an opportunity to regain energy and inspiration
- Agreement that GFC convenings led to grantees making positive changes in their organization

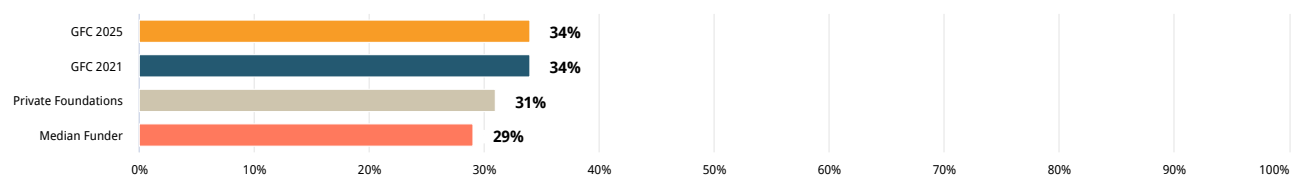
Ratings from respondents who have a disability are significantly lower than respondents who do not have a disability for the following measures:

- Our organization is prepared to sustain our work with other funding if GFC is unable to continue providing funding

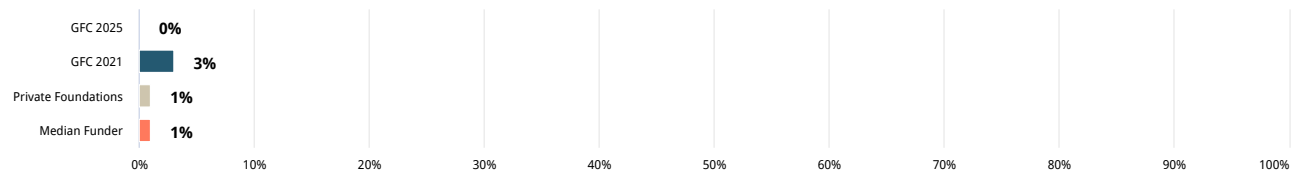
Please select the option that represents how you describe yourself:

Cohort: Private Foundations Past Results: On

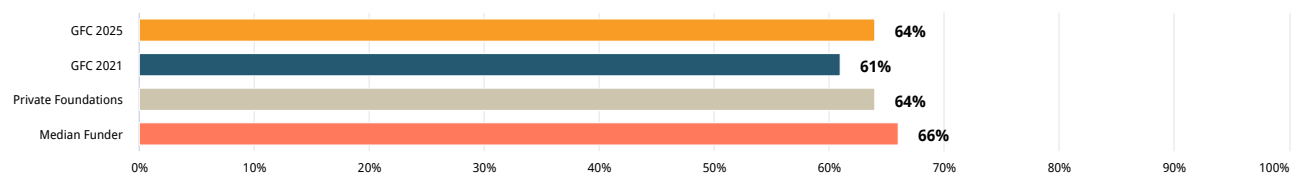
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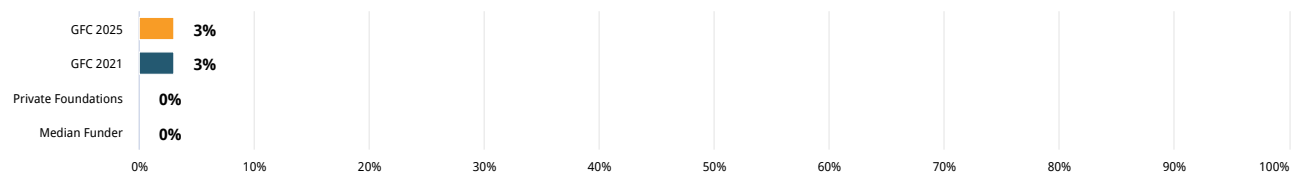
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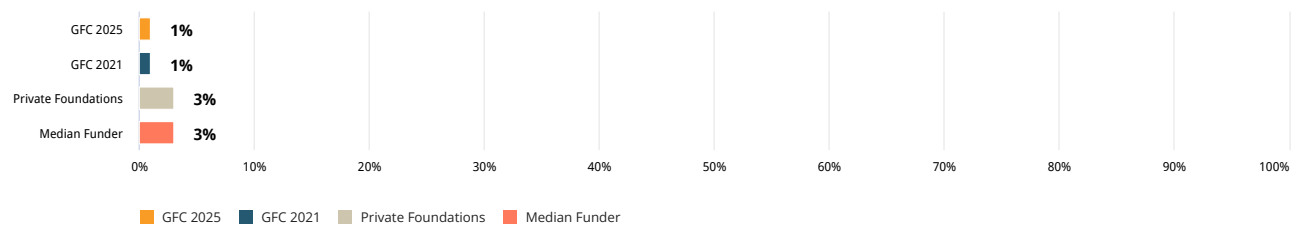
Woman



Prefer to self-identify



Prefer not to say



Past Results: On

Are you transgender?	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	Average Funder
Yes	0%	4%	1%
No	100%	93%	96%
Prefer not to say	0%	3%	4%

Past Results: On

Do you have a disability?	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	Average Funder
Yes	8%	9%	8%
No	90%	91%	87%
Prefer not to say	2%	0%	5%

Past Results: On

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) community?	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	Average Funder
Yes	17%	14%	12%
No	80%	80%	82%
Prefer not to say	3%	6%	5%

Respondent Job Title

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Past Results: On

Job Title of Respondents	GFC 2025	GFC 2021	GFC 2018	Average Funder	Peer Funder Cohort
Executive Director/CEO	59%	69%	62%	48%	50%
Other Senior Team (i.e., reporting to Executive Director/CEO)	12%	14%	15%	20%	20%
Project Director	14%	8%	15%	10%	16%
Development Staff	7%	6%	7%	15%	11%
Volunteer	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%
Other	7%	3%	0%	5%	4%

Additional Survey Information

Grantees may decide not to answer any question in the grantee survey. On many questions in the survey, grantees are allowed to select “don’t know” or “not applicable” if they are not able to provide an alternative answer. In addition, some questions in the survey are only displayed to a select group of grantees for which that question is relevant based on a previous response.

As a result, there are some measures where only a subset of responses is included in the reported results. The table below shows the number of responses included in each of the survey measures. The total number of respondents to GFC’s grantee survey was 154.

Question Text	Number of Responses
Overall, how would you rate GFC’s impact on your organization?	149
Overall, how would you rate GFC’s impact on your local community?	148
Overall, how would you rate GFC’s impact on your field?	150
To what extent has GFC advanced the state of knowledge in your field?	145
To what extent has GFC affected public policy in your field?	132
How well does GFC understand your organization’s strategy and goals?	153
How aware is GFC of the challenges that your organization is facing?	153
How well does GFC understand the social, cultural, or socioeconomic factors that affect your work?	152
How well does GFC understand the field in which you work?	153
Please indicate any types of assistance beyond the grant that were a component of what you received from GFC.	153
Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the assistance beyond the grant you received from GFC:	
The assistance beyond the grant I received met an important need for my organization and/or program	147
GFC’s assistance beyond the grant was a worthwhile use of the time required of us	143
I felt GFC would be open to feedback about the assistance beyond the grant it provided	143
How well does GFC understand the needs of the people and communities that you serve?	149
Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups?	152
Specifically, are any of the following the primary intended people and/or communities served by the efforts funded by this grant?	133
To what extent do you agree or disagree that GFC has clearly communicated what diversity, equity, and inclusion means for its work?	150
To what extent do you agree or disagree that GFC demonstrates an explicit commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in its work?	154
How comfortable do you feel approaching GFC if a problem arises?	153
Overall, how responsive was GFC staff?	154
To what extent did GFC exhibit trust in your organization’s staff during this grant?	153
To what extent did GFC exhibit candor about GFC’s perspectives on your work during this grant?	148
To what extent did GFC exhibit compassion for those affected by your work during this grant?	151
To what extent is GFC open to ideas from grantees about its strategy?	152
How often do/did you have contact with your program officer during this grant?	153
Has your main contact at GFC changed in the past six months?	153
At any point during this grant, including the selection process, did Foundation staff conduct a site visit?	153
How clearly has GFC communicated its goals and strategy to you?	151
How consistent was the information provided by different communication resources, both personal and written, that you used to learn about GFC?	144
Overall, how transparent is GFC with your organization?	154
How well do you understand the way in which the work funded by this grant fits into GFC’s broader efforts?	150
Did you submit a proposal to GFC for this grant?	145
Did you have contact with a Foundation staff member via phone, email, or in-person/video before you applied?	125
To what extent was GFC’s selection process a helpful opportunity to strengthen the efforts funded by the grant?	139
To what extent was GFC’s selection process an appropriate level of effort given the amount of funding received?	138
As you developed your grant proposal, how much pressure did you feel to modify your organization’s priorities in order to create a grant proposal that was likely to receive funding?	129
To what extent was GFC clear and transparent about the selection process requirements and timelines?	143
To what extent was GFC clear and transparent about the criteria GFC uses to decide whether a proposal would be funded or declined?	118
At any point during the proposal or the grant period, did GFC and your organization exchange ideas regarding how your organization would assess the results of the work funded by this grant?	133
Have you participated in a reporting or evaluation process?	148

Question Text	Number of Responses
To what extent was GFC's reporting process straightforward?	111
To what extent was GFC's reporting process adaptable, if necessary, to fit your circumstances?	121
To what extent was GFC's reporting process relevant, with questions and measures pertinent to the work funded by this grant?	122
To what extent was GFC's reporting process a helpful opportunity for you to reflect and learn?	121
To what extent did the evaluation incorporate your input in the design of the evaluation?	91
To what extent did the evaluation result in you making changes to the work that was evaluated?	89
Total funding committed for this grant	147
Total number of years of approved funding for this grant	139
Was the funding you received restricted to a specific use?	150
What is the approximate annual operating budget of your organization?	141
Are you currently receiving funding from GFC?	148
Which of the following best describes the pattern of your organization's funding relationship with GFC?	149
Did your organization receive funding from any of the following entities in your previous fiscal year?	152
Approximately what proportion of your organization's revenue was derived from these sources in your most recently completed fiscal year?	71
In 2025, has your organization experienced a loss of funding from any of the following entities?	71
Approximately what proportion of your annual operating budget has your organization lost in 2025 from funding cuts - through cancelled contracts, reduced awards, or other funding reductions?	55
In 2025, has your organization experienced greater levels of the following?	
Concerns about the well-being and safety of those that our organization is seeking to help	149
Legal challenges related to the people or issues affected by our work	150
Backlash or opposition to our organization's mission	150
Pressure to meaningfully reframe how we publicly describe our work	149
Concerns about our staff's or board's well-being and safety	150
Increased demand for our services	151
Reduction in the services we provide	149
Reduction in our staffing	148
Custom Questions	
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding financial support from GFC:	
GFC's grants were flexible enough to allow us to use the funding as our organization decides	154
The amount of funding we received from GFC allowed us to make significant progress toward accomplishing our goals	153
The length of funding we received from GFC was sufficient to support significant progress toward accomplishing our goals.	152
Our organization is prepared to sustain our work with other funding if GFC is unable to continue providing funding	153
We would prefer to receive multiple smaller grants throughout the year rather than one larger annual grant	153
Please indicate which of these supports you have received from GFC:	153
For each type of support listed below, please indicate how well your organization has been able to integrate it into your practices:	
Safeguarding training and support	79
Organizational capacity assessment (OCI/MIO/self-assessment)	85
Workshops or other support delivered by GFC staff (e.g., communications, healthy masculinities, theory of change)	116
Training or other support delivered by external organizations hired by GFC (e.g., Tostan, Project Soar, Play Action International)	54
Ongoing organizational capacity support from external consultants hired by GFC (e.g., learning and evaluation, community engagement)	55
Training or support provided by consultants hired by our organization and funded by GFC's grants	81
Training or support provided by another GFC partner	77
Wellbeing advice or support	81
GFC often funds organizations working on similar issues in the same region as part of a peer learning group. Have you been part of such a group with other GFC partners?	145
GFC is clear about expectations for being part of the peer learning group	99
Being part of the peer learning group has helped our organization make meaningful progress toward accomplishing our goals	101
Being part of the peer learning group has helped us develop new ideas and skills	98
Being part of a peer learning group has helped us develop meaningful connections with peers	99

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We have turned peer connections into collaborations or partnerships as a result of being part of a peer learning group	98
We have the freedom to choose how much we collaborate with other peers in our peer learning group	91
I feel part of a movement for change that is bigger than only my organization	96
We see GFC as partners working with us to solve problems	149
GFC provides room for our organization to make mistakes, experiment, and take on challenges	151
GFC has challenged us to see our work in new ways	151
We feel free to disagree with GFC when necessary	149
Our relationship with GFC has introduced new ideas, relationships, or opportunities for our organization	151
Our relationship with GFC has helped strengthen trust across staff members within my organization	151
Our connection with GFC has positively affected the wellbeing of staff in our organization	150
Have you attended convenings with other GFC partners that GFC organized?	146
Gave us an opportunity to reflect on our work	131
Gave us an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills	131
Gave us an opportunity to build solidarity with other partners	131
Gave us an opportunity to regain energy and inspiration	130
Has led to us making positive changes in our organization	131
Was a worthwhile use of our organization's time	131

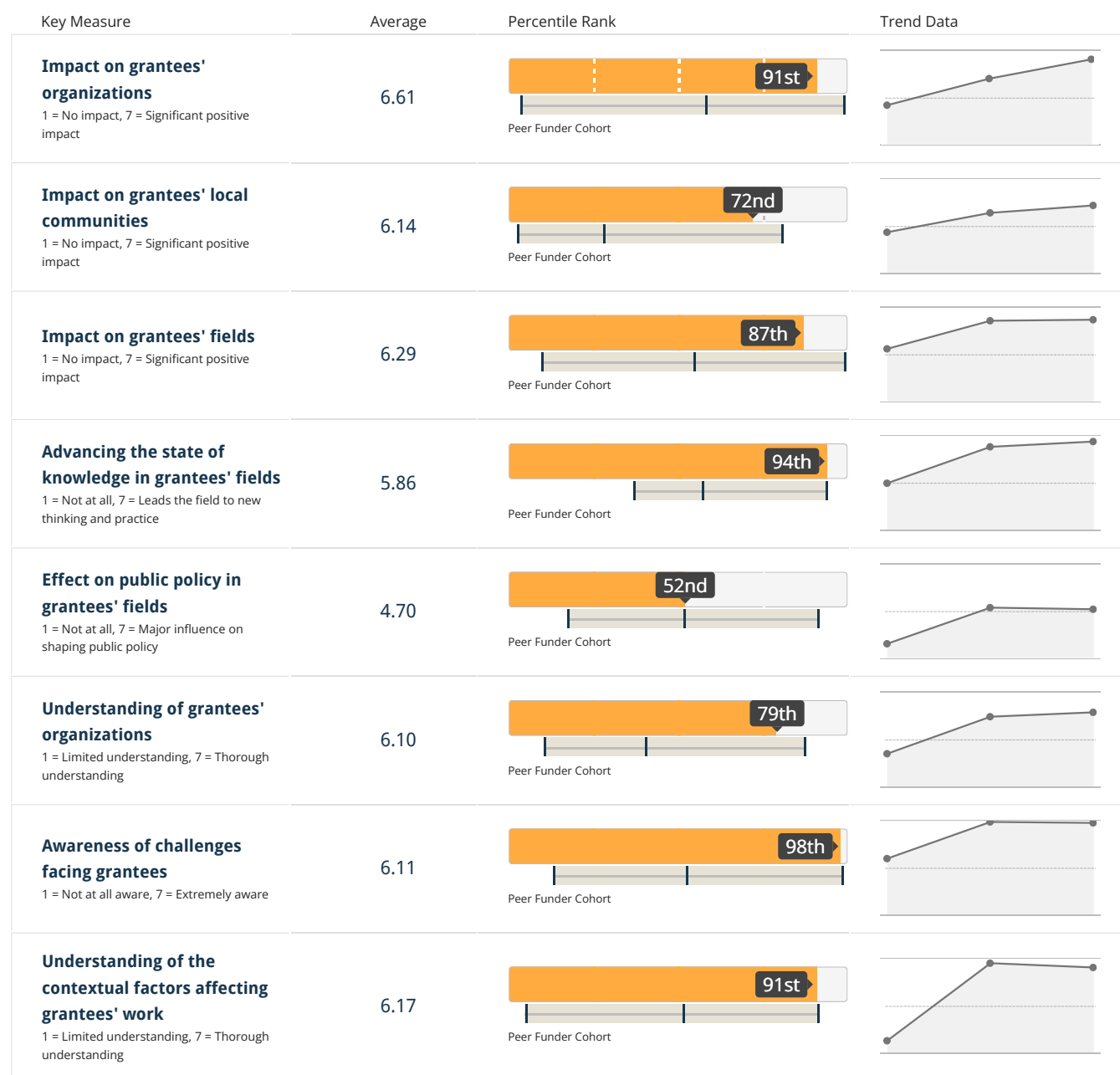
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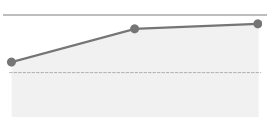
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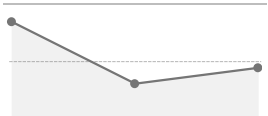
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Key Measure	Average	Percentile Rank	Trend Data
Understanding of grantees' fields 1 = Limited understanding of the field, 7 = Regarded as an expert in the field	6.10	 84th Peer Funder Cohort	
Assistance beyond the grant met an important need for grantees 1 = Not at all, 4 = Somewhat, 7 = To a great extent	6.47	 86th Private Foundations	N/A
Assistance beyond the grant was a worthwhile use of time 1 = Not at all, 4 = Somewhat, 7 = To a great extent	6.34	 77th Private Foundations	N/A
Funder would be open to feedback about its assistance beyond the grant 1 = Not at all, 4 = Somewhat, 7 = To a great extent	5.88	 14th Private Foundations	N/A
Funder's understanding of the needs of the people and communities grantees serve 1 = Limited understanding, 7 = Thorough understanding	6.19	 93rd Peer Funder Cohort	
Funder has clearly communicated what DEI means for its work 1 = Strongly disagree, 4 = Neither agree nor disagree, 7 = Strongly agree	6.41	 95th Private Foundations	
Funder demonstrates an explicit commitment to DEI in its work 1 = Strongly disagree, 4 = Neither agree nor disagree, 7 = Strongly agree	6.49	 83rd Private Foundations	
Comfort approaching the funder if a problem arises 1 = Not at all comfortable, 7 = Extremely comfortable	6.70	 96th Peer Funder Cohort	
Responsiveness of funder staff 1 = Not at all responsive, 7 = Extremely responsive	6.68	 81st Peer Funder Cohort	
Funder exhibits trust in grantees' staff 1 = Not at all, 4 = Somewhat, 7 = To a great extent	6.67	 89th Private Foundations	

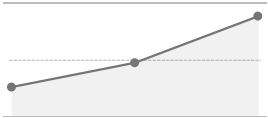
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Key Measure	Average	Percentile Rank	Trend Data
Funder exhibits candor about its perspectives on grantees' work 1 = Not at all, 4 = Somewhat, 7 = To a great extent	6.47	 94th Private Foundations	
Funder exhibits compassion for those affected by grantees' work 1 = Not at all, 4 = Somewhat, 7 = To a great extent	6.55	 68th Private Foundations	
Openness to grantees' ideas about funder's strategy 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.41	 99th Peer Funder Cohort	
Clarity of funder's communications about its goals and strategy 1 = Not at all clearly, 7 = Extremely clearly	6.44	 97th Peer Funder Cohort	
Consistency of communications across different resources 1 = Not at all consistent, 7 = Completely consistent	6.30	 87th Peer Funder Cohort	
Funder's transparency with grantees 1 = Not at all transparent, 7 = Extremely transparent	6.51	 99th Peer Funder Cohort	
Grantees' understanding of how funded work fits into funder's broader efforts 1 = Limited understanding, 7 = Thorough understanding	6.05	 93rd Private Foundations	
Helpfulness of selection process in strengthening funded work 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.42	 97th Private Foundations	N/A
Selection process was an appropriate level of effort given funding received 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.22	 75th Private Foundations	N/A
Pressure to modify grantees' priorities to receive funding 1 = No pressure, 7 = Significant pressure	2.08	 44th Peer Funder Cohort	

Summary of Perceptual Survey Measure Rankings

Cohort: Peer Funder Cohort Subgroup: None

Key Measure	Average	Percentile Rank	Trend Data
Clarity and transparency of selection process requirements and timelines 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.69	 91st Private Foundations	N/A
Clarity and transparency of criteria used to fund or decline proposals 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.48	 98th Private Foundations	N/A
Reporting process: Straightforwardness 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.46	 69th Peer Funder Cohort	
Reporting process: Adaptability 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.52	 90th Peer Funder Cohort	
Reporting process: Relevance 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.53	 89th Peer Funder Cohort	
Reporting process: Helpful opportunity to reflect and learn 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.54	 97th Peer Funder Cohort	
Evaluation process: Incorporated grantees' input in design 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	6.05	 90th Private Foundations	
Evaluation process: Resulted in change to evaluated work 1 = Not at all, 7 = To a great extent	5.51	 96th Private Foundations	

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