



Gender Transformation for Africa: A Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health Research Collaborative

Transformation du genre pour l'Afrique: Une recherche concertée sur la santé sexuelle, reproductive et maternelle

Webinar 12!

Closing Webinar: Stock taking and celebrating.

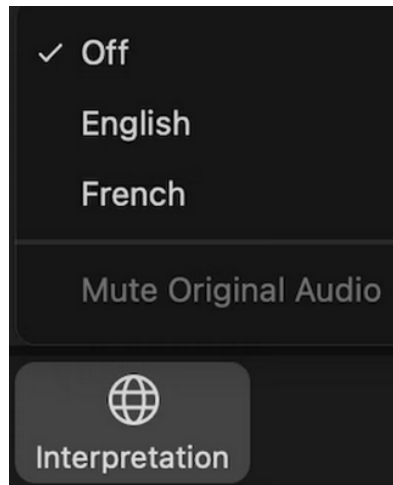
Webinaire 12!

Webinaire de clôture : Faire le bilan et célébrer

21 August 2025

Bienvenue! Welcome to the webinar!

- All participants to rename themselves by putting their name and their language
- Tous les participants à se renommer en mettant leur nom et leur langue



Bienvenue! Welcome to the webinar!

Objectives:

- to provide an opportunity to take stock of and celebrate the collaboration,
- to explore what it takes to sustain the gains made in terms of promising gender transformative approaches, processes and practices across different African contexts.
- to review discussions on possibilities and strategies of sustaining the collaboration beyond the project, based on input from the endline survey and networking database

Objectifs :

- offrir l'occasion de faire le bilan et de célébrer la collaboration,
- explorer ce qui est nécessaire pour consolider les acquis en matière d'approches, de processus et de pratiques prometteuses de transformation du genre dans différents contextes africains,
- examiner les discussions sur les possibilités et les stratégies de pérenniser la collaboration au-delà du projet, en s'appuyant sur les résultats de l'enquête finale et la base de données de mise en réseau.

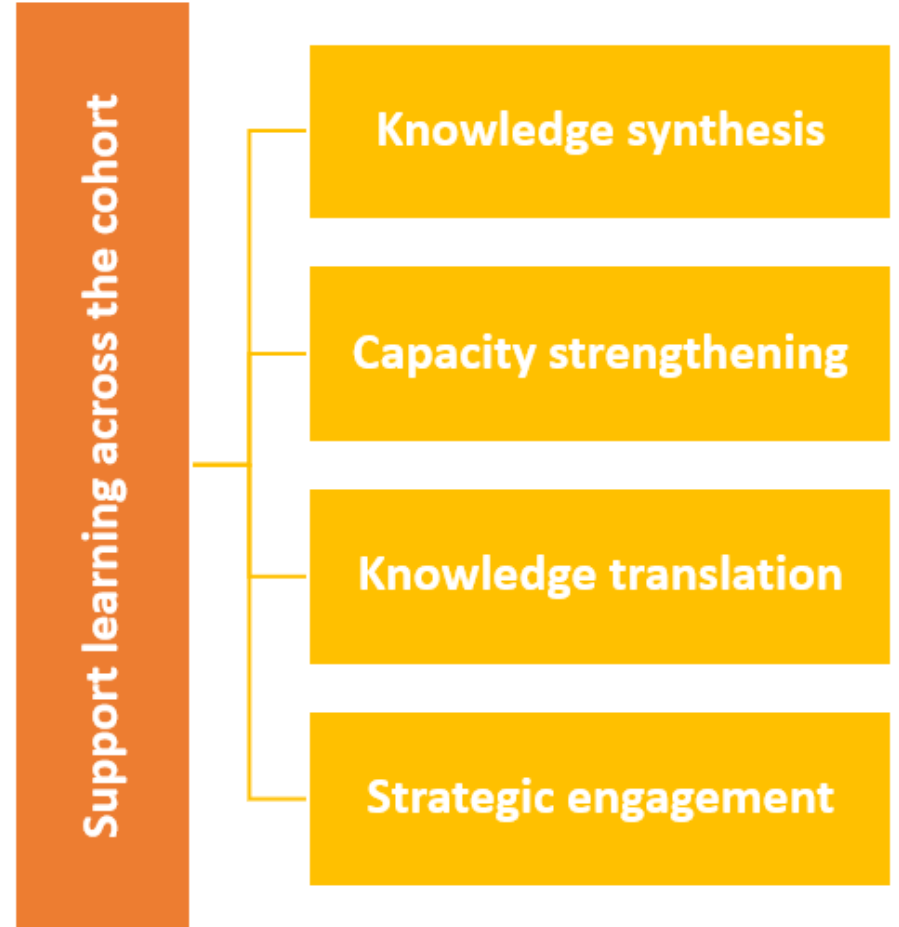
Webinar programme | Programme de webinaire

Duration (90 mins)	Item	Facilitator / Presenter
5 mins	Welcome and introduction and music	Wolde
10 mins	Cohort overview: A visual presentation of the Cohort's work	Kefi
30 mins	Let's hear it from the PIs -What remains to be catalysed to advance evidence for GTA in the African context? -Irene, Chinyere, Mat, Nohou, Nikki, Anthony (2 talking points)	Nkoli / Asha
15 mins	Brief overview of endline survey, networking database, and next steps	Wolde/ Asha
20 mins	Group discussion with menti meter 1/ What resonated from the panel and endline survey results? 2/ What lessons are there in supporting future cohorts or networks on gender transformative approaches in Africa?	Gabriel / Priscilla / Tanya
10 mins	Closing & group photo	Tanya/Chaitali

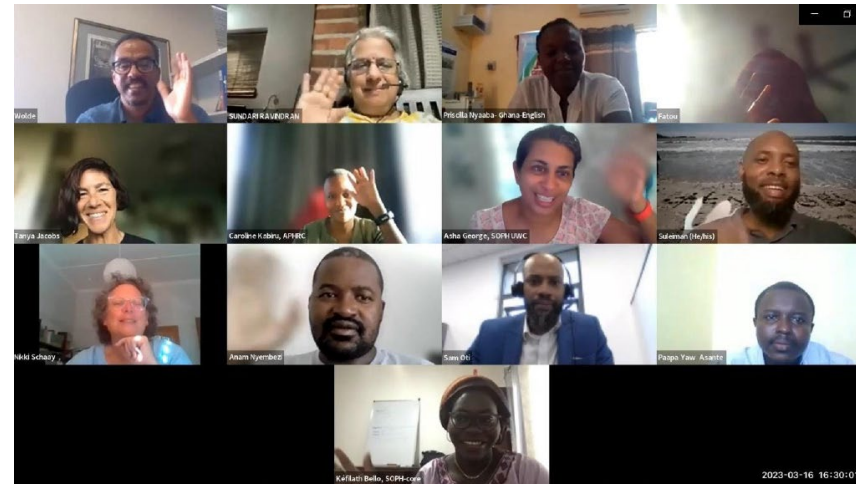
Cohort overview:

A visual presentation of the Cohort's work

Who we are & What we are about: Team, purpose and strategies



Who we are & What we are about: Governance, principles, processes



Outputs: Webinar series

2022

- 1/ Gender transformative approaches
 - 46 attended
- 2/ Assessing & measuring GTA
 - 36 attended
- 3/ Intersectionality
 - 44 attended

2023

- 4/ African Perspectives on GTA
 - 33 attended
- 5/ Male Engagement
 - 51 attended

2024

- 6/ Sharing draft supplement papers
 - 44 attended
- 7/ Project deep-dive: male engagement
 - 31 attended
- 8/ Project deep-dive: co-production
 - 31 attended
- 9/ Project-deep dive: community actors
 - 45 attended

2025

- 10/ Knowledge Translation for GTA & SRMH
 - 40 attended
- 11/ Journal Supplement Launch
 - Zoom + YouTube attendance 200+ registered
- 12/ Closing webinar



In-person workshops

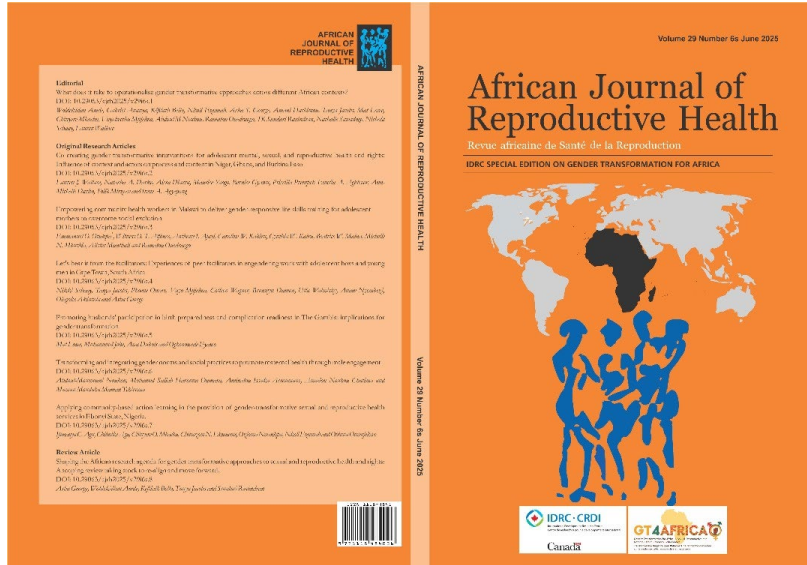
Feminist Fiesta Consultation co-funded by SARCHI Chair invited cohort members & external stakeholders: 100% response rate

Writing Workshop: Peer mentoring, time to write collectively, time to reflect collectively: 100% response rate



We remember our colleague activist, **Nkokheli Mankayi**, who died later that year, an inspiration of building linkages across social movements. 🕯️

Outputs: Journal supplement, forthcoming papers...



Forthcoming papers

Imbalances in authorship, funding & geographic setting

Measurement of GT interventions

Perspectives/Principles of GT programming

West Africa - authorship imbalance

Knowledge translation for GTA to SRMH in Africa

Reports

African perspectives on GTA in health

Feminist Fiesta Consultation workshop

Writing workshop

Blogs

Shifting unequal gender norms and practices

Intersectionality and SRMH in Africa: Discussions from GT4Africa

African perspectives on GTA in health

In-person workshops

Resource packs

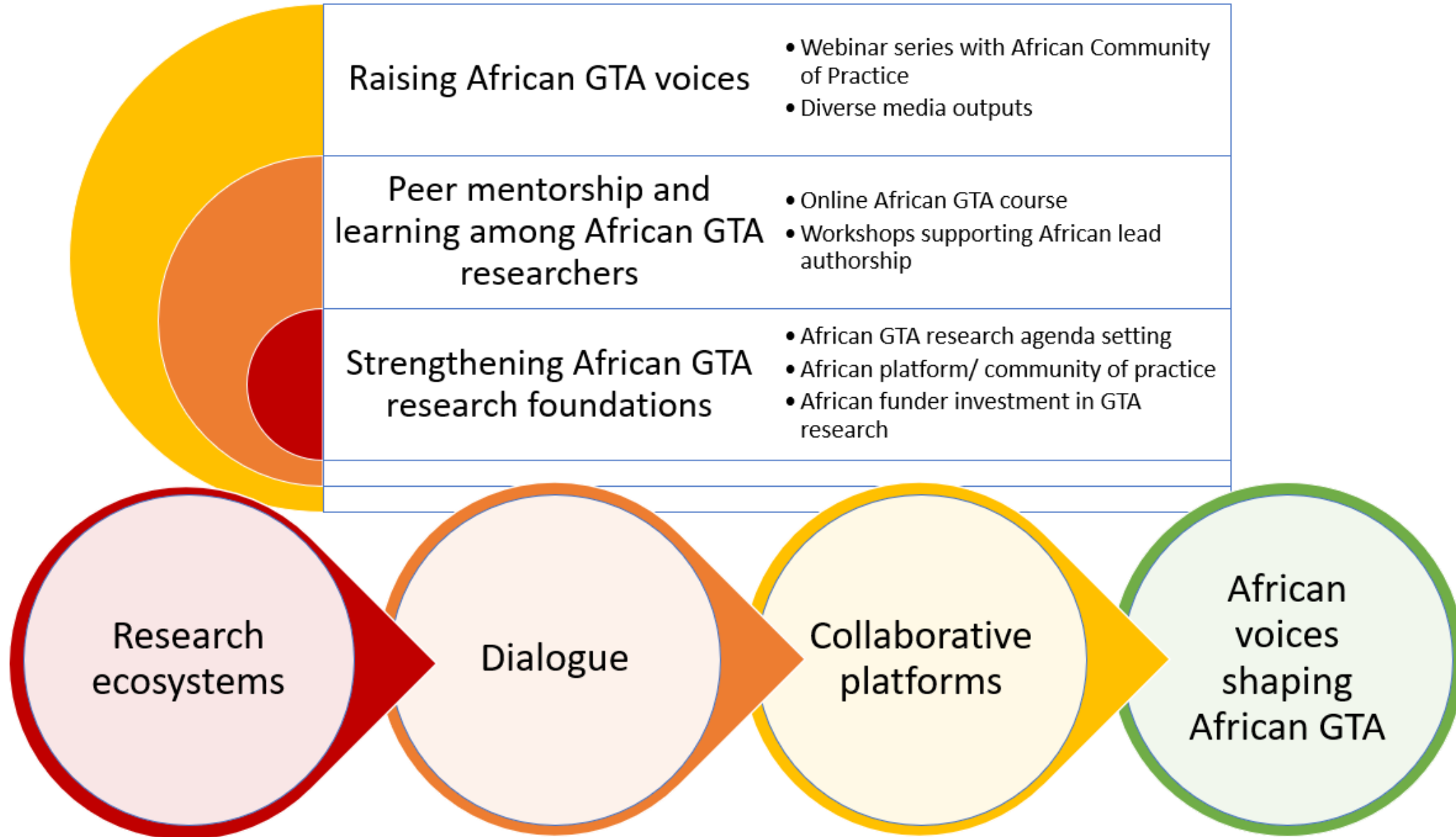
Gender Transformative Approaches

Assessing and measuring GT change

Intersectionality



Sustainability next steps



Let's hear it from the PIs

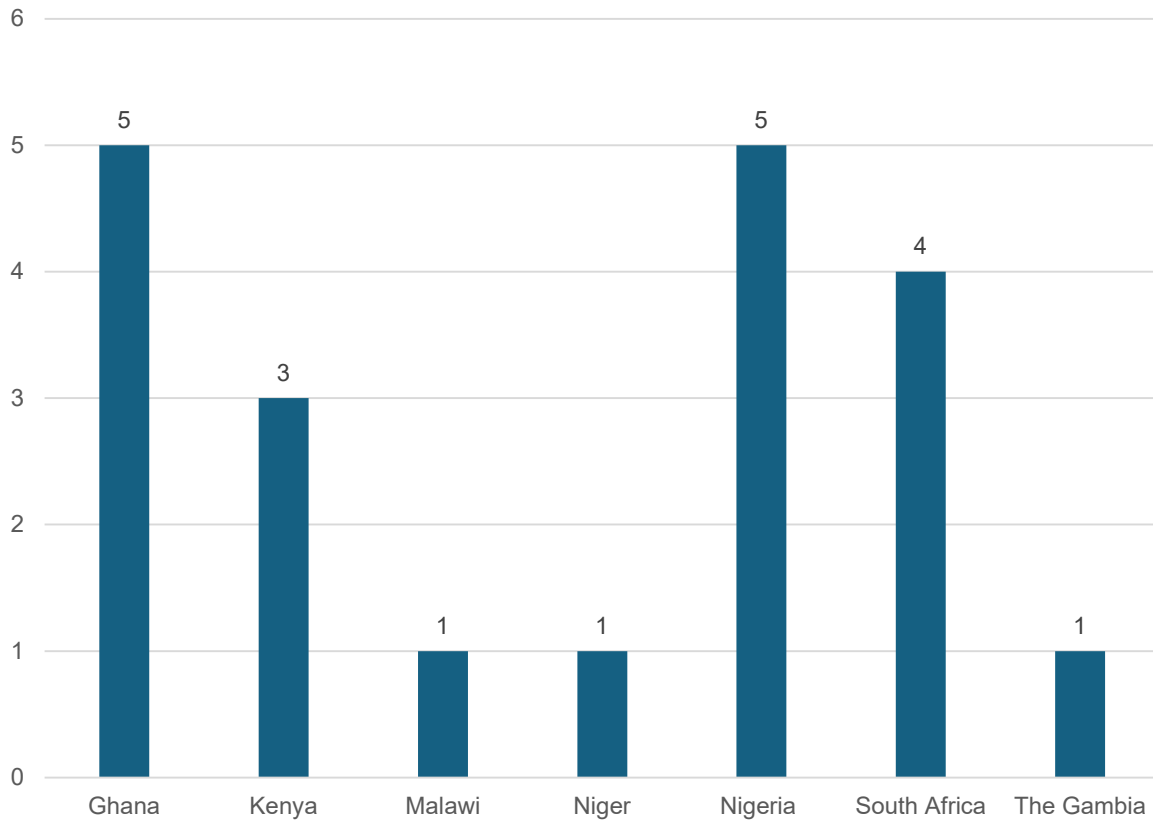
What remains to be catalysed to advance evidence for sparking and sustaining GTA in the African context?

Projects	PIs
Gender-transformative approaches to address unmet adolescent mental, sexual, and reproductive health needs in Ghana, Niger, and Burkina Faso	Irene
Shifting gender norms for improved maternal and adolescent health in The Gambia and Ghana	Mat
Gender-transformative and intersectional approach to youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services in Nigeria	Chinyere
Action to empower adolescent mothers in Burkina Faso and Malawi to improve their sexual and reproductive health	Anthony
Learning partnerships to support gender-transformative innovations in adolescent and young people's sexual and reproductive health in South Africa	Nikki
Mazan Daga and adapted care for better maternal health in Niger	Abdoul

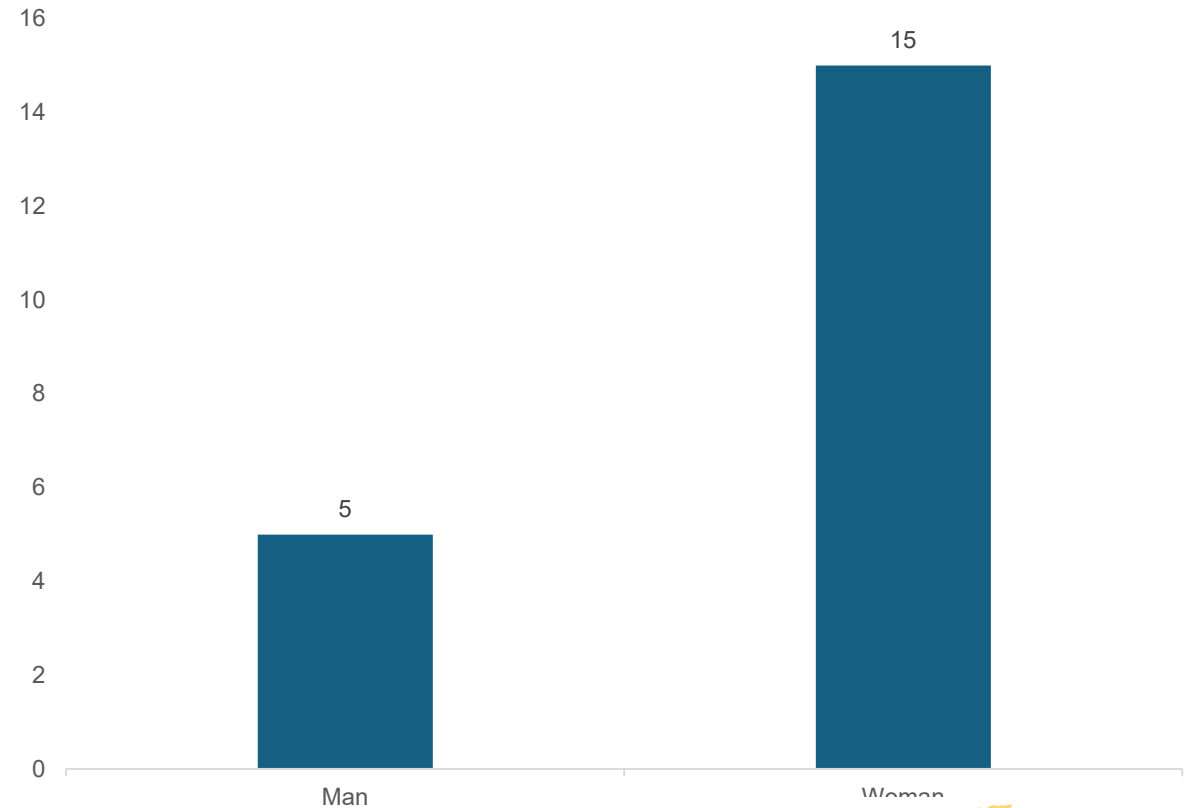
Overview of endline survey

N=20, after 6 weeks of circulating

Country



Gender identity



Highlights

the webinar series; in person meetings that fostered diverse and rich exchanges;
meaningful connections with colleagues; and
the opportunity to deepen understanding of various concepts while making substantive improvements in writing and writing competencies

It's hard to isolate one particular activity - the highlight is the whole (ie. the sum is more than the parts), with the SC developing a wonderful pathway of learning for the participating partners to take part in over the period of the year. Although, I must say that the writing workshop in September 2024 was absolutely incredible in terms of the AMAZING group of researchers that were present: the event was very participatory, and encouraging of early-career researchers, there was an incredibly positive spirit, and colleagues who were present were totally committed to advocacy and gender and the project. It was so inspiring to be in a room full of African researchers.

Lowlights

missing webinar sessions due to scheduling conflicts,
not having the chance to join in person meetings & limited number of them
projects not being able to share work in depth during webinars due to time limitation, and
some webinars being overly content-dense

We used the approach to **writing a journal article** to inspire our first article (now published) and it has supported us writing another article (currently in its first draft). We used the ideas around **KT** to further **strengthen our local ideas**.

My experience in participating in Webinar series and project deep dives was useful in **reviewing and finalizing our project report** and utilizing lessons learned from those projects.

Participating in the consortium steering group has provided me with some **knowledge on managing a community of practice** even as we prepare to take on a similar activity in our institution.

Planning

Understanding

Assessment

Implementation

Presenting our **co-creation intervention** efforts helped to receive **feedback from other researchers** in the cohort. This led to our **re-think in inclusion** of considerable number of young people in our subsequent project activities. Advocates and passionate young people who are willing to make change and ensuring representation from different sex/ social groups. Some of the **materials shared** through the Google drive **helped us to refine our data collection tools and intervention materials**

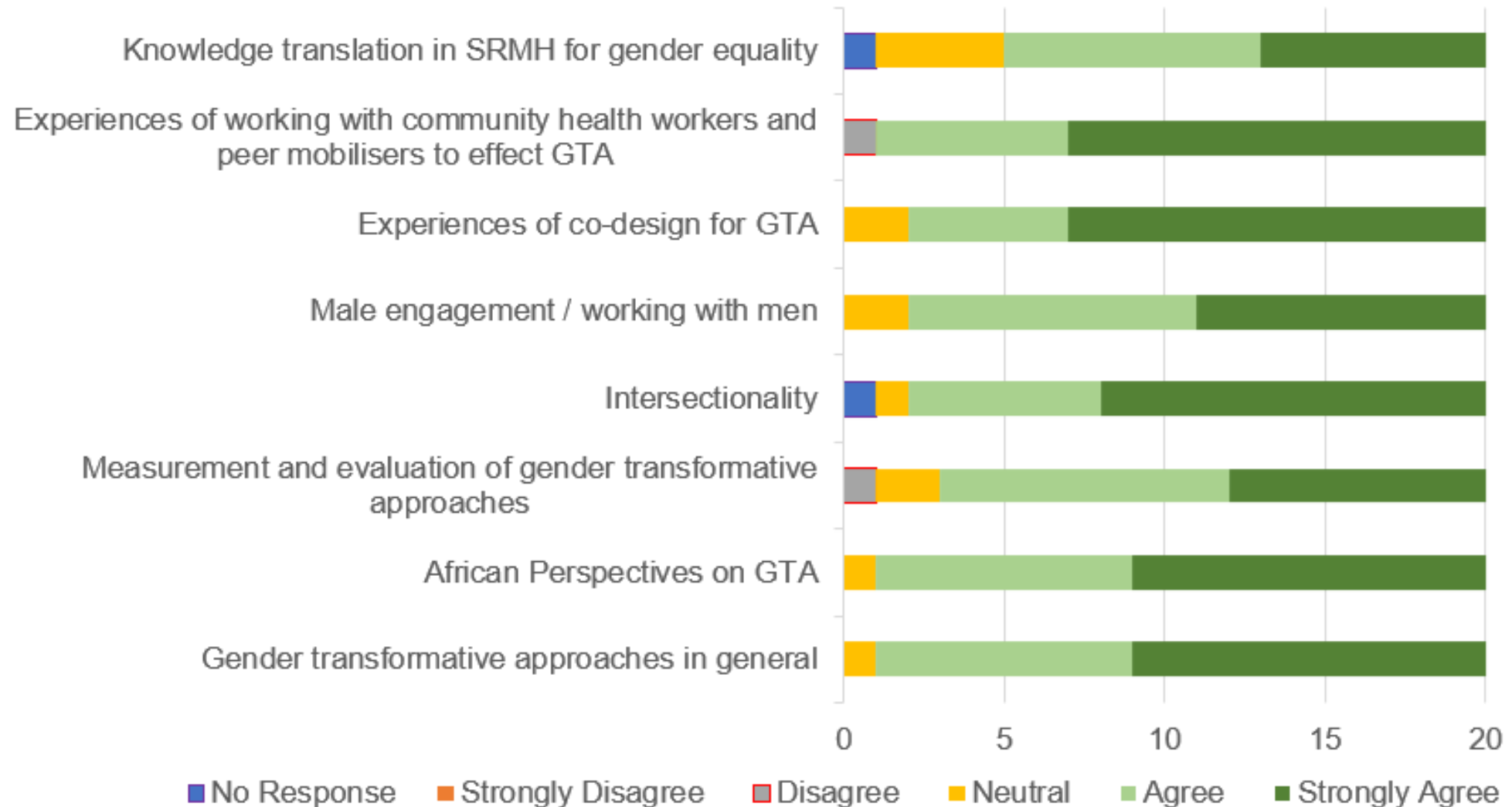
Appreciated GTA better and imparted it during **step down trainings**

Reflections about how GT4Africa might have strengthened collaborative networks

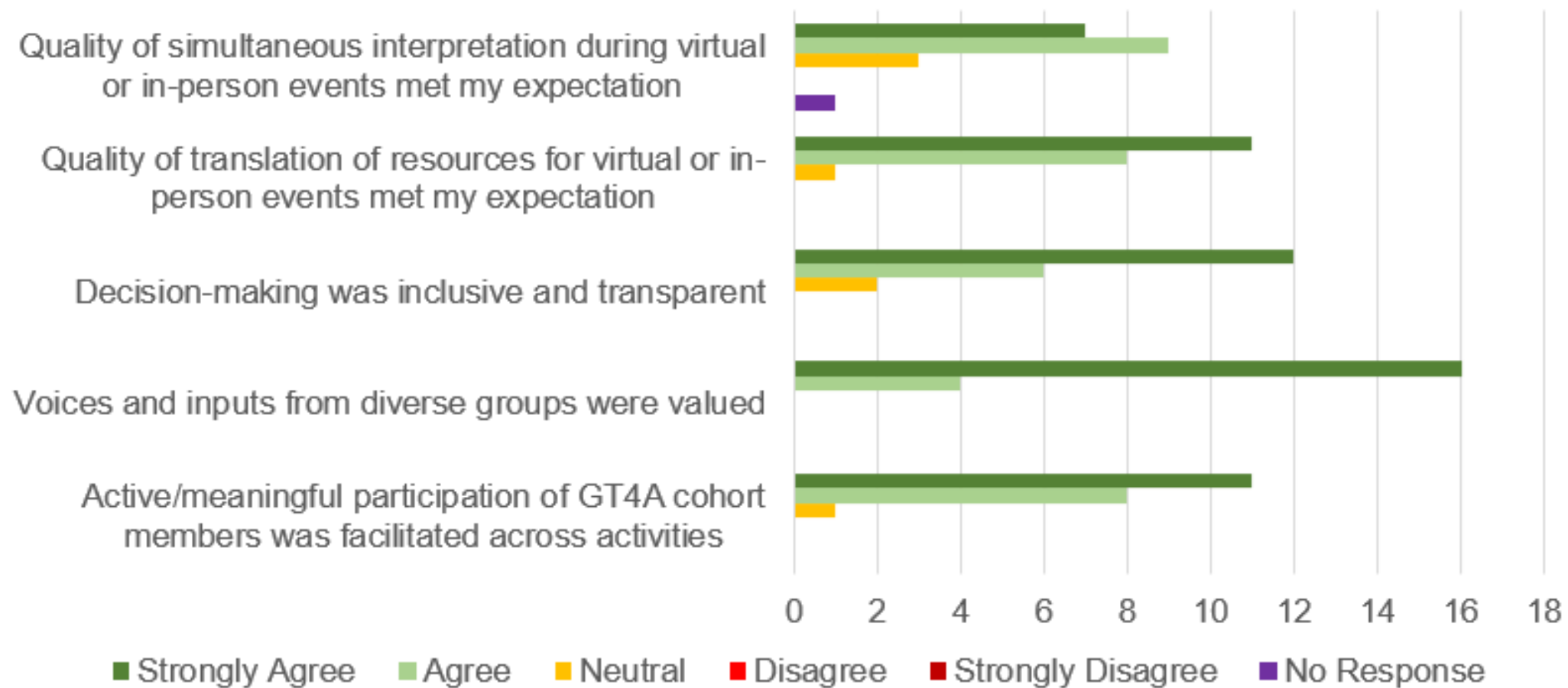


- These experiences have **nurtured a network** of people who genuinely support each other and are passionate about advancing gender-transformative approaches in meaningful, practical ways across the continent.*
- These activities have significantly **fostered cross-country learning**, making it easier to identify synergies and adapt proven strategies to different contexts. The mix of virtual and in-person engagements built trust, encouraged ongoing dialogue, and created a shared language around gender-transformative approaches. The cohort's shared outputs, such as the journal supplement and email digests, have helped maintain a sense of community and collective progress.*
- It might have been **helpful to have a mentorship program** within the cohort so that junior or emerging or mid career researchers could be paired with more senior ones for career advice and for capacity strengthening/networking.*
- I feel we worked with non-state actors. I wonder **how state actors can be involved in such partnerships**. I hope we will continue having access to the google drive folder.*
- Best practices from other projects were learnt, it **created a platform for networking and partnerships**.*

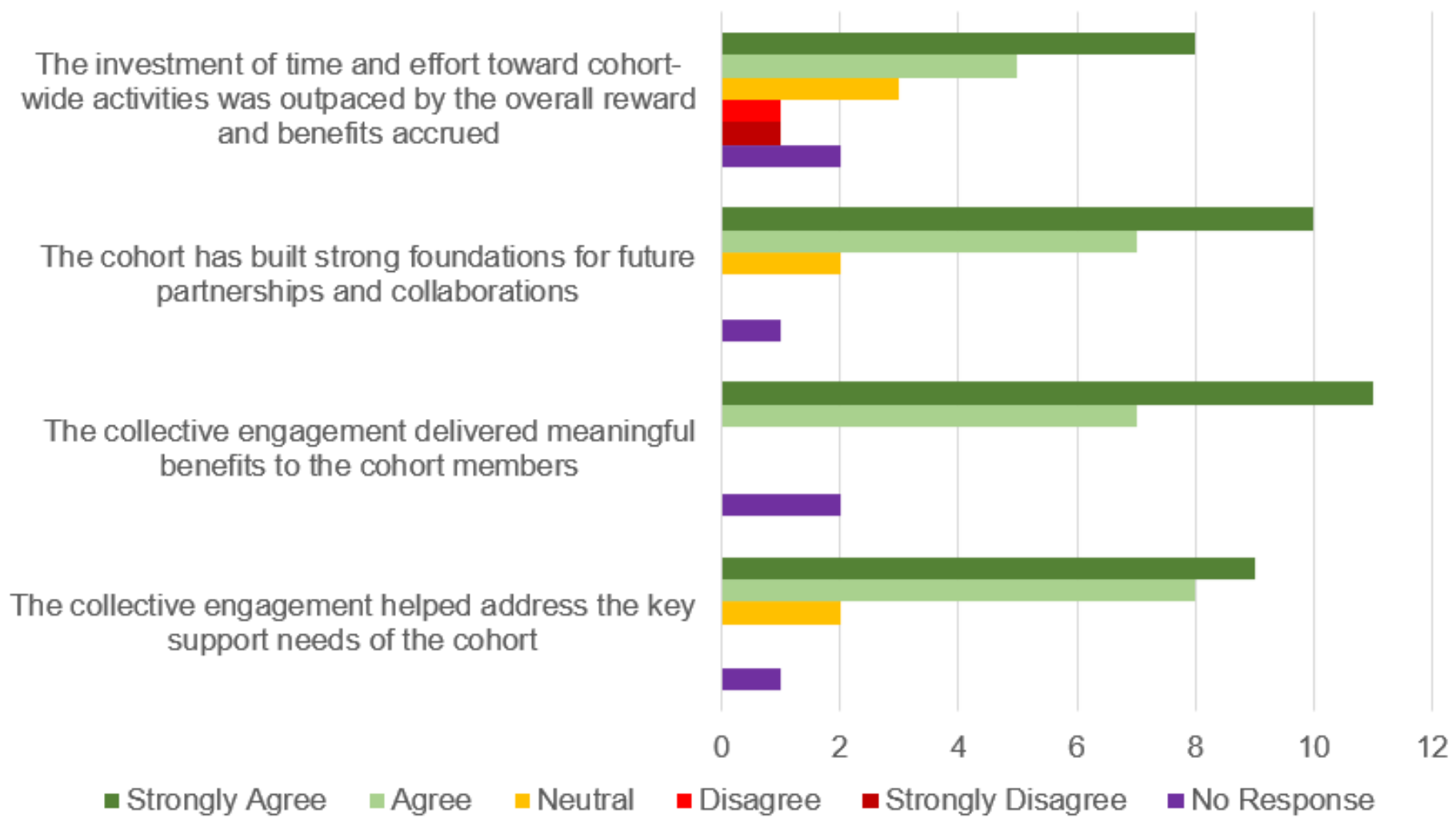
My understanding has improved as a result of my engagement and participation in the cohort.



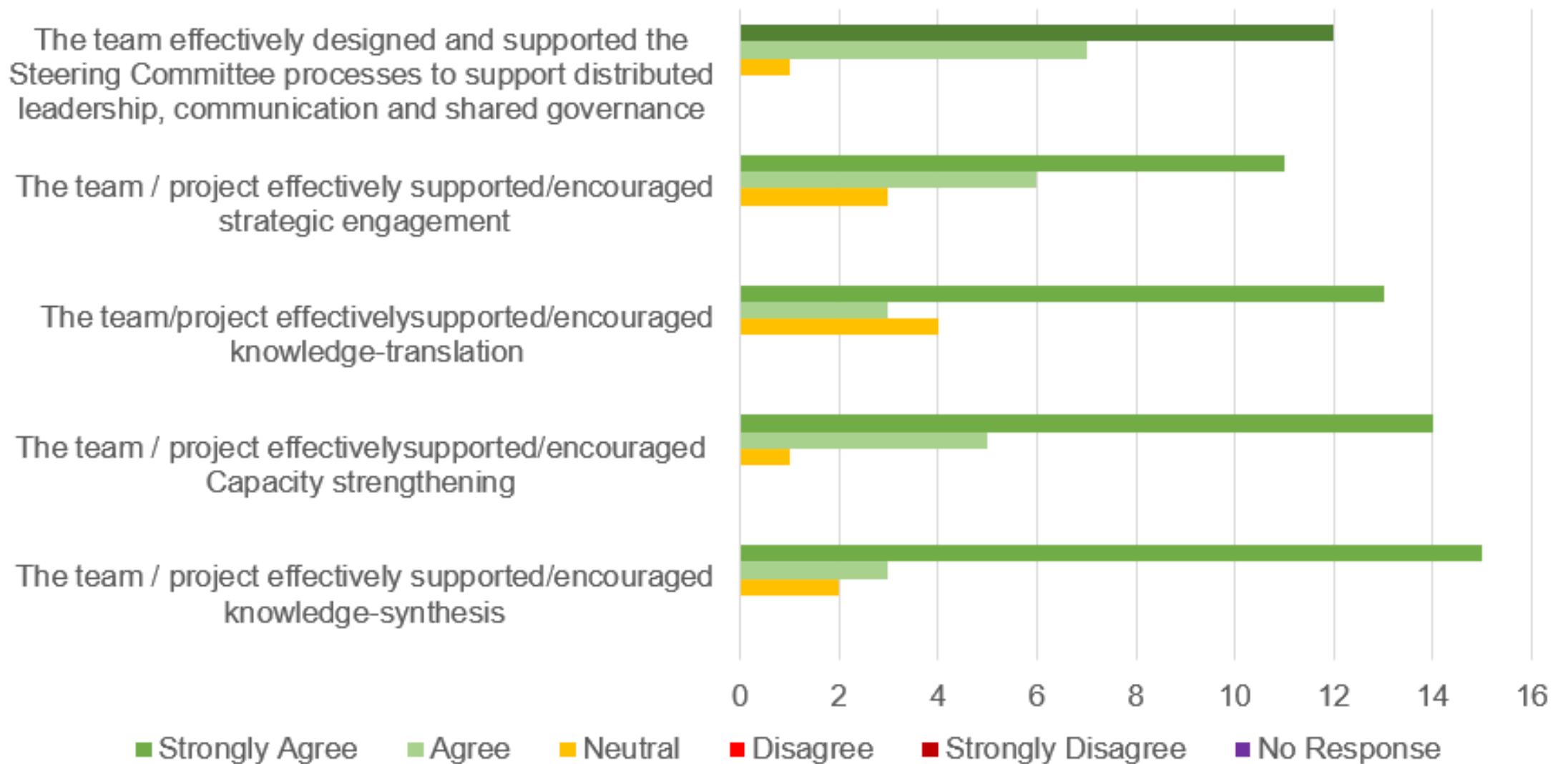
Participation and Inclusiveness



Cohort Effectiveness & Impact



Leadership and co-ordination by the SOPH-Team



Key lessons that can be applied to future collaborative projects of a similar nature? How could collaboration be improved in future projects?

I have been involved in several groups/cohorts, but when there is no **team to manage** them, it doesn't work.

use of a **Steering committee** like we had for **decision making**

ensuring that **opportunities for effective collaboration** and **capacity strengthening** of team members exist;

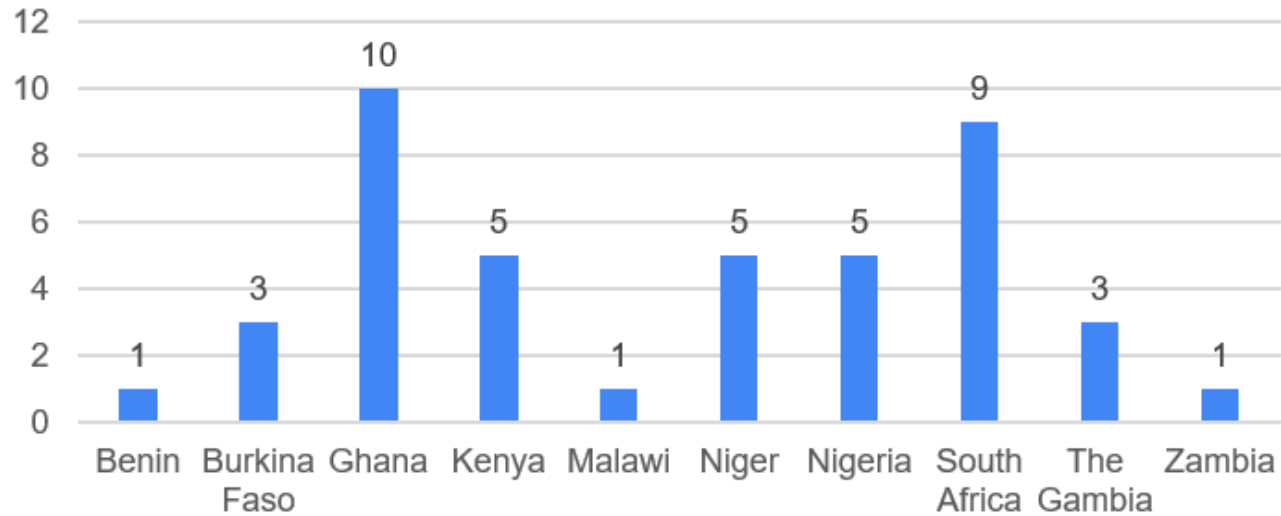
maintain a **central, well-organized repository** for resources with clear indexing to avoid information overload.

defining values and living up to them is an important part of any partnership.

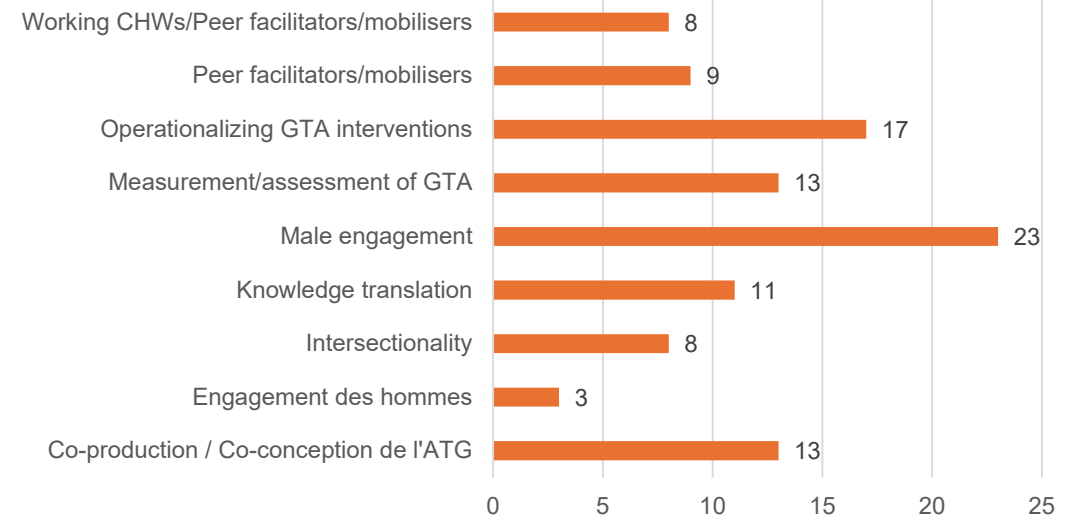
Overview of networking database

GT4Africa Academic, Research and Programme Network

Registered members (n = 43)



Topics of interest for networking and action learning



Group discussion

with menti meter



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*Qu'est-ce qui a résonné à partir des échanges du panel et des résultats de l'enquête finale ?
Quelles leçons tirer pour accompagner de futurs cohortes ou réseaux sur les approches transformatrices de genre en Afrique ?*

Closing