

National Evaluation Capacity

survey results

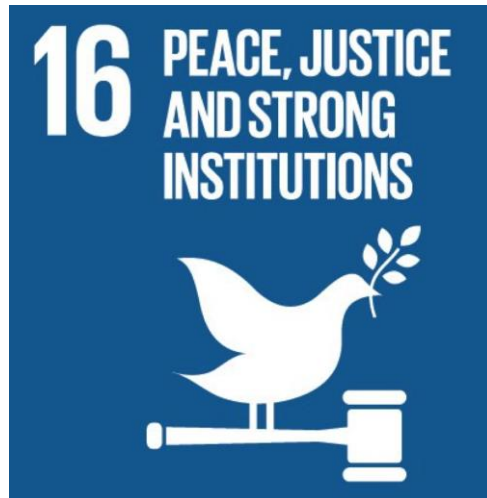


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Bangkok Principles on National Evaluation Capacity for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) era

1. This declaration seeks to capture an emerging body of shared understanding on lessons and priorities for evaluation practice in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to help guide joint action in future support of national evaluation capacity.
2. We the participants at the Fourth International Conference on National Evaluation Capacity, convened by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and its Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and the Global Assembly 2015 and the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) here in Bangkok, 28-30 October 2015 declare to the evaluation community.
3. Representing evaluation users and producers, from 100 countries and members of national governments, national, regional and international organizations and networks; comprising professional practices that span from government, private and non-profit sectors; from internal management consultancy through formal independent oversight to academic research; we have shared our diverse experience and sought common understanding on challenges and opportunities for evaluation practice to support the SDGs. We stand ready to bring our collective and cumulative expertise to bear upon success in service to the SDGs as a transformational vision of a world of universal respect for human rights and dignity, equality, non-discrimination, democracy and the rule of law.
4. We understand the 17 SDGs and targets to have the potential to transform societies and mobilize people and countries. Achievement of the SDGs will need to be founded upon effective, accountable and inclusive institutions, sound policies and good governance, and we share the conviction that the evaluation function and profession has great potential in responding to the challenges at hand. Beyond evidence-based reflection embedded in evaluative findings and recommendations per se, the evaluation function can, if undertaken without deference to authority alone, bring legitimacy of duty bearers' engagement with stakeholders to development.
5. We note that the SDG's intentions for follow-up and review processes are specifically guided by objectives that evaluation function directly responds to (*inter alia*):
 - identify achievements, challenges, gaps and critical success factors
 - support the identification of solutions and best practices and promote coordination and effectiveness of the international development system.
 - be open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people
 - build on existing platforms and processes,
 - be rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led evaluations and data
 - require enhanced capacity-building support for developing countries, including the strengthening of national data systems and evaluation programs
6. We observe that the SDGs agenda shall be country-led and tailored to respective national priority setting. Evaluations can contribute to the process of setting country-level SDG priorities through

POLICY CONTEXT NEC



Sixty-ninth session
Agenda item 24

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2014

[on the report of the Second Committee (A/69/473)]

69/237. Building capacity for the evaluation of development activities at the country level

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/250 of 22 December 2004, 62/208 of 19 December 2007, 66/209 of 22 December 2011 and 67/226 of 21 December 2012,

Reiterating the importance of building national capacity for the evaluation of development activities,

Reaffirming that national capacity for the evaluation of development activities may be further strengthened by the entities of the United Nations development system upon request and in accordance with the principle of national ownership and with the national policies and priorities defined by Member States,

Cognizant that the United Nations Evaluation Group and the relevant actors have designated 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation and that they would potentially contribute to supporting Member States, upon their request, in building their capacity for the evaluation of development activities,

1. Notes that international cooperation in building national capacity for evaluation at the country level should be voluntary and carried out upon request by Member States;

2. Invites the entities of the United Nations development system, with the collaboration of national and international stakeholders, to support, upon request, efforts to further strengthen the capacity of Member States for evaluation, in accordance with their national policies and priorities;

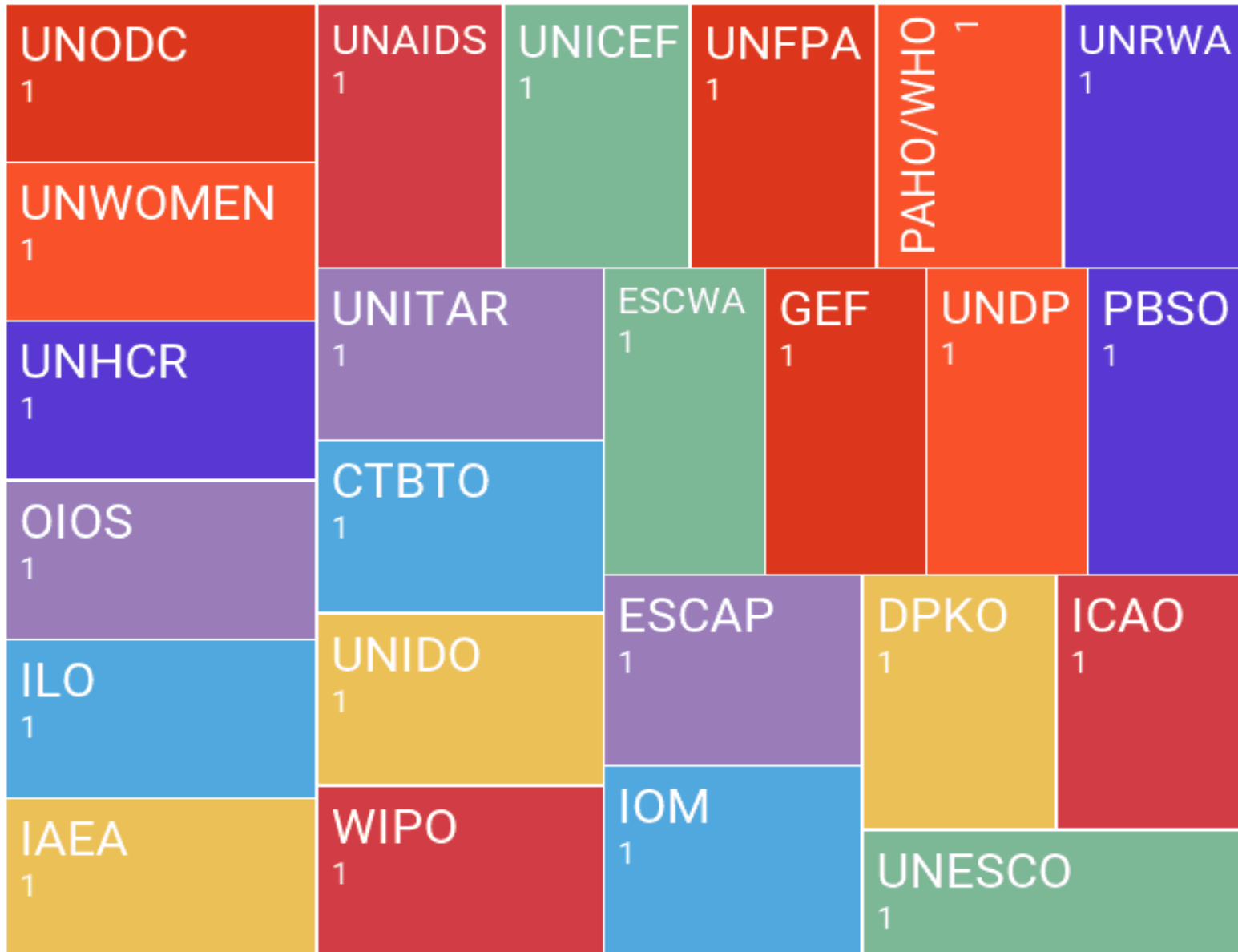
3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide an update, in 2016, on progress made in building capacity for evaluation, based, *inter alia*, on inputs from Member States and the United Nations development system, including the United Nations Evaluation Group, as well as the Joint Inspection Unit, to be considered during the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in 2016.

75th plenary meeting
19 December 2014

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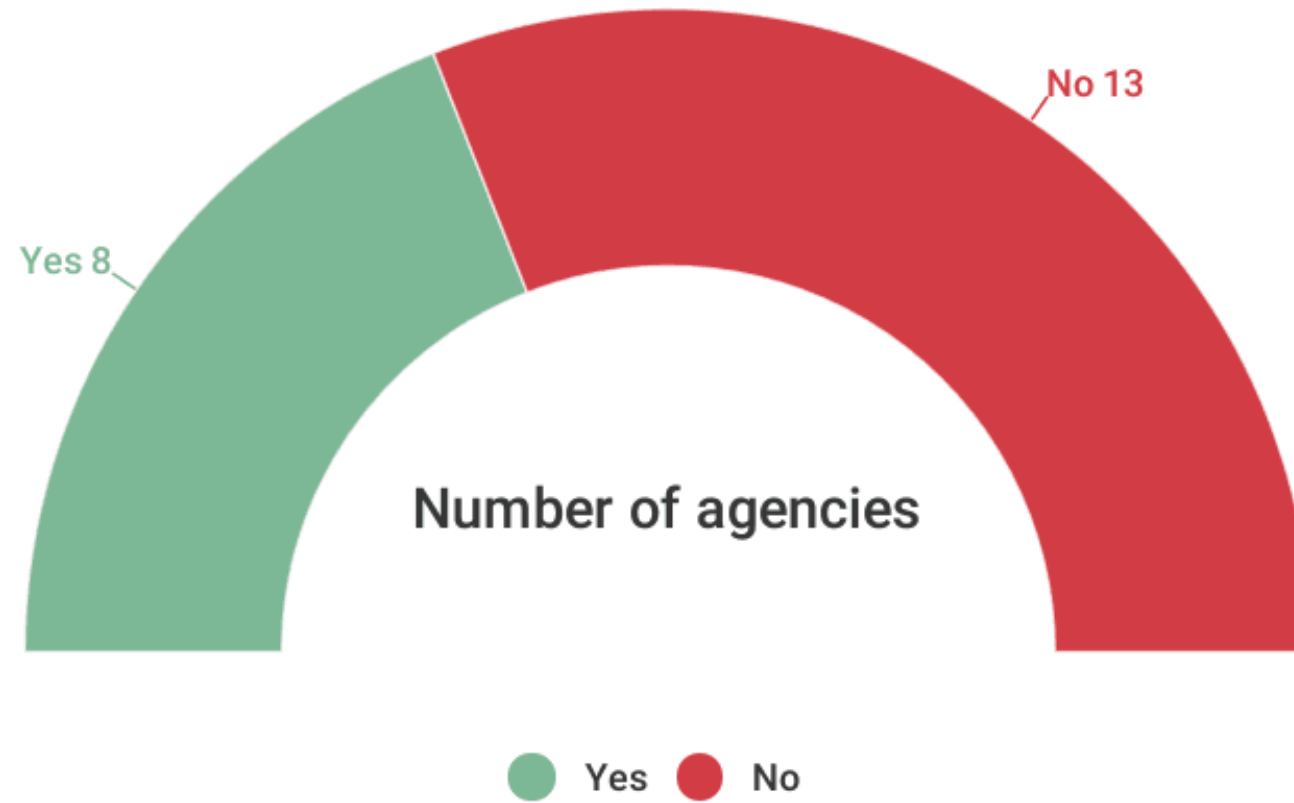




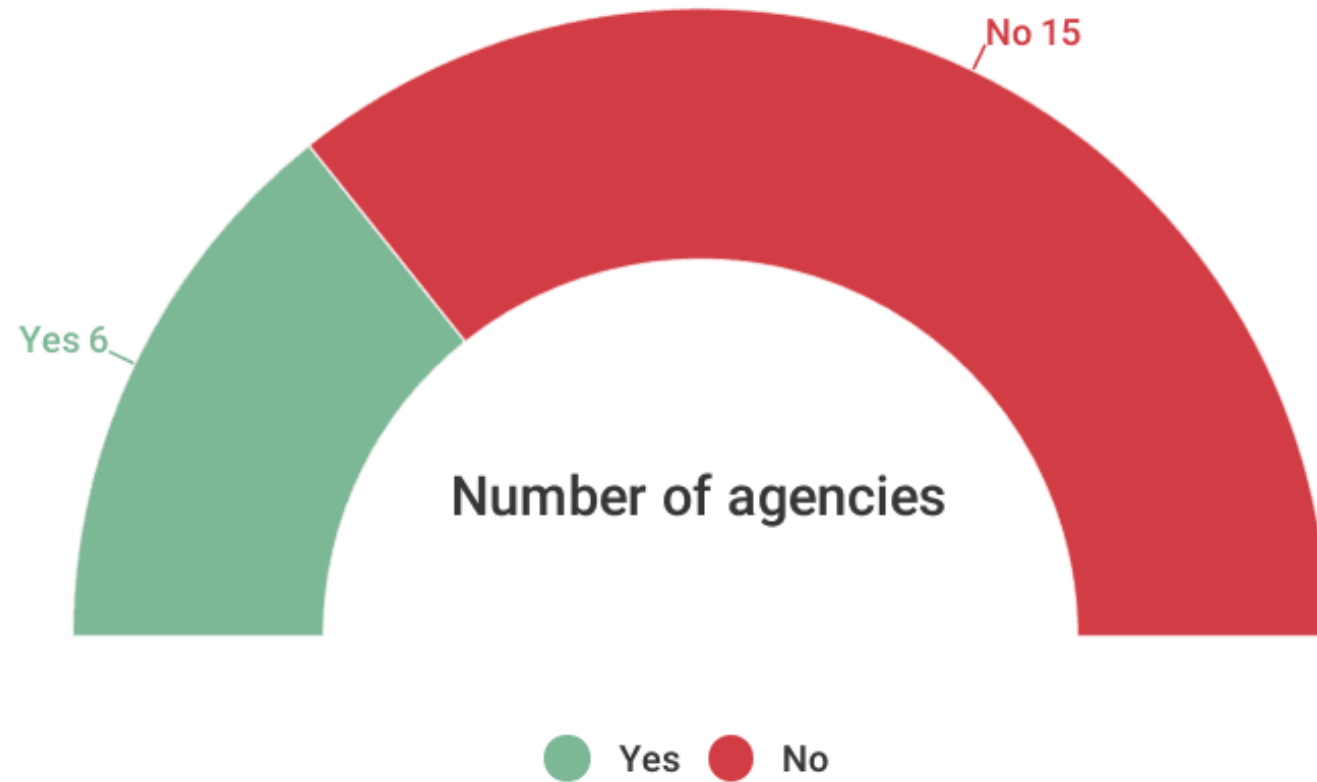
24 agencies responded to the survey

3 indicated that they do not have a mandate for NEC, and so did not respond to individual questions

Does your agency evaluation policy refer to national evaluation capacity development?



Does your evaluation office have a specific budget allocated for NEC activities?



Reported budget allocated for NEC activities



40,000 - 250,000 USD

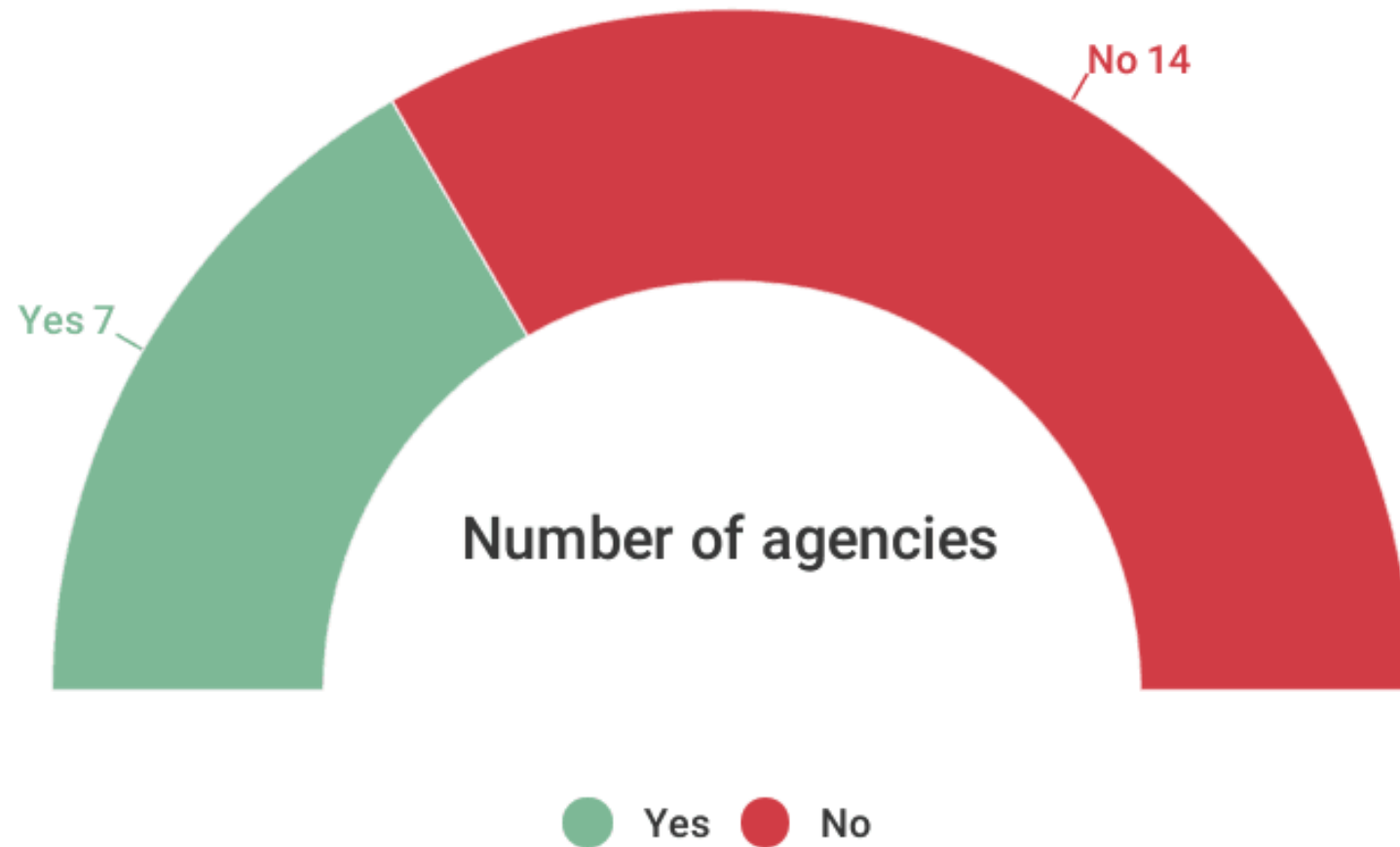
Range of reported budget allocations to NEC in USD



5% - 50%

Range of reported percentages from budget allocated to NEC

Does your evaluation office directly support national evaluation capacity development?



Organizing national conferences

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Supporting national evaluation professional organisations

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Capacity building for central agencies

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Organizing International conferences

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Capacity building for specific line ministries

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Enabling environment for evaluation

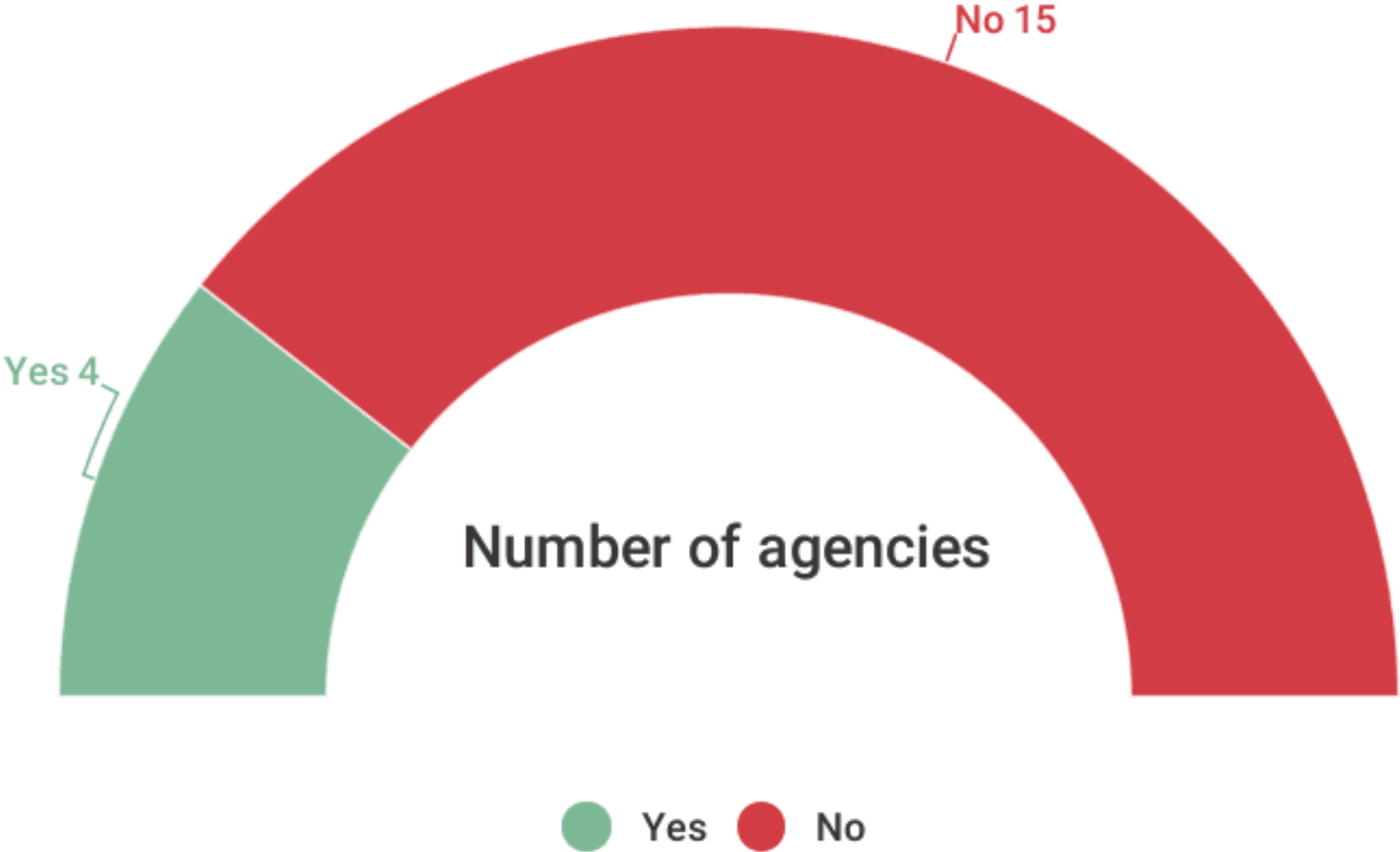
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Supporting international evaluation professional organizations/networks

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Focus of Support to NEC Development

Does your agency support other NEC development?



Does your evaluation office have any NEC activities planned for 2017?

