



STAKEHOLDER
SURVEY:
FEEDBACK FROM
PARTNERS, FRIENDS,
EXPERTS & OTHERS

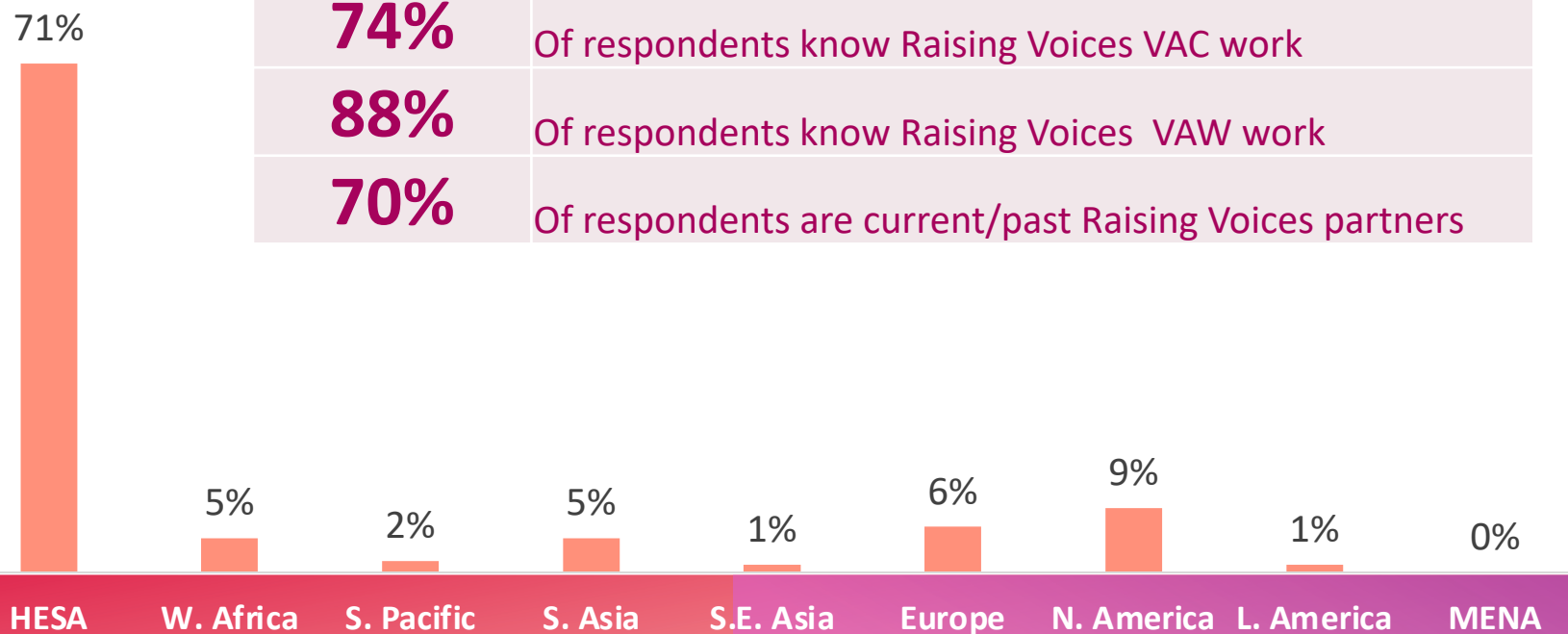




In early June we distributed through our collective networks a brief Stakeholder Survey to **learn** about how our work is **being perceived**, areas where we can **grow** and how we can **best contribute** to VAW and VAC prevention moving forward.

An overwhelming **188** responses!

Majority have many years experience in the VAW/VAC fields (at least 6+) with **35%** highly experienced (over 20 years)!



74%

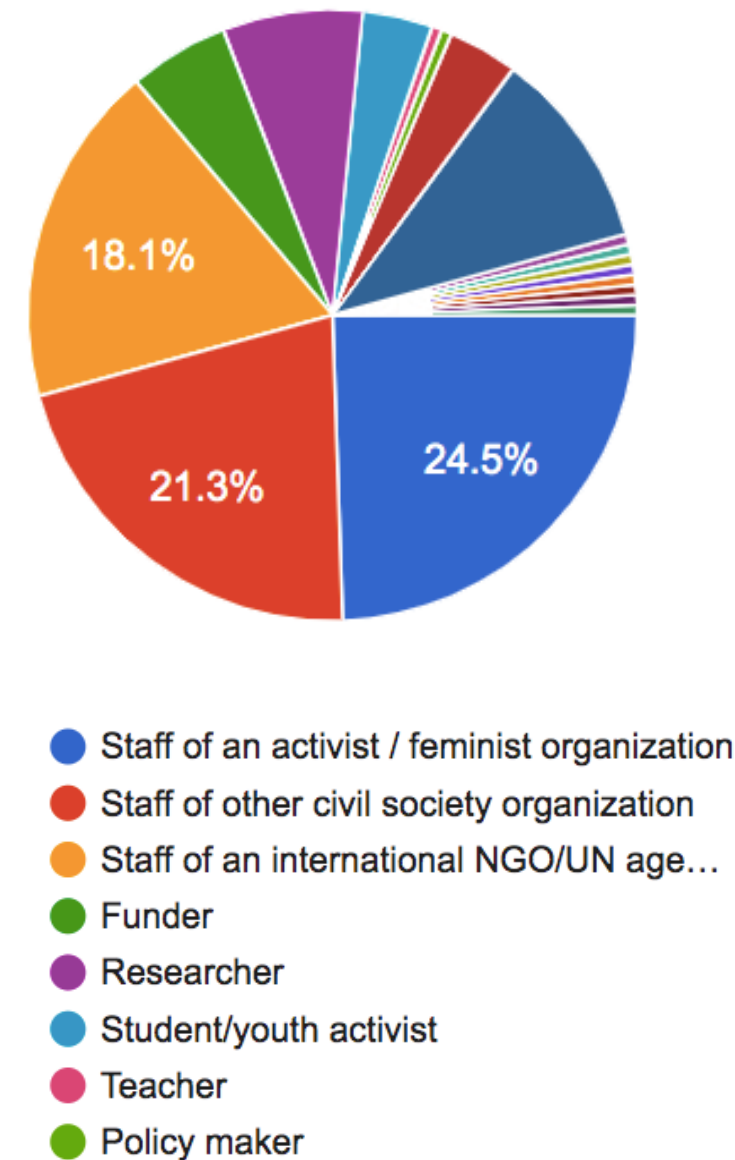
Of respondents know Raising Voices VAC work

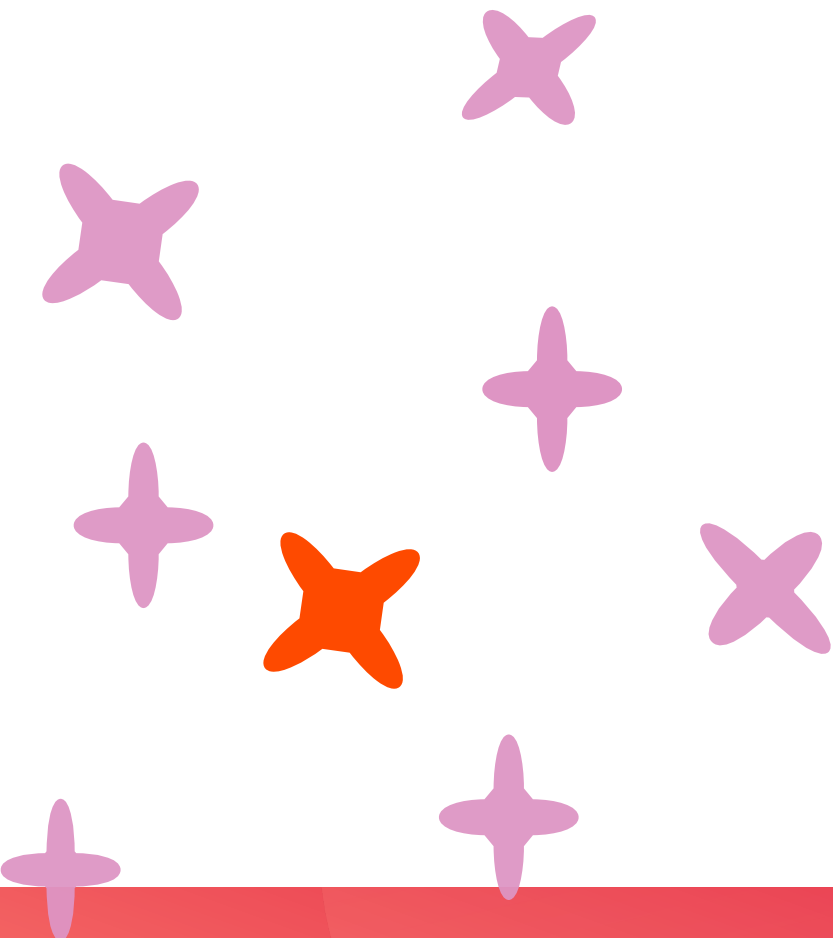
88%

Of respondents know Raising Voices VAW work

70%

Of respondents are current/past Raising Voices partners





“Raising Voices is an organization that walks the talk, that lives the values it promotes in its activism.”

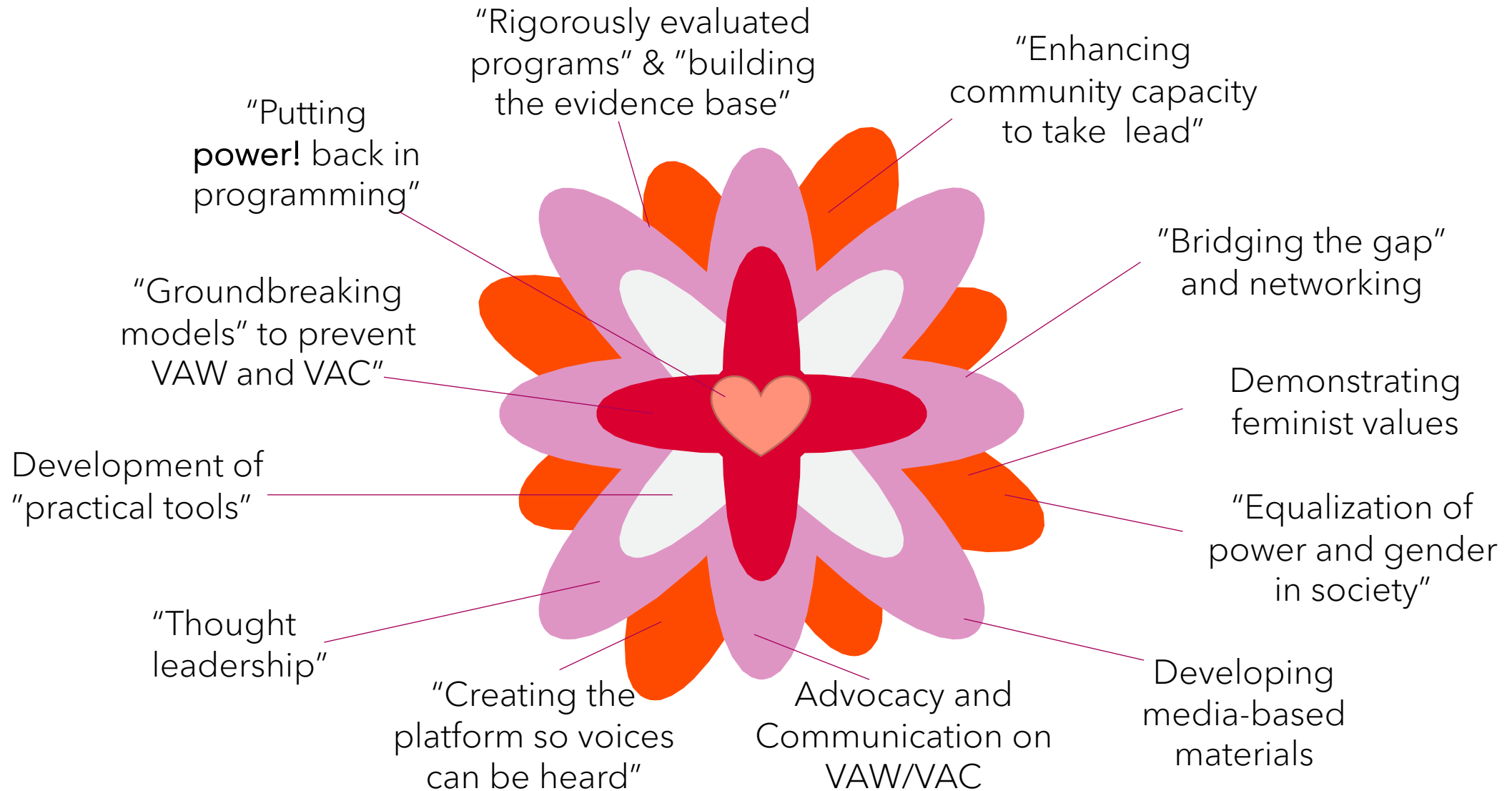
Also impressive is how the values and contributions of Raising Voices are exceptionally strong and reflected across all "levels" of staff -- I put that in quotes as I believe one reason for that is because of the co-creative, participatory approaches to leadership you use and design, instead of traditional organizational hierarchies, but still remaining highly functional and effective within this very hierarchical NGO and donor landscape!”

Organizational Strengths (n=188)

Options: “poor” “average” “exceptional” or “not sure”

Exceptional!	Area of Work
144	Creating VAW/C prevention programs/approaches
136	Creating programmatic tools and resources
130	Popularizing key concepts and evidence on prevention
125	Generating practice-based learning
123	Contributing thought-leadership on VAW/C prevention
112	Demonstrating feminist values
102	Providing TA to violence prevention partners
94	Convening special interest groups (e.g., Network, CUSP, Coalition of Good Schools)
89	Expanding the pool of practitioners skilled at prevention

Our most significant contributions...



**PERCEIVED
IMPACT:
VAW
PREVENTION**



Perceived Impacts (166 response)

“little to no impact” “somewhat impactful” “highly impactful” or “not sure”

Ranked as highly impactful!	(%)
SASA!/SASA! Together/SASA! Faith	69%
Solidarity with feminist organizations/movements	58%
GBV Network Social Media Activism	57%
16 Days Campaign	55%
Engagement in VAW/Women's Rights (Global)	55%
TA to SASA! Partners	53%
SASA! Impact Study	49%
Engagement in VAW/Women's Rights (HESA)	46%
Engagement in VAW/Women's Rights (Uganda)	45%
R&R Processes	31%

TAKEAWAY: Highly ranked overall

“Raising Voices' re-framing of violence prevention in terms of the 4 types of power has been transformational for the field. I also think the emphasis on aspirational/more positive messaging has moved us in a useful direction and the recognition of the importance of change dynamics at a couple level in addition to the community and structural level, really opened up new possibilities for programming.”

“Every email,
every process,
every publication
from Raising
Voices makes us
feel like sisters.”

**PERCEIVED
IMPACTS:
VAC
PREVENTION**



Perceived Impacts (139 response)

“little to no impact” “somewhat impactful” “highly impactful” or “not sure”

Ranked as highly impactful!	(%)
Good School Toolkit	60%
Local activism to prevent VAC in community & home	54%
VAC Prevention Communication Campaign (Uganda)	50%
Advocacy for preventing VAC (Uganda)	48%
TA to Good School Partners	47%
Good School Impact Study	45%
Advocacy for preventing VAC (Uganda)	35%

TAKEAWAY: Highly ranked overall

“Raising Voices has done very tremendous work in ensuring children study in safe learning environment. Students and teachers have developed a good relationship which has enabled children feel safe at school.”

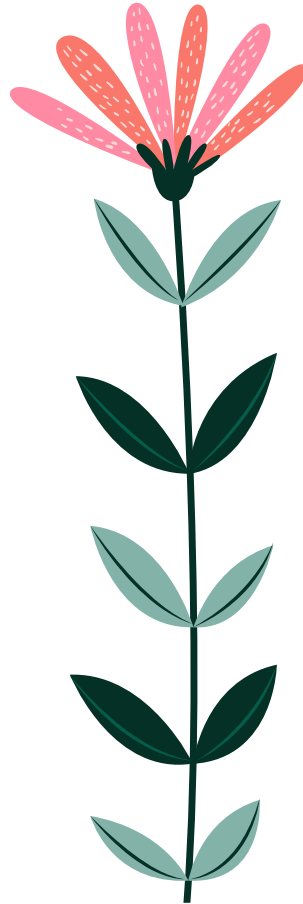
“Working with Raising Voices impacted me personally in line with the way I handle my partner and immediate circles such as children and people that work in my home. One thing I do is to respect them all.”



Perceived
IMPACTS:
Learning & Pubs

What is the most significant outcome of our learning work? (open ended)

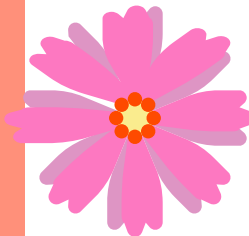
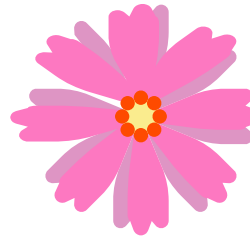
"The way it [a learning culture] is embedded across everything you do and write. I love how it is featured in your annual reports, plans, evaluation studies, and more."



"You share real issues and stories -- and this makes your work outstanding."

What is the most significant outcome of our learning work? (open ended)

“From VAC prevention work, Raising Voices has created platforms and learning and sharing experiences enriched our work as an organization.”



“Influencing a shift in the positioning of knowledge and evidence from Global South community initiatives to shape researcher-activist power relations”

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US?

- Most people recognize learning in relation to VAW and VAC prevention programming- it seemed harder to talk about learning as an independent area of work ...
 - (+) well integrated into programming
 - (-) harder to tease out its own impacts (linked to practice and influencing)
- Our prioritization of organizational-level learning shines through in skilled staff, innovation, grounded influencing, and doing things differently.



WE ASKED ABOUT 12 OF OUR PUBS...

Most Used/Shared 😊

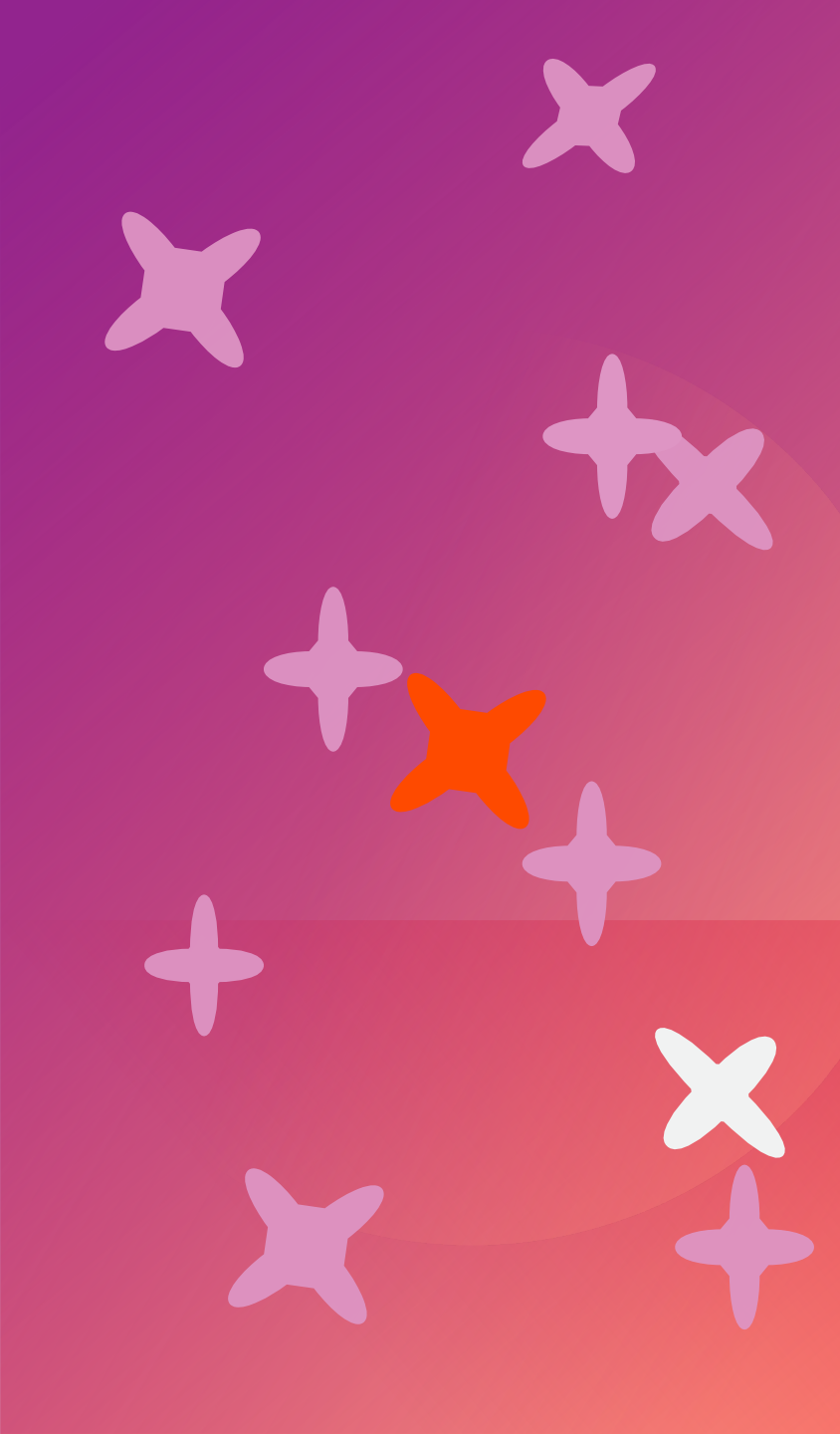
- SASA! Study Academic Articles (n=61/54)
- Guidance notes (n=58/54)
- Cartoon Booklets on VAC (n=49/42)

Most Read 😊

- Guidance notes (n=87)
- Raising Voices annual reports (n=85)
- SASA! Study Academic Articles (83)

Least Seen 😞

- VAC NP spots (n=126) & other VAC media pieces
- CUSP papers (n=105)
- Primer (n=96)



“Your resources are
making an impact.
Especially when
distributed to
grassroots
organizations. They
embolden our work and
our movements.”

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US?

- Out of those who have read our resources, many of them also *use it* and *share it*.
→ Diffusion is high!
- Some of our resources are not getting to all of our people...
(e.g., 73 ppl had not seen the COVID Guidance notes)
→ Dissemination can be improved
- Annual Reports circulate widely



OUR FUTURE



WHAT TO DO LESS OF...

- Virtual trainings and online work
- Providing too many reading materials when even the few printed ones are not understood by the intended audience.
- Working with big organizations
- Less siloed work, engage with more stakeholders and grassroots partners



Strategic advice from participants

1. Engage more with smaller / local "grassroots" organizations and different regions
2. More social media content!
3. Scale up the work and interventions - involve more countries in Africa
4. Broaden partnerships & build connections (beyond TA partnerships) with activists & orgs doing prevention work and create bridges to other key actors

"Raising voices should consider how to build-on the work so far done to ensure sustainability. For instance, how do we sustain the huge movements of change agents built during implementation of SASA? How can organizations harness their potential for growing the movement?"



“Raising Voices is known for integrity, transparency and accountability to grass roots activists, and incredibly innovative and evidence-based practices. They have made very significant contributions to global learning around best practices in VAW/VAC prevention.”

REFLECTIONS?

THANK YOU!