



Safe Children, Safe Schools Community of Practice

2019 Membership Survey



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The Safe Children, Safe Schools Community of Practice (SCSS CoP) was started in May 2019 as part of GADRRRES' ongoing efforts to provide a platform for:

- **sharing news, information, research and resources, and**
- **developing knowledge, strategies, and policy and program impacts for child-centred risk reduction and school safety.**

It now includes over 280 members from around the world!

In July-August 2019, GADRRRES undertook a research utilisation and membership survey of the SCSS CoP. 45 CoP members completed the survey, representing nearly a fifth of the membership at the time.

This summary shares the main findings from the membership component of the survey, as well as data from the SCSS CoP page on PreventionWeb. It answers:

✓	Who is in the SCSS CoP?
✓	What do members hope to gain and learn from the SCSS CoP?
✓	Which CoP activities do members find most valuable?
✓	What will encourage members to engage with SCSS CoP?
✓	What should SCSS CoP's future priorities be?

*This survey was planned, executed and summarised by Save the Children on behalf of the GADRRRES Secretariat and the Safe Children, Safe Schools Community of Practice. **Thanks is extended to all those who participated in the survey.***



Who are the members of the Safe Children, Safe Schools Community of Practice?

Members of the SCSS CoP are based in 65 countries around the world.

The highest concentrations are from Australia (12), India (13), Nepal (12), Nigeria (10), Philippines (13) and the United States (14). 101 members have not listed country of residence in their profiles.



Figure 1: *Where SCSS CoP members are located around the world*

Who completed the SCSS CoP membership survey?

Location of work

Of the 45 members who completed the survey (respondents), 44% work in Asia, 16% work globally and 13% work in East or Southern Africa. We had very few responses from people who work in the Americas (4%) and Middle East and North Africa (2%).

Employer

Most of our respondents work in either International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) (33%) or National Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) (22%). 13% of respondents are self-employed, 11% work with universities, think tanks or research agencies, 7% work for government agencies and 7% work for community based or civil society organisations. We did not have any representation from students.

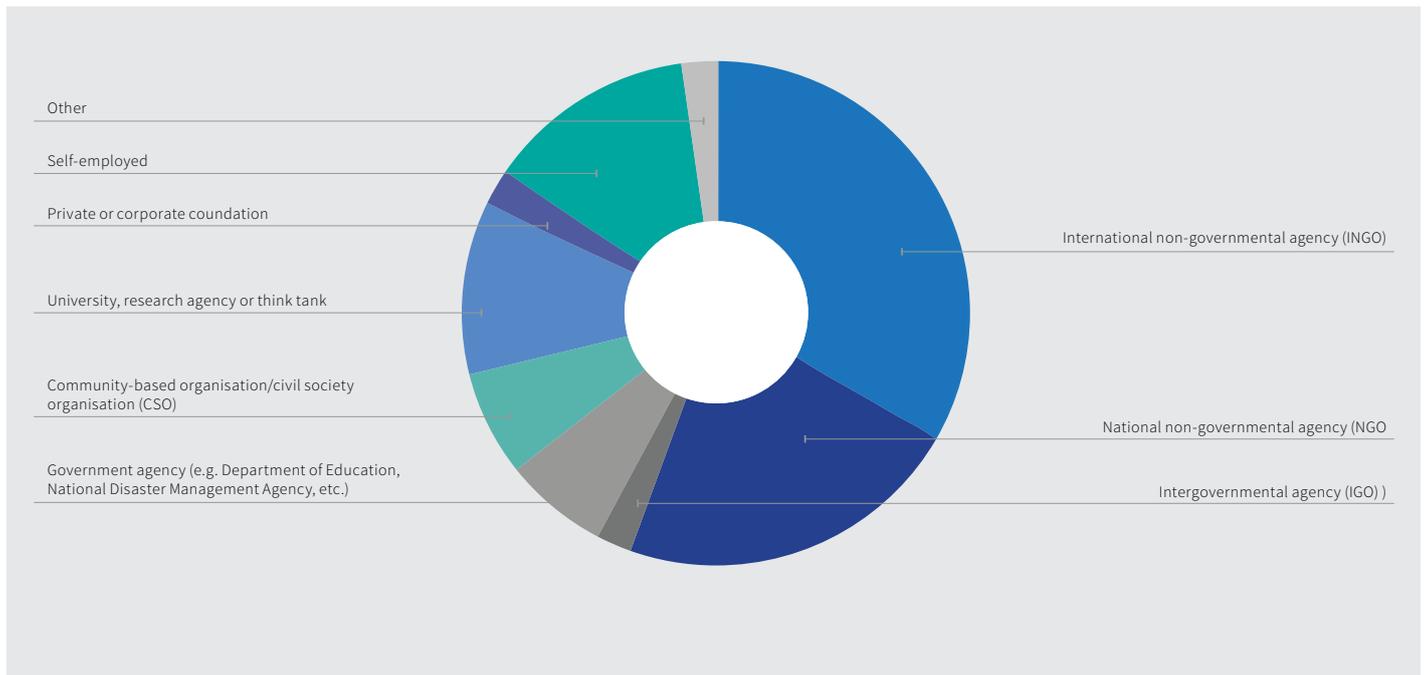


Figure 2: Results from survey question: 'What type of organisation do you work for?'

Focus of work

A large percentage of all respondents interact with research while undertaking their work - 11% solely focus on research, 27% mostly focus on research and 51% interact with some research in their work. The development and implementation of policies and programs also form a large part of our respondents' work, 11% solely focus on the development of policies or programs, 33% mostly focus on this and 53% of respondents have some elements of this in their work. In terms of implementing policies and programs, 24% of respondents solely focus on this, 36% mostly work on this and 36% sometimes work on this.

How are SCSS CoP members connected?

Information sources and networks

On average, our respondents are linked up to seven different information sources and/or networks. The most popular are PreventionWeb (78%), UNISDR (66%), LinkedIn (59%), Save the Children (53%), GADRRRES (50%), and Facebook (47%).

Research sources

The most popular information sources and networks for accessing research are Google Scholar, PreventionWeb, Safe Children Safe Schools CoP and the GADRRRES website.

What do members seek to gain and learn from the SCSS CoP?

The largest portion of respondents are interested in information about guidance and tools (88%), access to research and evidence (88%), information about resources and events (81%), linkages to other organisations and events (75%), as well as collaboration in project development (72%).

Which of the SCSS CoP activities are most valuable to members?

This survey has given us a great picture of what is most valuable to our members and will help shape the SCSS CoP activities going forward. Respondents value news and information (63%), links to new research and guidance documents (63%), in-person events and conferences (53%), and projects (53%). Spotlights on members scored low (13%) as did blogs (16%) and live chats with experts (16%).

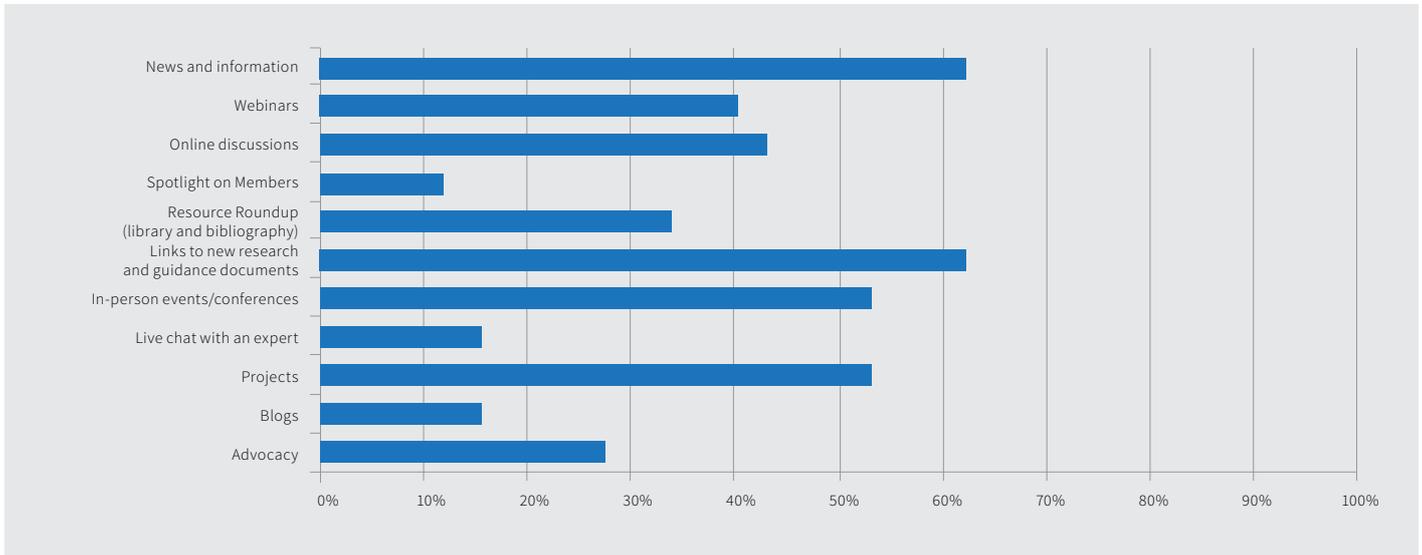


Figure 3: Results from survey question: 'Which of the SCSS CoP activities would be most valuable to you?'

Which SCSS CoP activities are members most likely to engage in over the next year?

Respondents are very likely to download resources from PreventionWeb online collection (69%), share news and resources (66%), read posts (63%), collaborate on research and advocacy efforts (60%) and attend in-person events and conferences (53%).

Respondents are unlikely to upload or look up bibliographic details on the Zotero shared bibliography.

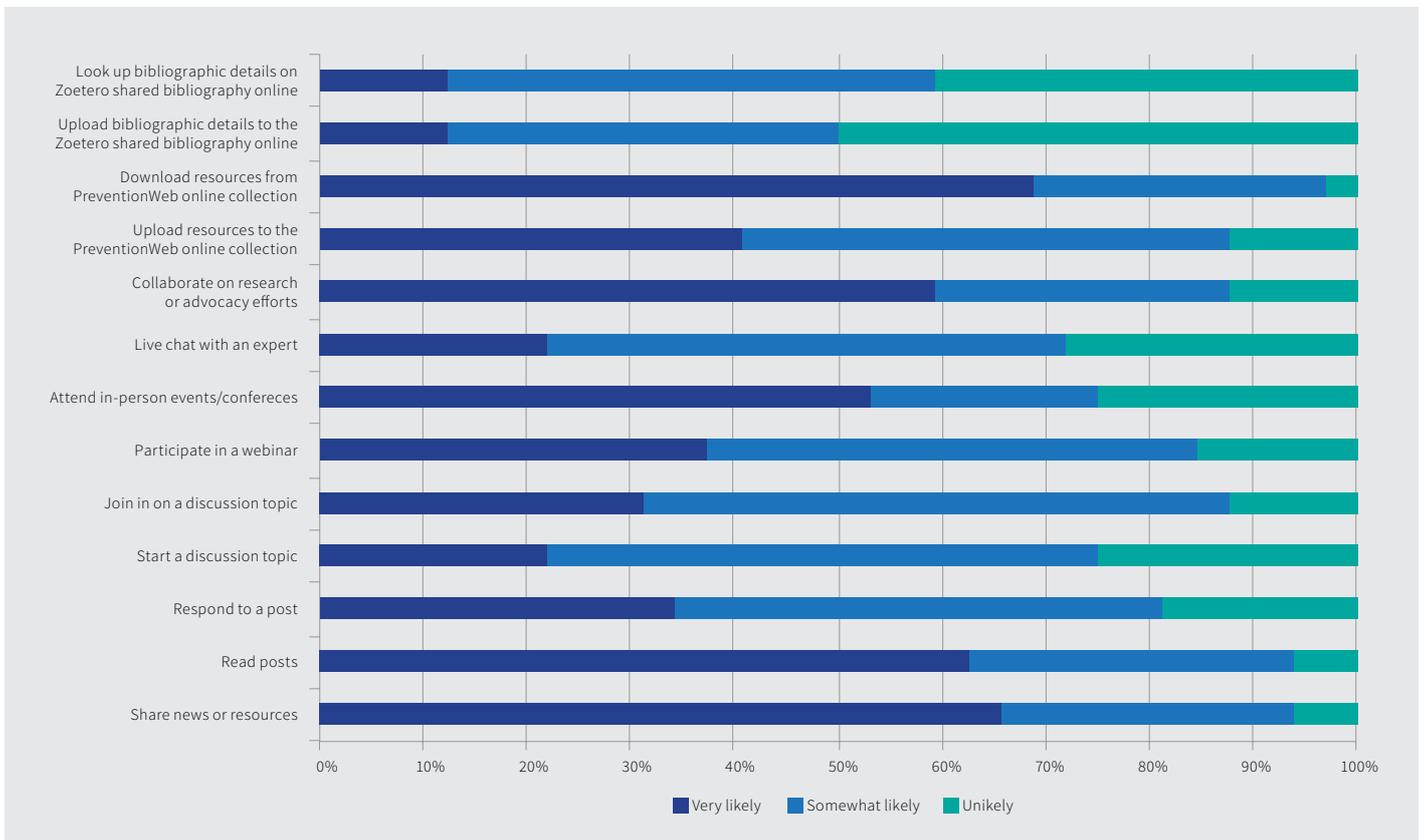


Figure 4: Results from the survey question: 'Which of the following SCSS CoP activities are you most likely to engage in over the next year or two?'

How can we encourage discussions?

In order to promote more engagement and discussions many respondents would like to be invited or reminded to post (75%) and have structured questions and topics to answer (75%), while some respondents (9%) don't want to post, and that's OK too.

We collected 18 discussion topics of interest to the group and will use them to plan future structured discussion topics.

SCSS CoPs next steps

GADRRRES and the SCSS CoP facilitators are committed to using the results of this survey to inform the future direction of the CoP. Based on the survey results and conversations with members, we will:

✓	Encourage members to complete their profile so we can better understand our membership and cater activities for them.
✓	Focus on building membership up from regions with low or no representation, for example, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa. We will also look at webinars/discussions on specific regions and countries and ask members to support and share their expertise.
✓	Continue to share information about guidance, tools, research, consultancy opportunities and events through posts, discussions and webinars.
✓	Offer opportunities for members to access research and evidence, we will do this through sharing, discussions and webinars.
✓	Look for opportunities to host a face to face event/conference. Our first focus will be on a side meeting at the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Brisbane, Australia in June 2020.
✓	Develop structured discussion topics.
✓	Not start a blog or chats with experts as originally planned and focus our efforts elsewhere.
✓	Look for opportunities for how we can encourage members to collaborate on advocacy and research efforts.
✓	Build up the PreventionWeb collection and encourage members to add to it.
✓	Create a shorter survey for next year!

Feedback?

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