



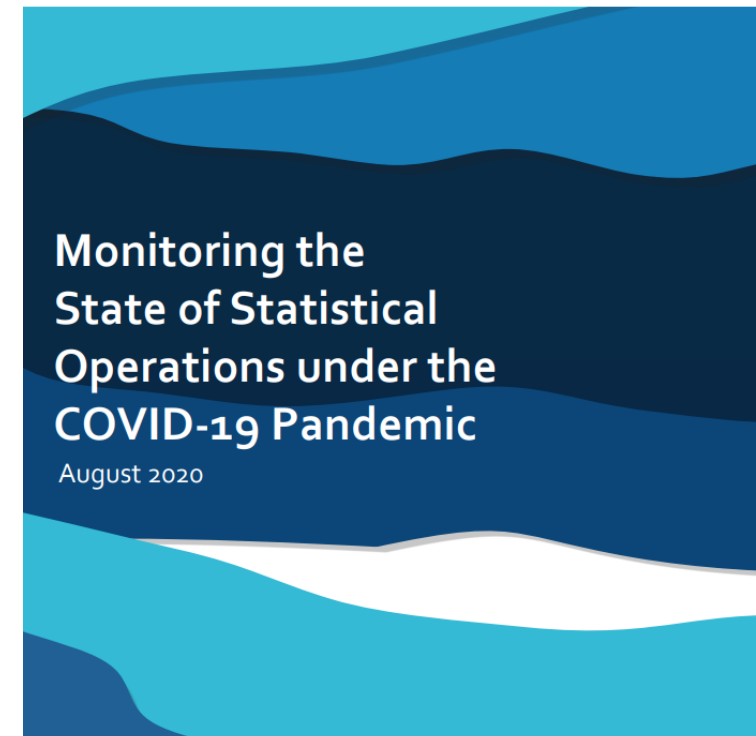
# How have the funding needs changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

United Nations Statistical Commission Side event  
Enhancing financing for development data:  
Progress and innovations for implementing the CTGAP

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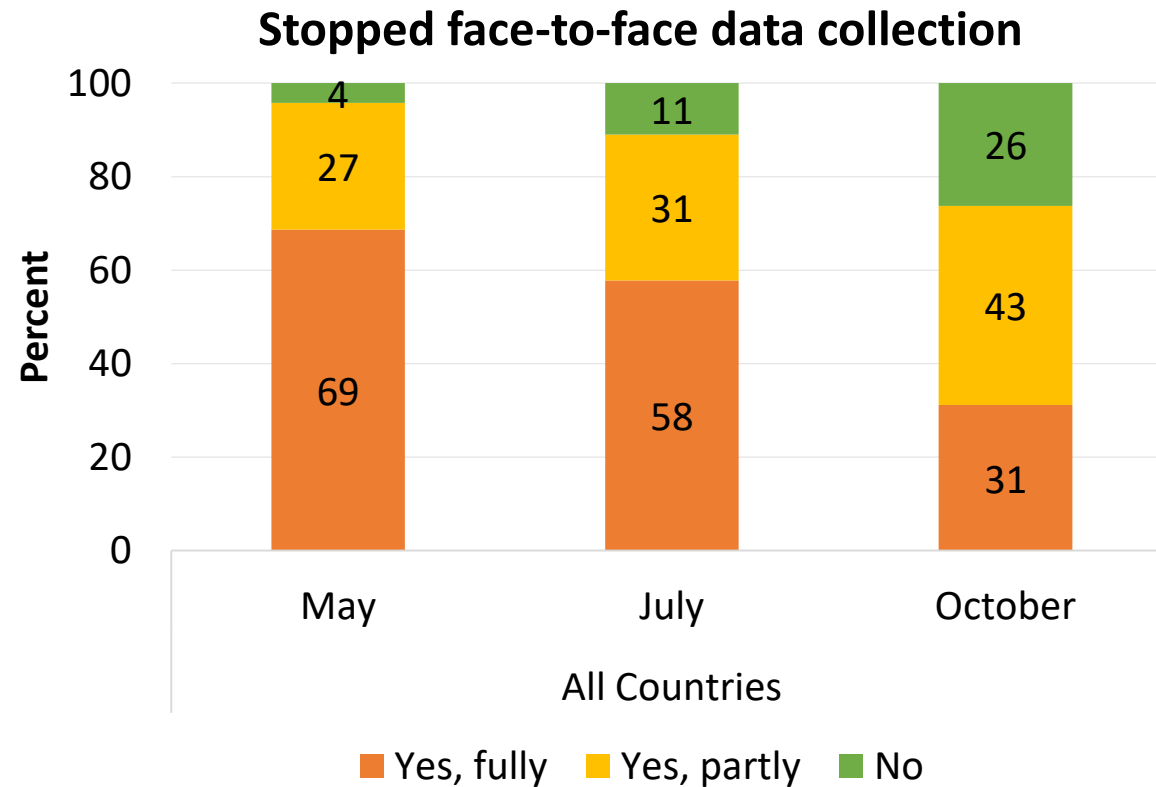
# The Global COVID-19 survey of NSOs reveals the new challenges

- **Survey by UNSD and WB to provide information to effectively mobilize technical and financial support to statistical activities**
- **Three waves to date:**
  - 5 – 17 May 2020 (response rate: 122/218)**
  - 7 – 25 Jul 2020 (response rate: 112/195)**
  - 23 Sep – 15 Oct 2020 (response rate: 125/195)**
- **Full reports available on UNSD and World Bank websites and data shared with partners**



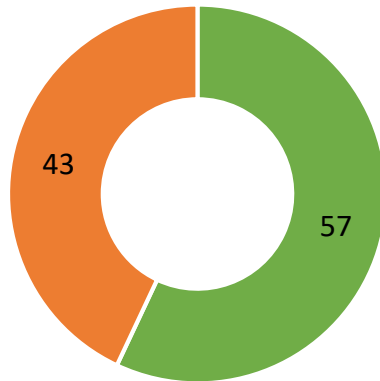
Highlights from the second round of a global COVID-19 survey of National Statistical Offices

# The pandemic has disrupted the regular operations of National Statistical Systems across the globe...



# ... as they increase their efforts to satisfy the data demands from governments and other sectors of society

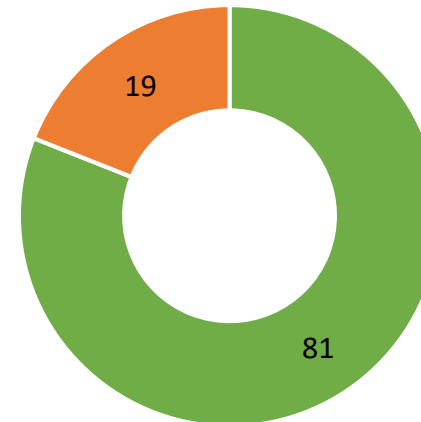
**July 2020:** Has your office been called to serve on a government crisis response group or advisory committee at the national level due to COVID-19?



■ Yes    ■ No

**October 2020:** Has your institution planned or implemented the collection of any data on COVID-19 and its impacts?

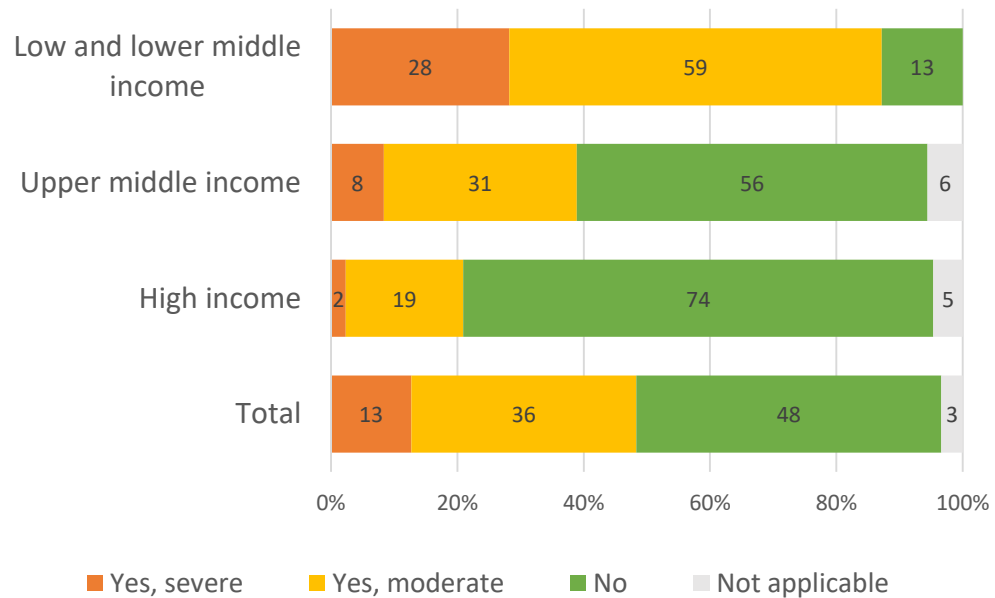
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■ Yes    ■ No

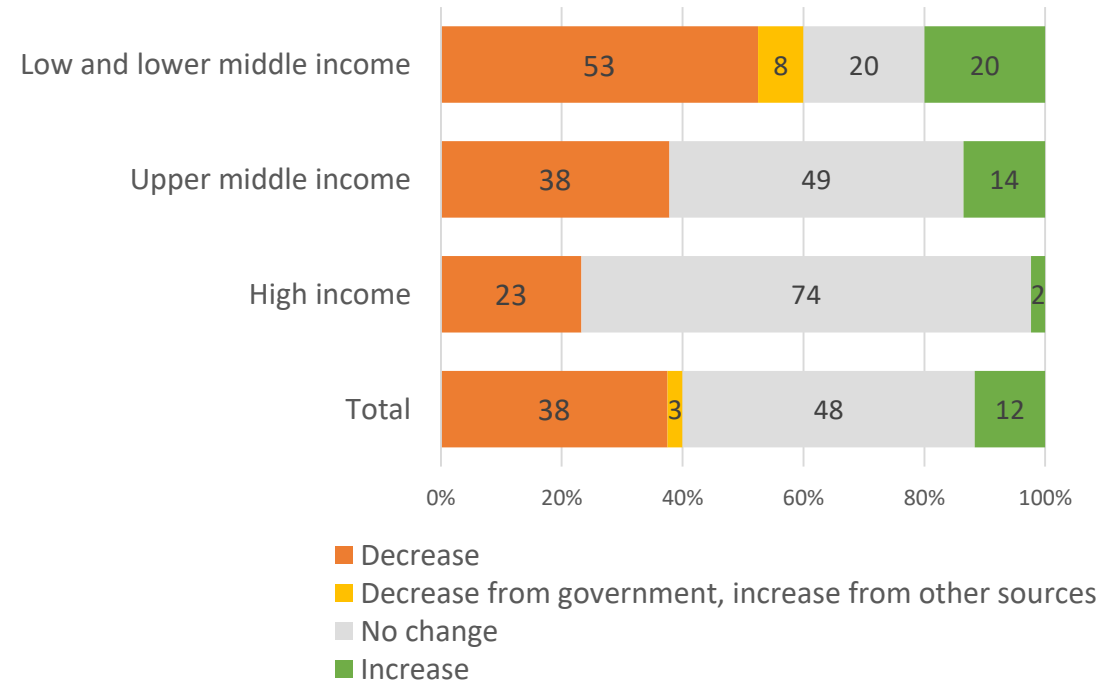
# Funding has been seriously affected

As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, are you facing difficulties in operating due to funding limitations / constraints?



(May 2020)

Has your funding been affected due to the current COVID-19 pandemic?

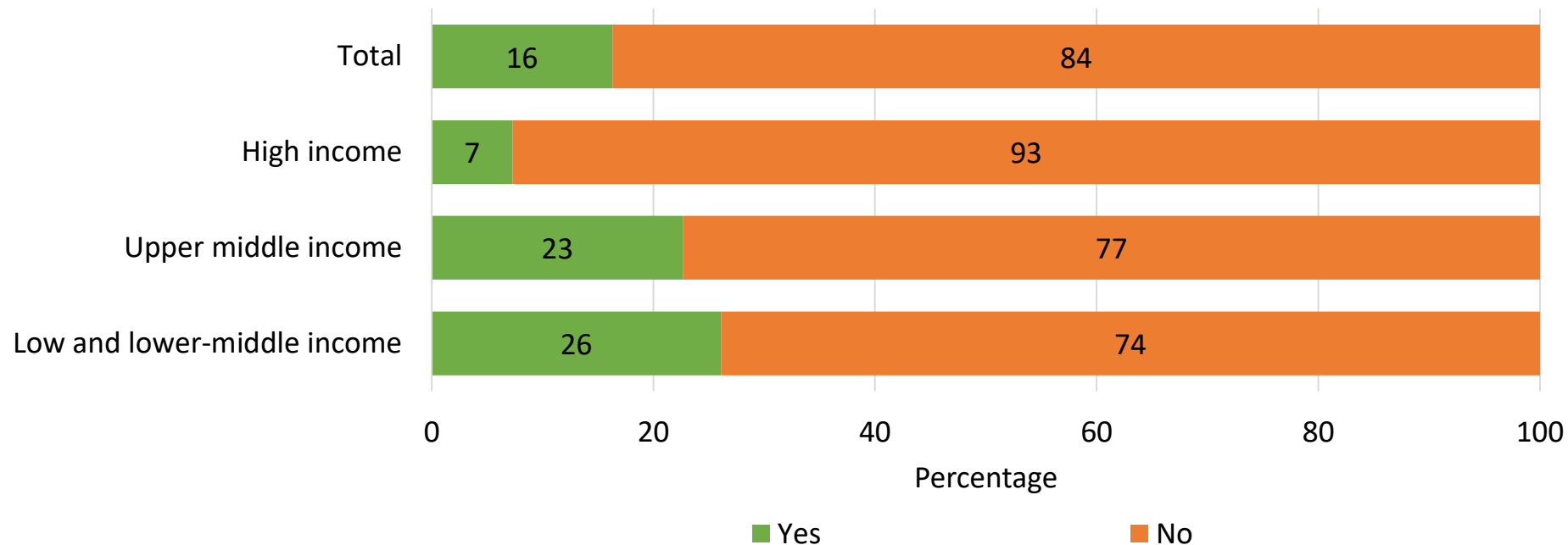


(May 2020)

# ... potentially putting future census funding at risk

October 2020, Round 3

**Have financial resources initially allocated to the Population and Housing Census been reallocated to other government activities?**



*\*Out of 90 countries that had planned to conduct census in 2020 or 2021*



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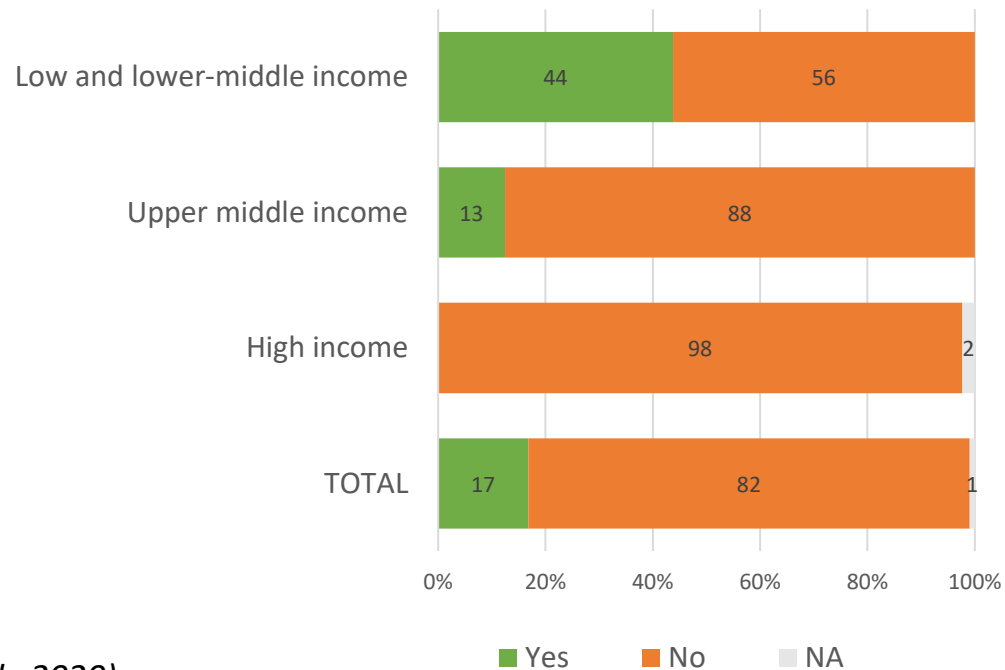
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# And additional financial support is greatly needed to face the new challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic

Are you currently receiving financial support from international organizations/partners to face the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic?



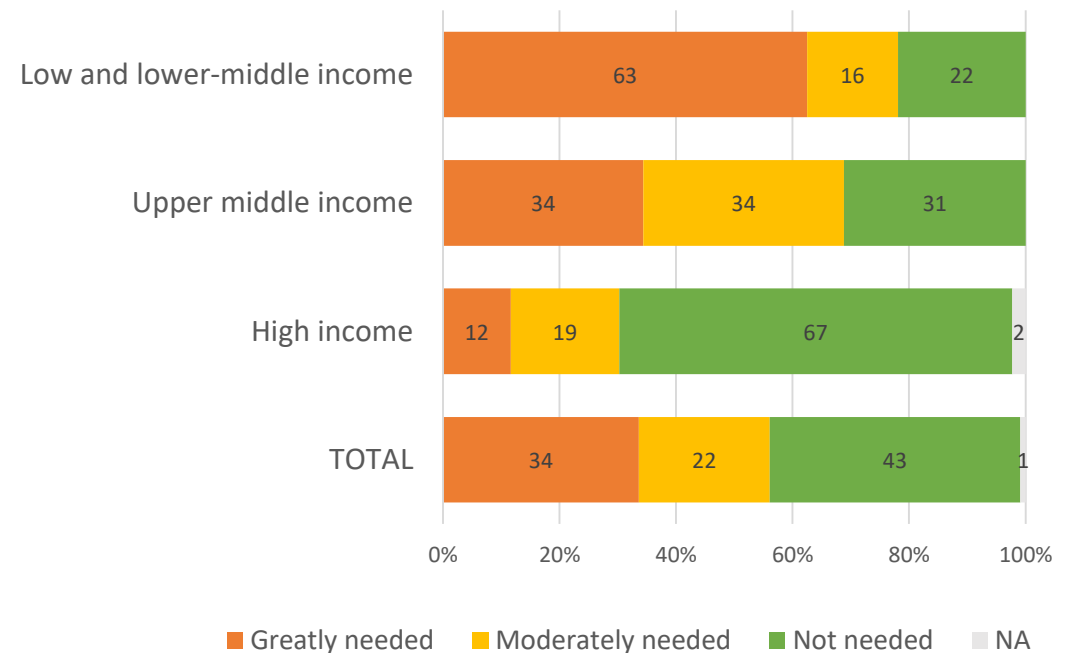
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Are you in need of additional financial support to face the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic?



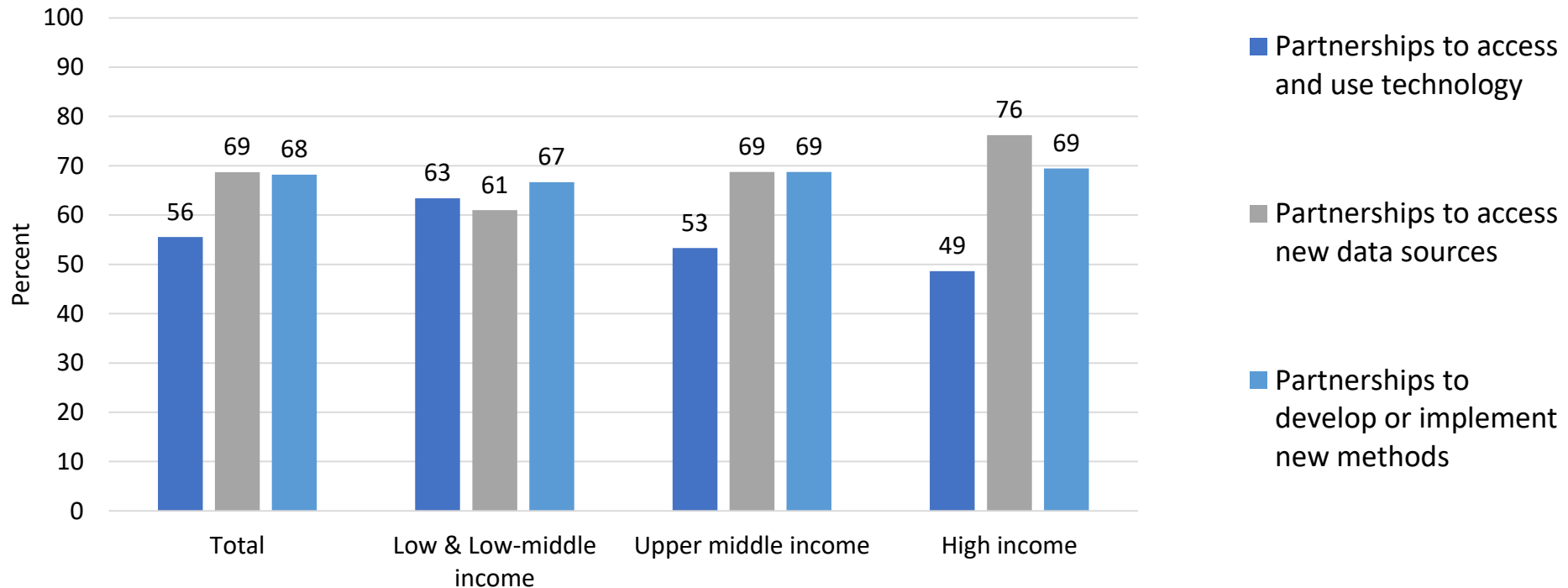
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# NSOs are establishing new partnerships to bridge data gaps

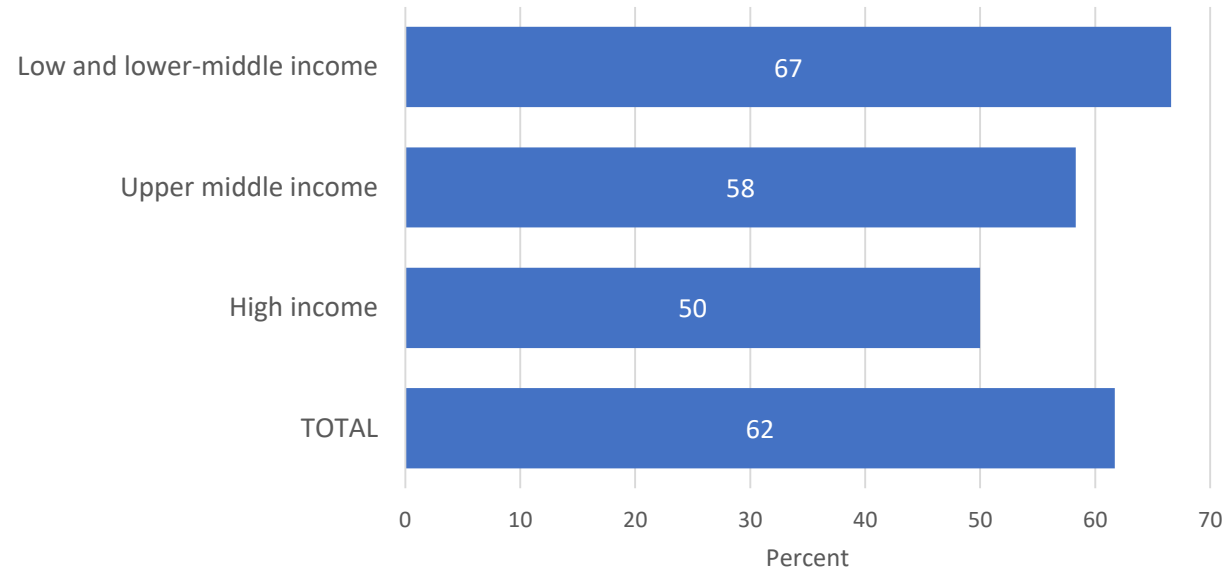
Share of NSOs that have established new partnerships, by type of partnership





# Need to accelerate co-investment in data solutions

Proportion of countries that identified the need to secure funding as one of their top three challenges in establishing new international partnerships during the pandemic



## Take aways

- **While common approaches have emerged, there are important differences in how NSOs from low- and high-income countries are addressing the challenges resulting from the COVID-19 crisis**
- **There is a clear need for co-investment in data systems and infrastructure to improve the resilience of the NSOs and allow them to respond adequately and at speed to future crises.**
- **As domestic resources are redirected to COVID-19 priorities and donors face budget reductions under the weight of the pandemic there is an urgent need for a collective action to make more effective use of what funds are available**





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**Thank you!**

<https://covid-19-response.unstatshub.org/statistical-programmes/covid19-nso-survey/>