



WOAH World Animal Health and Welfare Fund

Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Tuesday, 23 May 2023 – Paris, France

1. Welcome

The 18th meeting of the Advisory Committee of the WOA World Animal Health and Welfare Fund (World Fund) took place in physical format for the first time in four years in the margins of the 90th WOA General Session held in Paris (France) on 23 May 2023.

The Chair of the Advisory Committee and WOA Delegate for Switzerland, Dr Hans Wyss, and WOA's Director General, Dr Monique Eloit welcomed the 22 participants¹. In her opening remarks, Dr Eloit highlighted the value of holding the meeting during the General Session as it provides the opportunity to take stock of achievements of the past year and align on important initiatives going forward.

While welcoming the new members of the Committee, the Chair reminded the participants of the purpose of Advisory Committee:

1. The World Fund is WOA's multi-donor trust fund mechanism
2. The Fund captures all voluntary contributions received by WOA and complements the Organisation's Regular Budget, principally comprising Members' statutory contributions
3. As per the 2012 Basic Texts, the World Fund's governance includes an Advisory Committee and Management Committee

He also provided the context in which the Advisory Committee was established to frame the conversation:

- Review the Fund's financial performance,
- An opportunity for WOA to present strategic priorities to its resource partners – requiring either financial or political support,
- Identify opportunities to leverage funding or additional donor potential.

As the 17th meeting of the Advisory Committee conducted in January 2023 provided a detailed presentation on the Fund's financial performance, the meeting had the following three agenda items: (i) welcome remarks and introductions, (ii) 2023 survey of the Advisory Committee; and (iii) Investment priorities.

The Committee adopted the agenda without any amendment.

2. 2023 Survey of the Advisory Committee

Mr Lorenz Nake and Ms Liana Mehning, Resource Mobilisation and Grants Management Officers with WOA's Engagement and Investment Department (E&ID), introduced the results of the survey to the members of the World Fund Advisory Committee.

The exercise provided resource partners with an anonymised insight into their peers' opinions about their respective investment experience with WOA. The organisations represented by the survey respondents (response rate 78%) account for 83% of investments through the World Fund since its establishment (2006). The first section of the survey highlighted WOA's areas of work. The results showed the strong overall importance of these areas of work to resource partners and their alignment with WOA's priorities.

One Health, standards setting, transboundary animal diseases (TADs), notification and emergency preparedness were rated as the most important areas of work. In contrast, biological threat reduction, animal welfare, aquatic animals and wildlife were found in lower ranks. Some participants expressed surprise in seeing these four topics listed in the bottom range. One explanation is that these topics overlap and run across some other high-ranking priorities. When discussing the low ranking for animal welfare, Dr Eloit informed participants that WOA will develop in 2023 a paper on the Organisation's position towards this topic to define its vision and encourage Members to consider animal welfare as key to sustainable food production systems.

¹ See Annex 1 for a complete list of meeting participants.

In the second half of the survey, the members of the World Fund Advisory Committee were asked to strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with a series of statements about their work with WOAAH. These statements related to WOAAH's administration, results from delivery, relationship with the resource partner, and project implementation. Resource partners indicated agreement and strong agreement in nearly all the statements proposed, with only a few disagreements, confirming their overall satisfaction with WOAAH's performance. Ms Mehring also shared the data collected on the frequency of communication, the level of investment and what limits further investments from resource partners, and potential adjustments to improve their partnership with WOAAH.

Participants congratulated WOAAH for the insightful presentation, commended the Organisation's efforts to continue strengthening its political outreach and highlighted the need to further engage in these efforts to increasingly gain political presence, as done through the Quadripartite. In this regard, the Director General acknowledged the progress made over the past years. She stressed the importance of continuously working towards the full recognition of WOAAH activities beyond the Quadripartite by advocating for the Organisation's *raison d'être*, in which animal health is a critical contributor to everyone's health.

3. Investment Needs

A presentation by Ms Emily Tagliaro, Head of the Engagement and Investment Department, highlighted WOAAH's 2022 investment priorities and expenses, as well as the geographic areas of focus on signed grants as presented in the 17th Meeting of the Advisory Committee in January 2023.

Additionally, Ms Tagliaro presented six key future investment priorities for the Organisation, two of which were identified as top priorities through the World Fund partner survey (TADs and One Health), while the other four were defined through WOAAH's internal analysis of needs (aquatic animal health, veterinary systems strengthening and capacity building, digital transformation, and animal welfare). Although these priorities are presented as needs independent from each other, Ms Tagliaro emphasised their interconnectivity and overlap. These initiatives are extensive and consist of numerous sub-activities, requiring funding from multiple donors. The total needed additional investment amounts to 19.1 million euros.

Finally, various implementation challenges were highlighted, along with proposed mitigation measures to overcome them. The Committee was invited to consider their role in supporting WOAAH to achieve its objectives. One aspect that was highlighted was the need to increase unearmarked funding to help WOAAH finance under-funded priorities and geographies.

4. Closing remarks

In closing, the Chair and the WOAAH Director General both thanked participants for their active participation in the meeting. They thanked WOAAH staff for their hard work in managing and delivering the grants funded through the World Fund, as well as for the insightful initiative of the survey presented. Lastly, the Chair reminded participants that the next Advisory Committee meeting will be held in-person in May 2024 (date to be announced).

5. Appendices

Appendix 1: List of participants

Appendix 2: Presentations: (i) 2023 Advisory Committee survey results and (ii) WOAAH investment needs.

Appendix 1: List - External Participants

COUNTRY-ORGANISATION (alphabetical order)	Participant
Chair	Hans Wyss
Australia – Department Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)	Mark Schipp
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Shannon Mesenhowski
Canada – Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)	Mary Jane Ireland
People's Republic of China	Jingli Kang Xiaodan Zhao Guosheng Chen
European Union – DG SANTE	Francesco Berlingieri
Germany – Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL)	Barbara Hoffmann
Italy – Ministry of Health	Davide Lecchini Benedetta Cappelletti Antonia Ricci
Japan – Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	Masatsugu Okita
RSPCA	Alexandra Hammond-Seaman
UK - Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	Michelle Beer
UK - Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL)	David Elliott
Ireland, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Martin Blake
USA - Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	Corina Monagin Vittoria Smeglin Cyle Bailey Vernon
USA - Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Rosemary Sifford
USA – Agency for International Development (USAID - contractor)	Christine Jost

**Appendix 2: Presentations – 2023 2023 Advisory Committee survey results -
WOAH investment needs**



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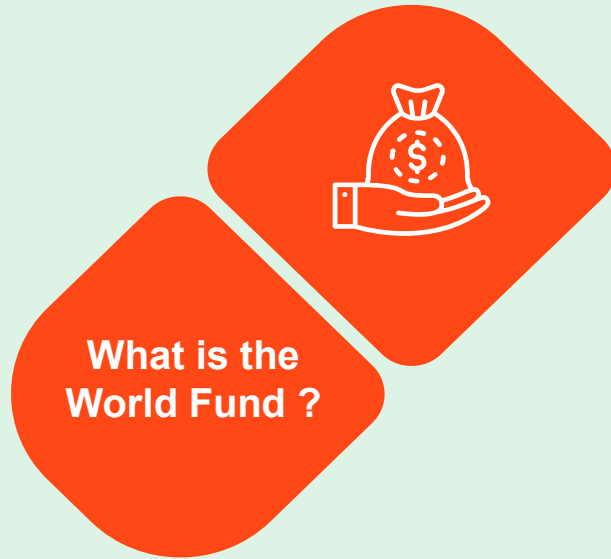
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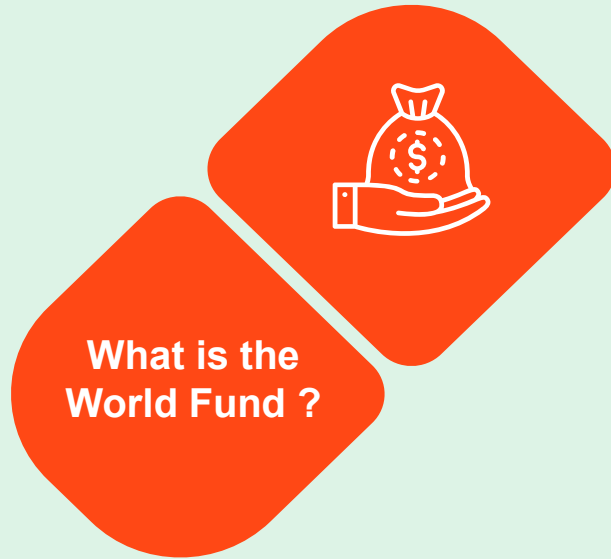


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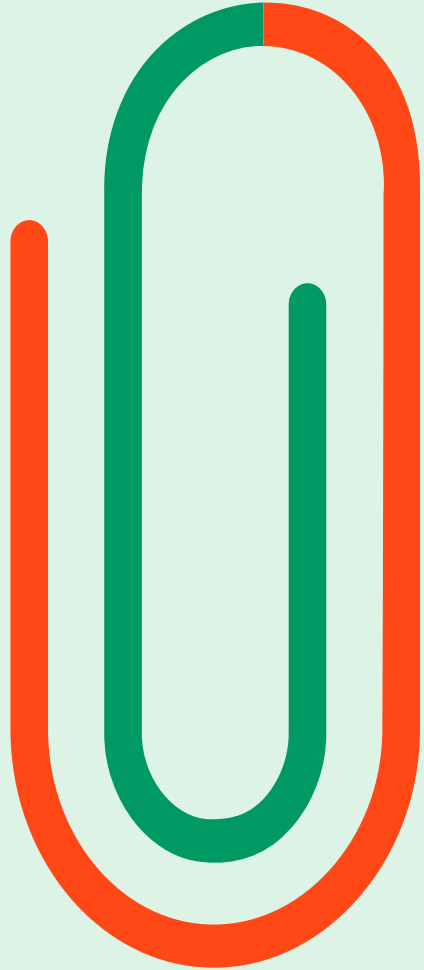
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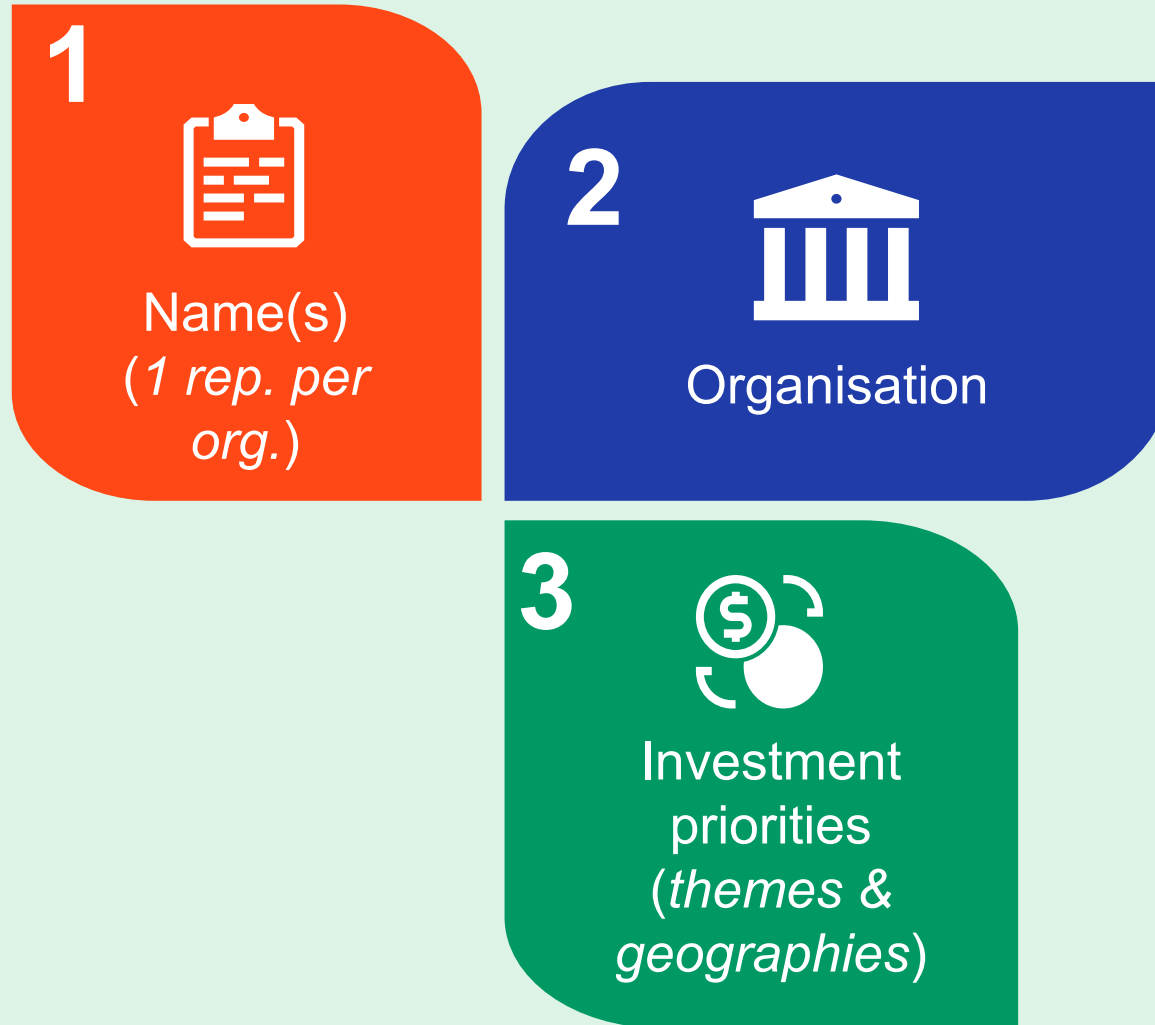
- I. Introductions
- II. 2023 Survey of the Advisory Committee
- III. WOAH investment needs
- IV. Closing



We will produce a short summary of this meeting – it will note key discussion points but statements will not be attributed.

The summary will have a list of participants.

Please let Emily Tagliaro know - via email - if you do not consent to have your name and the name of your Organisation listed.



2023 Survey of the Advisory Committee

Lorenz Nake & Liana Mehring
Resource Mobilisation and Grant Managers
Engagement & Investment Department



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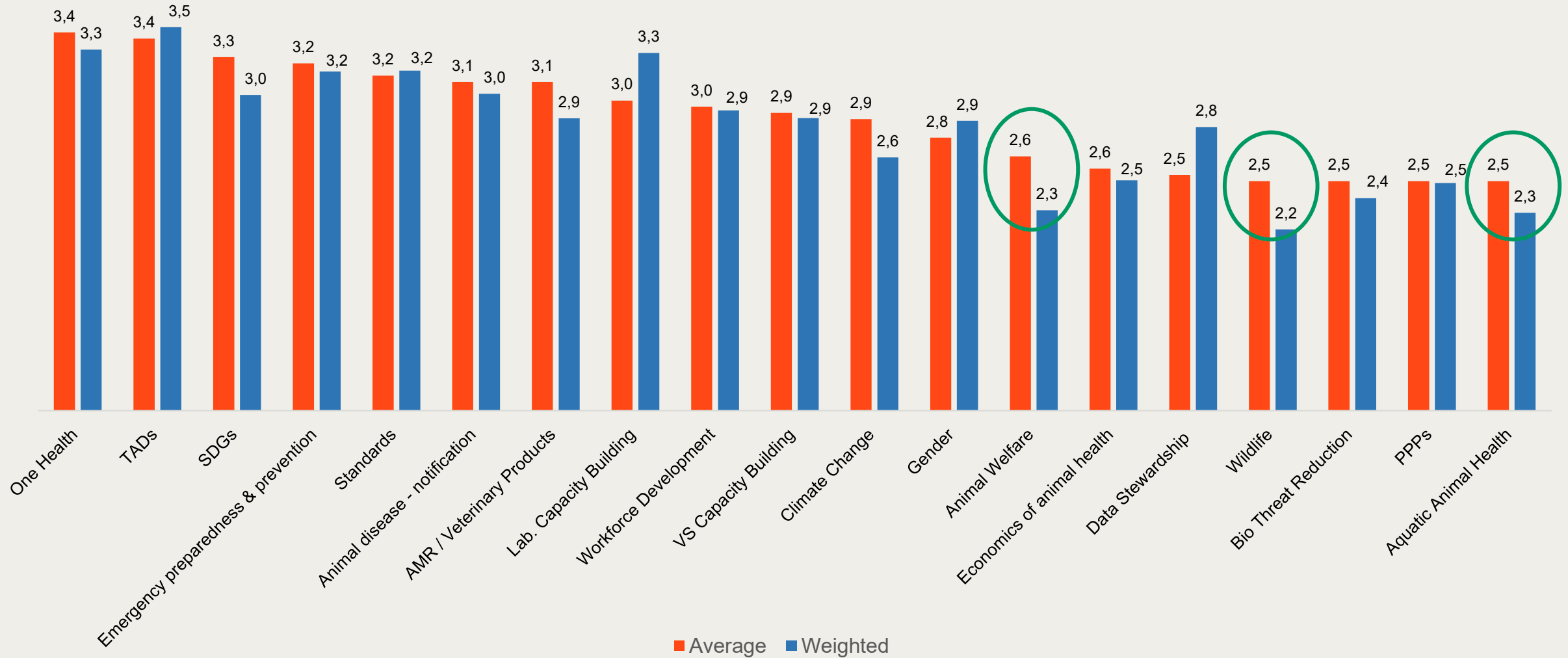
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- Announced at 17th AC in Jan 2023
- Data collection from February – April 2023
- WOAHA received a total of 25 responses
 - ✓ Response rate 78%
 - ✓ Representing 83% of investment received through the WF
- Survey parts:
 - ✓ Priority topics of interest
 - ✓ Motivation to invest in WOAHA
- All responses have been anonymized and analyzed in aggregate
- Thank you for your participation (also in the future)



Survey Results | Priority Topics



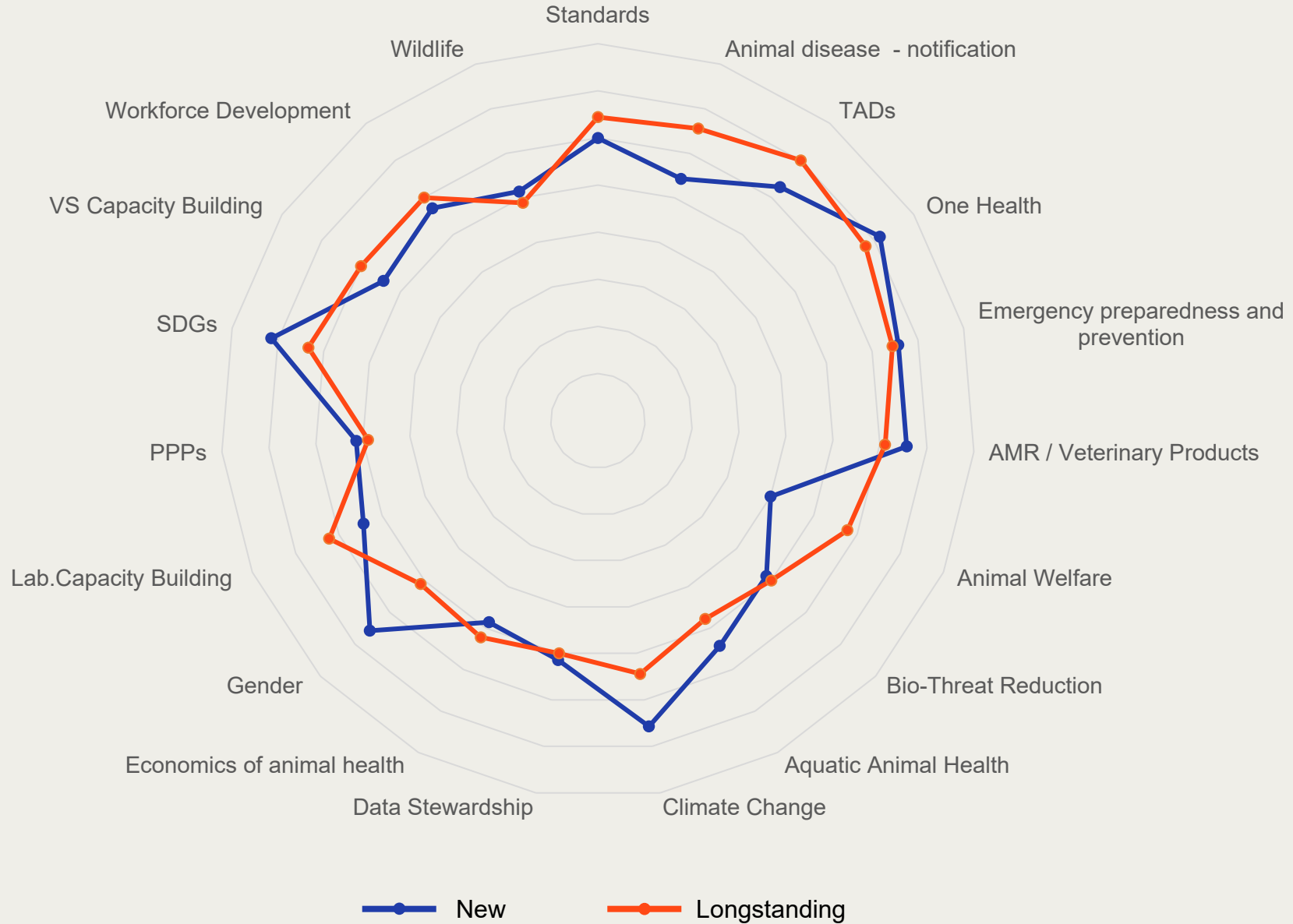


Survey Results | Priority Topics: Members/Other Partners

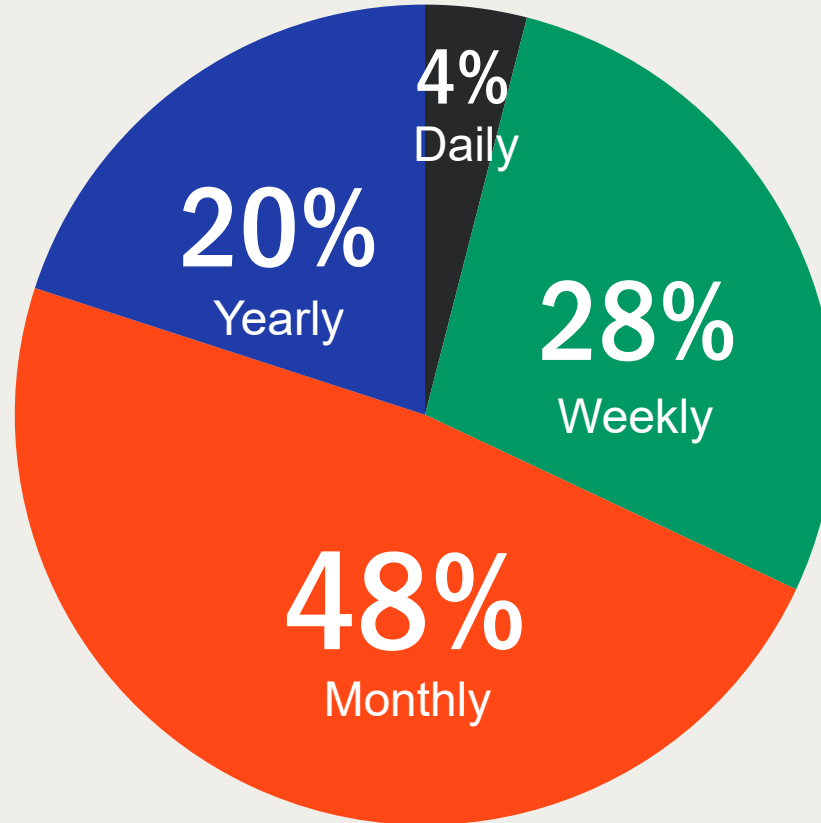


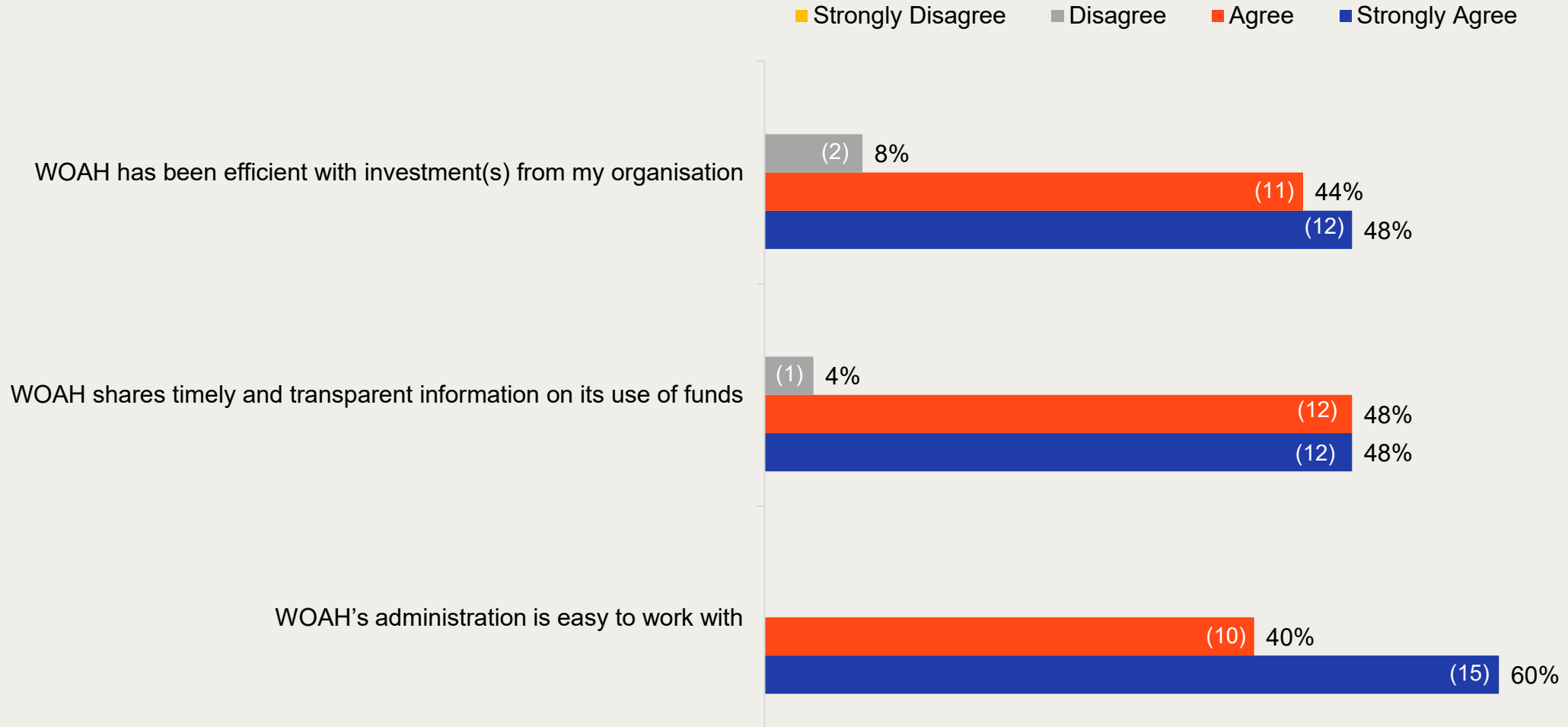


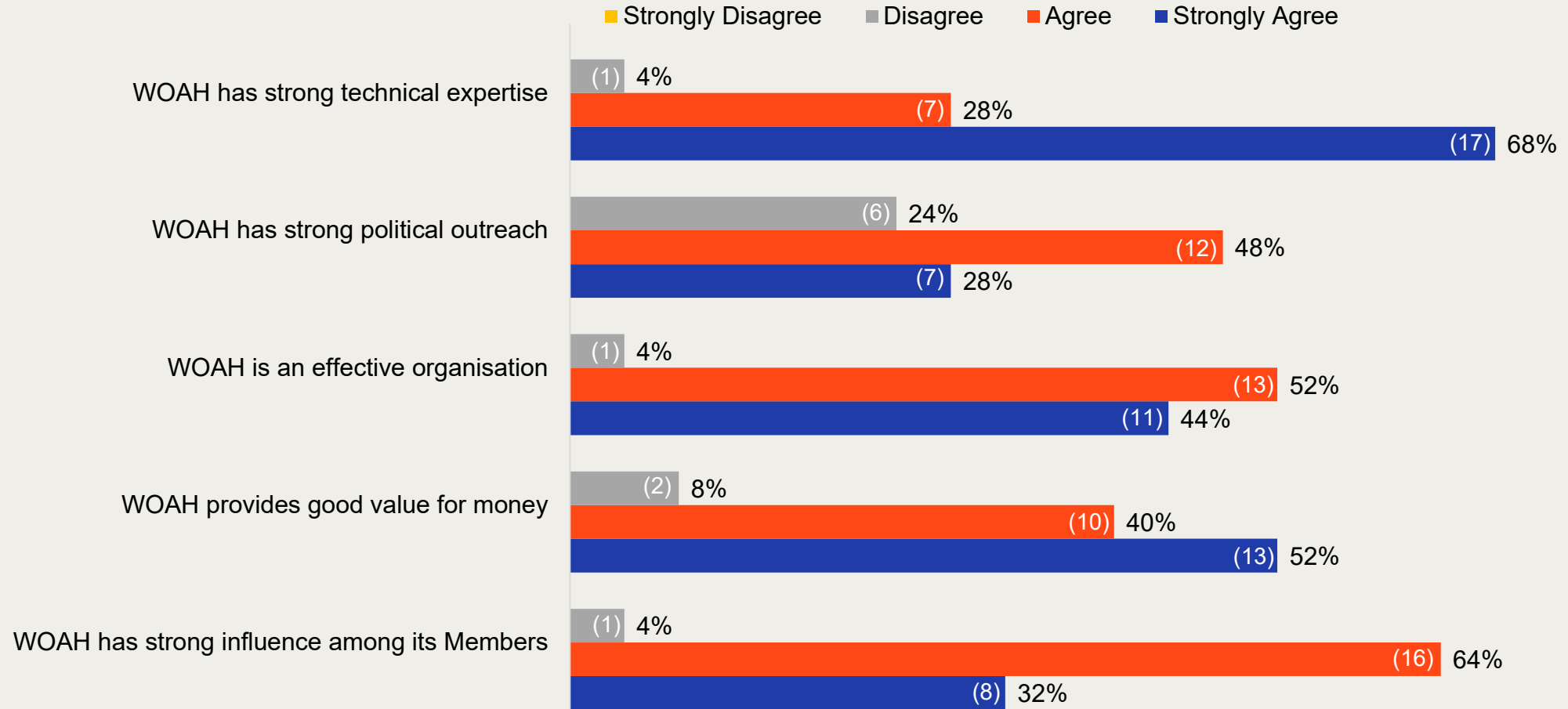
Survey Results | Priority Topics: Investment before/after 6SP (2016)

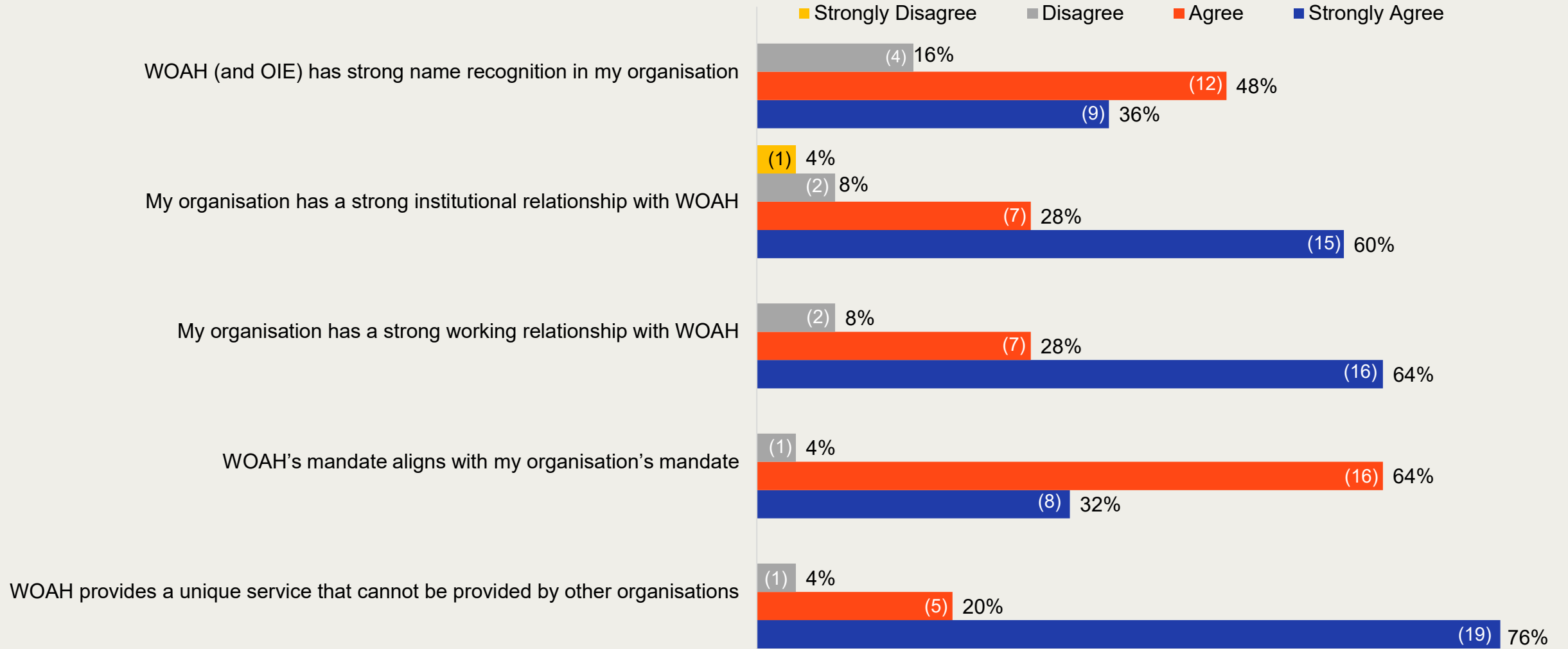


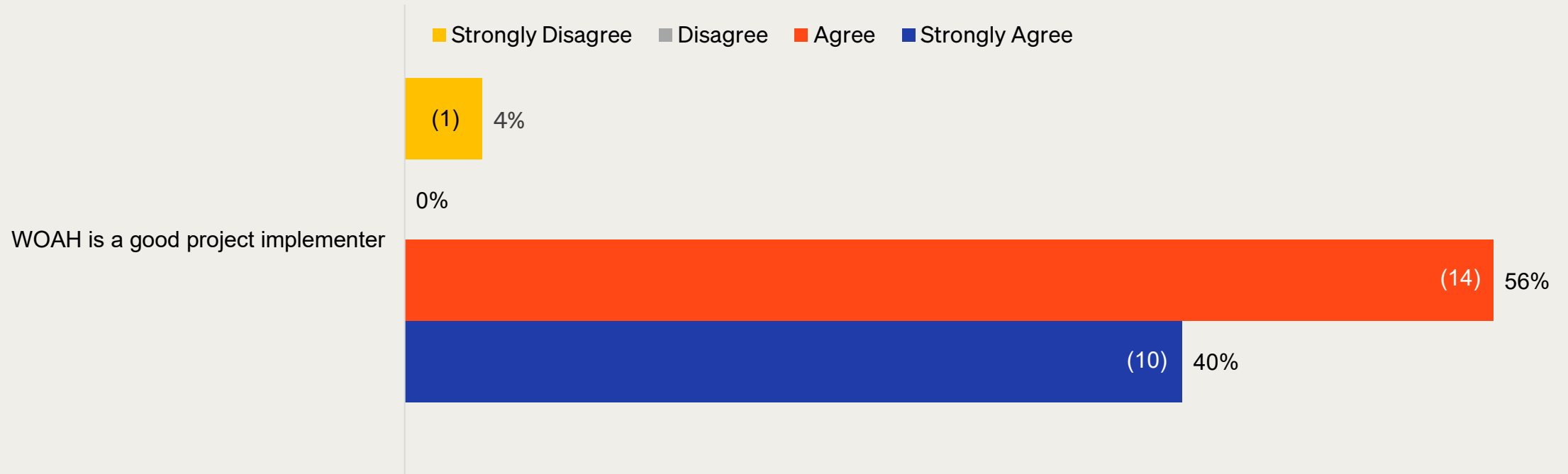
On average over the last year, how often do you interact with WOAAH for World Fund related investments or projects?







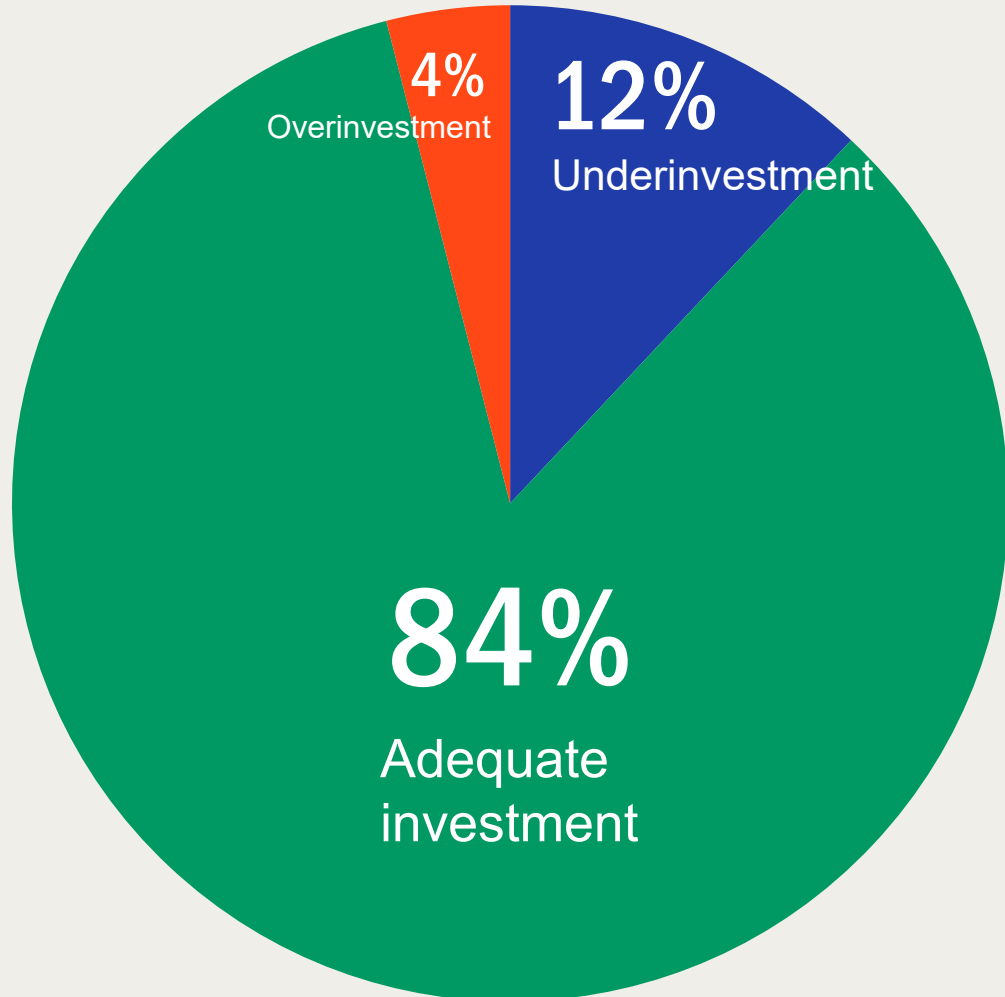




Examples provided by Resource Partners for improvements to their overall experience with WOA:

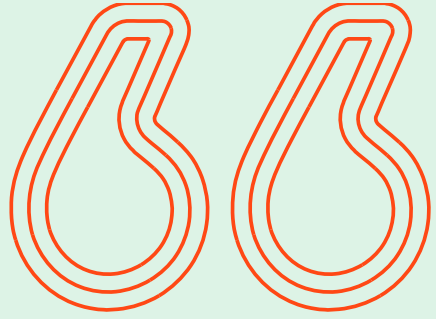
- Opportunities to meet face to face
- More frequent communications about possible new collaborations
- Greater focus on timely implementation

How would you qualify your level of investment in WOA?

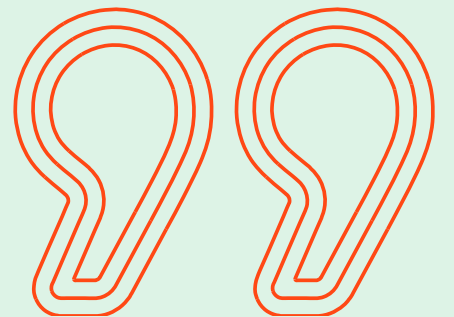


What limits your Organisation from making further investments in WOA?

- Budget Restrictions
- Turn over of senior management and the Delegate
- Lack of Strategic Alignment between WOA and the Resource Partner
- Delivery of outcomes and outputs aligned with original clear objectives
- Efficient and effective use of funding
- Timely reporting



Questions/ Discussion



Investment Needs

Emily Tagliaro

Head of Engagement & Investment Department



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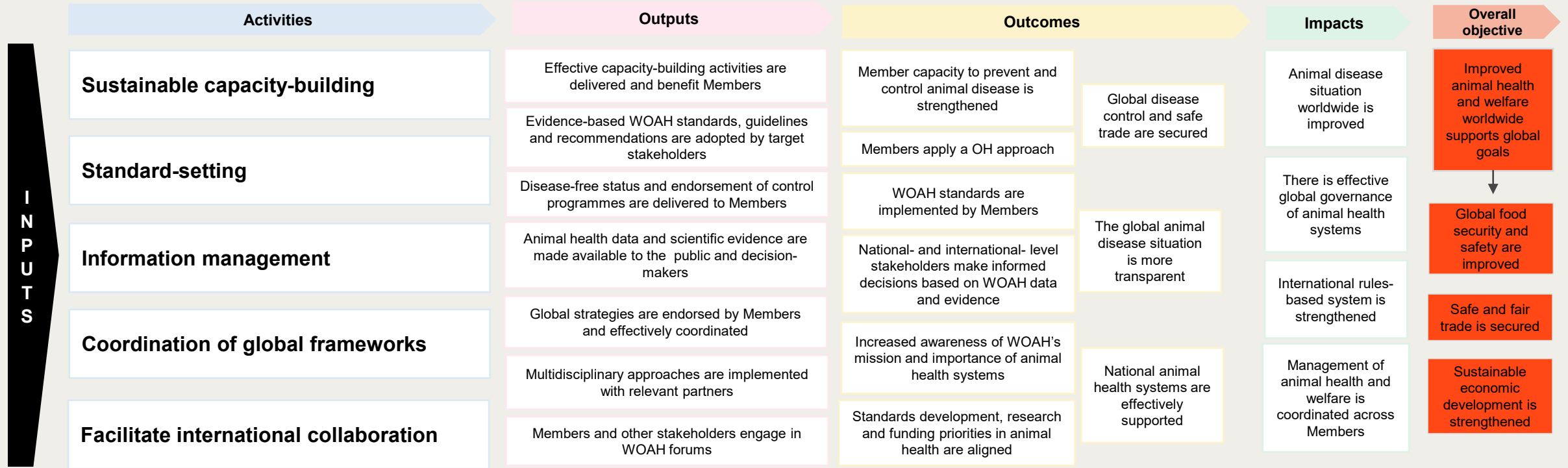
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WOAH's Mandate | Theory of Change and strategic objectives

“the intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health and welfare worldwide”



SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE



DATA GOVERNANCE



RESPONDING TO MEMBERS' NEEDS



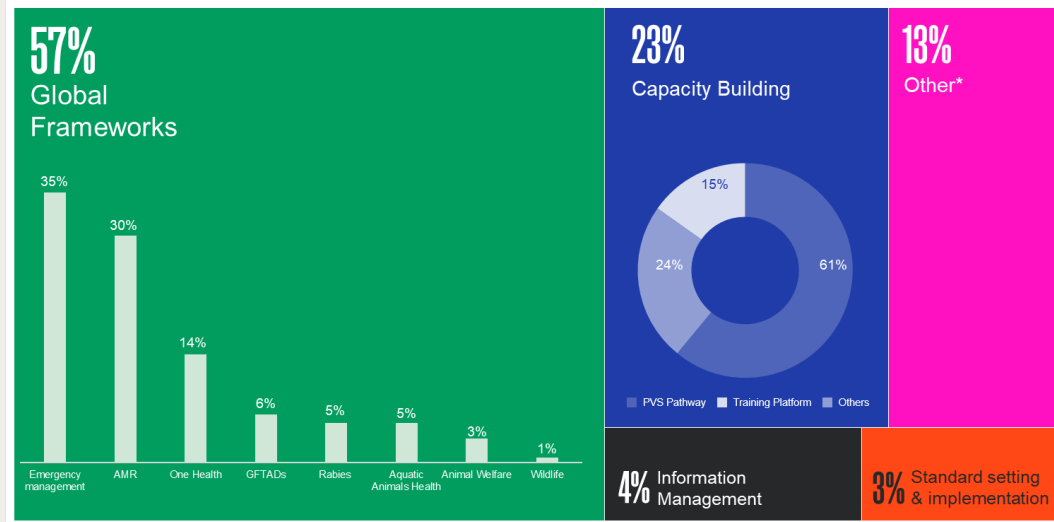
COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS



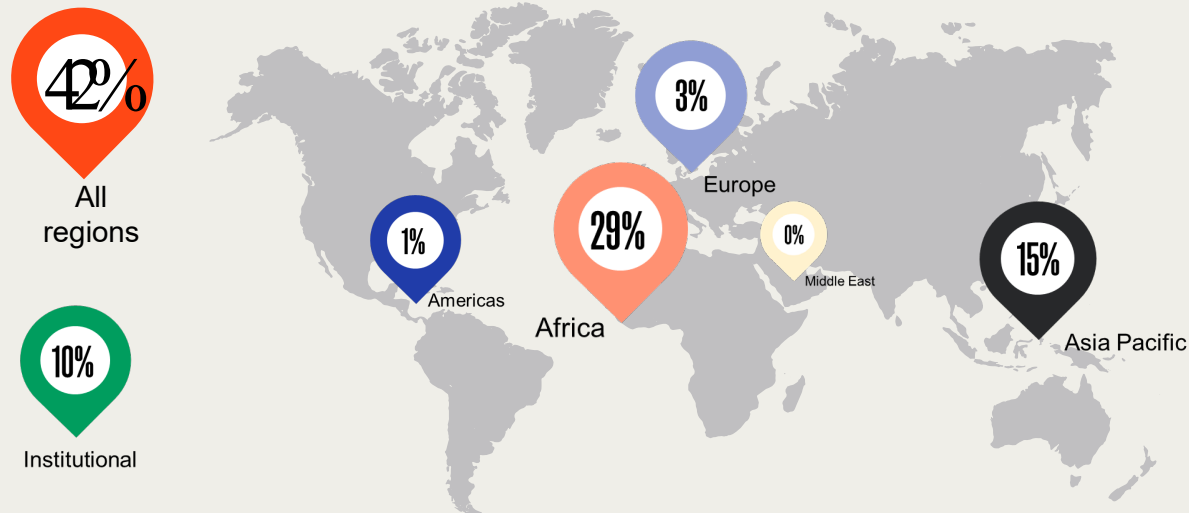
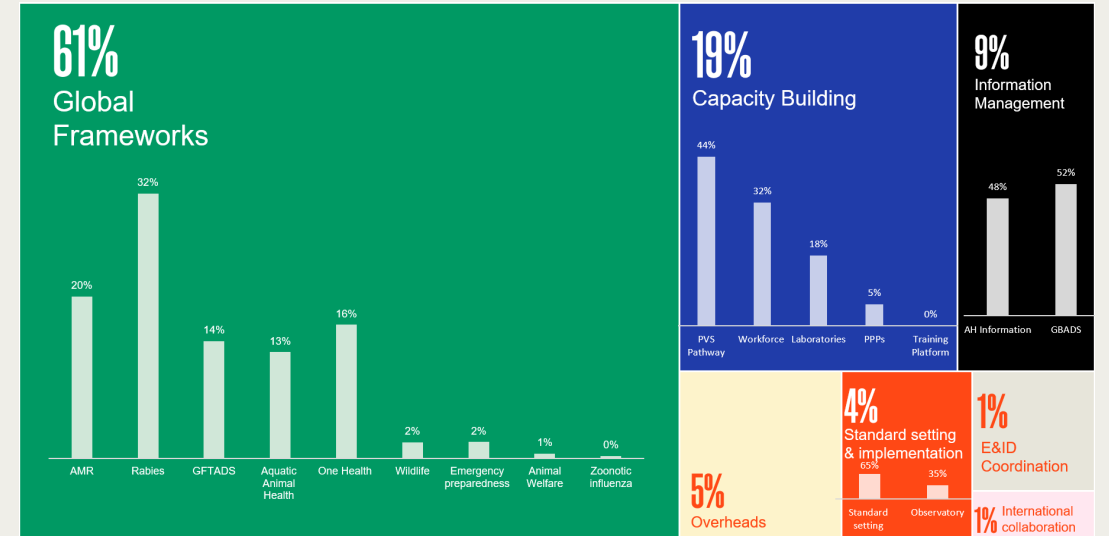
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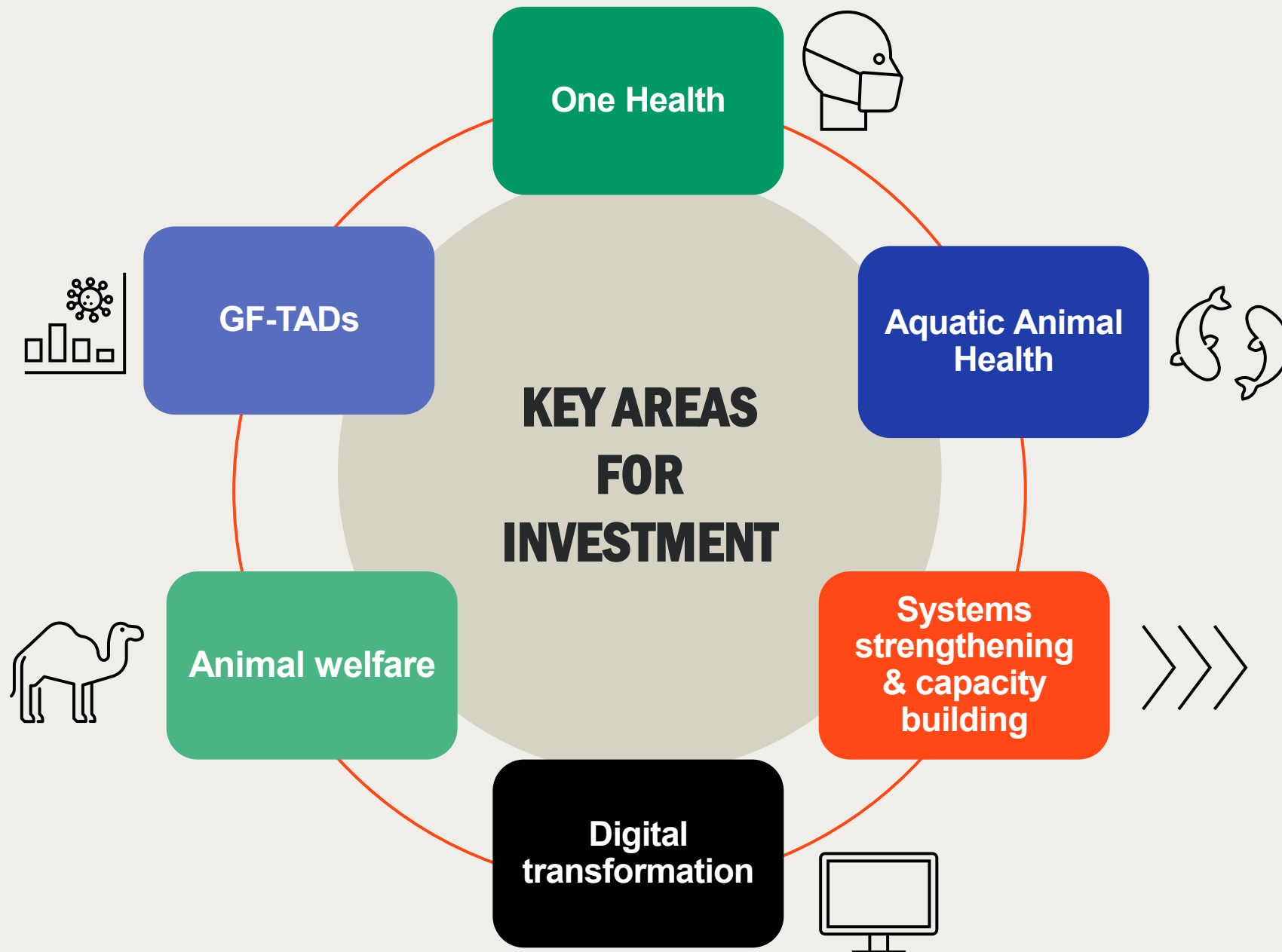
2022 investments priorities



2022 Expenses



Geographic focus of grants signed (2021-2022)





GF-TADs



€ 1.97 M



Basic metabolism and regional disease priorities (FMD, Rinderpest, ASF/CSF, PPR, RVF, etc.)

Regional gaps: Africa, Americas, SAARC



€ 2.9 M / annum



One Health



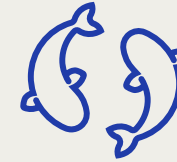
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Implementation of OH JPA
Wildlife Health Framework (beyond Africa)
Avian Influenza
Activities in countries



€ 2.3 M / annum



Aquatic Animal Health



€ 0.6 M



Capacity building
PVS Aquatic missions
Advocacy & outreach
Leadership (networks)



€ 0.8 M / annum



Systems strengthening & capacity building



€ 3.97 M



PVS Pathway (digitalization and missions), especially in Americas & Eastern Europe

Training Platform

Grand Challenge for Sustainable Labs



€ 4.8 M / annum – Capacity Building activities

€ 15 M – Grand Challenge



Digital Transformation



€ 2.06 M



Organisational digital transformation

Evolution of WAHIS

Observatory

GBADs



€ 7.5 M / annum



Animal welfare



€ 177 K

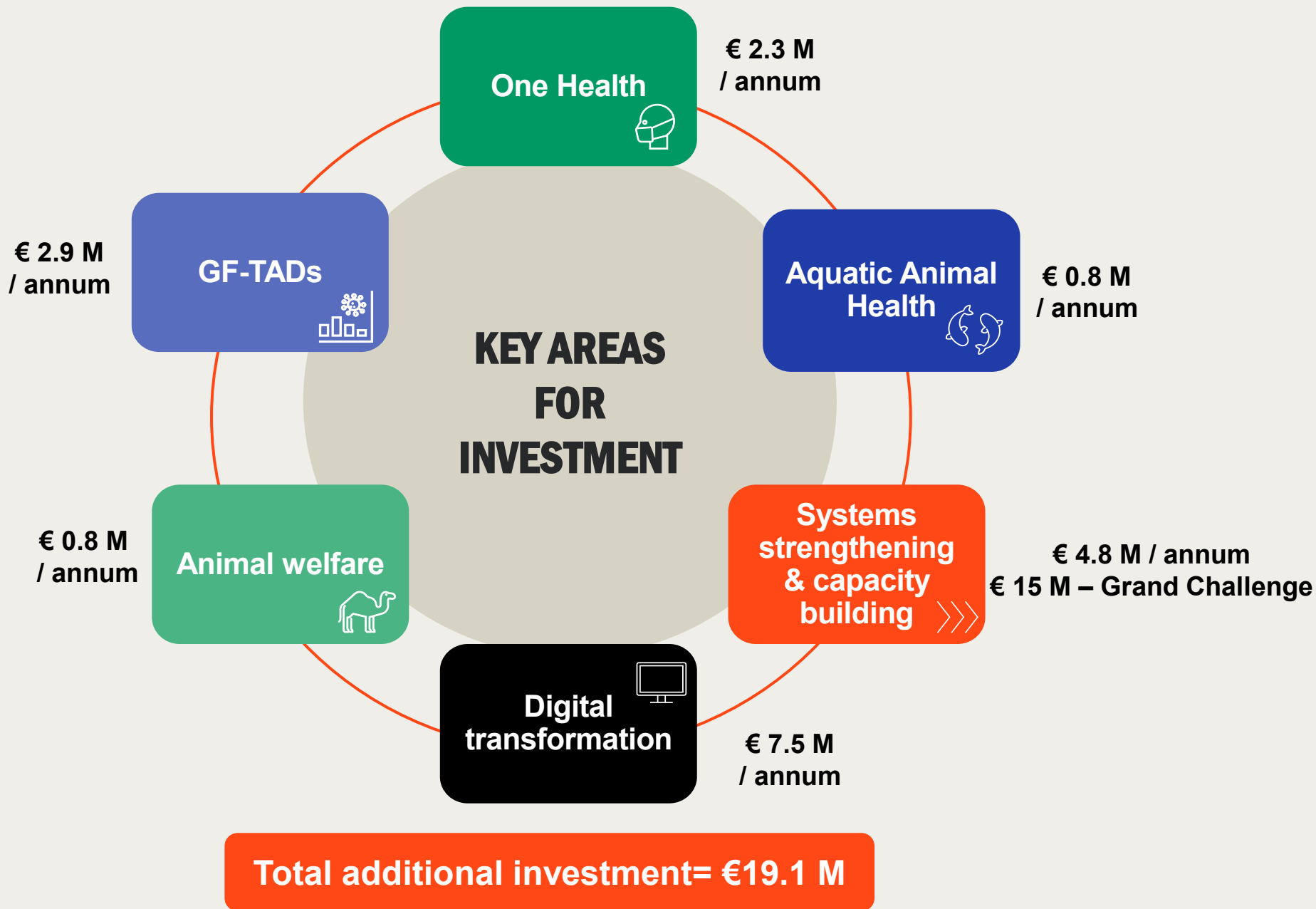


Capacity building (ToTs)

Support for all WOH regions (i.e., beyond Europe)



€ 0.8 M / annum





What role for the Advisory Committee in supporting WOAAH to mobilise resources needed for its 7SP and beyond?

Current state

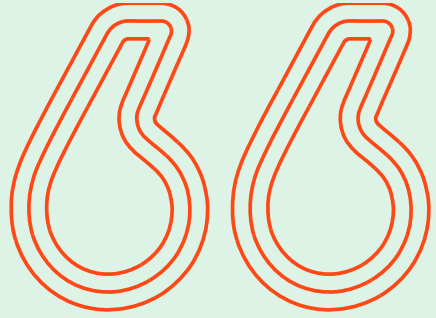
- Ambition versus capacity
- Increasing demand for Human Resources and Support Services
- Strain on WOAAH General Budget
- Growing administrative burden

Actions

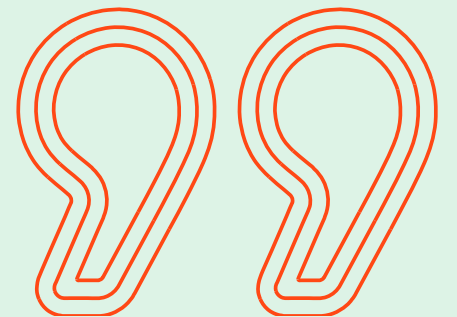
- Encourage flexible funding
- Results frameworks
- Reporting requirements
- Consider longer-term grants & Collaboration Agreements
- Overhead rates
- Complementarity with other mechanisms

Desired state

- Adequately resourced teams and regions
- Efficient and effective implementation
- Robust results and improved service delivery to Members
- Greater visibility for Veterinary Services



Questions/Discussion



Next meeting and closing



Thank you

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