



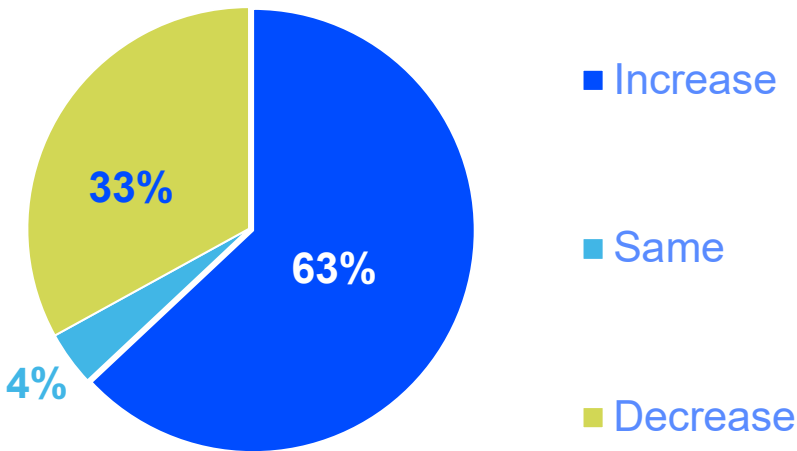
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AFRICA

**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
CENSUS**

2021

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



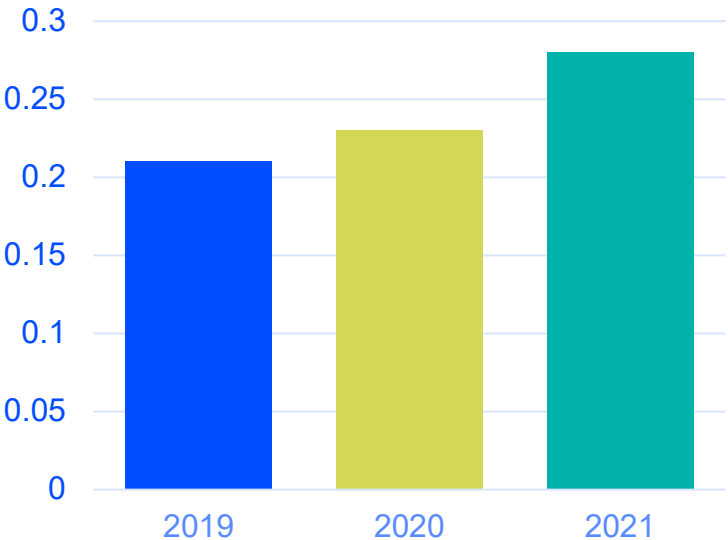
63%

of member organisations in the region have **increased** their membership during the last year

The **Africa** region continues to have the **lowest ratio** of physiotherapy workforce per population



PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION IN AFRICA REGION



0.28

is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the World Physiotherapy **Africa** region in 2021



of physiotherapists in
member organisations
in the
Africa region
are female



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BOARD MEMBERS

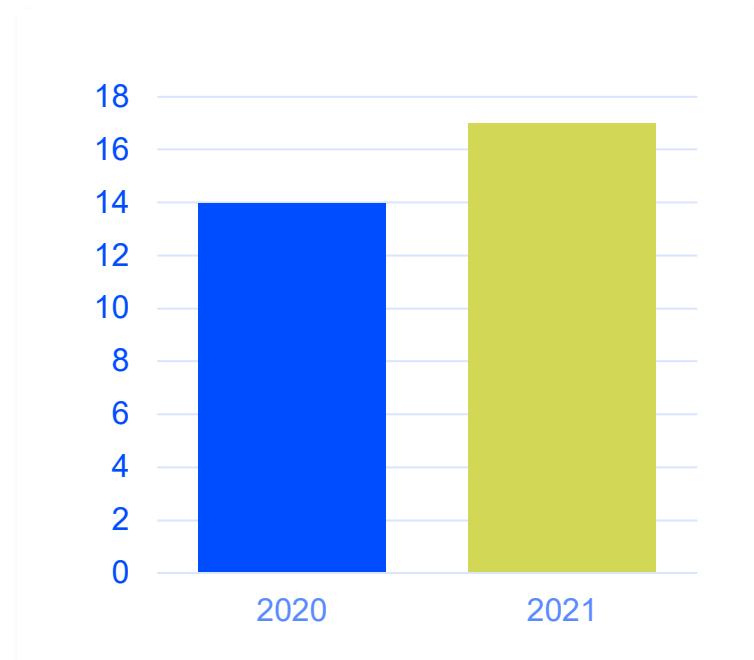
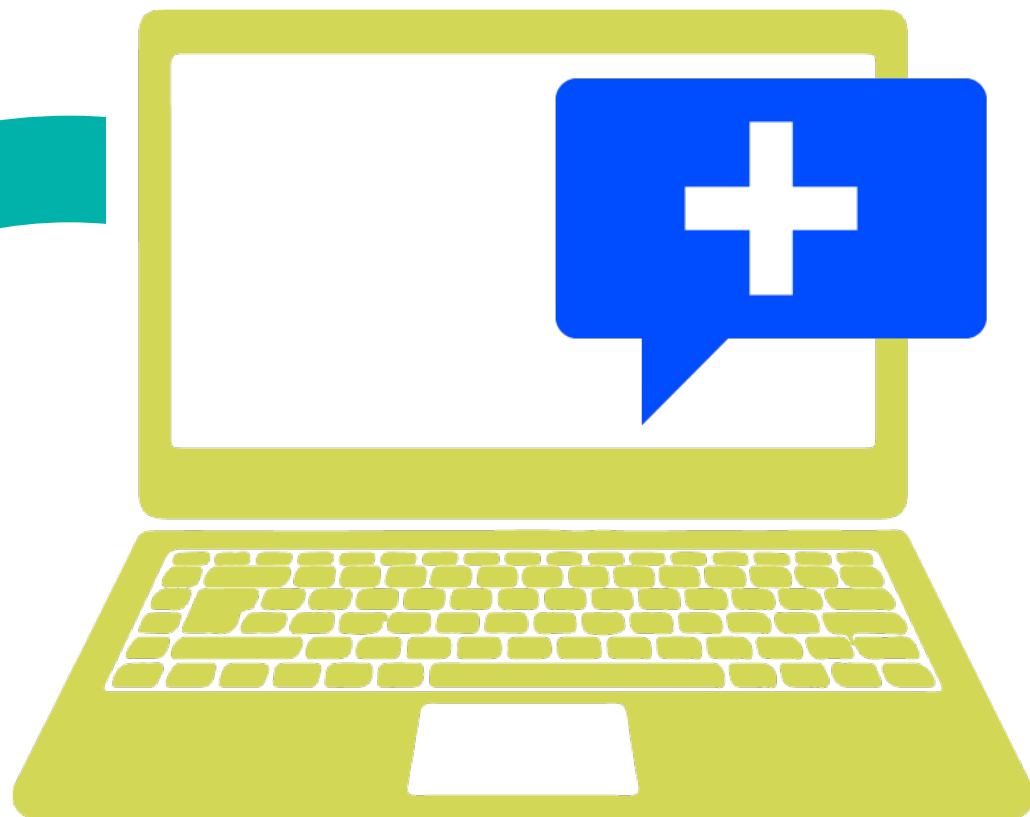


of member
organisations' **board**
members are female

of member
organisations have
female presidents

Of the 24 member organisations who took part in the 2021 census, five have a higher percentage of female board members than the percentage of female physiotherapists in the workforce in their country/territory

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES IN THE REGION WHERE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS ARE ALLOWED TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES



68%

of countries/territories allow
**physiotherapists to
provide telehealth services**

13%

increase since 2020 in
number of
countries/territories where
**physiotherapists can
provide telehealth services**

COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES IN THE AFRICA REGION

54%

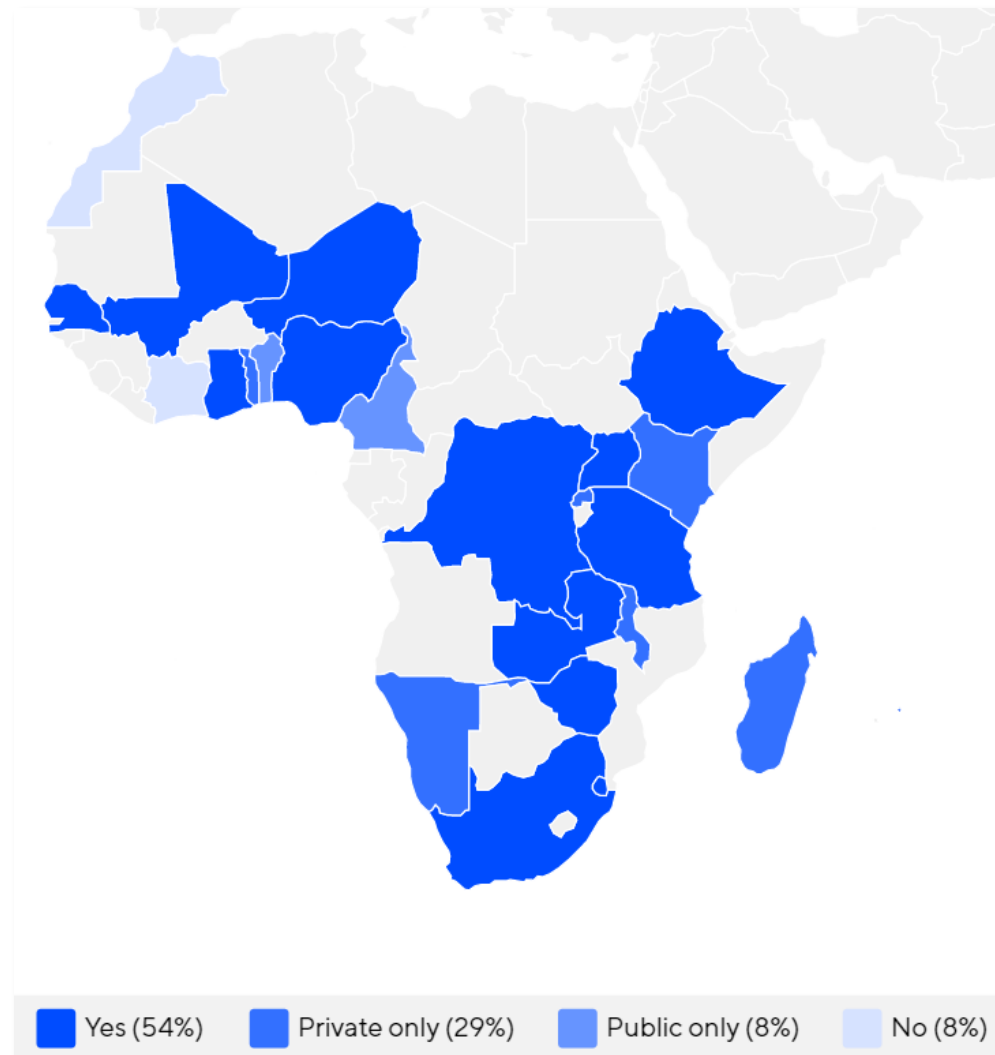
of countries/territories in the Africa region have **full direct access** to physiotherapy services. This is the highest rate of all five regions. However, this is directly related to the lack of regulation for the physiotherapy profession in many countries/territories in the region.

29%

reported that direct access is only allowed for **private physiotherapy** services.

8%

reported that direct access is **not allowed**.



CONGO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS UNION

- The Congo Physical Therapists Union has **increased its membership** by **43%** during the last year.
- The union's current board was elected in 2016 and **launched a membership strategy** that is beginning to show success.
- During 2020 the union carried out a **census of all physiotherapists** working or living in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and informed physiotherapists seeking registration of the **need to join the union** and to pay monthly contributions.
- The ministry of health has also asked all professional associations to provide lists of their individual members who work in the public sector to create a digital database of health professionals employed by the state. This means that each **physiotherapist has to provide their registration number** as a member of the union.
- The union has also **engaged with key physiotherapists**, at different levels, to share information about the union's activities and role.



| Africa region | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Benin | Uganda |
| Cameroon | Zambia |
| Congo (Democratic Republic) | Zimbabwe |
| Eswatini | |
| Ethiopia | |
| Ghana | |
| Ivory Coast | |
| Kenya | |
| Madagascar | |
| Malawi | |
| Mali | |
| Mauritius | |
| Morocco | |
| Namibia | |
| Niger | |
| Nigeria | |
| Rwanda | |
| Senegal | |
| South Africa | |
| Tanzania | |
| Togo | |

96%

of member organisations
(24 out of 25) in the
region submitted data
for the 2021 census

DISCLAIMER

- The data in this report is based on responses to the annual membership census sent to World Physiotherapy's member organisations.
- In 2021 the annual membership census was sent to 125 member organisations, of which 117 responded, representing a 94% response rate. The census date was 30 June 2021.
- Some data in this report has been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
- If you have any questions or concerns, or want to make changes to your country's data, please contact membershipcensus@world.physio.