

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS

2023



**World
Physiotherapy**



AFRICA



52%

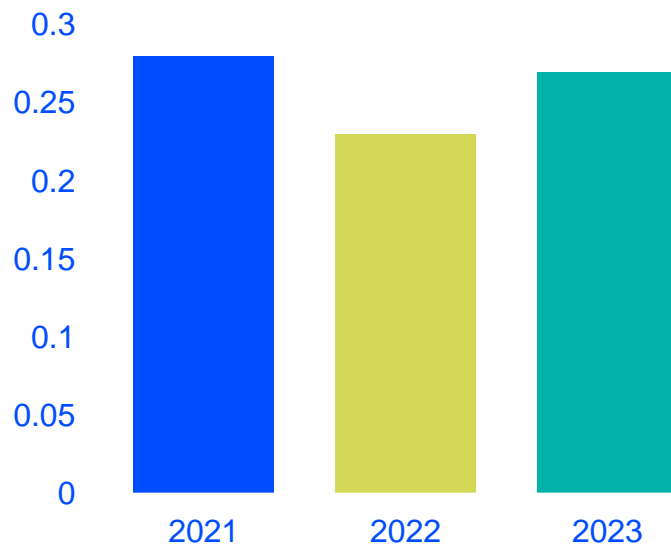
of AMC respondents in the Africa region have **increased** their **membership** during the last year

36%

of **physiotherapists** in the Africa region are **members** of their member organisation



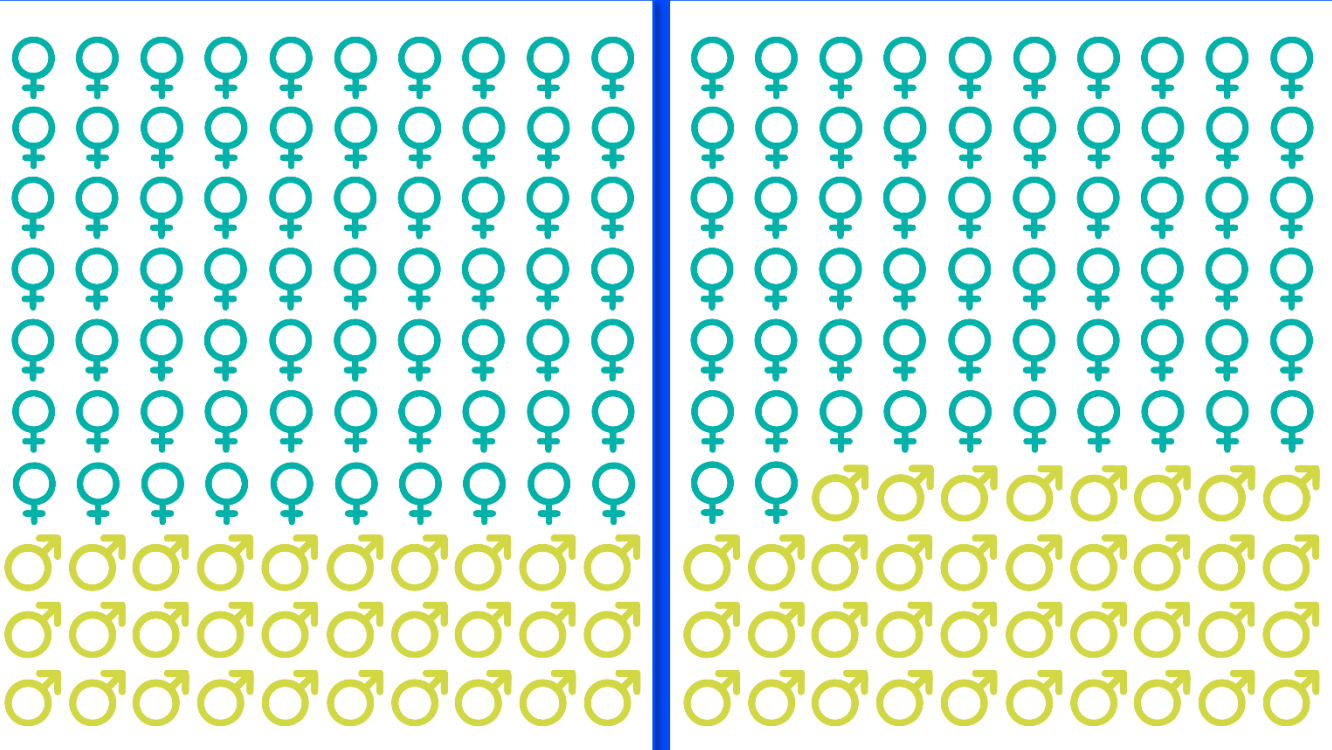
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PER 10,000
POPULATION IN THE REGION



0.27

is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the **Africa region** in 2023.

This is the **lowest ratio** across all five regions.



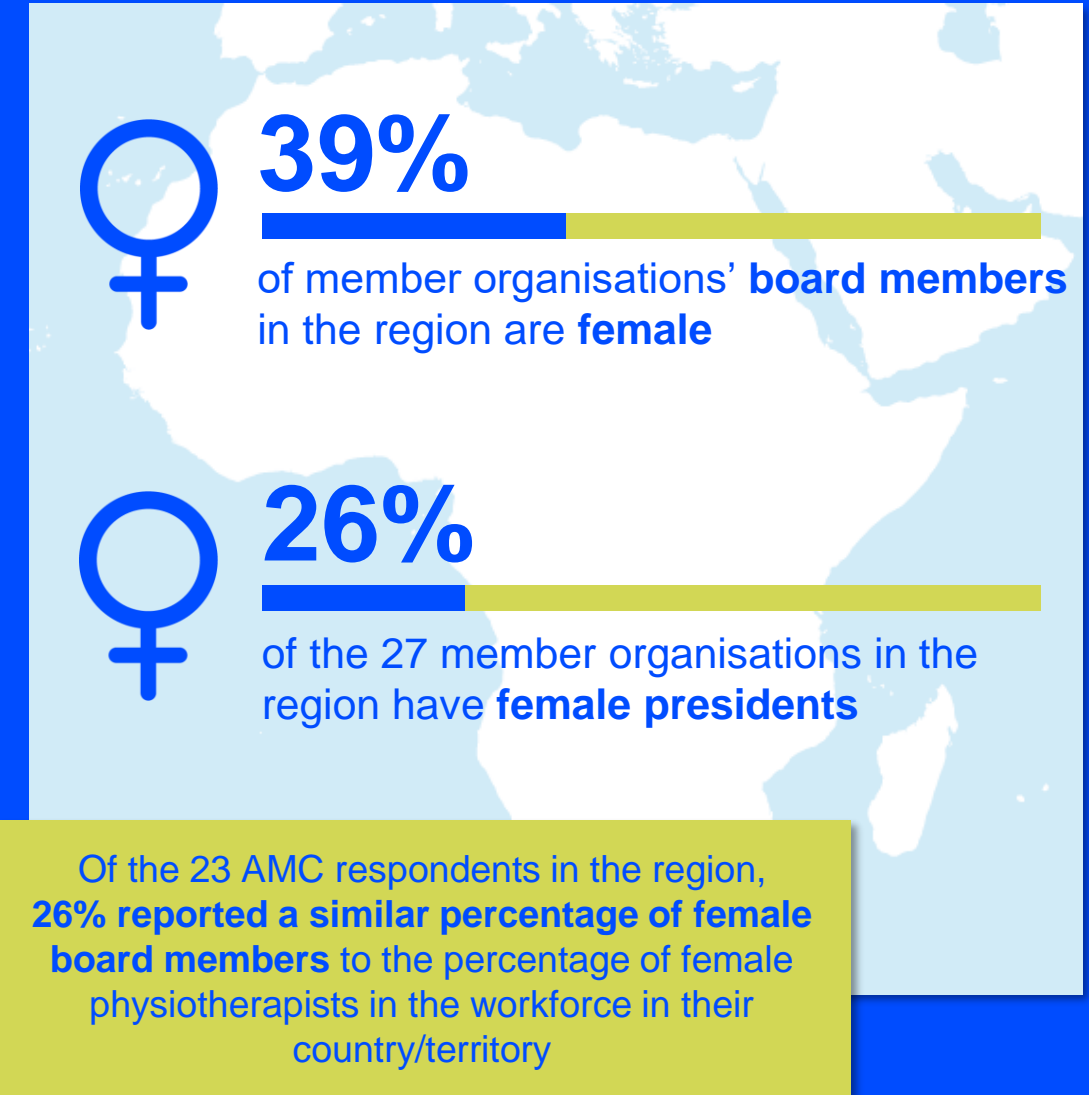
70%

of individual members in member organisations in the Africa region are female

62%

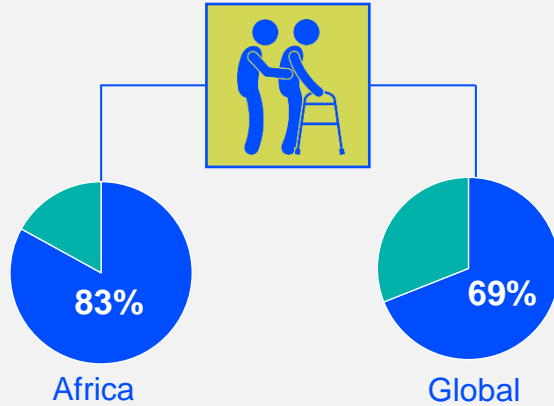
of the physiotherapy workforce in the Africa region is female

BOARD MEMBERS

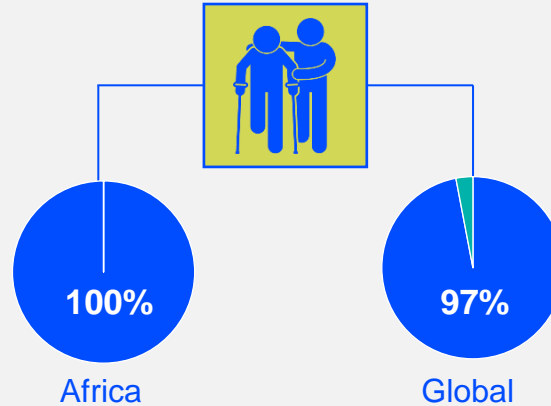




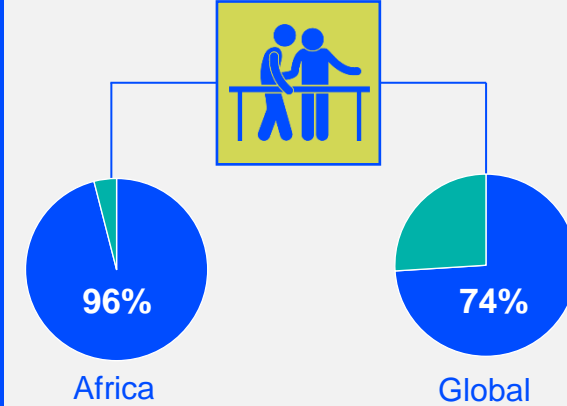
Act as first contact/ autonomous practitioners



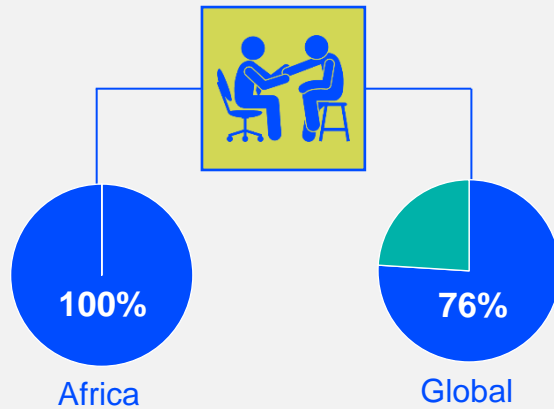
Able to assess patients/clients



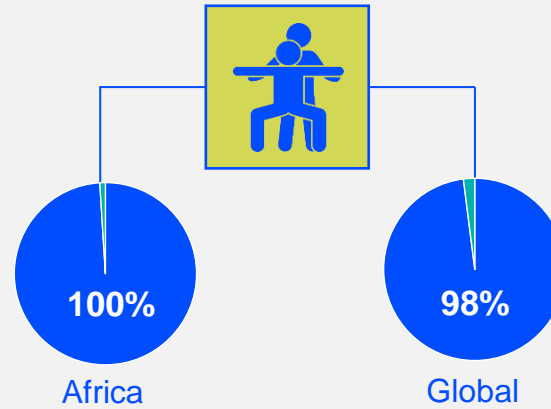
Can make a diagnosis



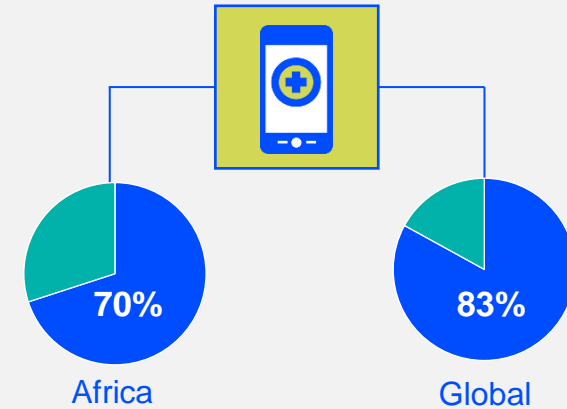
Can refer to other specialists/services



Can offer preventative advice/services



Can provide telehealth services





COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES WITH DIRECT ACCESS



59%

of countries/territories in the Africa region have **full direct access** to physiotherapy services. This is the lowest level across all five regions.



27%

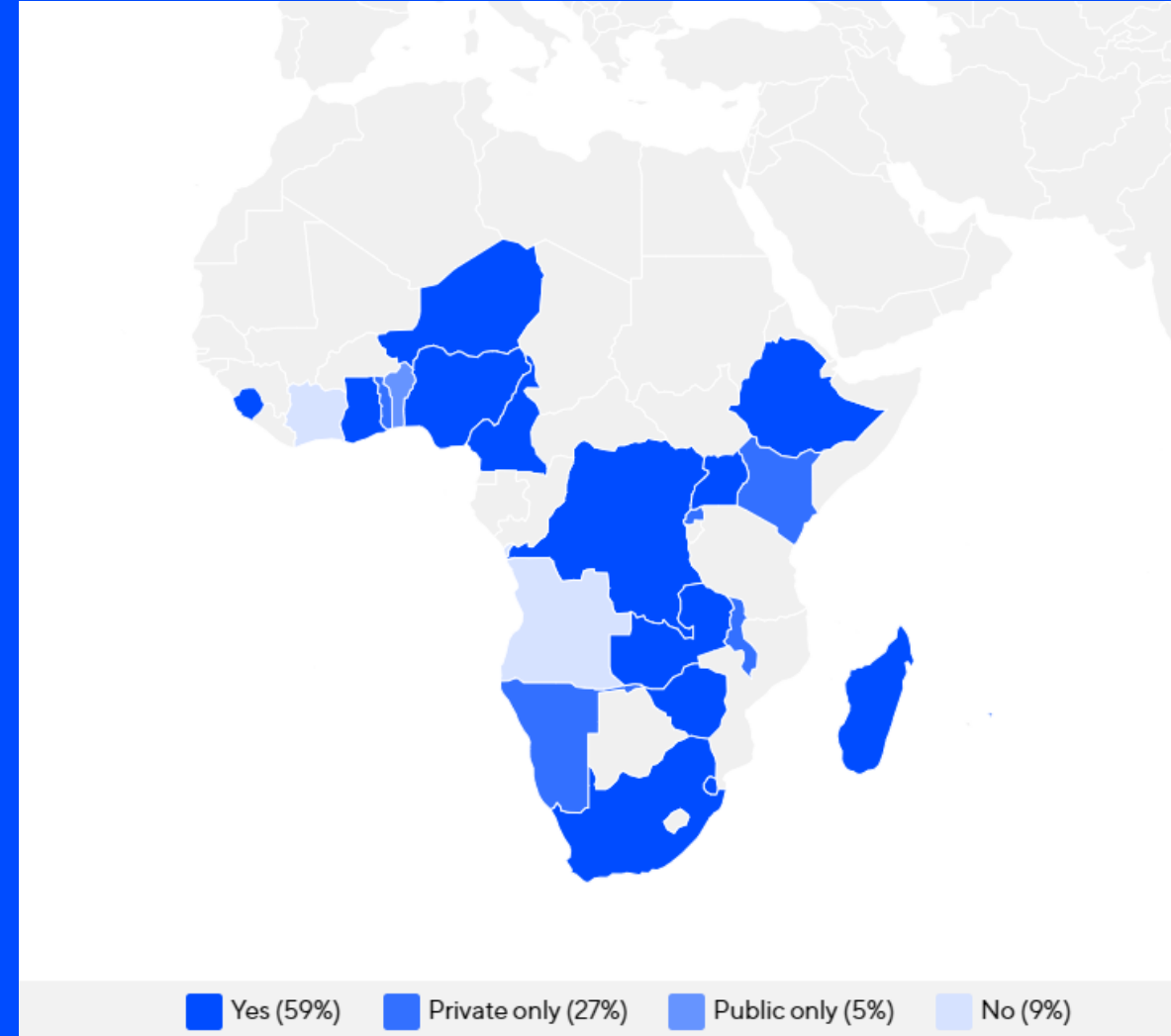
of the AMC respondents in the Africa region reported direct access only for **private physiotherapy** services.



9%

reported direct access is **not allowed** in the Africa region.

The most frequently reported **limitation to direct access** was **practice setting** (35%).



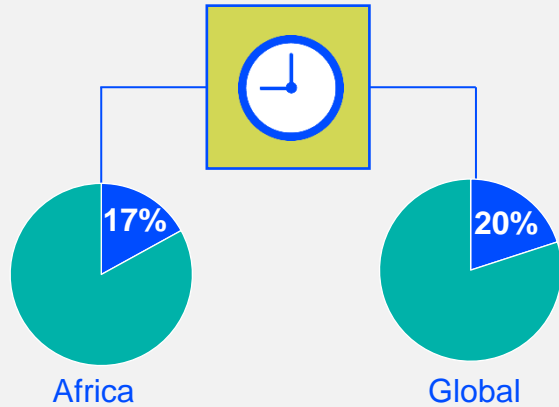


AFRICA | HEALTH EMERGENCY STRATEGIES

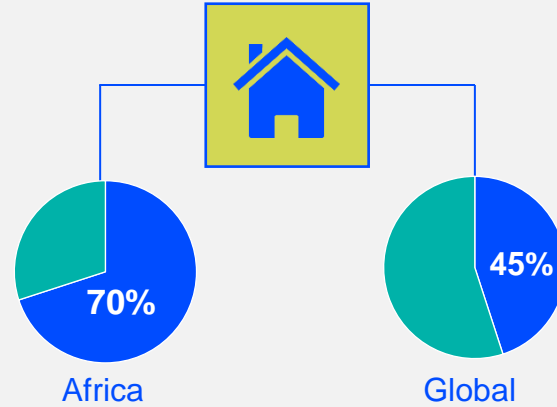
78%

of countries/
territories in the
Africa region said
they had one or
more of these
mitigation strategies
to **overcome**
physiotherapy
service
disruptions

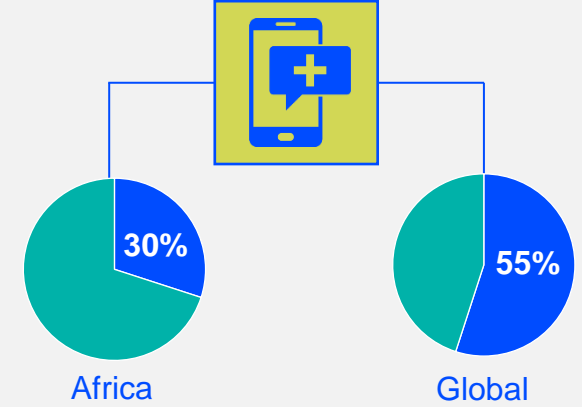
Expansion of hours



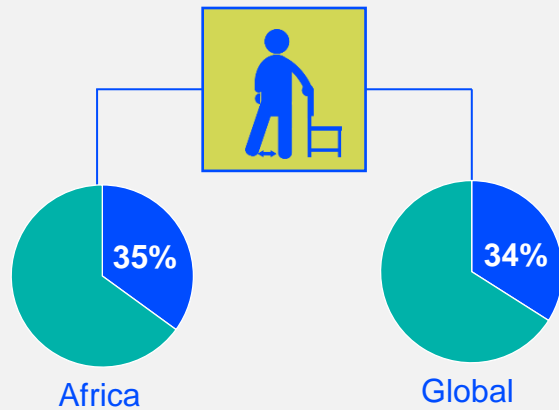
Provision of home-based care



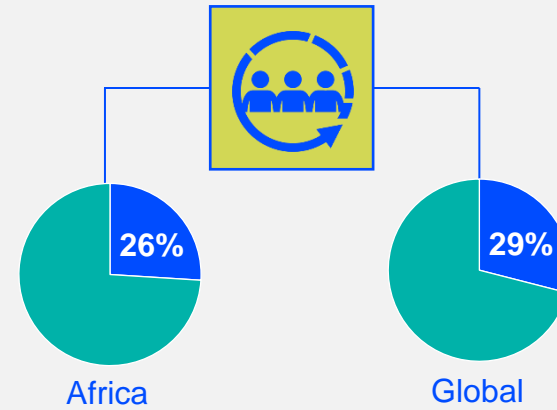
Telerehabilitation services



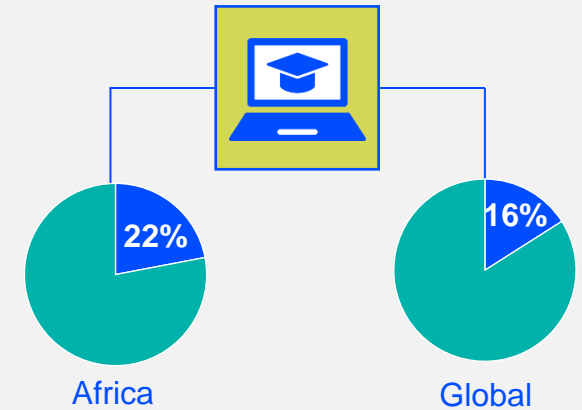
Use of self-care interventions



Redistribution of physiotherapy roles

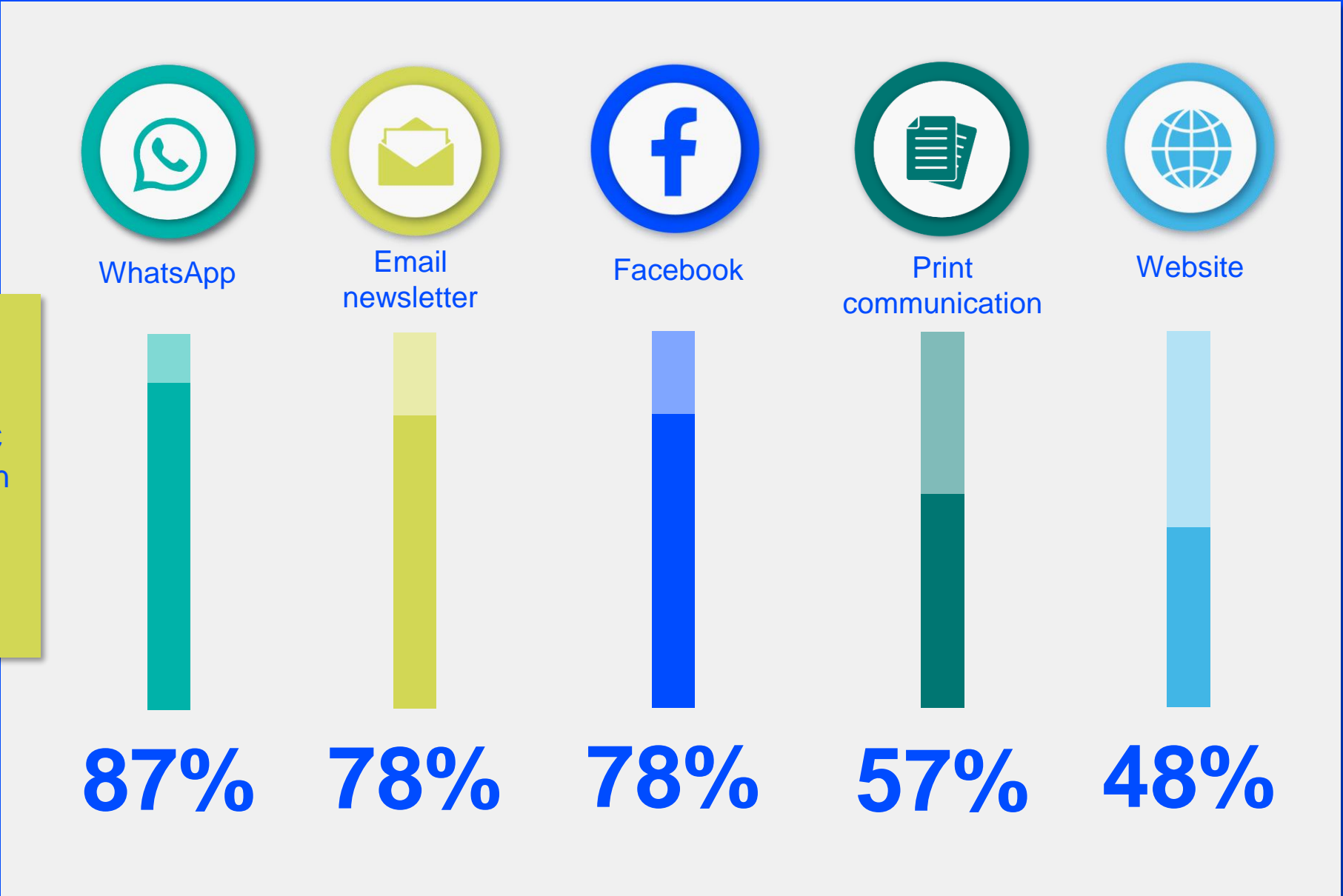


Rapid training mechanisms and job aids





The top five channels of communication used by AMC respondents in the Africa region to communicate with their members.





MADAGASCAR: CHANGE IN THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIRED TO PRACTICE

The **Association of Physiotherapists of Madagascar/Association des Kinésithérapeutes de Madagascar** successfully advocated to change the minimum qualification required to become a physiotherapist, from a diploma to a bachelor's degree. The association worked with the ministry of public health and the education authorities to achieve this change in the requirement to practice as a physiotherapist in Madagascar. The campaign also resulted in the creation of a postgraduate master's qualification in research.





Africa region	
Angola	Namibia
Benin	Niger
Cameroon	Nigeria
Congo (Democratic Republic)	Rwanda
Eswatini	Sierra Leone
Ethiopia	South Africa
Ghana	Sudan
Ivory Coast	Togo
Kenya	Uganda
Madagascar	Zambia
Malawi	Zimbabwe
Mauritius	

85%
of member organisations
(23 out of 27) in the
region submitted data
for the annual
membership census in
2023

DISCLAIMER

- The data in this report is based on responses to the annual membership census (AMC) sent to World Physiotherapy’s member organisations.
- The AMC was sent to 127 member organisations, of which 119 responded, representing a 93.7% response rate. This is consistent with previous years’ response rates and demonstrates strong engagement between World Physiotherapy and its member organisations. The census date was 30 June 2023.
- 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 the data for your country/territory, please contact membershipcensus@world.physio.