

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS

# 2023



World  
Physiotherapy



# AFRICA



52%

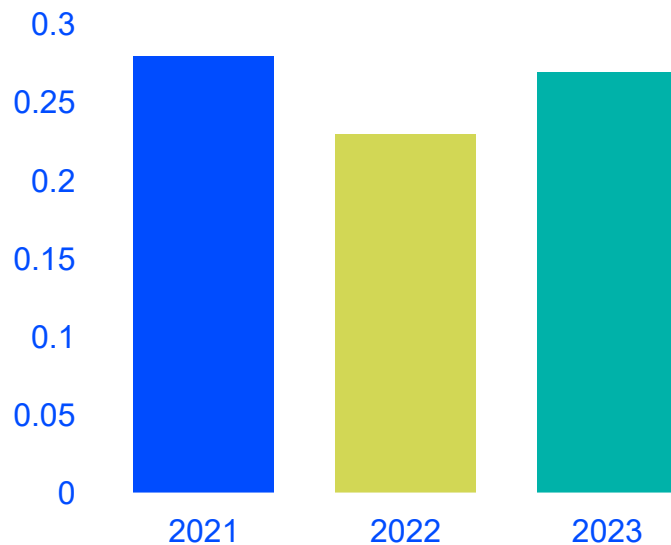
of AMC respondents in the Africa region have **increased** their **membership** during the last year

36%

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



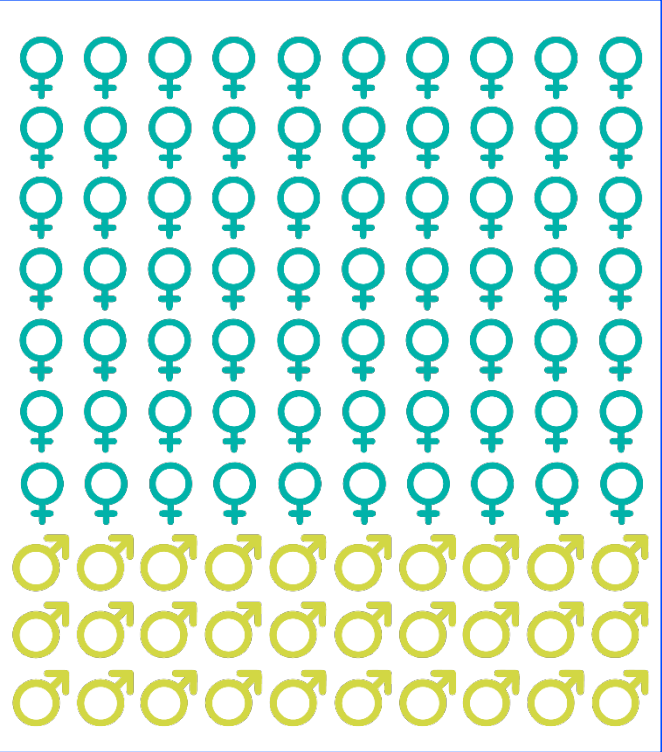
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION IN THE REGION



0.27

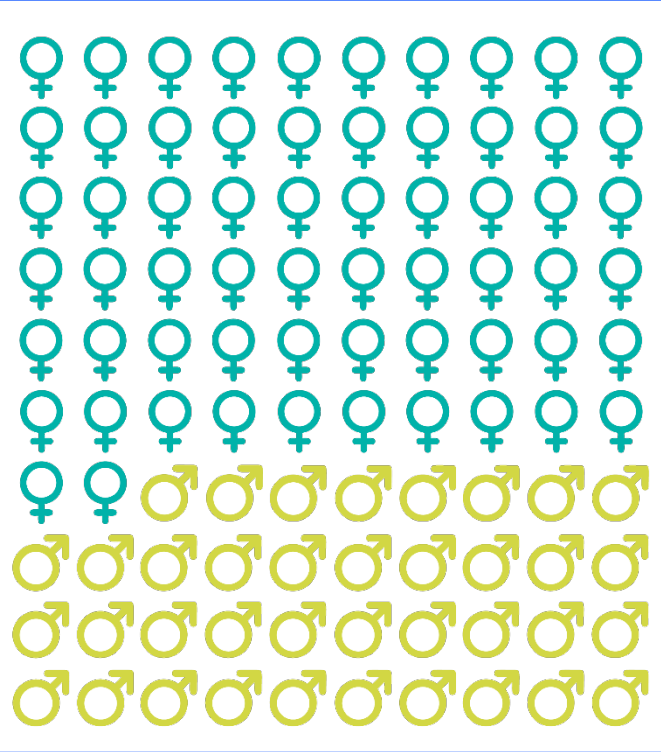
is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the **Africa region** in 2023.

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



70%

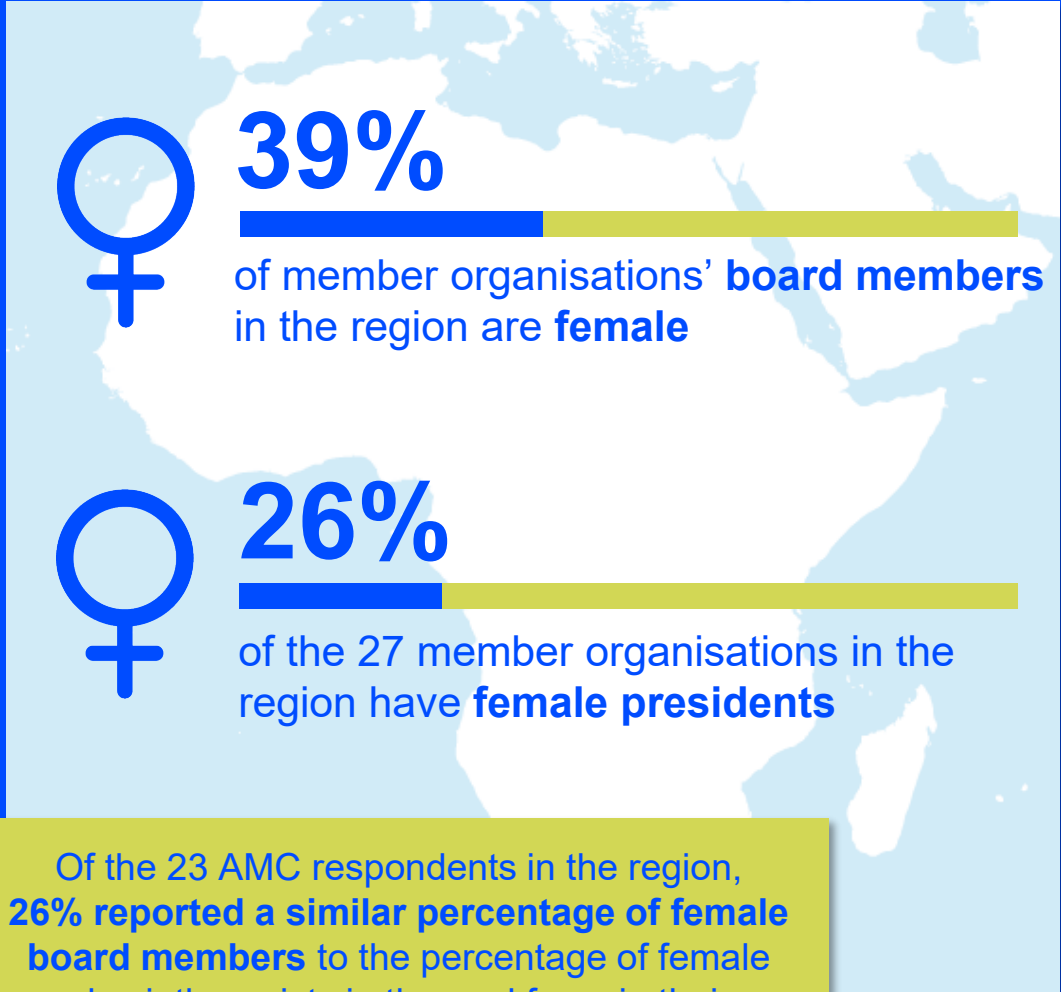
of individual members in member organisations in the Africa region are female



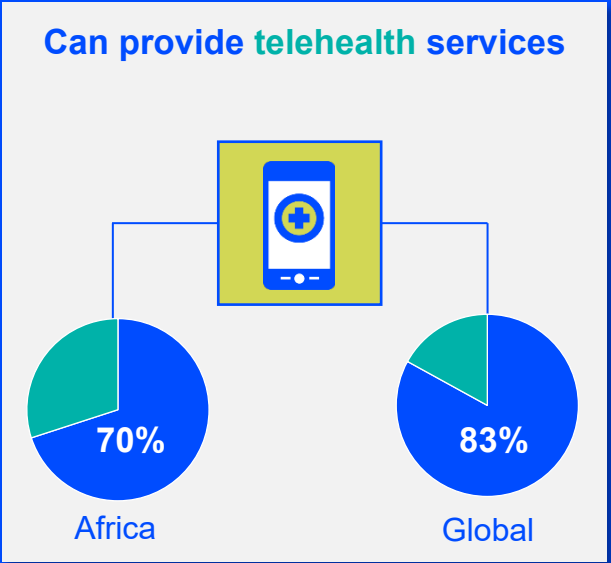
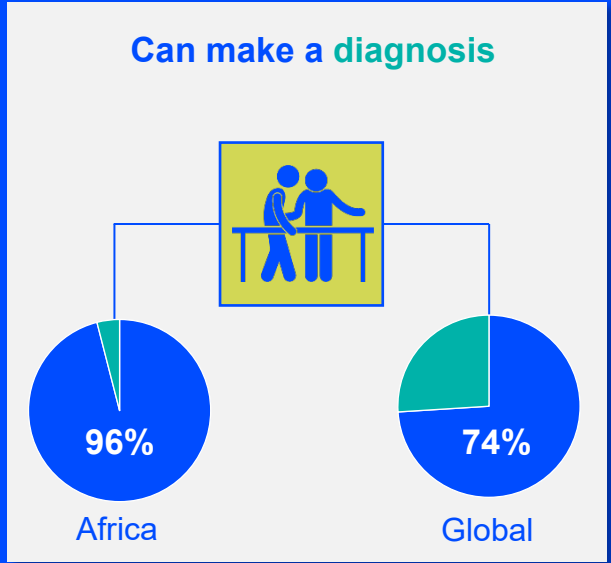
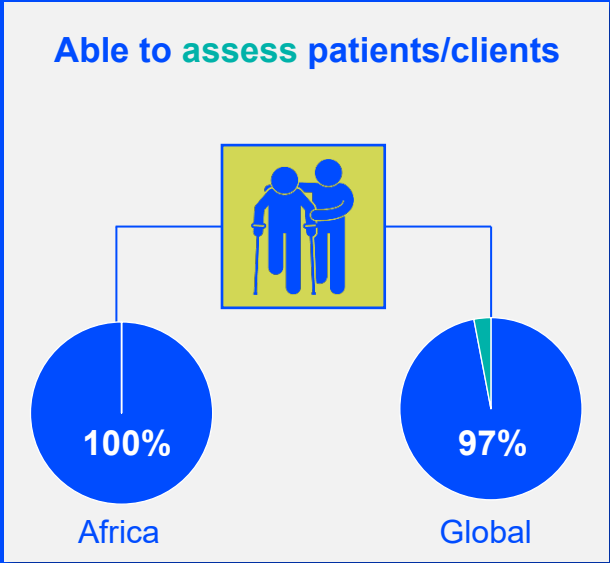
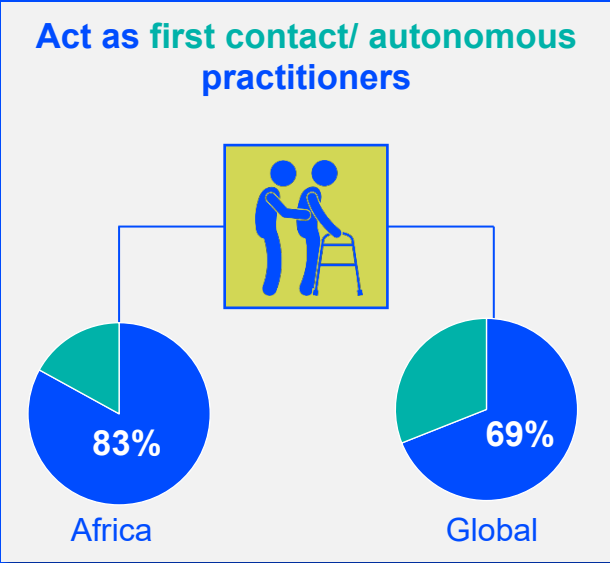
62%

of the physiotherapy workforce in the Africa region is female

BOARD MEMBERS



Of the 23 AMC respondents in the region, 26% reported a similar percentage of female board members to the percentage of female physiotherapists in the workforce in their country/territory





## COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES WITH DIRECT ACCESS



**59%**

of countries/territories in the Africa region have **full direct access** to physiotherapy services.



**27%**

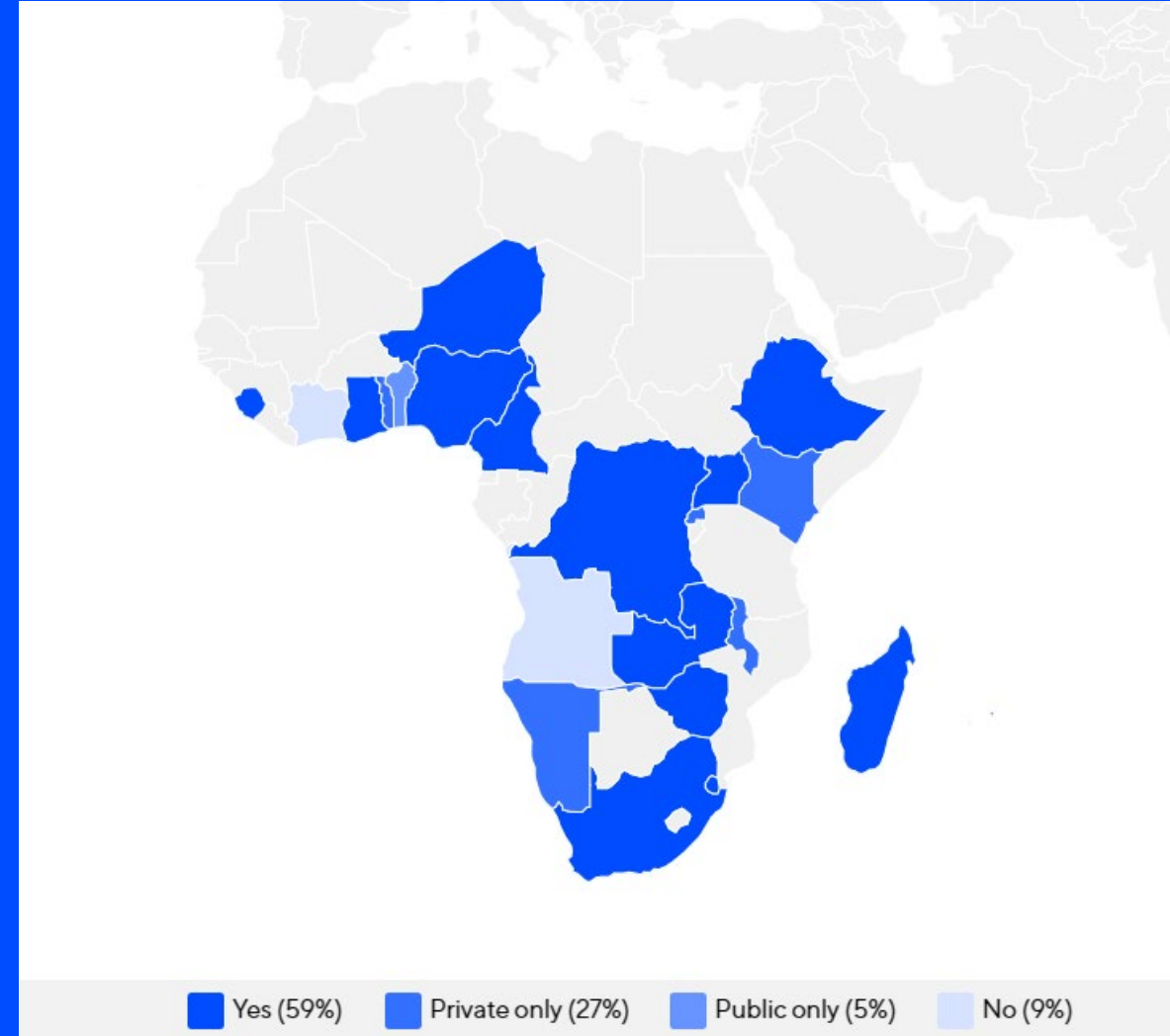
of the AMC respondents in the Africa region reported direct access only for **private physiotherapy** services.



**9%**

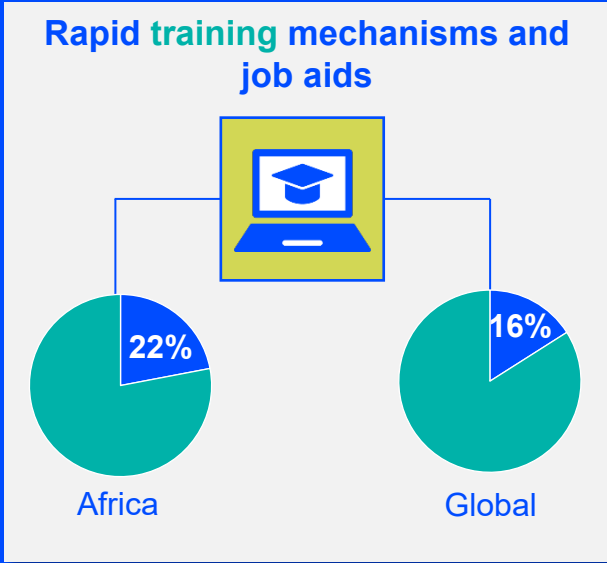
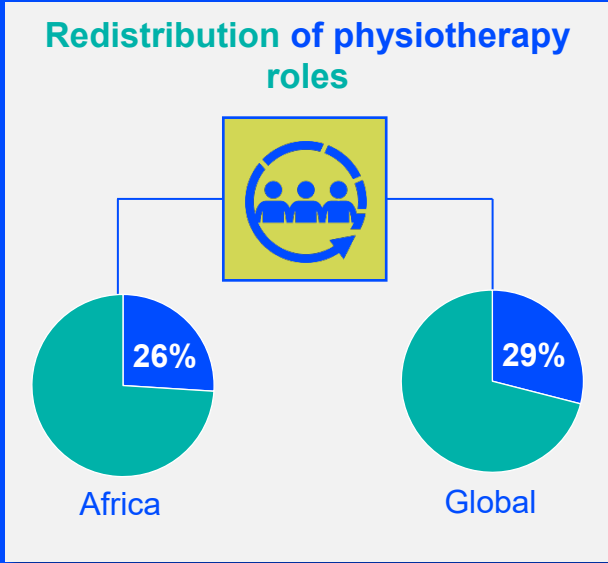
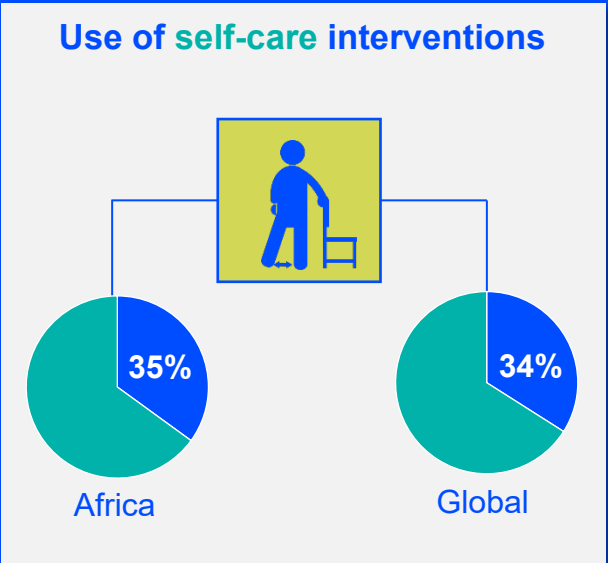
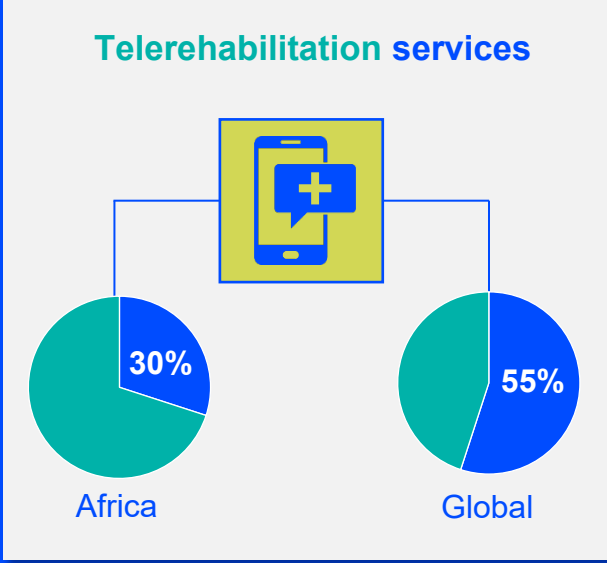
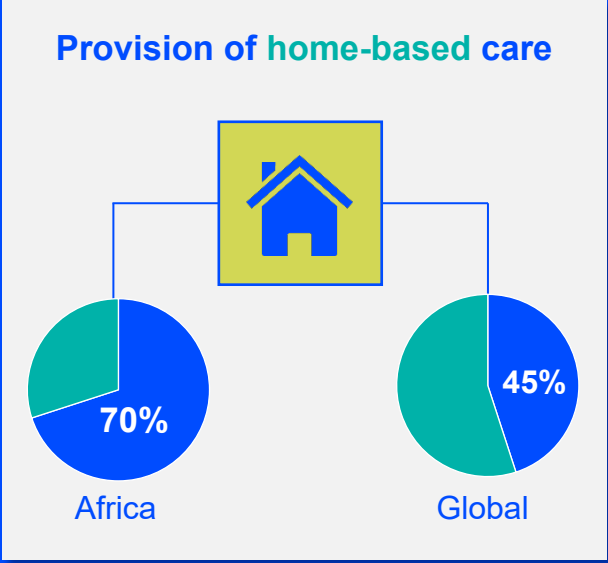
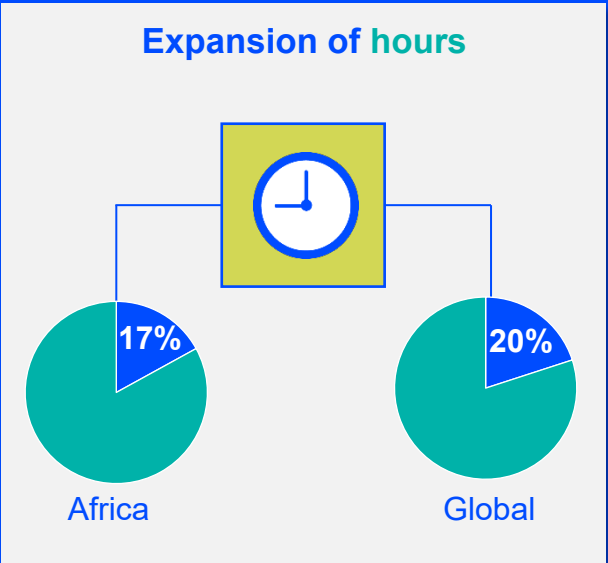
reported direct access is **not allowed** in the Africa region.

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



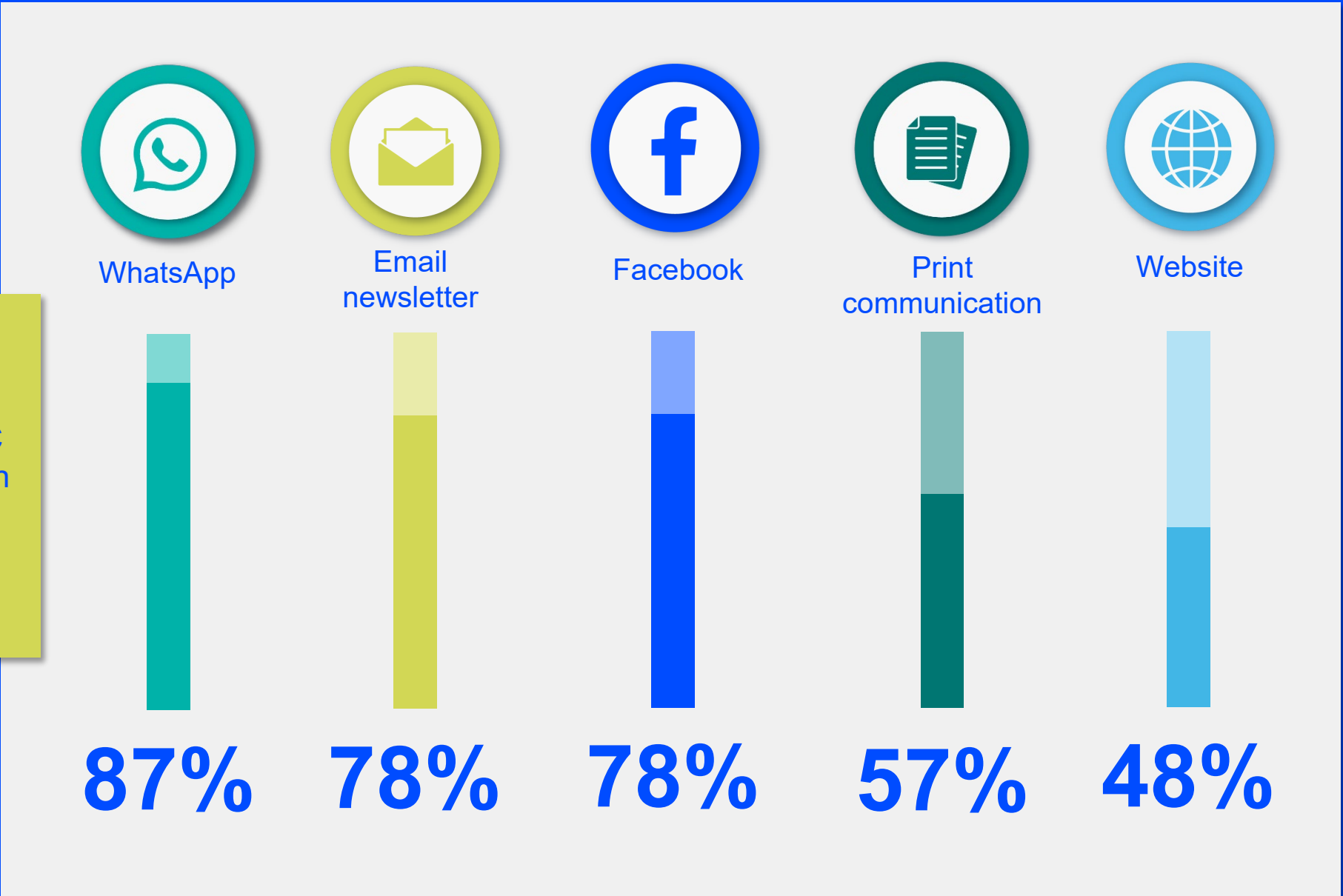


**78%**  
of countries/  
territories in the  
Africa region said  
they had one or  
more of these  
mitigation strategies  
to **overcome**  
**physiotherapy**  
**service**  
**disruptions**





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.
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