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WE CAN- A CAMPAIGN A WOMEN FORESTERS IN MONGOLIA

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Content:

- Background – Mongolia
- Current status of women's role in the forestry sector in Mongolia
- Campaign on partnership activities in 2023-2024
- Results of questionnaire survey across women in forest sector
- Further steps and cooperation





1st Great Khan of the Mongol Empire



- 1.564.116 square kilometres
- 3.48 mill. population
- 30% of the population is nomadic
- 50% live in city
- The national capital-Ulaanbaatar
- Government Type – Parliamentary
- 66.6 mill. livestock
- Forest - 18.6 mill. ha

- Mean annual air temp. **2.46° C** (83 years) ↑
- Land degradation and desertification **76.9 %** ↑
- Sum annual precip. **2.5%** (83 years) ↓





CURRENT STATUS OF WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE FORESTRY SECTOR



- 2011 GENDER Equity law

- 2014 Environmental Sector Gender Strategy (2014-2030 (50:50))

International organizations UNDF, GIZ , FAO ...

National Association of Mongolian Forestry Professionals (21 Branch associations)

Forests, Sustainability, Women Association

Environmental and development Jasiil Association (2018)



Монгол Улсын хүн амын өсөлт сүүлийн
долоон жилд 7,44%иар өсчээ

At the policy decision making level

- In international level: Women active participation an average - 24%
- In Mongolia: Around 10-15%, max – 17% (2020).
Woman - 51 % from total population



- Forest agency 48:57 (heads 1:2)
- Students 80% < Women
- Environmental sector medium level female and male sex ratio 45:55
- At the Ministry of Environment 30:70
- Leading and manager level - 8:92 ←
- 1106 Forest user groups (40-57):60
- Wood industry sector 28:72





CAMPAIGN ON PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES IN 2023-2024



“Forest, Sustainability and Woman” Training-seminar

(60 participants, 42% of them from local remote area
02. Nov. 2023. Ulaanbaatar)





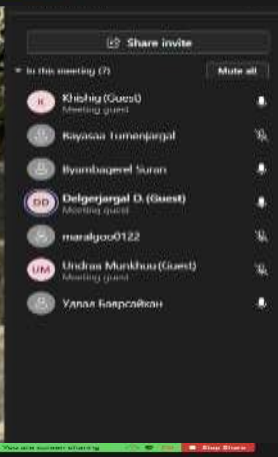
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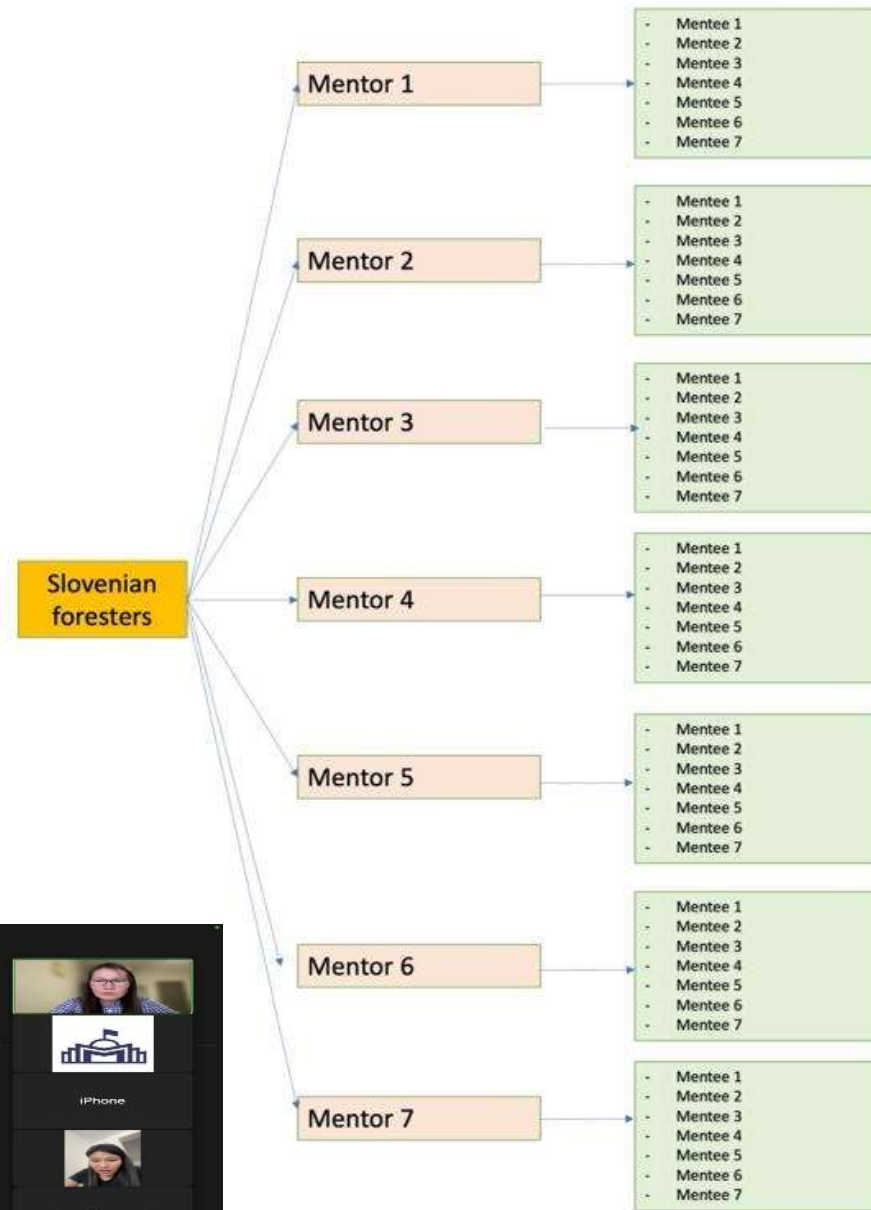
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2023.12-02.2024
Online Mentoring
Program (1.5 months)



Training – seminar: IMPROVE WOMEN’S CAPACITY BUILDING IN FOREST SECTOR



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Seminar training: “FOREST AND INNOVATION”

- Arkhangai Tsetserleg
- Zavkhan Tosontsengel
- Khuvsgul Murun
- Selenge Darkhan



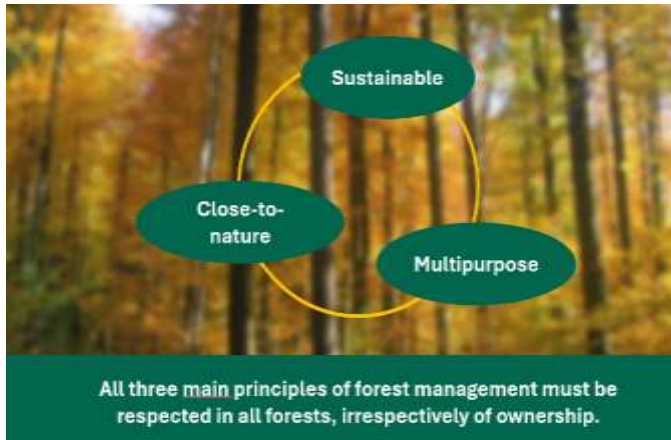
Close to nature forest management and reforestation

Good practices and lessons learned from Slovenia

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Slovenian Forestry Institute, Slovenia Forest Service

Tsetserleg City, Arkhangai Aimag, Mongolia, 23. 5. 2024





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Dr. Natasha Pirc Musar
Mongolian Minister of
Foreign Affairs D. Battsetseg
Mongolian Minister of
Environment S. Odontuya





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FORESTS,
SUSTAINABILITY. WOMEN

**"INVOLVEMENT OF
LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN
REACHING
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS"**

**SIDE EVENT
World Women's
Forum**





-  **T1: Develop knowledge on the status quo of women in forestry sector and to make a solid basis from existing knowledge and good practice examples.**
-  **T1: Collection of needs of women in forestry and active participation of different stakeholders along the wood chains**
-  **T2: Innovation roadmap and Action plans**
-  **T2: Policy framework, Voice to public**
-  **T3: Transnational, National Awareness Raising Campaign Model**
-  **T3: Training and mentoring program**
-  **T4: Pilot activities in all LEVEL**

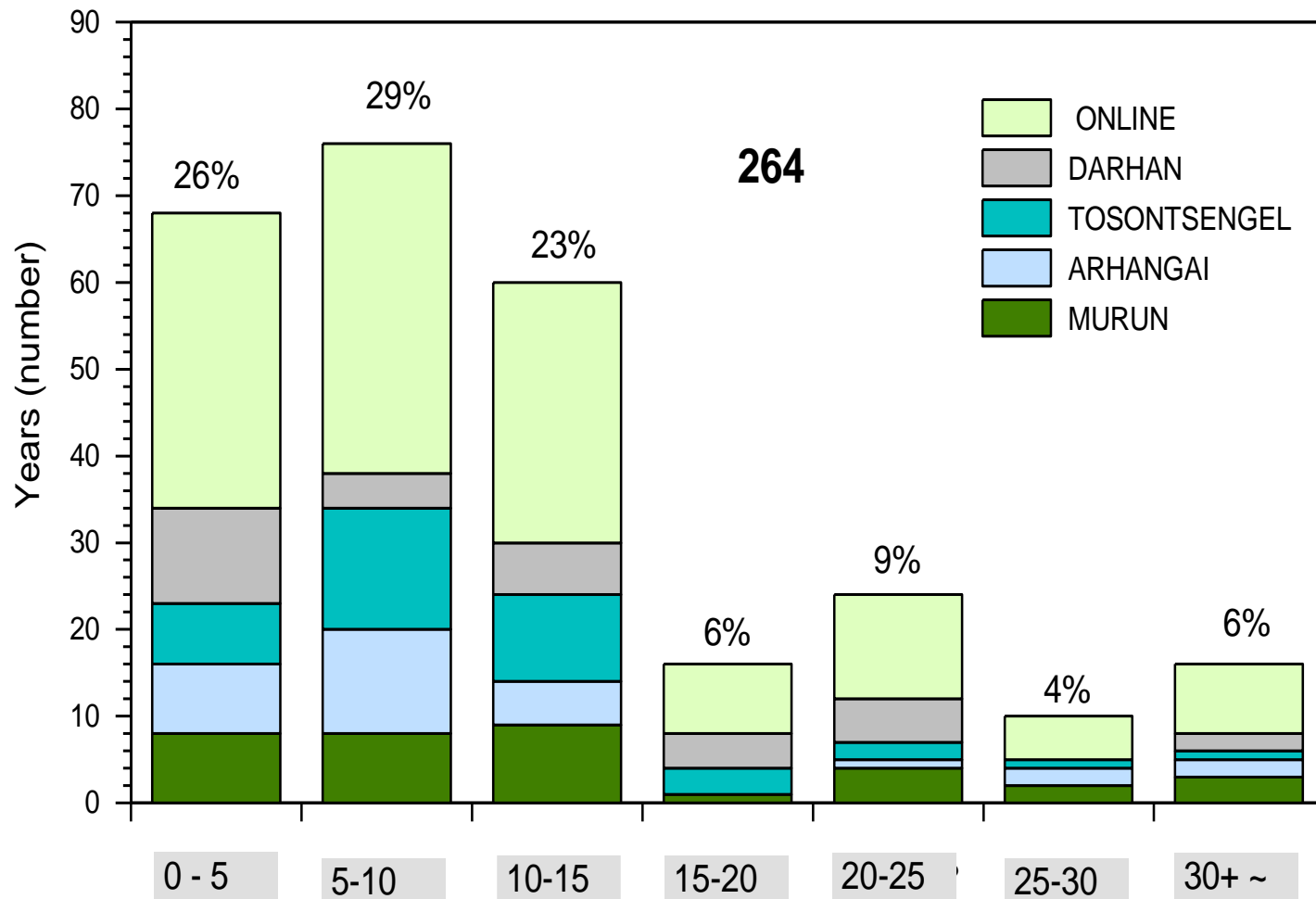
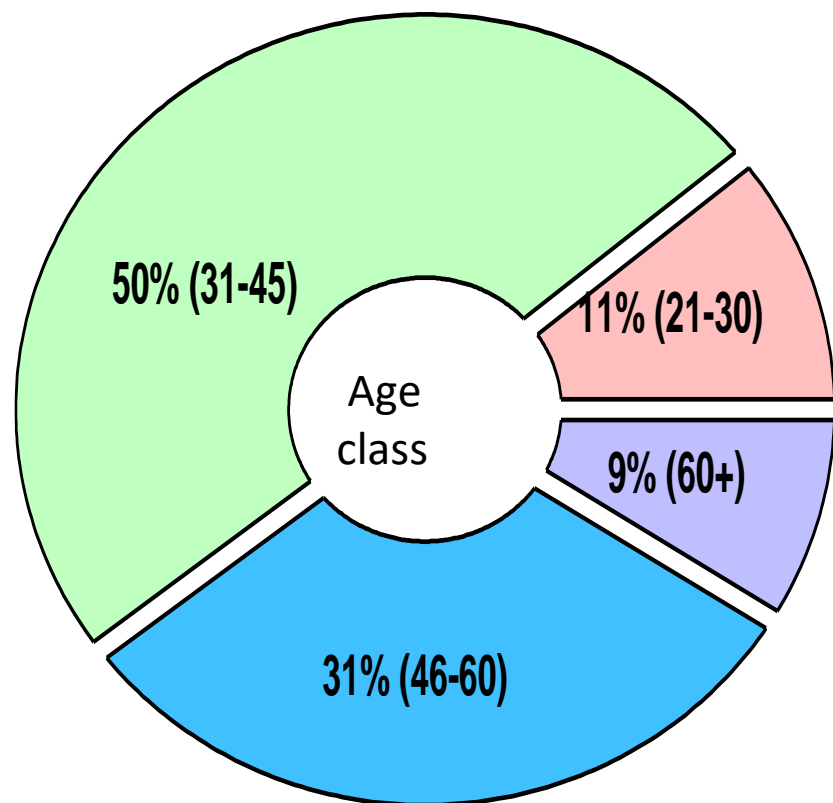
**METHODOLOGY TO ACHIEVE
CHANGES**



**RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY ACROSS
WOMEN IN FOREST SECTOR
(280: 144 ONLINE+138 LOCAL LEVEL)**

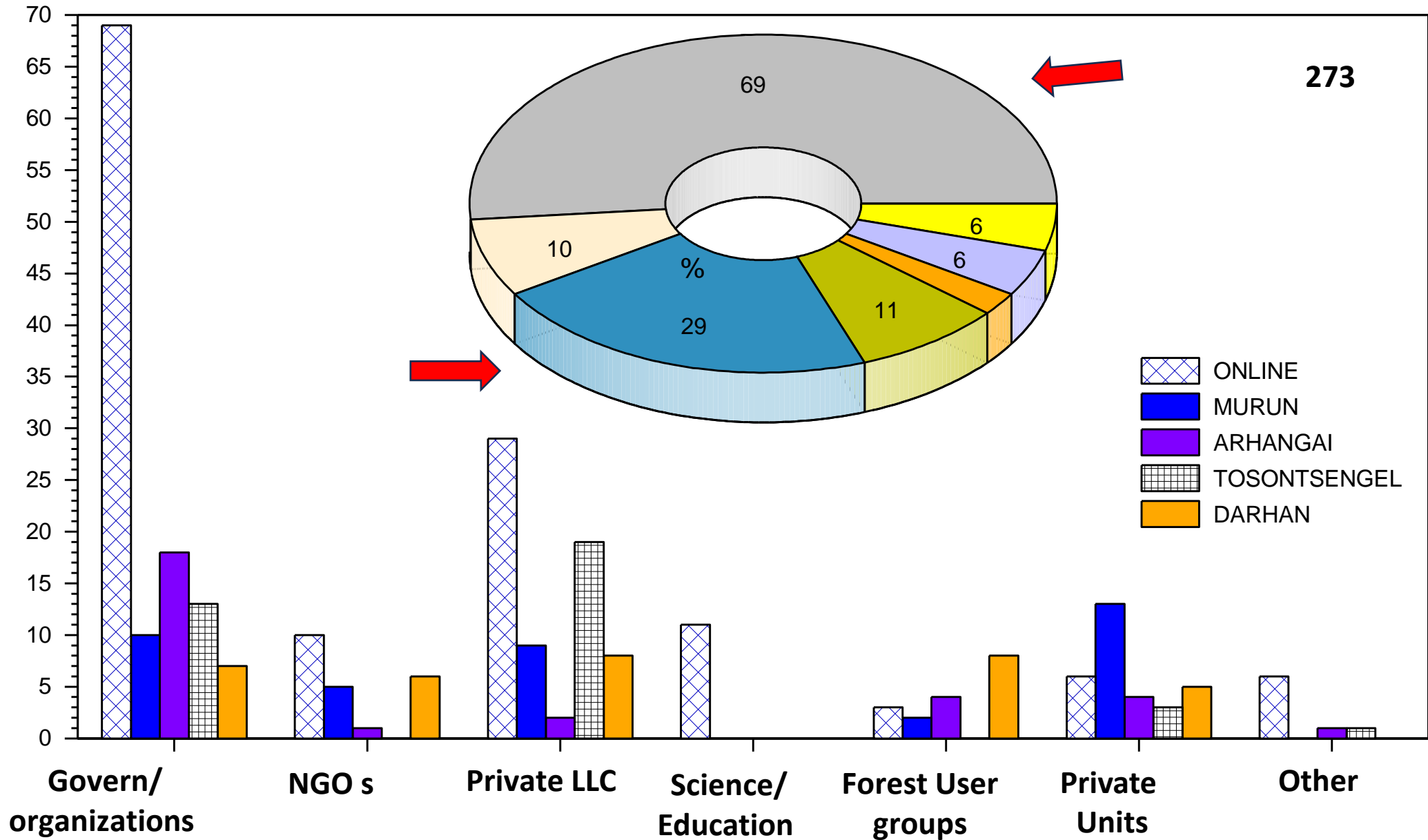


Participants age class and work experiences:

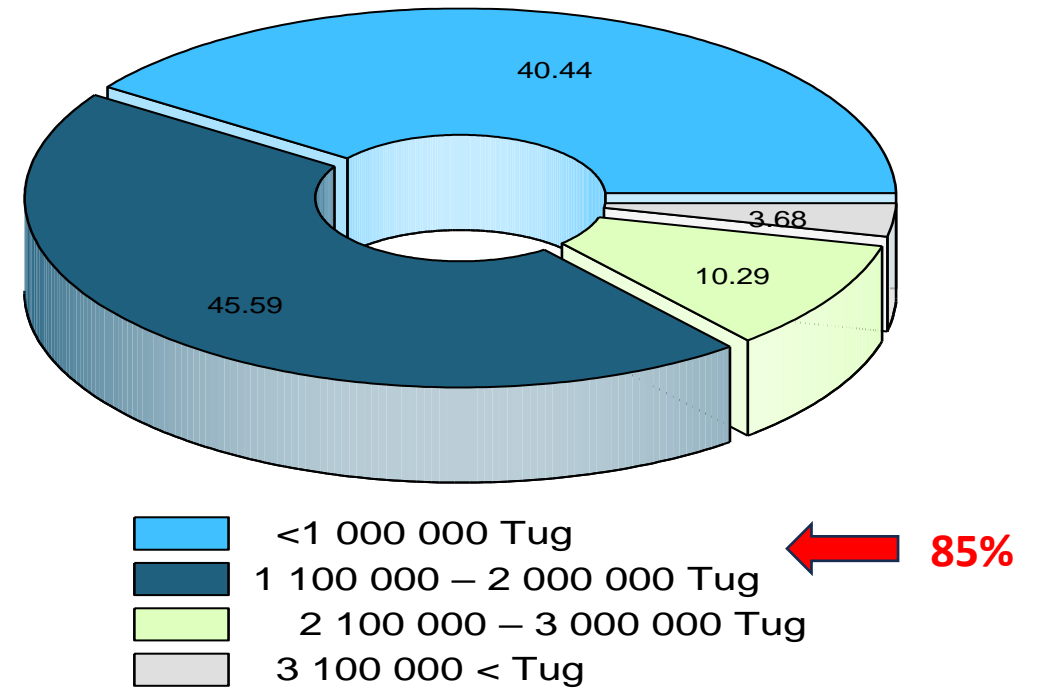
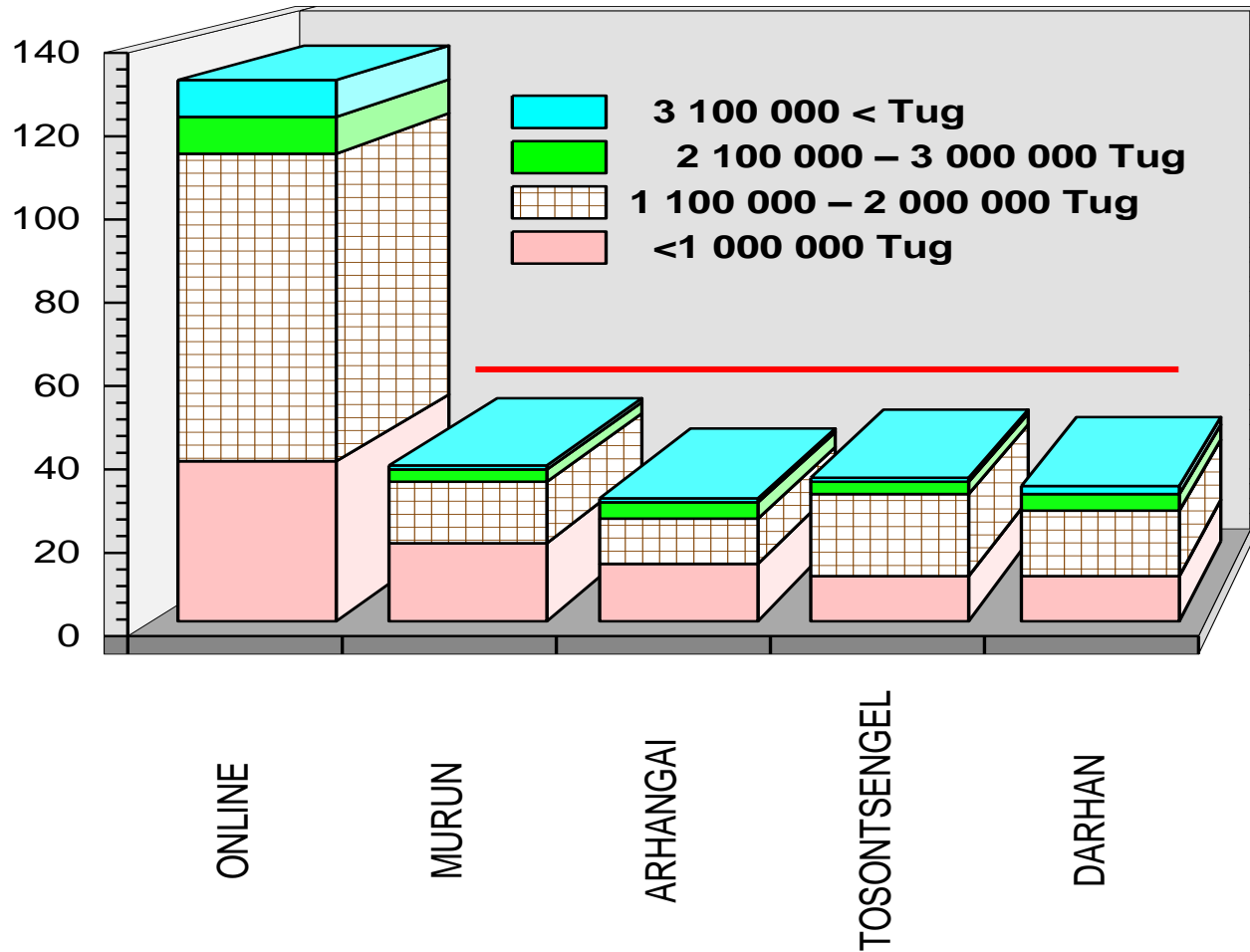


Community-based forestry is one sub-sector in which women are making the most significant impact. Women are taking the lead in encouraging local people to participate in forest protection and management, as they are a very essential part of society. Additionally, women play a critical role in the equitable distribution of forest resource benefits.

Respondents' occupational jurisdiction:

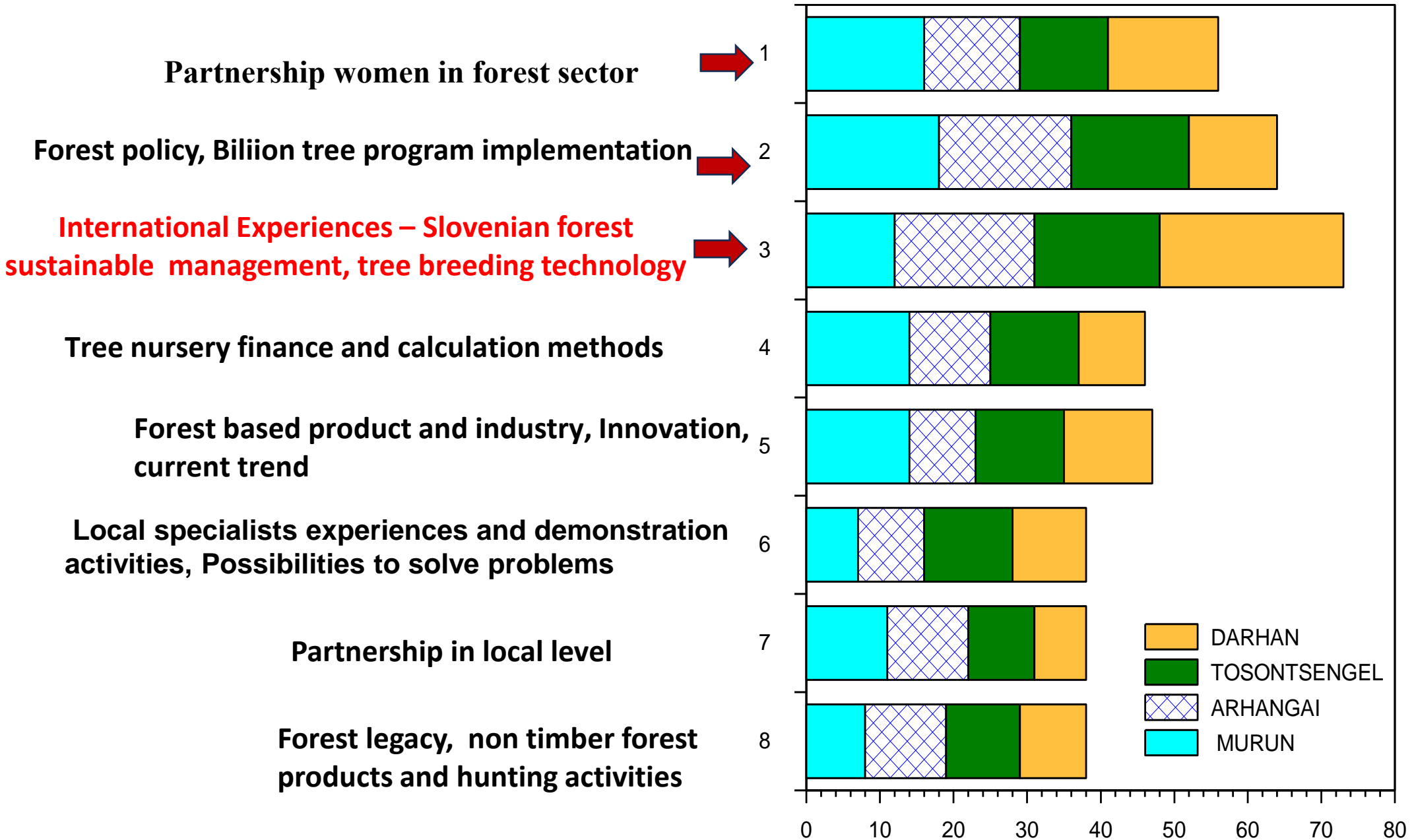


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From local training-seminars most important and valuable topic ?



What initial efforts should be implemented to improve the capacity-building of women in the forestry and wood industry sector?

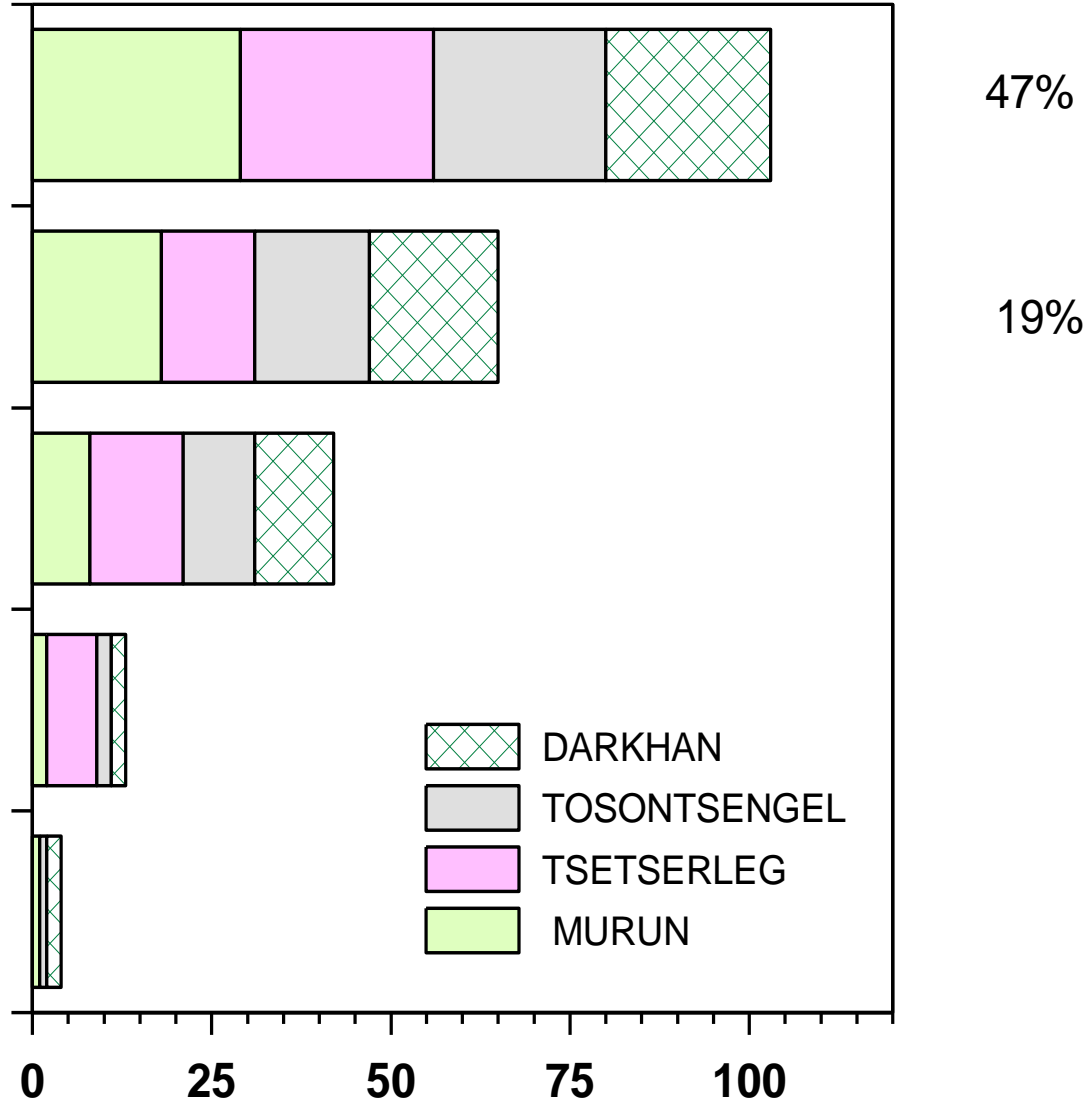
Improve Professional Capacity Building

Improve Business and Entrepreneurial Skills

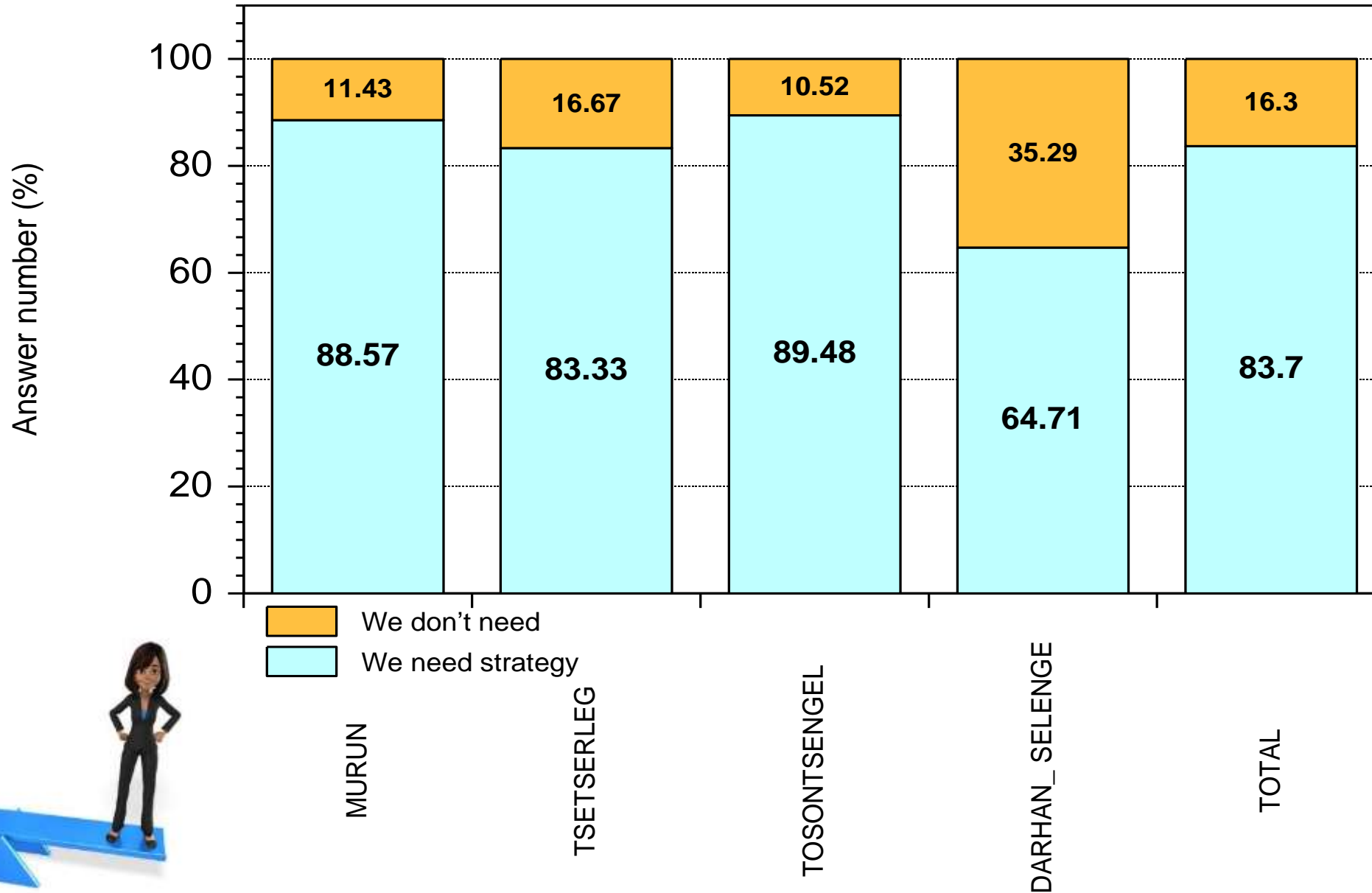
Promote Leadership

Language skills

Other



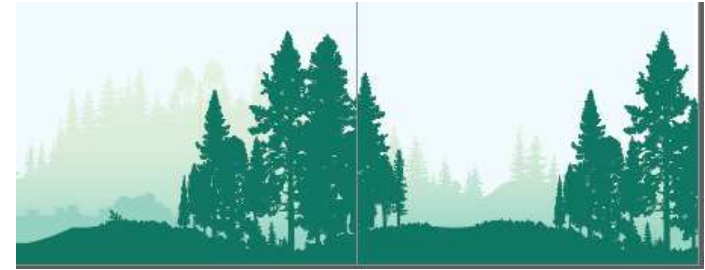
Do we need a specialized gender strategy?





FURTHER STEPS AND COOPERATION INTEREST





- ❑ To develop partnerships and networks
- ❑ Education and awareness-raising
- ❑ Promoting women's leadership
- ❑ Supporting grassroots movements
- ❑ Bringing the voice to the masses-Policy recommendations

At all levels:
✓ Local
✓ Regional
✓ **International**



CONCLUDING REMARK

- ❑ It is time to promote the women to gain a professional foothold in the forest sector. Women bring enormous contribution to forestry that will increase the sector's competitiveness and play a stronger role in climate change mitigation and adaptation.**
- ❑ We can - a campaign of women foresters in Mongolia. Around 500 women foresters gaining and developed network through "Forest, Sustainability, Women" association. It is first campaign in Mongolia – now other environmental sectors follow us.**
- ❑ We are very often underestimated. We need inclusive understandings of equality and partnerships to co-create social-ecological networks. It is not a feminist movement but simply a way to make women in forestry more visible and better connected.**

WOMEN FORESTERS – STRONGER TOGETHER

Thank you very much

