



2025 Annual Member Survey Results

We asked and you answered! Here are some of the key things we learned.

In January 2026, ECDAN sent out an online survey to gather feedback on the network's performance over the past year and solicit input on what could be improved moving forward. As part of our 2024–2028 strategy, we are committed to repeating the survey annually to observe trends and be responsive to feedback. 315 people completed this year's survey. This was a considerable increase in responses from 2024, and we are grateful for the engagement! Overall, most of the trends were consistent with notable improvements in some areas.

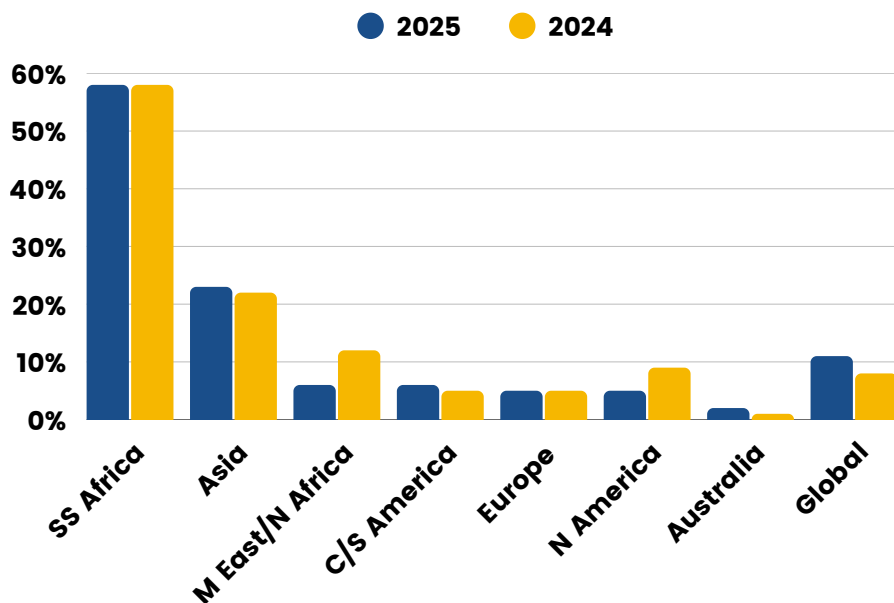
Who responded?

31% of respondents reported being affiliated with a local civil society organization and 20% reported working for an academic institution.

This was followed by affiliation with an international nongovernmental organization (18%), government agency (11%), private sector (9%), and network (5%). The majority of respondents (59%) identified as being a **participant** in ECDAN's offerings—attending webinars, receiving newsletters, accessing resources, etc.—not actively collaborating or co-creating strategy. 34% were quite familiar with ECDAN's strategy, an increase of 9% compared to 2024.



Work Regions - Comparative



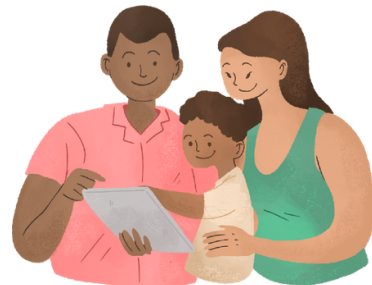
Respondents reside in 74 different countries, a significant increase from 51 in 2024.

The majority of respondents both reside (61%) and work (58%) in Sub-Saharan Africa. The next most common region to live and work in was Asia (15% and 23% respectively). 11% reported working at the global level. The top countries of residence were Tanzania (9%), Kenya (9%), Nigeria (7%), Ethiopia (6%), Sierra Leone (5%), and the United States (5%). This is similar to the year prior.

What did they report?

The top two issue areas that respondents saw the network prioritize in 2025 were **childcare (76%)** and **parent/caregiver support (61%)**.

This was consistent with 2024, however, **financing for ECD** ranked higher than in the past, being mentioned by 47% of respondents. **Climate change** was also mentioned by more respondents (36%) than the year prior. The top issues that respondents expressed they would like ECDAN to prioritize in 2026 can be categorized as **climate change and crisis response**, **mental health**, **financing for ECD**, and **systems strengthening**.

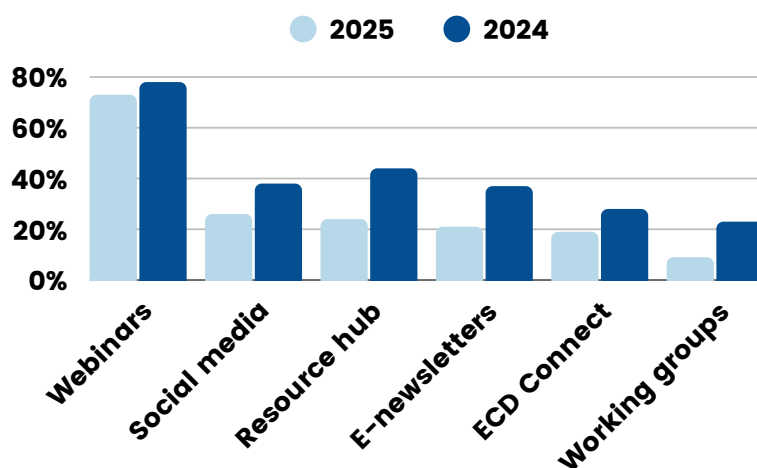


“Knowledge from webinars directly informed our systems mapping and helped us redesign interventions for sustainability and scale.”

73% reported webinars as the knowledge sharing platform they benefited from most.

This was followed by social media posts, resources on the website, and newsletters. 49% of respondents reported applying knowledge gained from ECDAN platforms in some way, consistent with 2024. 32% said they or their organization contributed resources or expertise to the network either “several times” or “frequently,” an increase from 2024. 74% of respondents reported using ECDAN platforms “frequently” or “often,” consistent with the year prior.

Most beneficial knowledge platform - Comparative



“The biggest impact has been gaining a systems perspective—seeing ECD as part of a broader ecosystem rather than discrete projects.”



83% of respondents reported that ECDAN adds value to them and/or their organization at a moderate or high level.

78% said they see a role for their organization within ECDAN and are committed to dedicating time and resources to the network either “definitely” or “likely.” Both of these were increases compared to 2024. The proportion of respondents aware of or engaged in the network’s advocacy activities also increased from 48% to 56%.

The descriptions of the biggest impact that members received from participating in the network converged around three main themes: **1) deeper understanding of ECD**, **2) heightened sense of connection and belonging**, and **3) enhanced credibility with governments, donors, and partners**.