

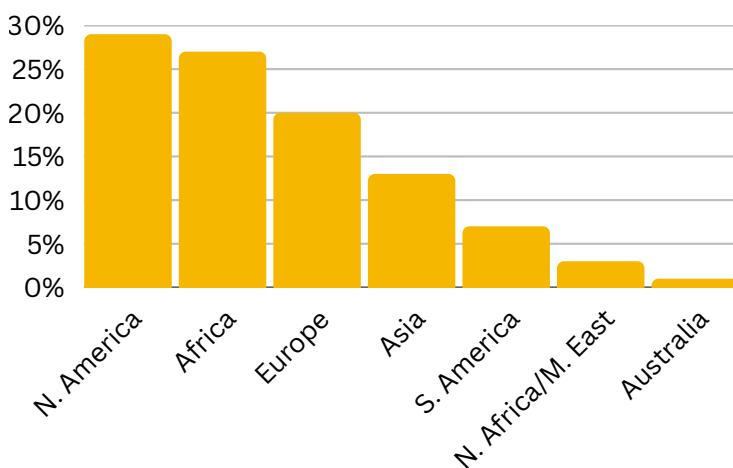
2025 Network Partner Report

2025 was a year of unprecedented challenges to the international development sector with sudden funding cuts that exacerbated existing downward trends in funding for the early years. A few dozen ECDAN partners closed or merged and many reduced their size. Yet amidst this backdrop, organizations continued to engage in network activities and benefited from the solidarity and support that the community provides. This report shares some insights about the 349 organizational partners that made up the network at the end of 2025.

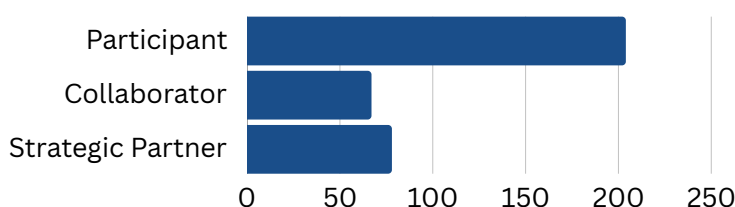
Over half of our partners are nongovernmental organizations that operate at either the local level or internationally.

Our partners are headquartered around the world in 61 different countries. The top countries where our partners are based are the United States (26%), Kenya (10%), the United Kingdom (7%), South Africa (7%), and India (5%). The number of countries where our partners operate is even larger.

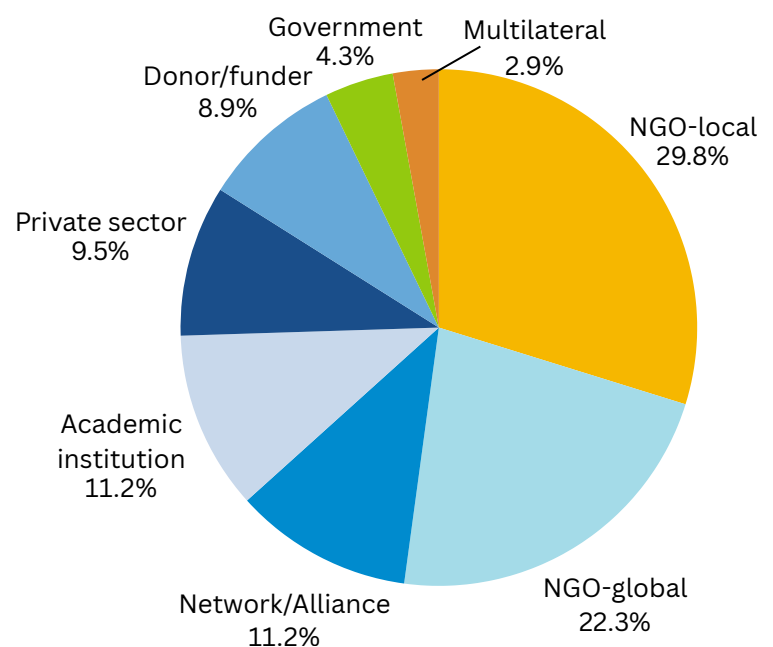
Headquarters Location by Region



Engagement Level



Organizations by Type



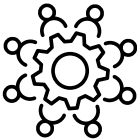
58% of partner organizations are classified as participants, meaning that they benefit from knowledge sharing activities such as webinars, newsletters, knowledge hubs, etc.

Organizations that participate in working groups, speak at webinars, share resources, etc. are classified as **collaborators**.

Organizations that are part of our governance committees or are part of specific, funded collaborative initiatives are classified as **strategic partners**. We had 78 strategic partners at the end of 2025.

There are many different ways that our partner organizations contribute to the network.

Collaborative Actions



86 organizations were active in a collaborative group in 2025.



7 philanthropic organizations provided funding in 2025.



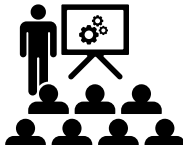
33 organizations were part of ECDAN’s governance structure in 2025.



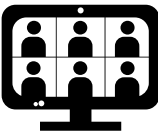
19 organizations joined the network in 2025.



18 organizations co-wrote blog articles about their work in the past 3 years.



26 organizations collaborated on an in-person event the past 3 years.



41 organizations co-designed webinars in the past 3 years.

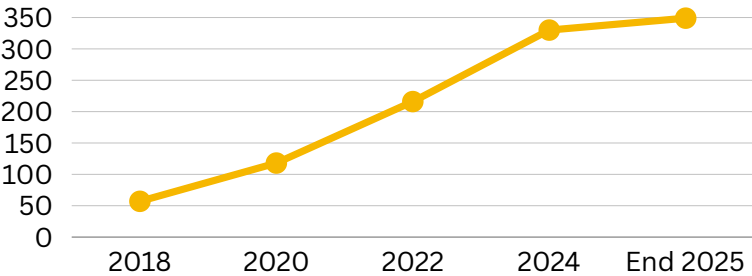


174 organizations signed at least one call to action in the past 5 years.

Our network has continued to grow over time.

There were 37 organizations that closed or we lost contact with in 2025, yet 19 organizations joined and many more applied.

Network Growth Over Time



Partner Testimonials – 2025 Survey

What has been the biggest impact of your participation in ECDAN in 2025?

“Improved access to global ECD knowledge, increased awareness of best practices, and stronger alignment of our local programs with international ECD standards.”

“Moving from working in isolation to being part of a learning community that informs our work and strengthens our voice on inclusive ECD.”

“The shared resources and country experiences have helped inform our program design and advocacy, especially in relation to community-based ECD models and support for marginalized children.

Our partners have different thematic interests and strengths.



30% focus on education, play-based learning, or literacy



15% focus on training or capacity strengthening of stakeholders



15% focus on providing parenting support



14% focus on improving child health and/or nutrition



12% focus on upholding child rights and/or increasing child protection

Other common thematic areas include gender equality, poverty reduction, research, policy change, and climate.