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**PASO COLOMBIA**

Sustainable Peace for Colombia  
*a program of One Earth Future*



**ERA**  
RURAL ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

**Creating economic opportunities  
in rural communities affected by armed conflict**



For more than a decade, **One Earth Future (OEF)** has worked to solve complex problems at the root of armed conflict. Through its unique culture of iterative learning, OEF designs, tests, and brings partners to scale programs that help communities see problems in new ways and solve them collectively.

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**PASO Colombia** (Sustainable Peace for Colombia) is a program of **One Earth Future**. Its mission is to identify and develop economic opportunities within communities affected by armed conflict.

Established in 2015, PASO Colombia initially concentrated its efforts in the regions of North Cauca, South Valle del Cauca, and the Paramillo Massif. In 2019 it has national presence.

PASO has created a network of 34 national and international partners from the private and public sectors, working collaboratively to implement two main projects: [Rural Alternative Schools \(ERAs\)](#) and [Collaborative Commercial Partnerships \(CCPs\)](#).

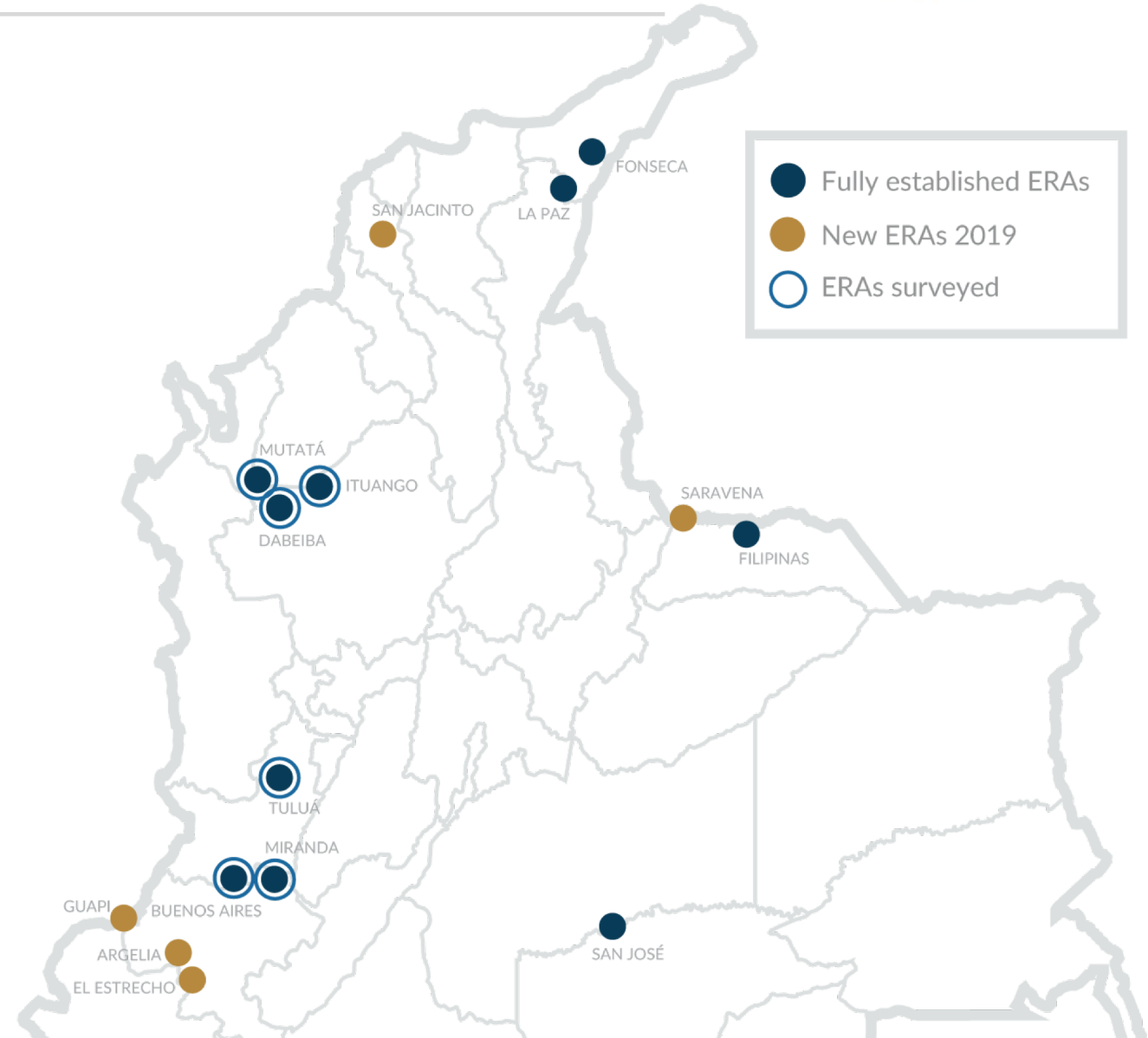
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The [Rural Alternative Schools \(ERAs\)](#) are productive and educational hubs that provide ex-combatants and peasant communities with training, technical assistance, access to land, capital, markets, and promote [Commercial Collaborative Partnerships \(CCPs\)](#) to help participants sell their products.

After the first year of implementation of the model, the firm [Cifras & Conceptos](#) was hired to evaluate the perception and satisfaction of the participants of the ERAs. Using surveys and focus groups, the firm consulted 82 percent of the participants of the seven most developed ERAs in the country.





## You are:



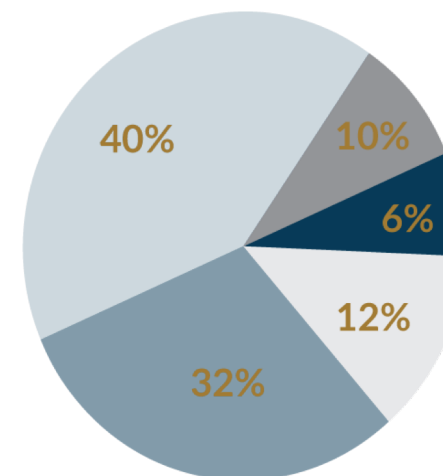
- 69% Ex-combatant
- 31% Peasant community member

## Gender:



- 71% Male
- 29% Female

## Age:



- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 54
- 55 to 64
- More than 65 years old

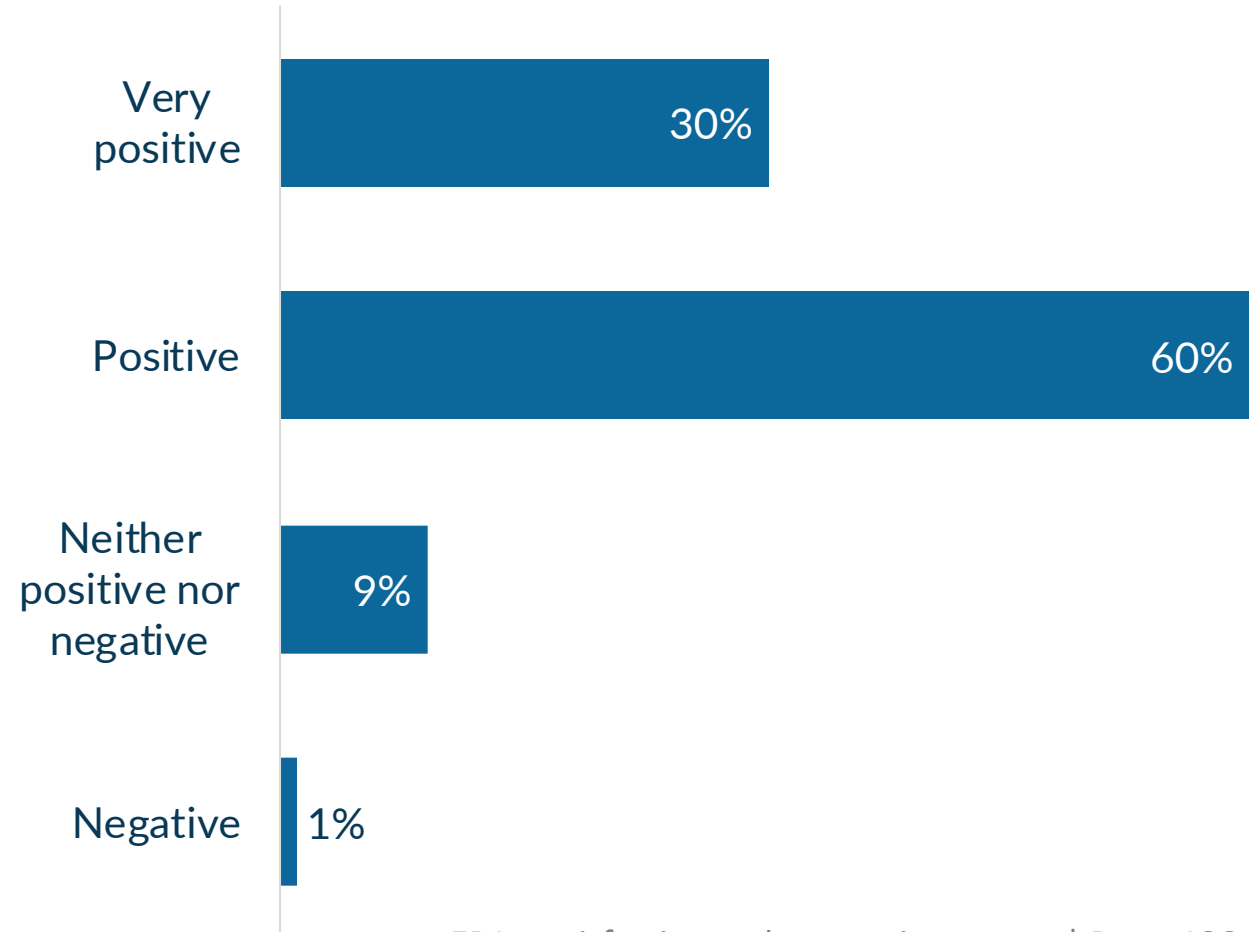
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# General satisfaction



¿How can you rate your experience in the ERA?



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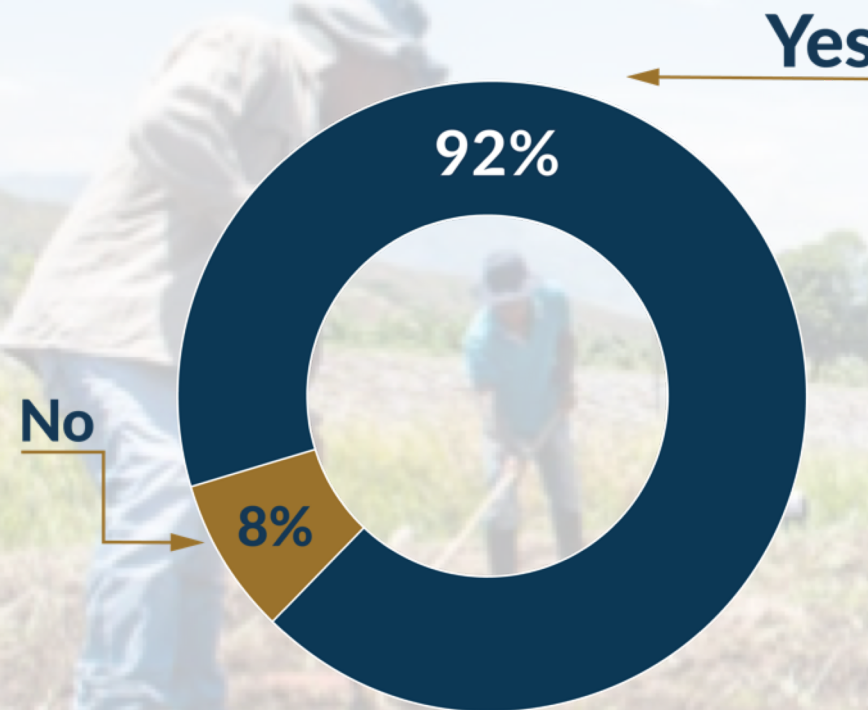
## Problem:

- Low approval rates of productive projects presented by ex-combatants.
- Existing projects are not articulated with value chains.

## Solution:

- PASO Colombia brings into play the interaction of labor, land, knowledge, capital and markets, and connects to value chains.
- Jobs generated benefit ex-combatants and communities.

Are the ERAs a good option for economic reincorporation?

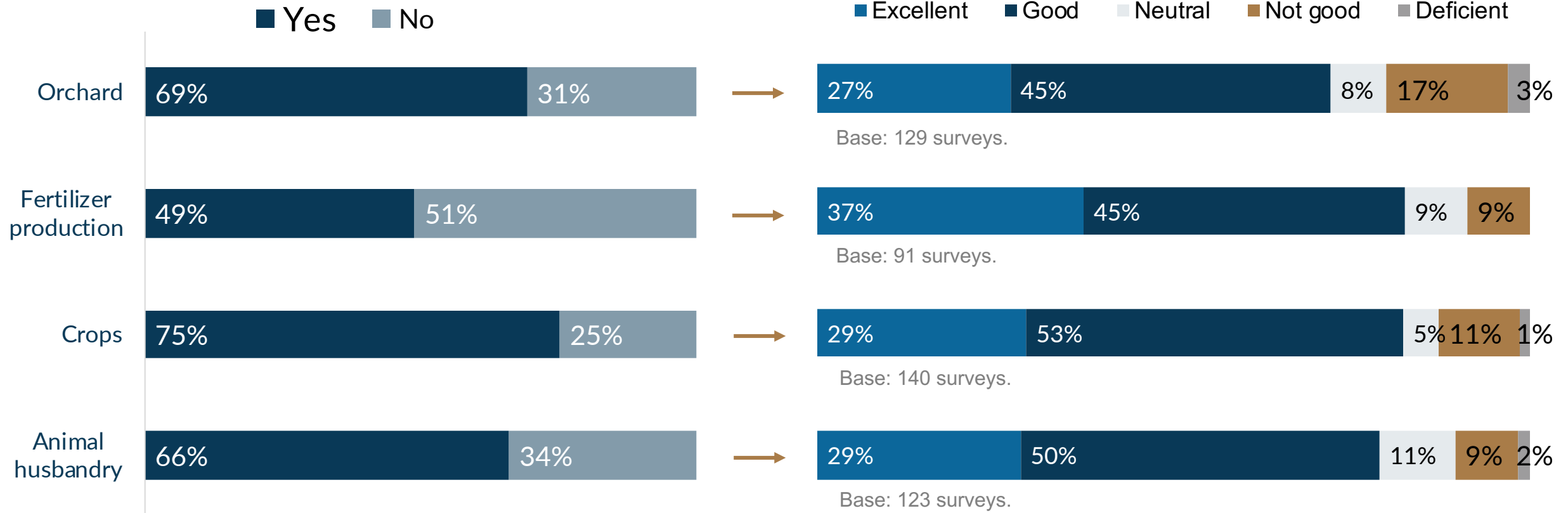


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# Economic Reincorporation

What kind of productive initiatives are being developed in the ERAs?

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is deficient and 5 excellent:  
How would you rate each project?  
(Applies to those who answered yes in the previous question)



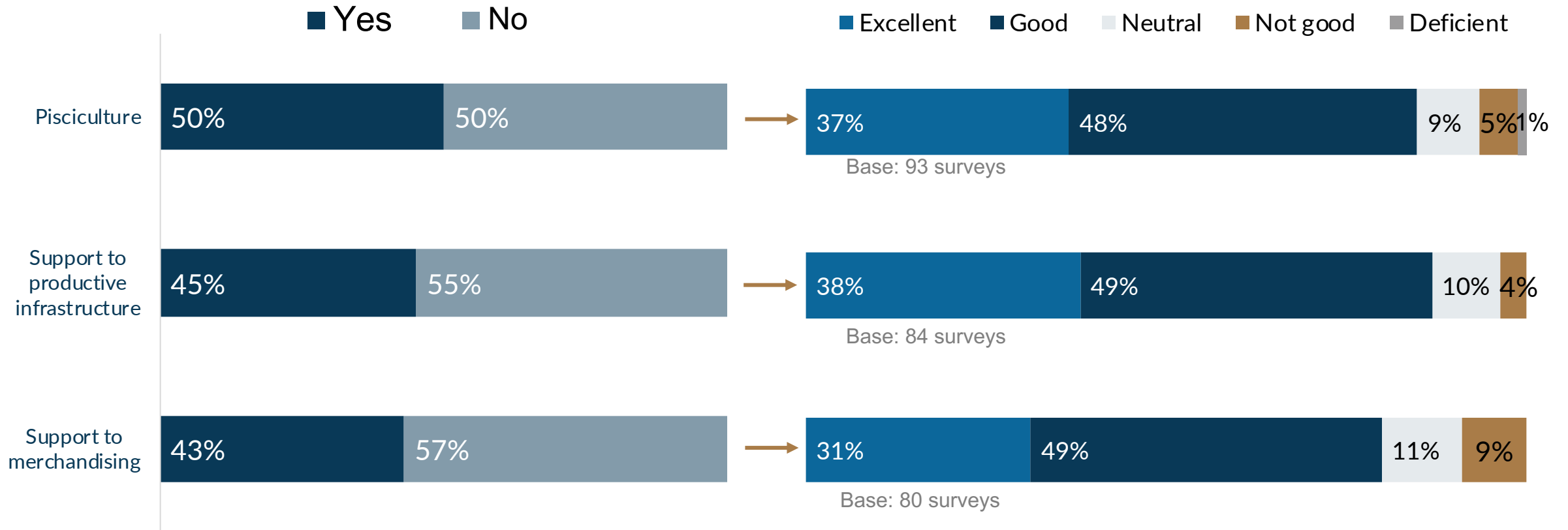
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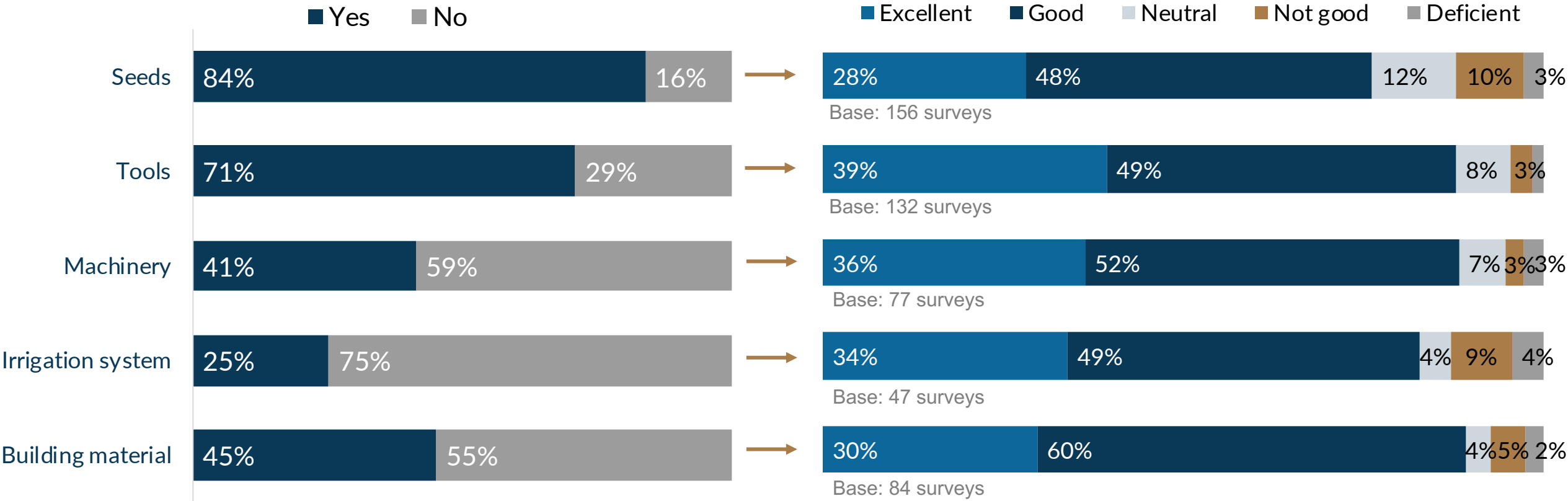


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# Economic Reincorporation

What kind of support materials have been received to develop productive projects in the ERAs?

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is deficient and 5 excellent:  
How would you rate its quality?  
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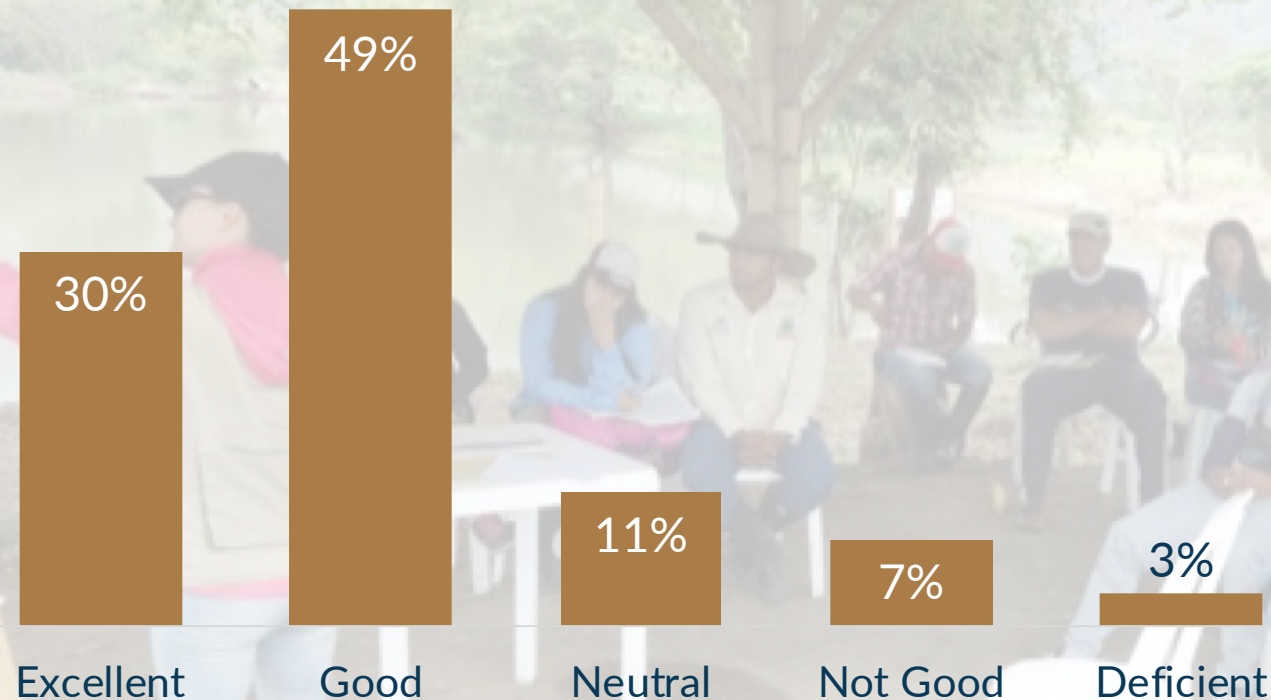
## Problem:

- Unqualified labor.
- Low access to training and technical assistance.

## Solution:

- Tailor made on-the-job training according to the needs of each productive project.
- Permanent technical assistance with agricultural experts.

In your opinion, the technical assistance delivered in the ERAs projects has been:

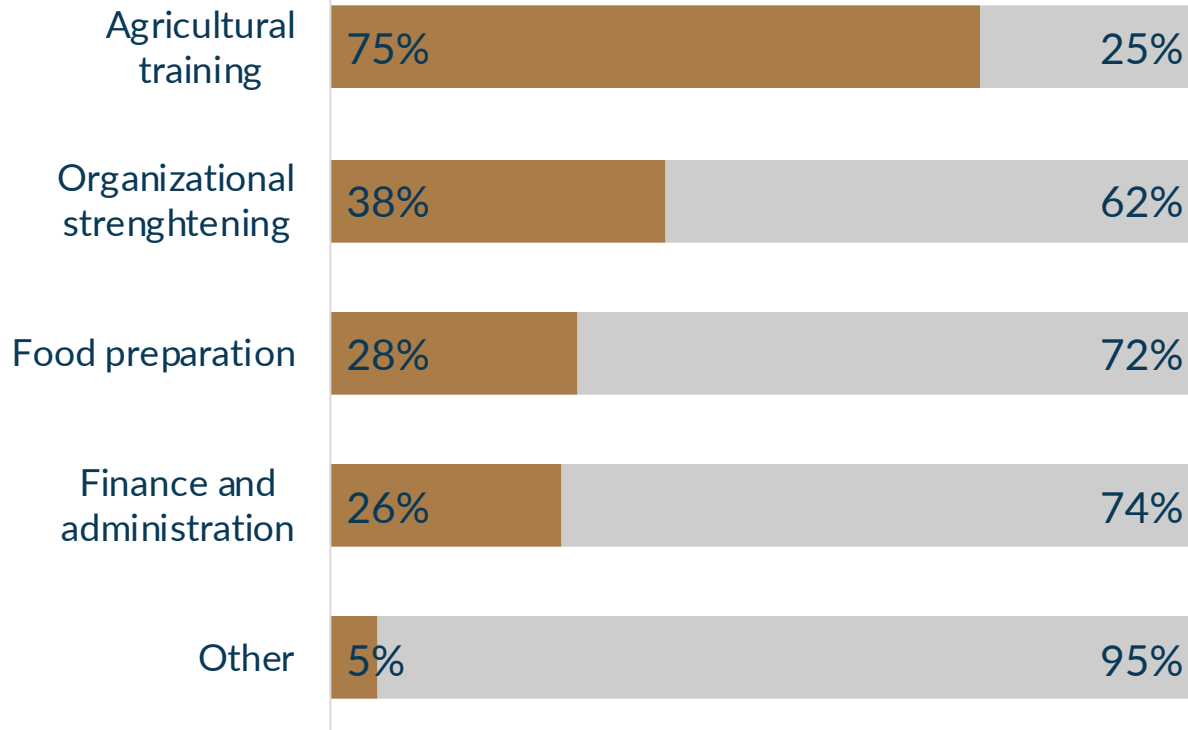


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# Access to Knowledge

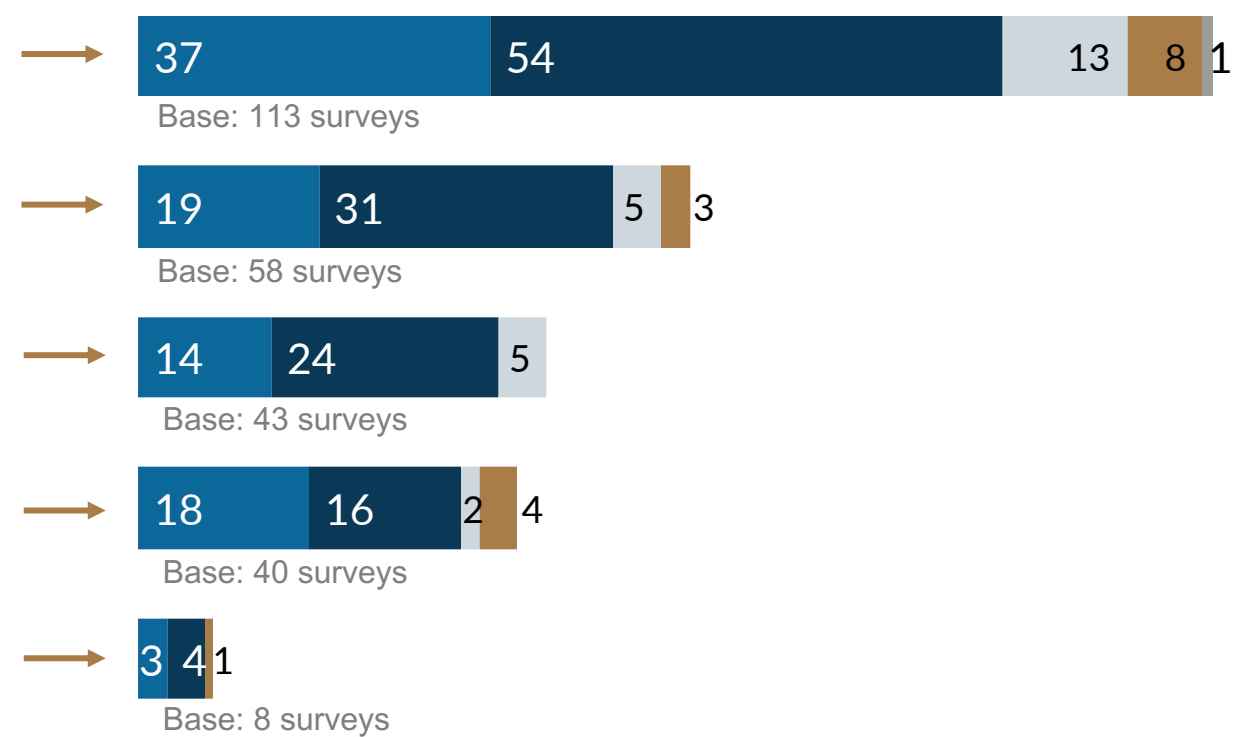
What type of training have you received in the ERAs?

■ Yes ■ No



On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is deficient and 5 excellent:  
How would you rate its quality?  
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■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neutral ■ Regular ■ Deficient



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## Problem:

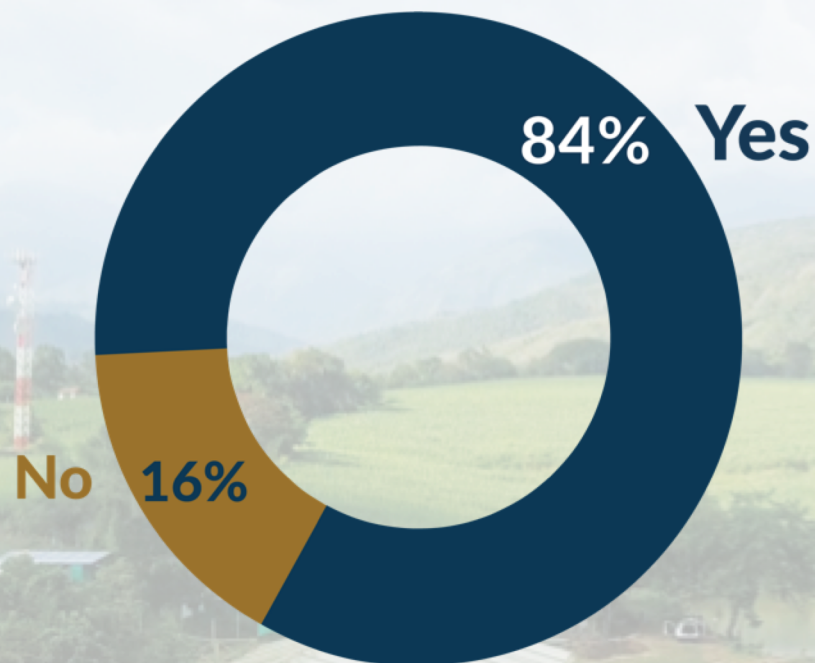
Limited access to land for peasants

## Solution:

PASO has shifted the emphasis from property to use. Alternative modalities to provide access include renting, communitarian associations, bailment agreements, joint ventures, among others.

We are working towards the establishment of land funds for productive projects.

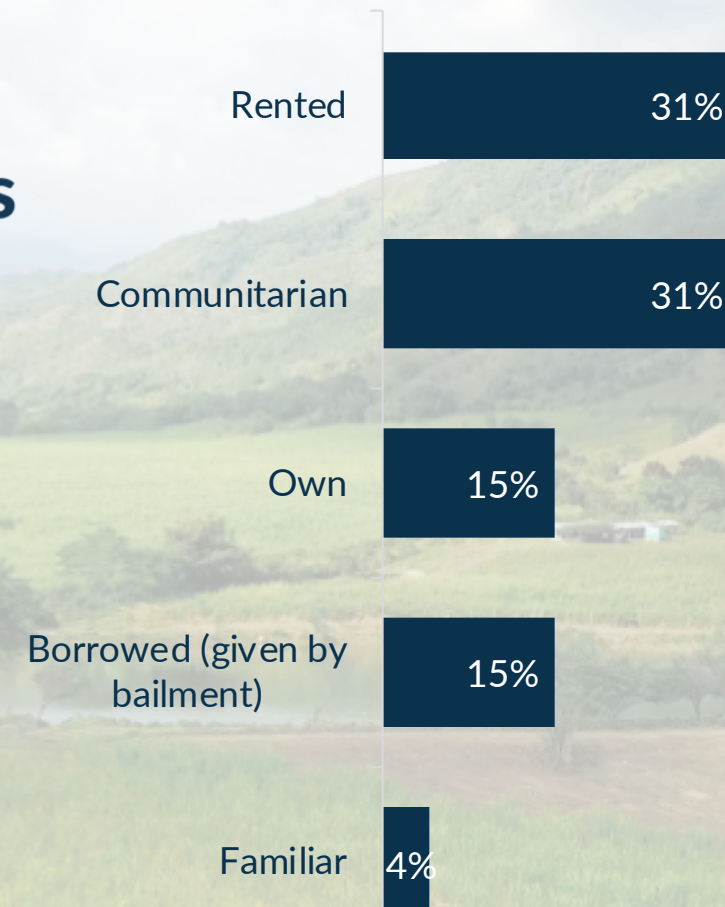
## Do you have access to land for agricultural/productive activities?



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## What kind of land access?

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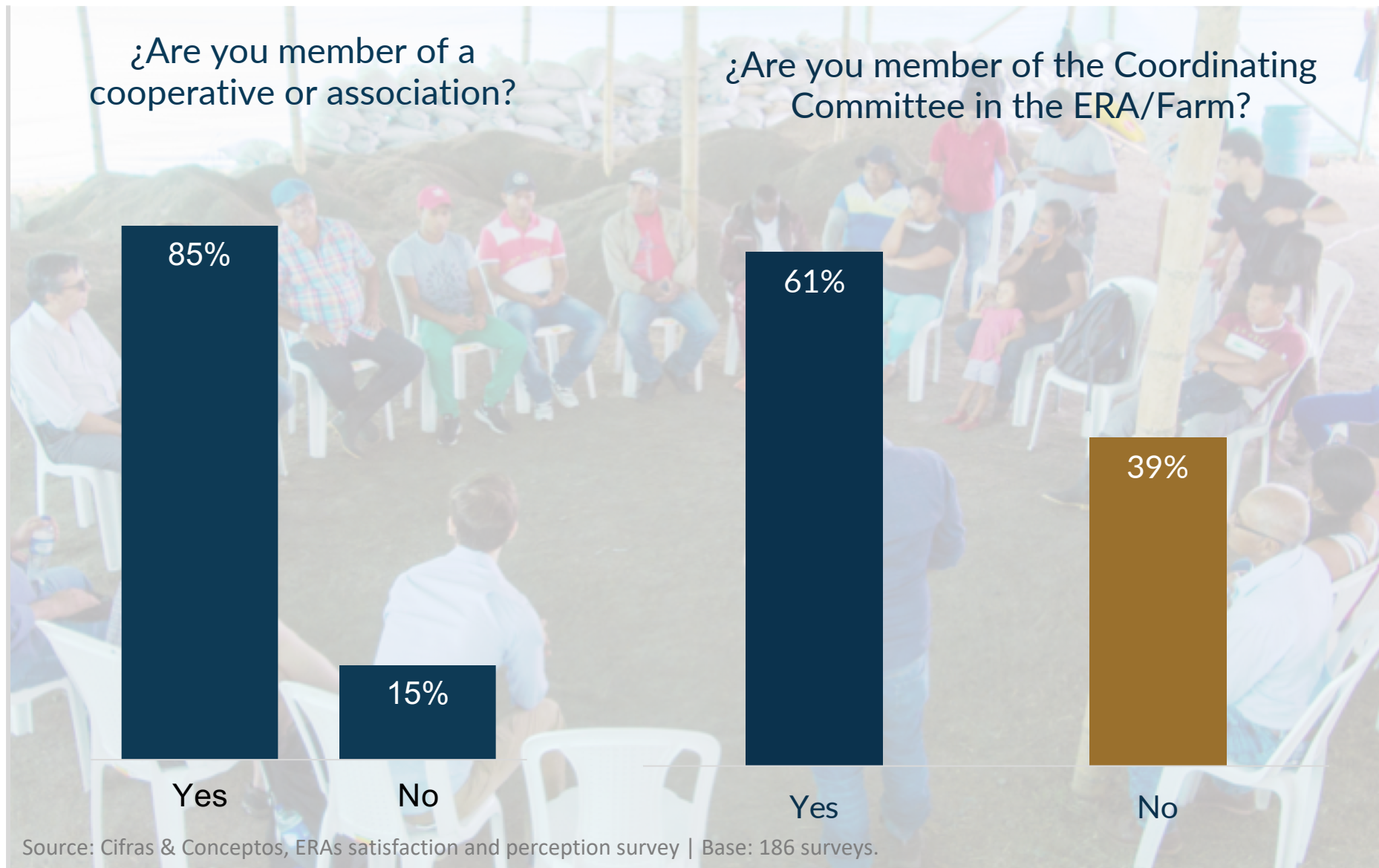


**Problem:**

Fragile productive organizational structures among ex-combatants and peasants

**Solution:**

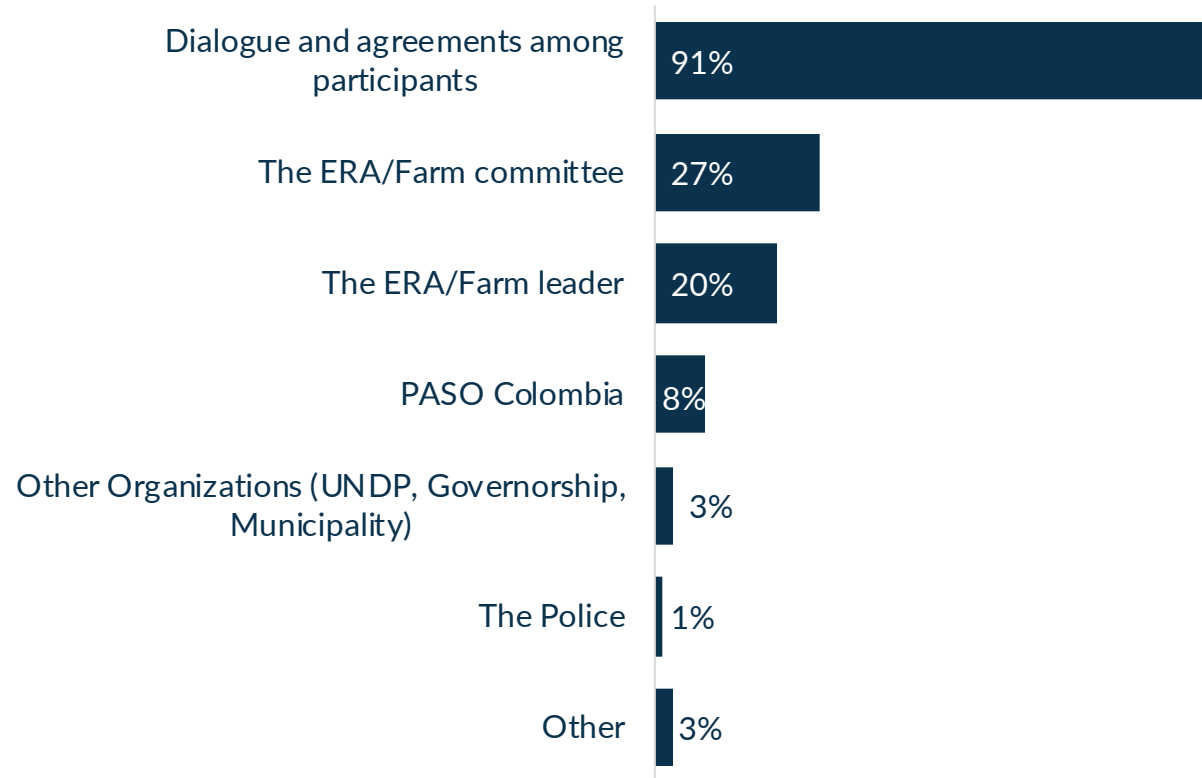
PASO Colombia strengthens local cooperatives, associations and intercommunal dialogue.



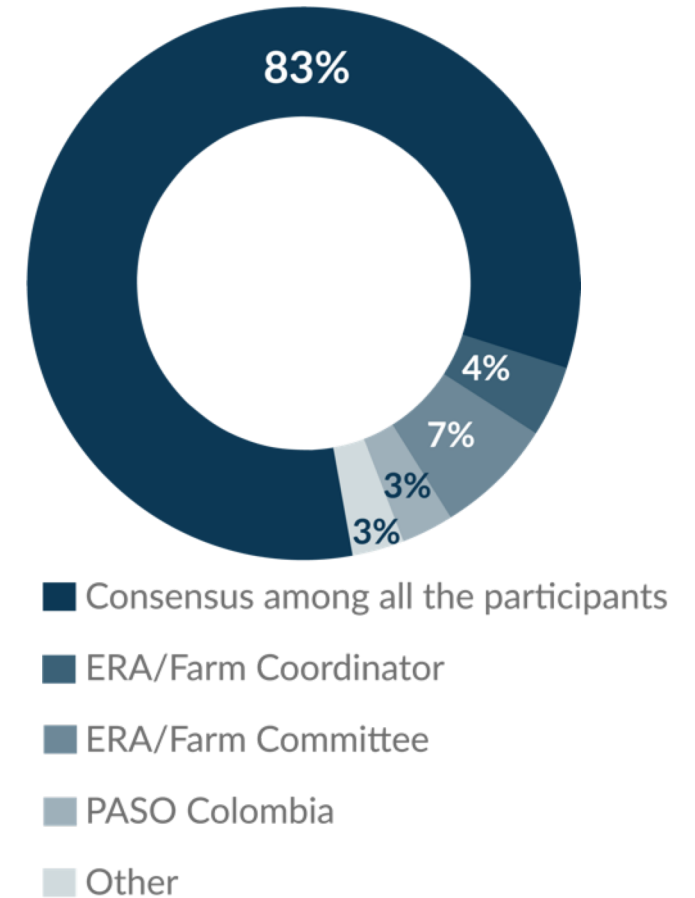


# Organizational Strengthening

When conflicts arise in the ERA, normally they are solved by:



How are the most important decisions made in the ERAs?

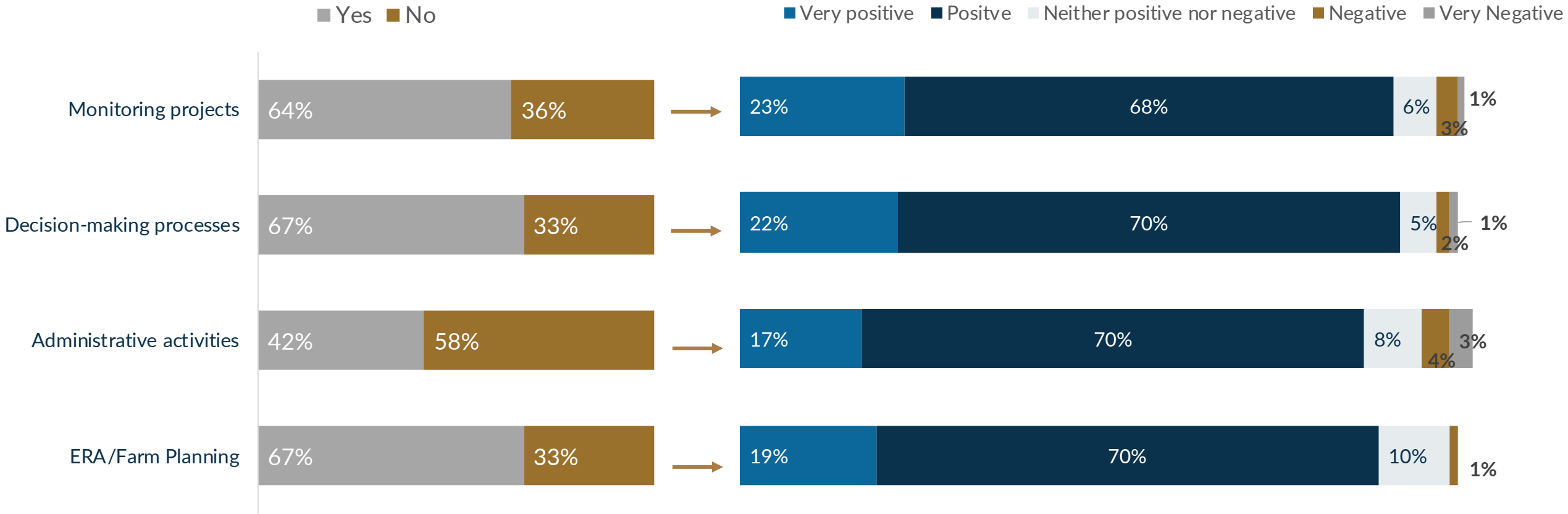


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# Organizational Strengthening

¿From the following organizational processes of the ERA, in which activities have you participated ?

How would you rate each experience?  
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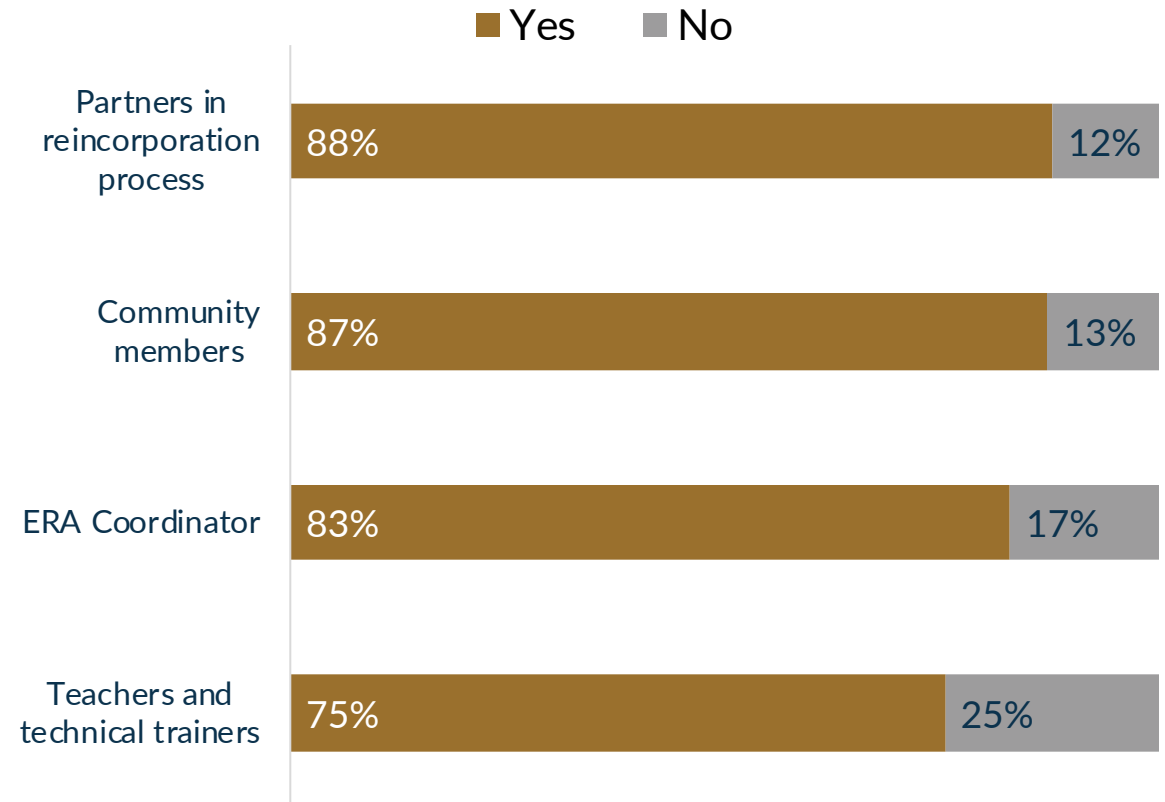
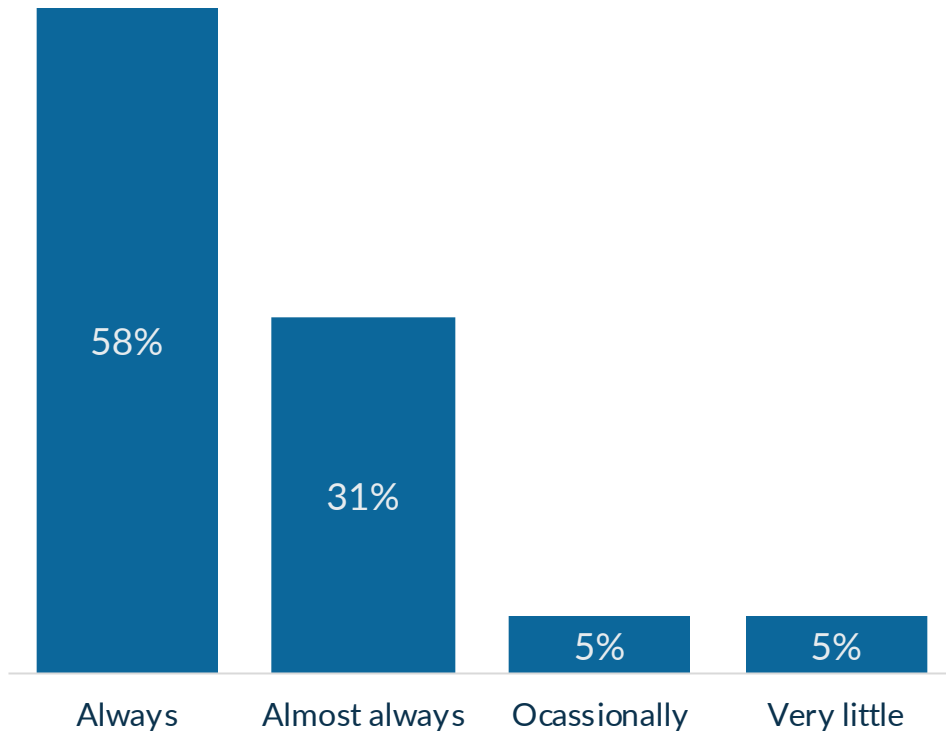


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# Organizational Strengthening

I feel that my partners in the ERA are willing to help me if I face problems:

Through your participation in the ERA, do you feel free to express your problems/concerns and feel listened by:

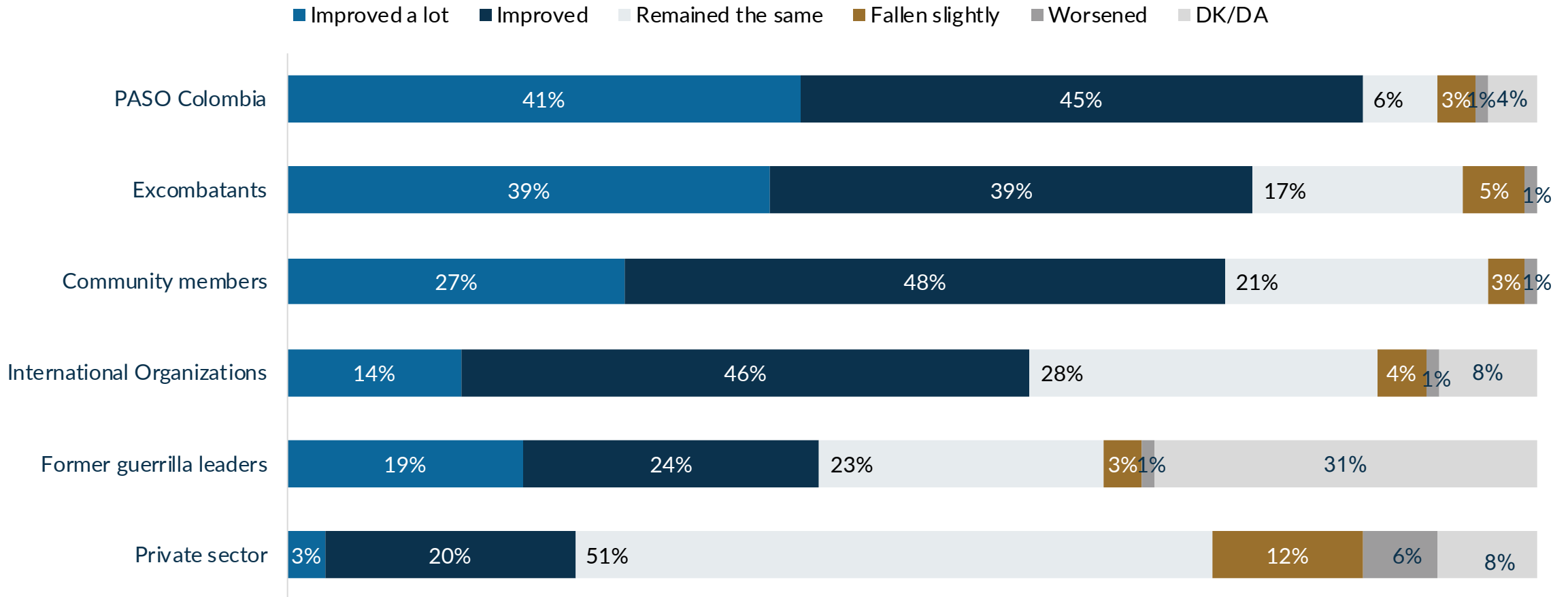


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# Social Capital

Since my participation in the ERA, my trust in \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_:

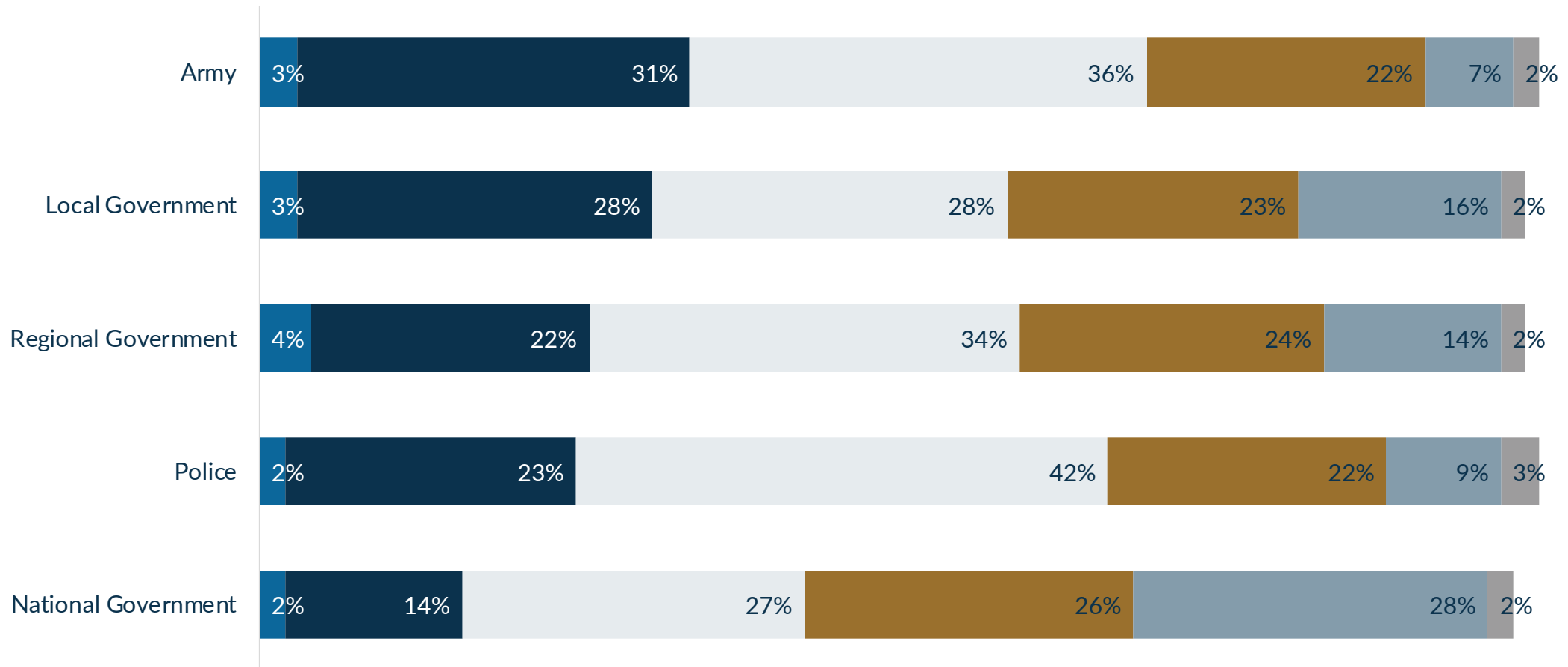


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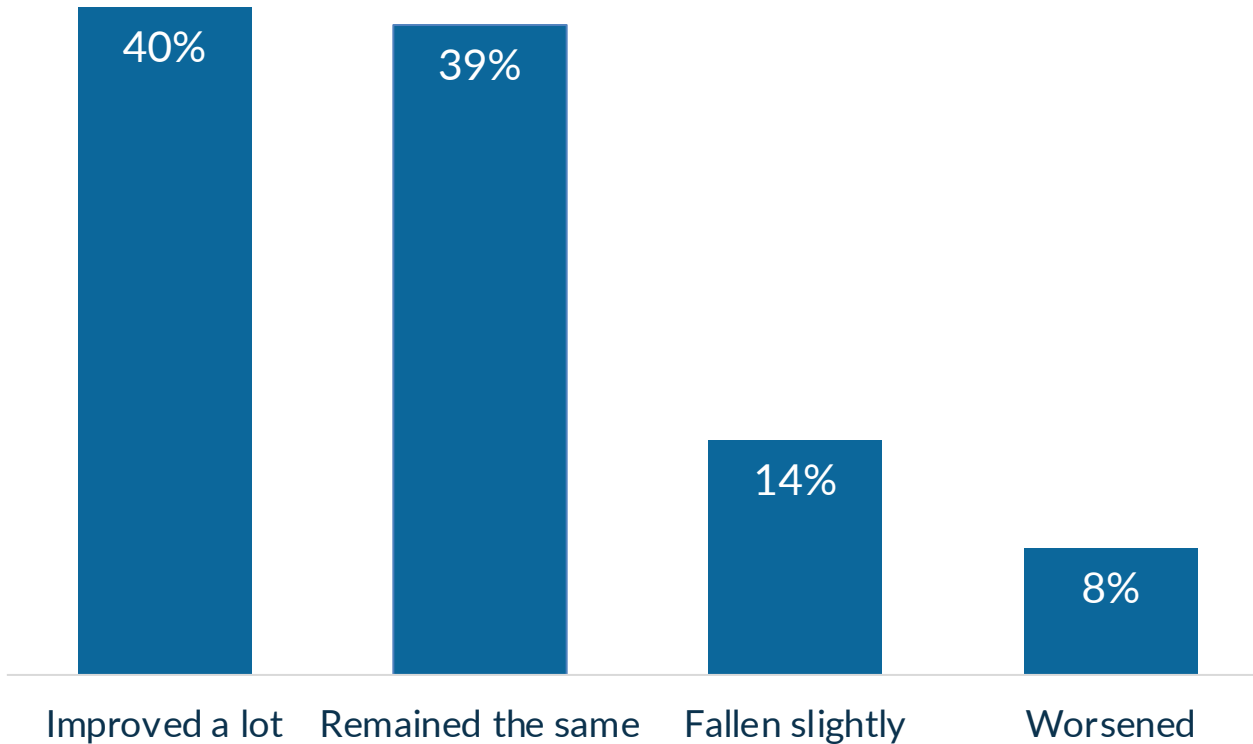
# Social Capital

Since my participation in the ERA, my trust in \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_:

■ Improved a lot ■ Improved ■ Remained the same ■ Fallen slightly ■ Worsened ■ DK/DA



Your current personal security condition has:



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