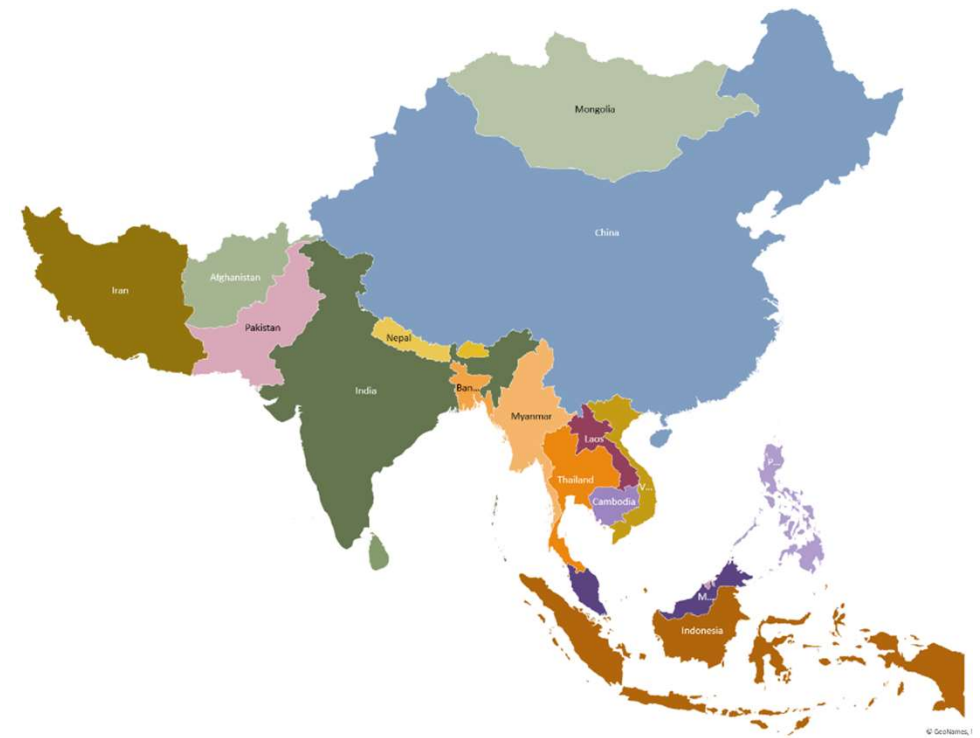


The Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme

**Capacity Assessment on
Transparency: key findings,
gaps and perspectives for Asia**



**Inception Workshop
22 February 2023**

Objectives and methodology

Objective:

- To assess the transparency systems and related capacity needs of the countries of **Asia Regional Transparency Network** to comply with the reporting requirements of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement

Methodology and approach:

- Online questionnaire, referential check and desk study
- (i) GHG Inventory; (ii) NDC tracking; (iii) Adaptation and Impacts, including Loss and Damage issues; (iv) Support needed and received
- Existing BTR support and other support, gender mainstreaming, provided within other international initiatives on climate actions transparency

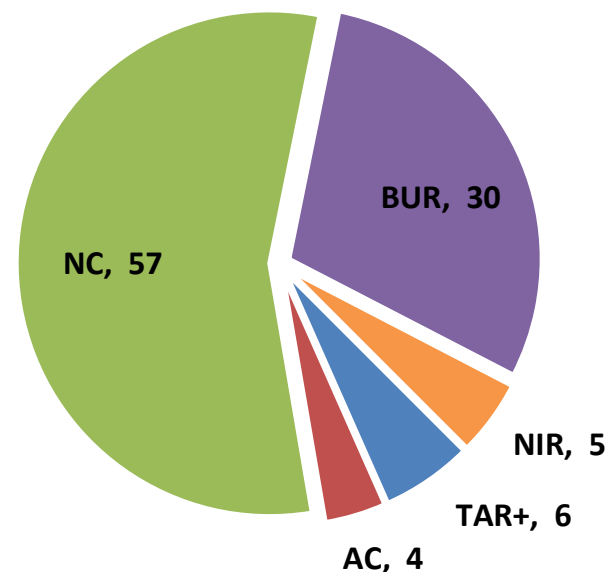
Countries:

- 19 out of 21 countries of the regional network: *Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam*

Engagement of the regional network with the CBIT-GSP

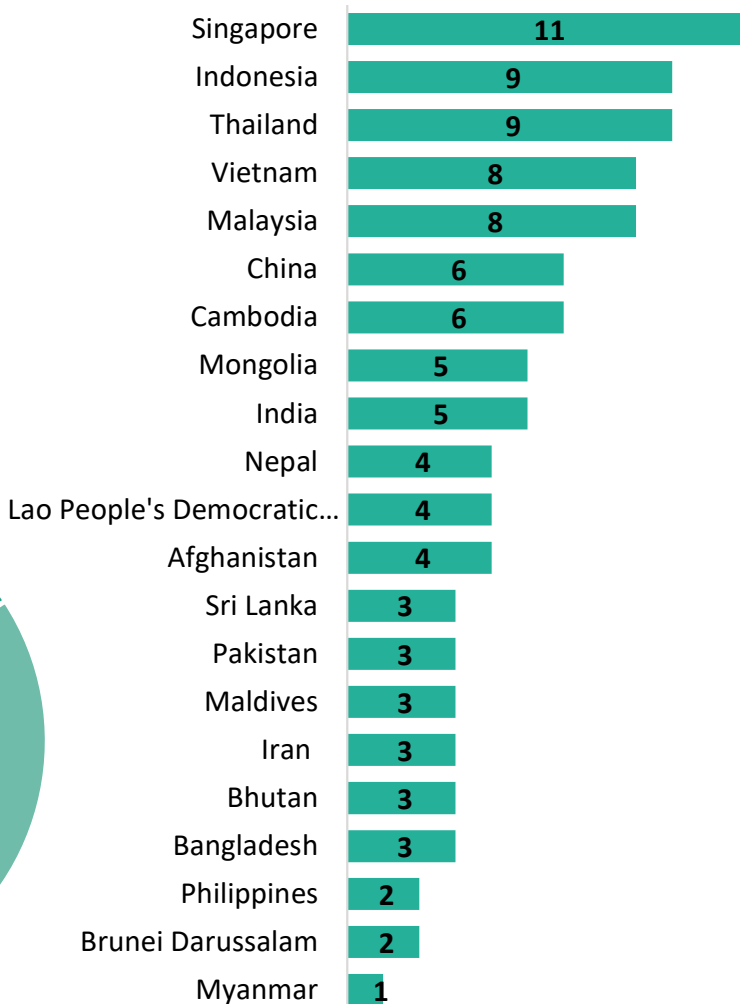
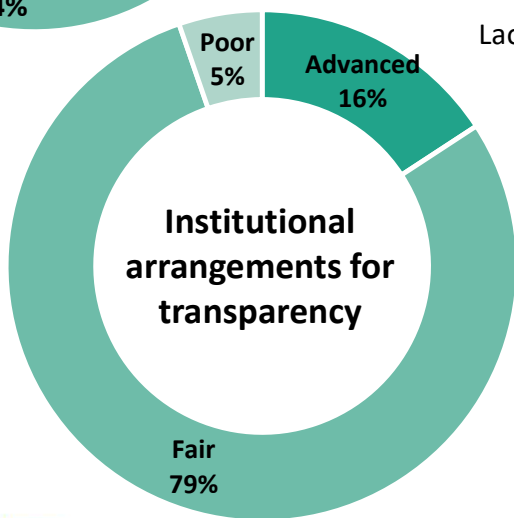
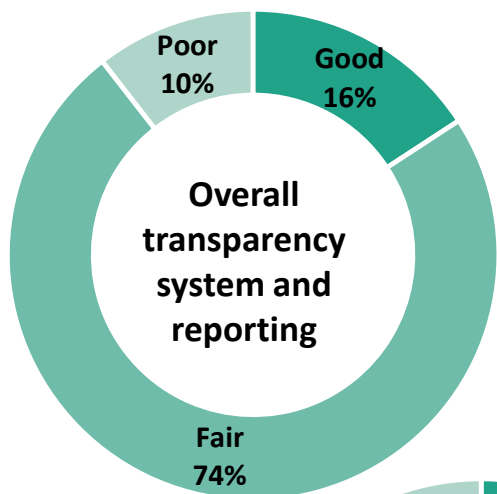
- 18 countries have appointed their project focal points and respective thematic experts for GHG inventory, NDC/Mitigation, Adaptation, Loss & Damage, Support needed and received
- Through capacity assessment surveys, most countries have identified the challenges, suggested possible solutions, and stated their need for support
- The priority needs will be further confirmed through follow-up meetings with countries
- All countries are welcome to send support requests through request for support form

Total report submissions from network countries under the UNFCCC



Overall transparency system and status of reporting

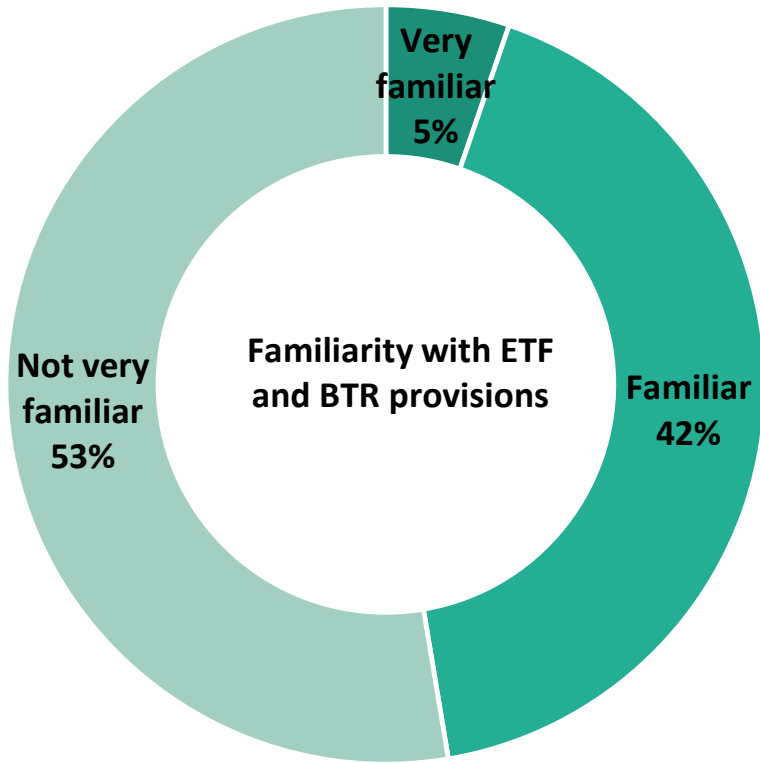
Total report submissions by country under the UNFCCC



	NC	BUR
Afghanistan	2	1
Bangladesh	3	--
Bhutan	3	--
Brunei Darussalam	2	--
Cambodia	3	1
China	3	2
India	2	3
Indonesia	3	3
Iran	3	--
Lao PDR	2	1
Malaysia	3	4
Maldives	2	1
Mongolia	3	1
Myanmar	1	--
Nepal	3	--
Pakistan	2	1
Philippines	2	--
Singapore	5	5
Sri Lanka	3	--
Thailand	4	4
Vietnam	3	3

Number of report includes NC, BUR, AC, NIR and TAR+

Implementing ETF and preparation for the BTR

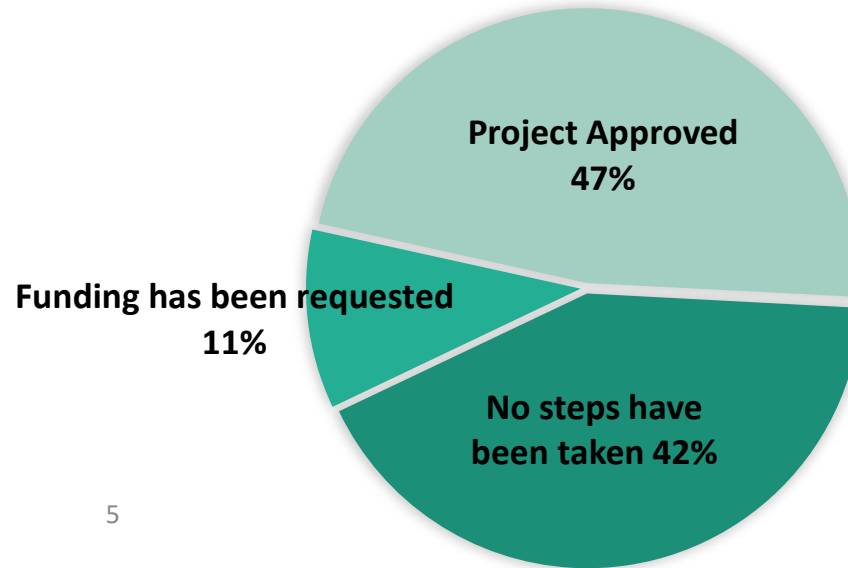


Progress towards the BTR preparation

47% = Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Lao PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Viet Nam

42% = Afghanistan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand

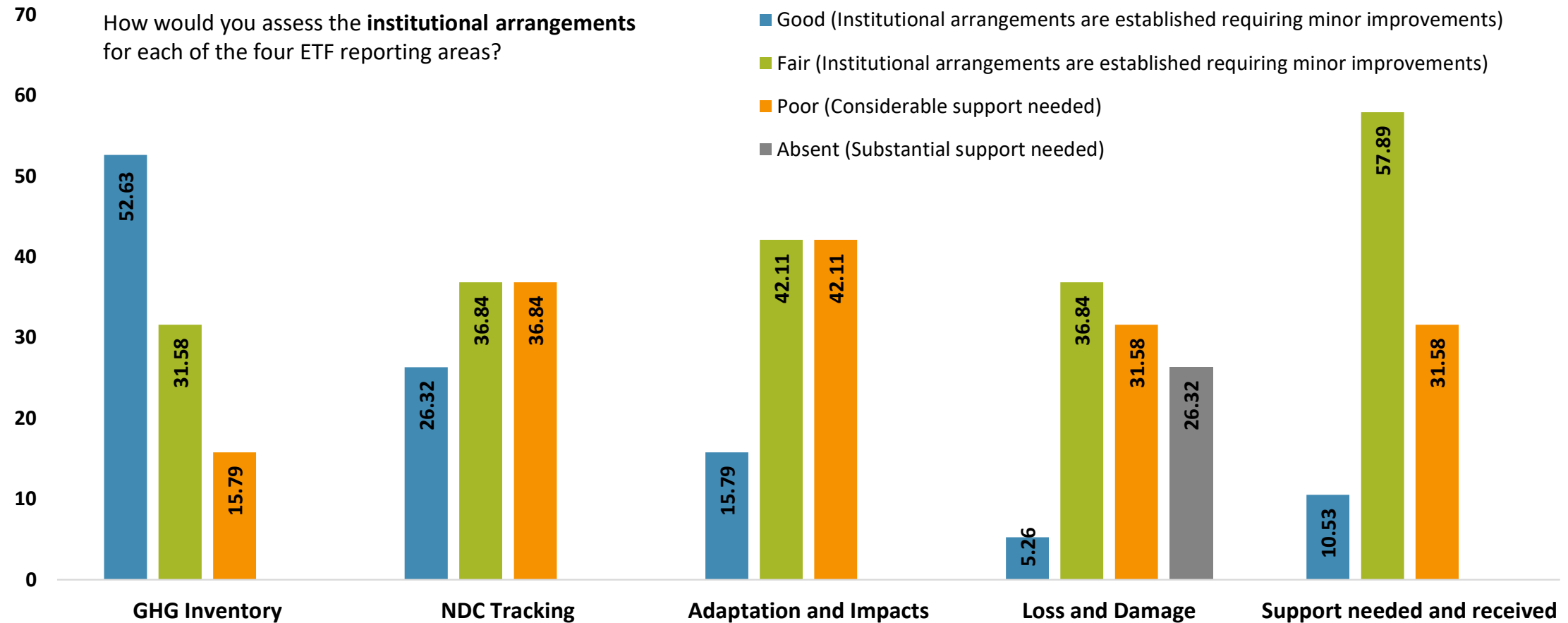
11% = Bhutan, Malaysia



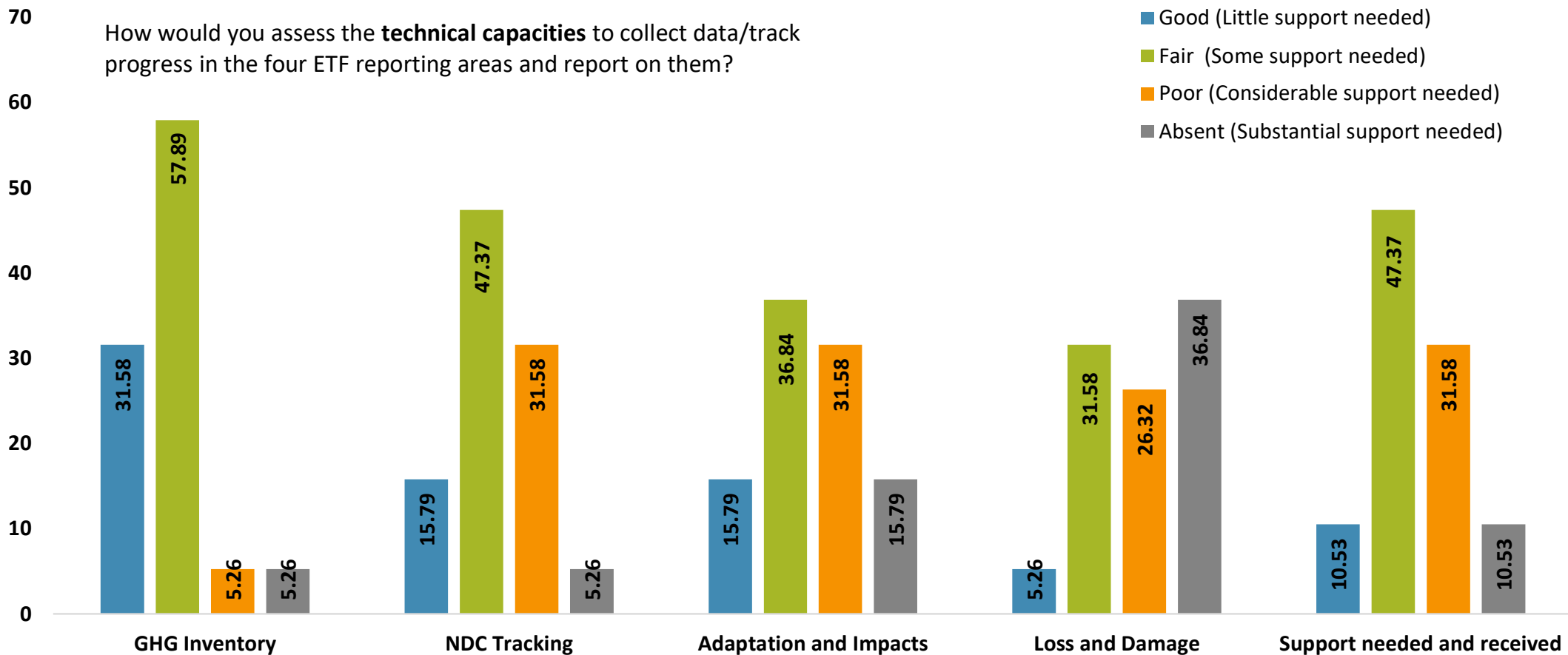
Capacity assessment related to four ETF reporting areas

How would you assess the **institutional arrangements** for each of the four ETF reporting areas?

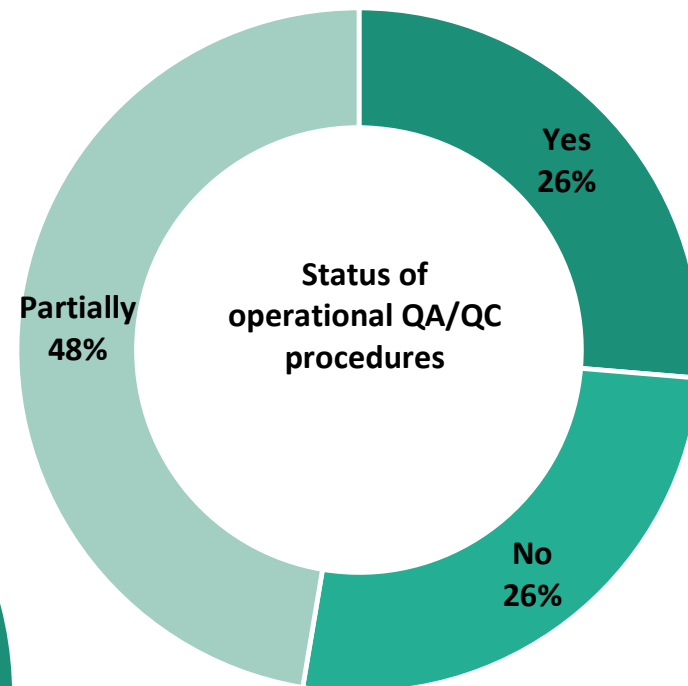
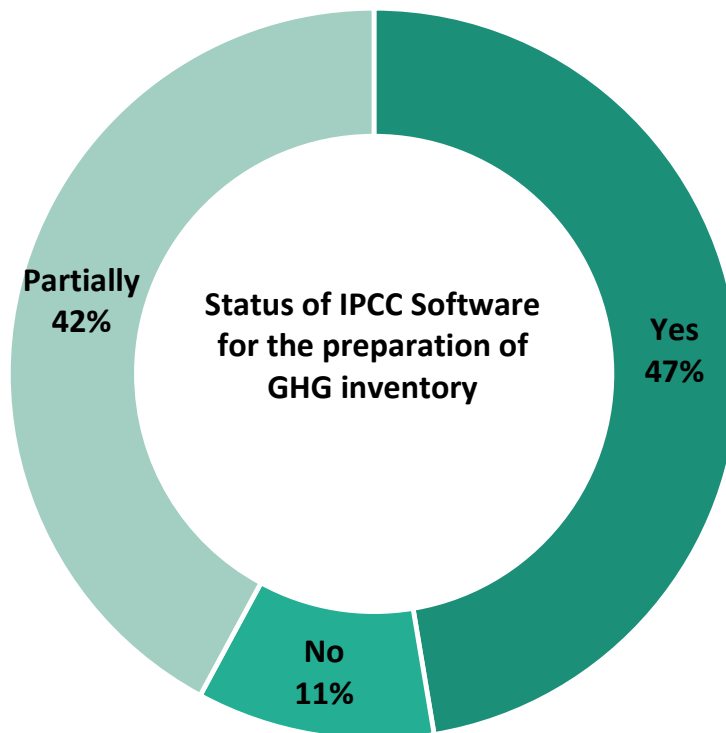
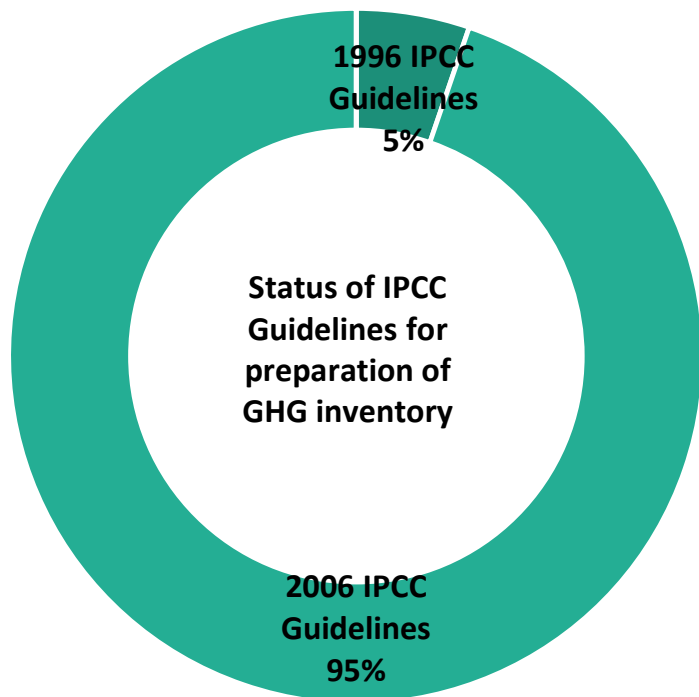
- Good (Institutional arrangements are established requiring minor improvements)
- Fair (Institutional arrangements are established requiring minor improvements)
- Poor (Considerable support needed)
- Absent (Substantial support needed)



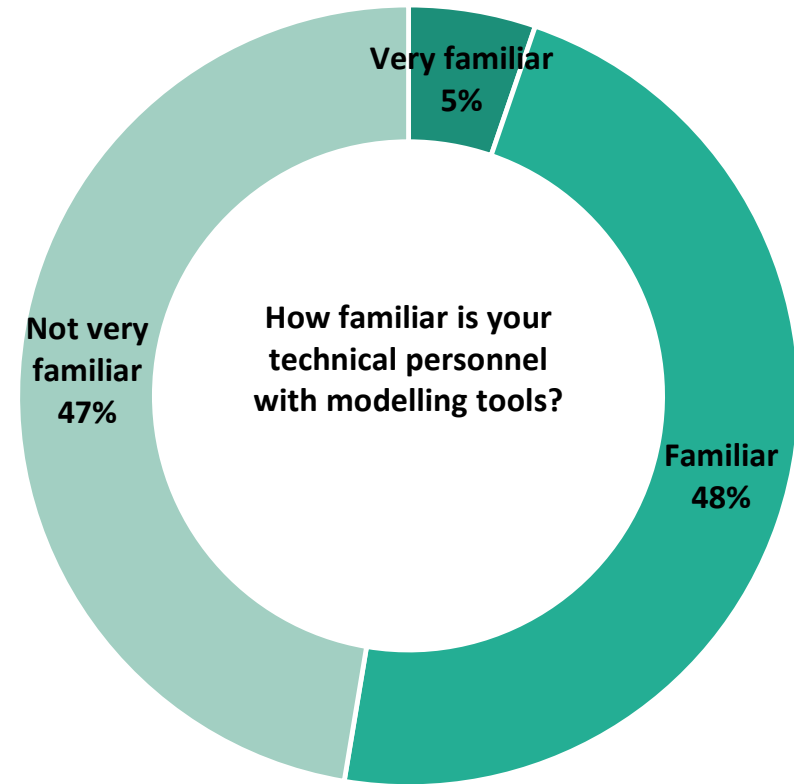
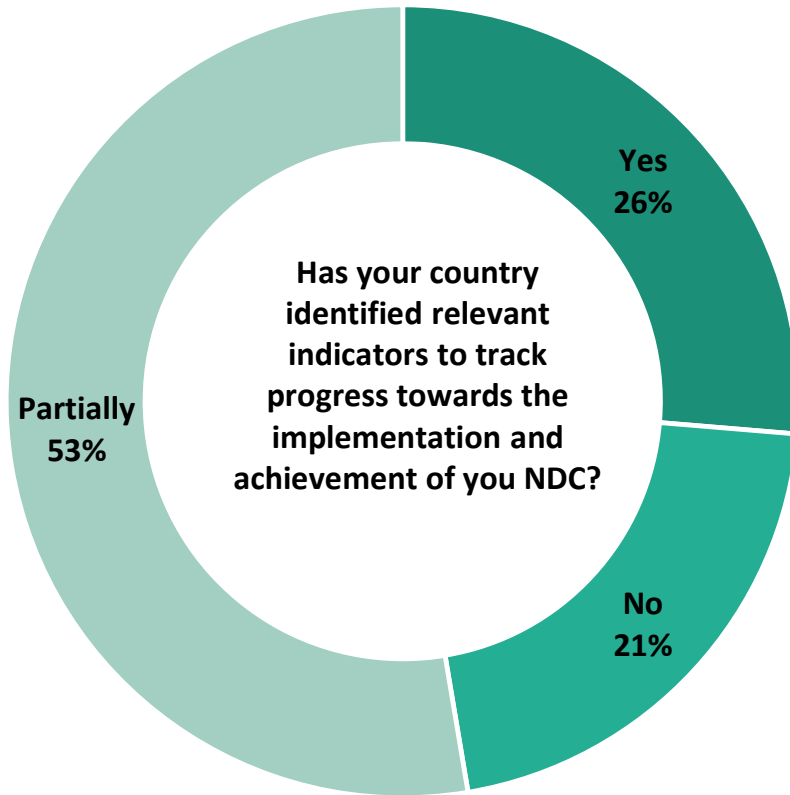
Capacity assessment related to four ETF reporting areas



Assessment of capacities in GHG Inventory



Assessment of Capacities in NDC Tracking and Modelling Tools



Some of the countries are using modelling tool such as GACMO and LEAP for GHG projections.

- **ALL countries are becoming more familiar about the transparency systems, MRV and transition towards ETF** but need more capacity building exercises on new templates, tabular forms and guidelines
- **Development of BTR** is absolutely needed, especially in capacitating the experts on formats, templates, guidelines...
- GHG Inventory is highly prioritized by most countries
- **NDC tracking** require capacity building especially in determining indicators for tracking and projections/modeling, sound MRV systems for mitigation (P&M)
- **Adaptation and Impacts** – highly prioritized by Asia
- Reporting on **Loss and Damage** is highly prioritized for most countries (methodologies, tools)
- **Support needed and support received** – highly prioritized by network, especially in terms of climate finance tracking systems

Priority support needs for Asia

Country	GHG Inventory	NDC Tracking	Adaptation and Impacts	Loss and Damage	Support needed and received	Other
Afghanistan						
Bangladesh						Lifecycle Assessment
Bhutan						
Brunei Darussalam						Capacity building for carbon pricing To establish/ implement a robust transparency framework
Cambodia						Best practices on transparency
India						Technical capacity building
Indonesia						Data management and Development of BTR
Iran						
Lao PDR						
Malaysia						Reporting under Article 6
Maldives						To establish/ implement a robust transparency framework
Mongolia						Technical capacity building
Myanmar						Institutional arrangements for MRV system
Nepal						Good practices on transparent reporting
Pakistan						Best international practices of MRV system
Philippines						Support in BTR development (need for international/ national experts)
Sri Lanka						Support in BTR development (need for international/ national experts), Institutional arrangements for MRV system
Thailand						Best international practices of MRV system, sharing information and consulting, Developing skills and capacity building, Technology transfer
Viet Nam						Institutional arrangements for MRV system

Other Transparency Support Initiatives in Asia

Support for transparency
and reporting

GEF Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) - Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam

UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific along with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) – All Countries

UNFCCC Consultative Group of Experts – All countries

UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Viet Nam

UNDP Country Offices and the Bangkok Regional Hub - All Countries

GCF Readiness Projects - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam

The Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) - Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam

All countries highlighted the need for capacity and support in the following areas:

- **GHG inventory:** institutional arrangements, QA/QC, best practices on software-based estimations, new IPCC methodologies, tools, data collection and management process
- **Effective models for GHG projections:** best practices from other countries
- **Transition to the ETF:** Development and preparation of BTRs
- **NDC Tracking:** target setting, determining the indicators for tracking progress and climate reporting under the NDC relevant section in the BTR
- **Setting up effective institutional arrangements:** MoUs and legal arrangements for establishing transparency systems; assigning the roles and tasks of various stakeholders
- **Developing MRV systems:** MRV online platform with legally binding roles of each stakeholder/partner
- **Adaptation and Impacts:** assessing the effectiveness of the adaptation measures and determination of quantitative/qualitative indicators
- **Loss and damage:** methodologies, tools and approaches in assessing and estimation of L&D
- **Climate finance:** tools and mechanisms in tracking support received/needed; development of climate finance tracking systems

CONCEPT NOTE
REQUEST FOR SUPPORT ON CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY

1. Title

Please insert a title that summarises the specific topic of the support request.
Click here to enter text.

2. Contact data

- Country** Click here to enter text.
- Contact name** Click here to enter text.
- Email** Click here to enter text.
- Title/position** Click here to enter text.
- Institution** Click here to enter text.

3. Support requested

- Area** Please choose the relevant area(s) of support that is being requested.
- Institutional arrangements for transparency
 - GHG inventory NDC tracking Mitigation actions
 - Adaptation and impacts Loss and damage Support needed/received
 - Report development (NC, BUR, BTR, NIR, etc.) Other (please specify)
- Click here to specify.
- Type** Please choose the type of support that is being requested.
- Bilateral cooperation Multilateral cooperation Webinar
 - In-country workshop/training Online workshop/training Peer-review or simulation of ICA process
 - Hands-on expert support Consultancy services Other (please specify)
- Click here to enter text.
- Objective** Please describe the objective of the support requested, e.g., improving institutional arrangements, developing specific technical capacities, etc. and how the requested support will address the country's needs in enhanced climate transparency?
Click here to enter text.

Expected outcome Please describe the expected outcome of the support requested.
Click here to enter text.

4. Current context and reason for requesting the support

Please shortly describe the current context of transparency in your country in which this support will come in and explain the reasons for requiring support in this specific area. Please also state if you have received or receiving similar support in this area (e.g., CBIT, GEF Enabling Activities, ICAT, UNDP, RedInGEI, GSP).
Click here to enter text.

5. Proposed activities and estimated budget

Please provide a description of the proposed activities and the estimated budget for the requested support, including country's co-financing.
Click here to enter text.

Table 1.: Estimated budget for the requested support

Item/activity	Amount	Cost (USD)	Subtotal (USD)
CBIT-GSP financing			
Item 1.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 2.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 3.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 4.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 5.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
(1) Total CBIT-GSP financing			0,000.
Country Co-financing			
Item 1.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 2.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 3.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
Item 4.	Amount.	0,000.	0,000.
(2) Total Country Co-financing			0,000.
(3) TOTAL (1)+(2)			0,000.

Note: Table 1 can be completed with support from CBIT-GSP Regional Network Coordinator

Thank you!



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