

# **Initial Survey of National Reports from Work Group 2**

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# BACKGROUND

- **From the COPOLAD II Programme 1st Annual meeting of National Drugs Observatories in Kingston, Jamaica December 5 – 9, 2016 participants agreed National Drug reports of CELAC countries are limited in the integration of different sources of information and are inconsistent in the dissemination of information.**
- **2 Working groups were established under Activity 1.5, with the overall goal to help CELAC countries develop strategies to strengthen their capacity to deliver comprehensive National Reports.**

# PURPOSE OF REPORT

**To acquire initial data on National or Country Reports in 11 Caribbean countries and it is part of a wider report including CELAC countries**

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## **Components of Activity 1.5: -**

- **Survey of existing national or Country Reports among Caribbean countries including a review of the dissemination strategies used by NDOs**
- **Preparation of a report on the status of the participating countries about the National Report and communication strategy developed**

- **Group 1: Survey among fourteen Spanish speaking countries**
- **Group 2: Survey among eleven Caribbean countries - Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago**

# METHODOLOGY (CONT'D)

**Instrument consisted of five closed and five open-ended questions. The closed questions focus on the following areas:**

- **Category of persons completing the report**
- **Duration of employment at the organisation**
- **Preparation of annual reports**
- **Types of reports in the past three years**
- **Topics in last three years**
- **Existence of Communication Strategies to disseminate reports**
- **Types of communication strategies.**

# METHODOLOGY( CONT'D)

**The open-ended questions addressed:**

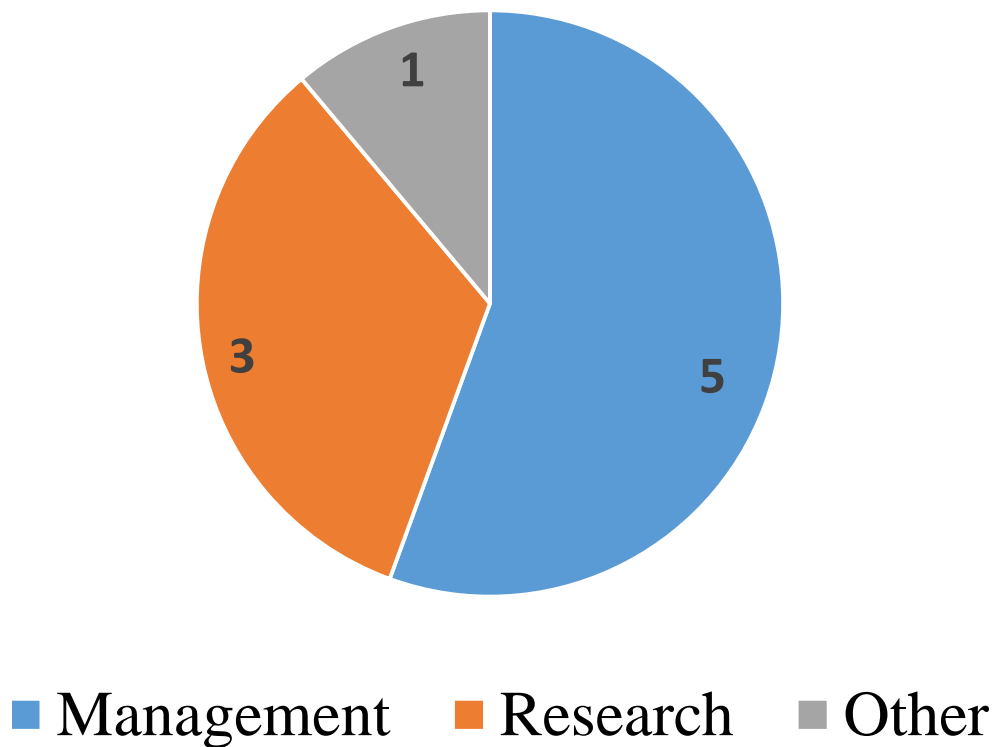
- **Challenges NDO's currently face in producing a National Report**
- **Measures that could be applied to overcome barriers in delivering a National Report**
- **Obstacles hindering implementation of communication strategy**
- **The rating of the dissemination experience**
- **Expected results from participation in COPOLAD project**

# DATA ANALYSIS

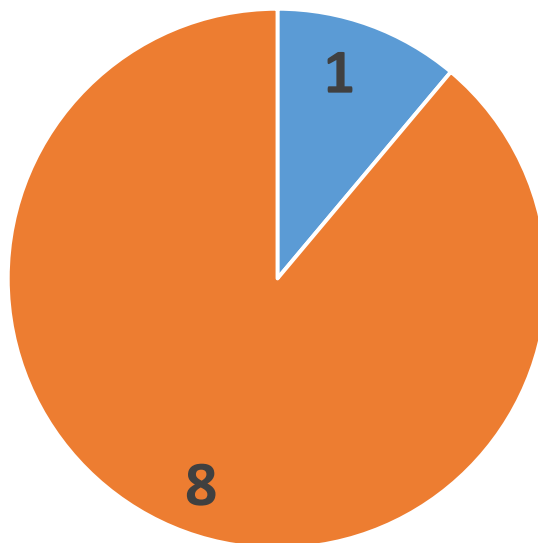
- **Results are based on responses from 9 of the 11 countries**
- **Descriptive statistics were used to report demographic and other quantitative variables in the survey.**
- **Questions 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 (qualitative items) coded before statistical analysis.**
- **Absolute numbers rather than percentages were used to present the data.**
- **The Statistical Packages for the Social Sciences (SPSS) was used to analyse the data.**

# FINDINGS

**Figure 1: Category of Persons  
Completing the Survey**

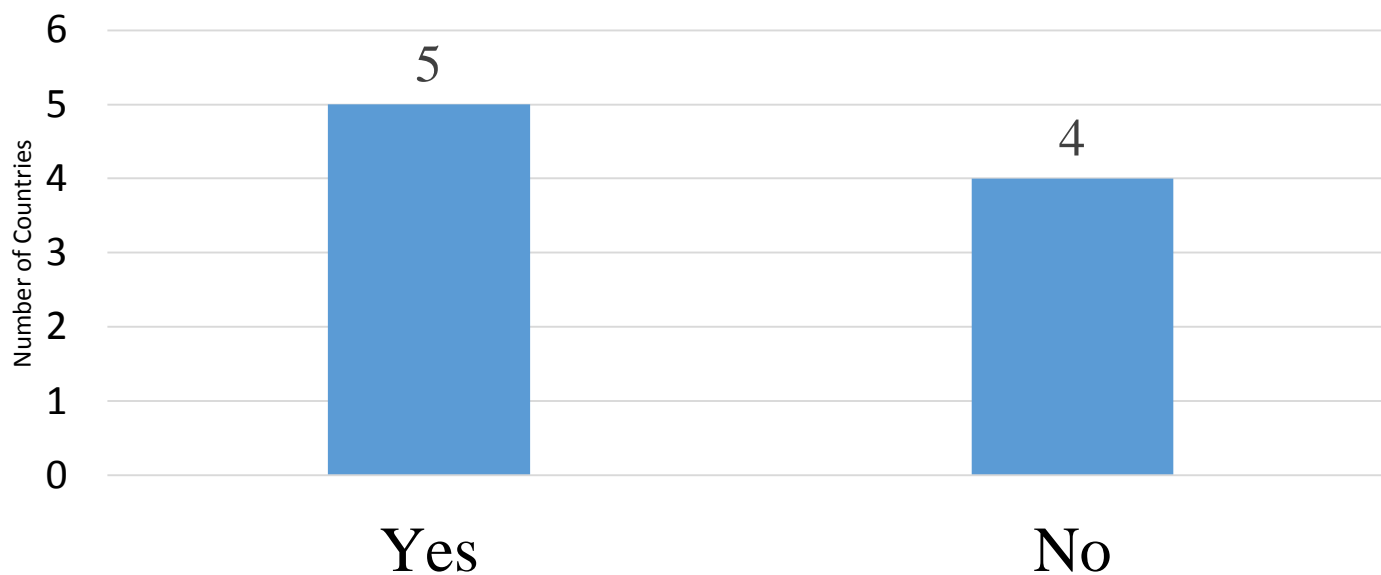


**Figure 2: Duration of Employment at Organization**

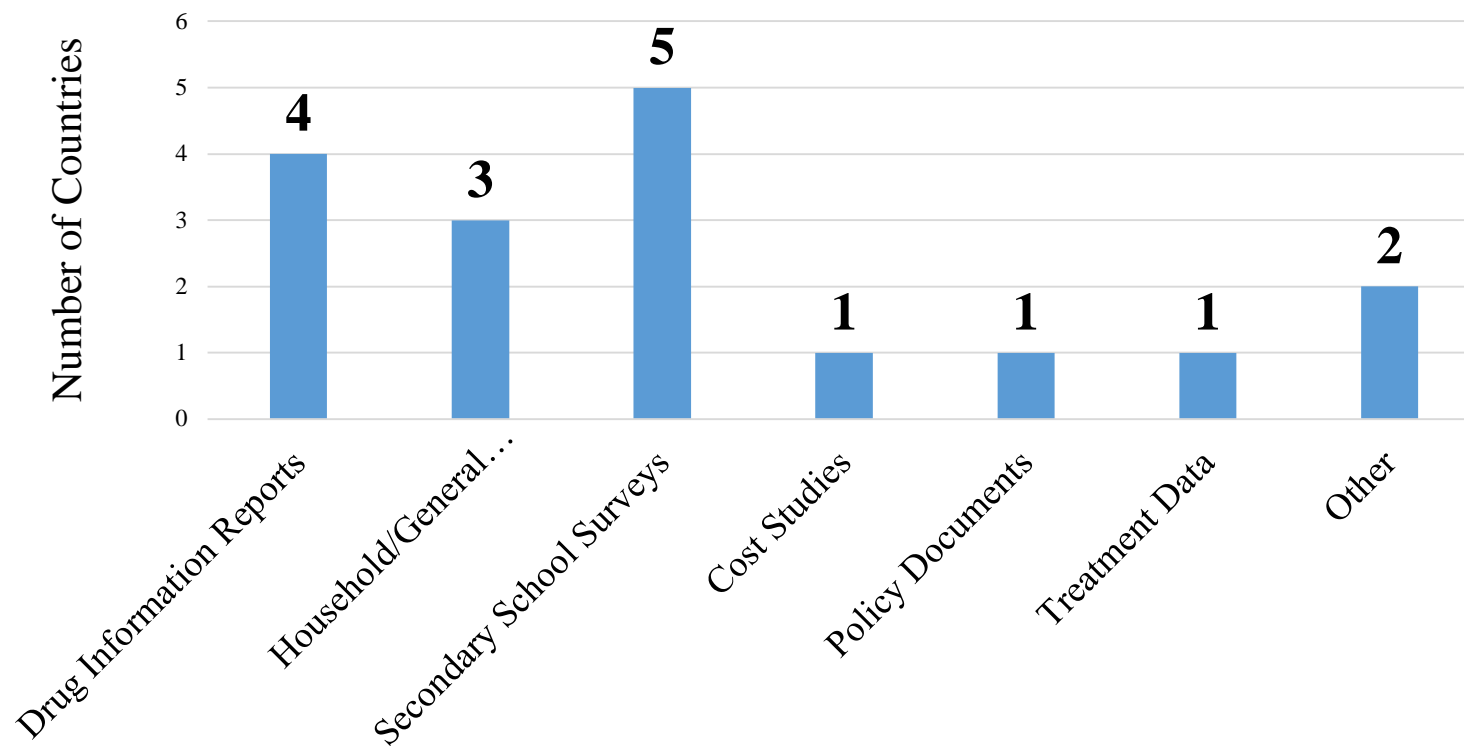


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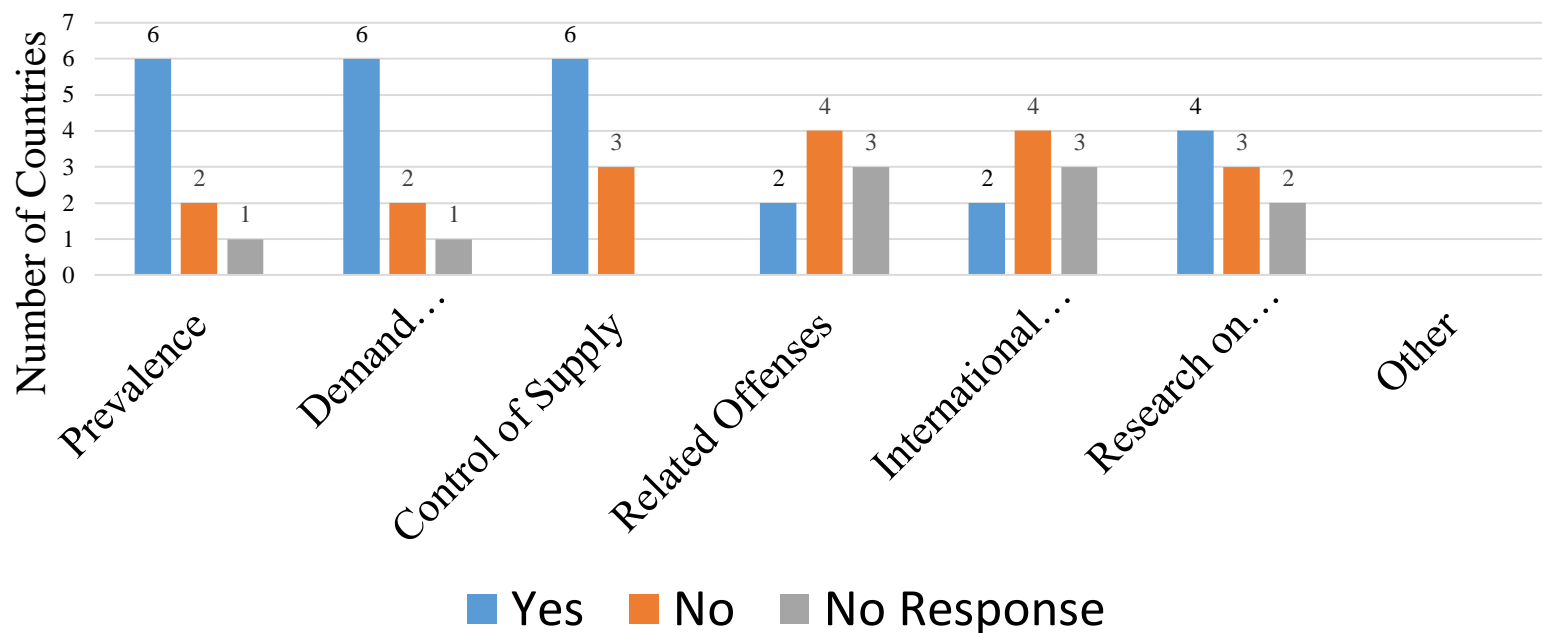
**Figure 3: Preparation of Annual Reports/Updates  
on the National Drug Situation**



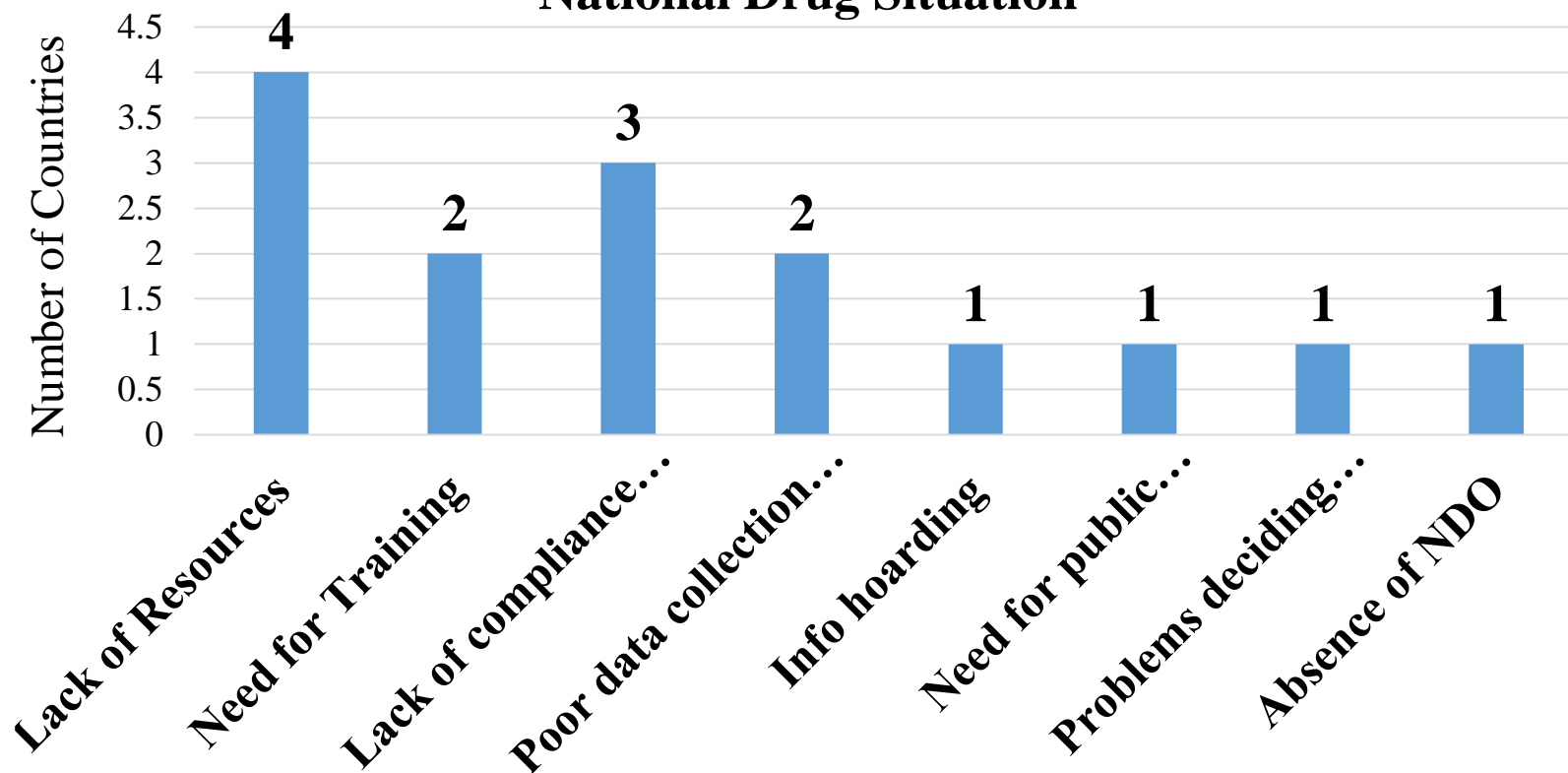
**Figure 4: Types of Reports Produced in the Past 3 Years**



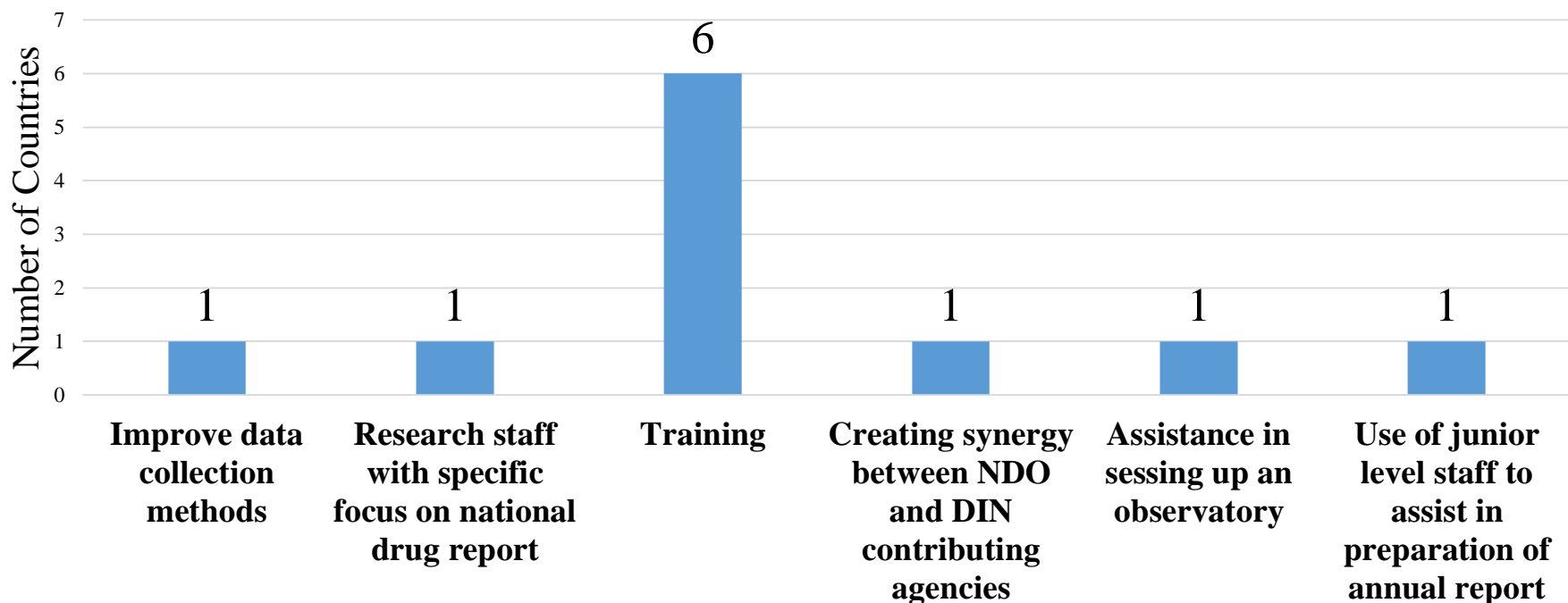
**Figure 5: Topics of Reports Produced in Past 3 years**



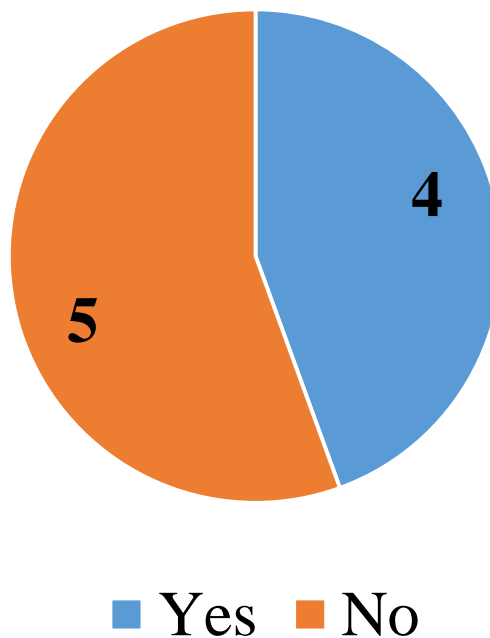
**Figure 6: Obstacles to Preparing a Report on the National Drug Situation**



**Figure 7: Measures/Actions that can be Used to Overcome the  
Obstacles Hindering the Preparation of a Report on the  
National Drug Situation**



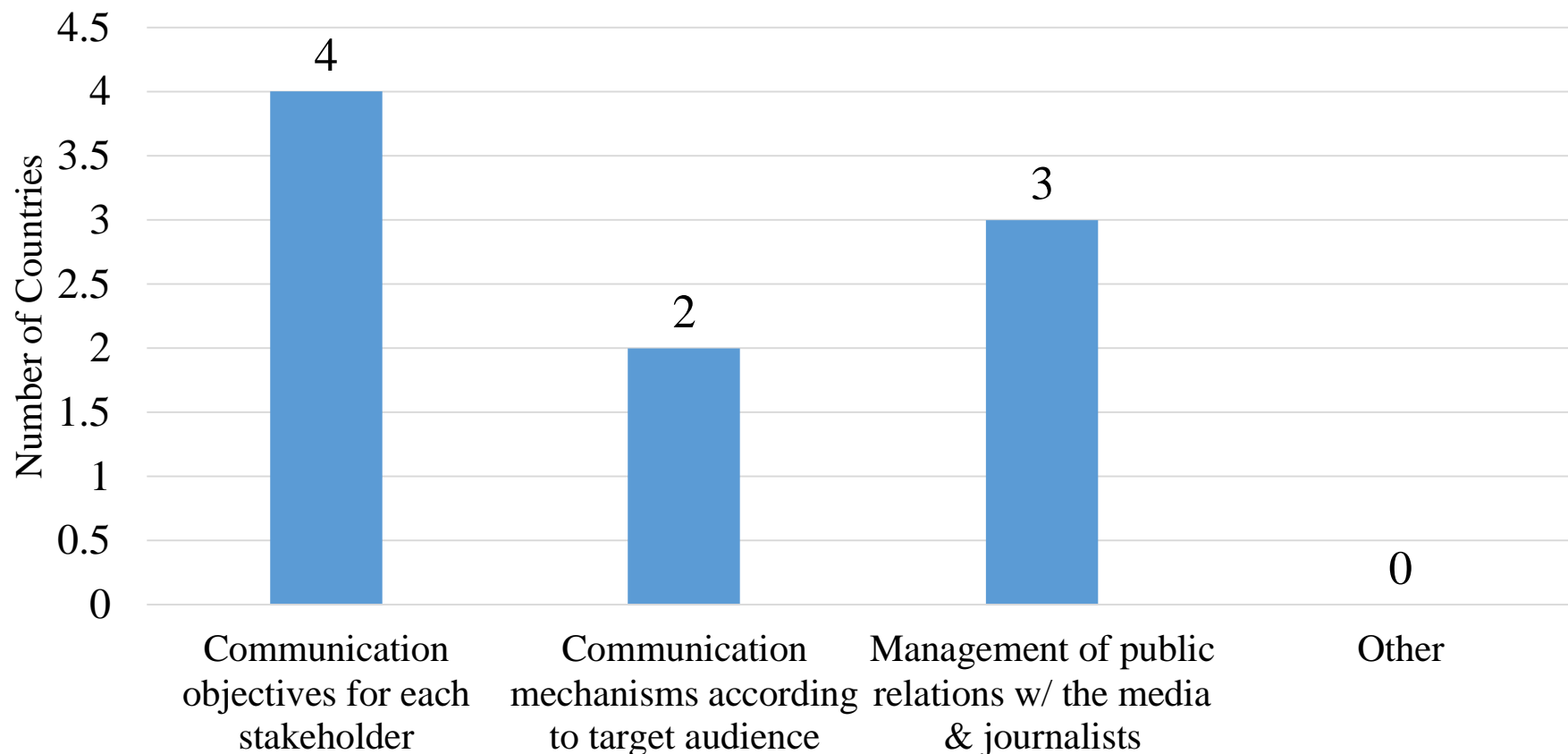
**Figure 8: Countries' Use of Communication Strategy  
to Ensure Dissemination of Reports**



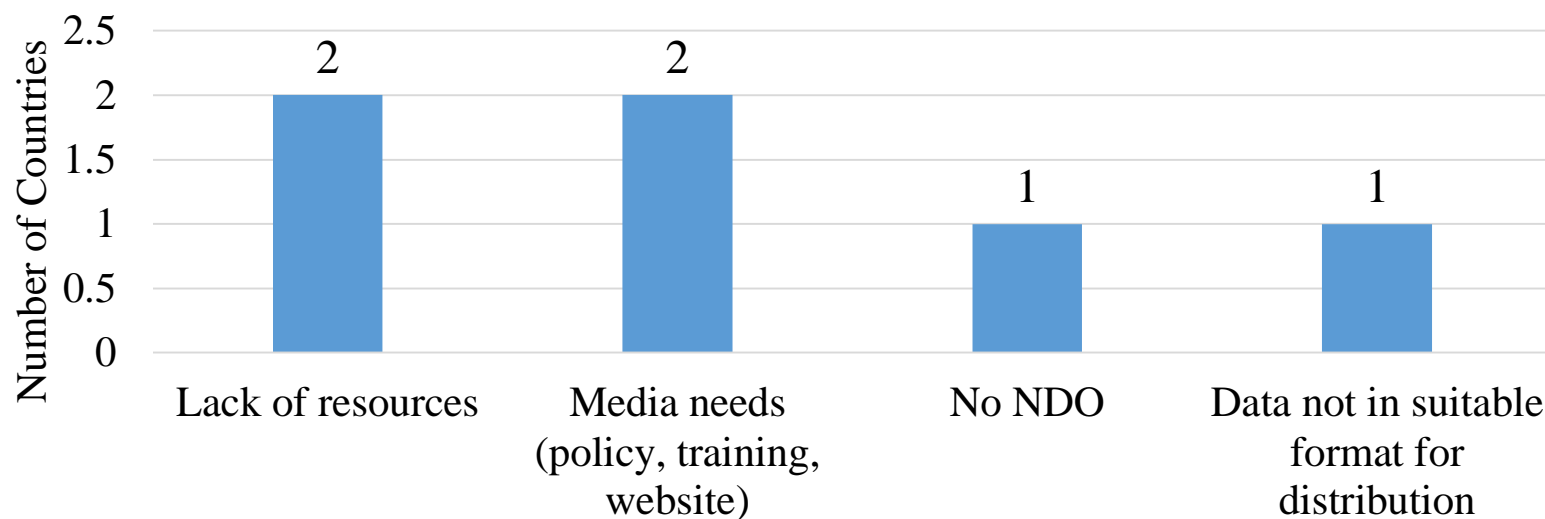


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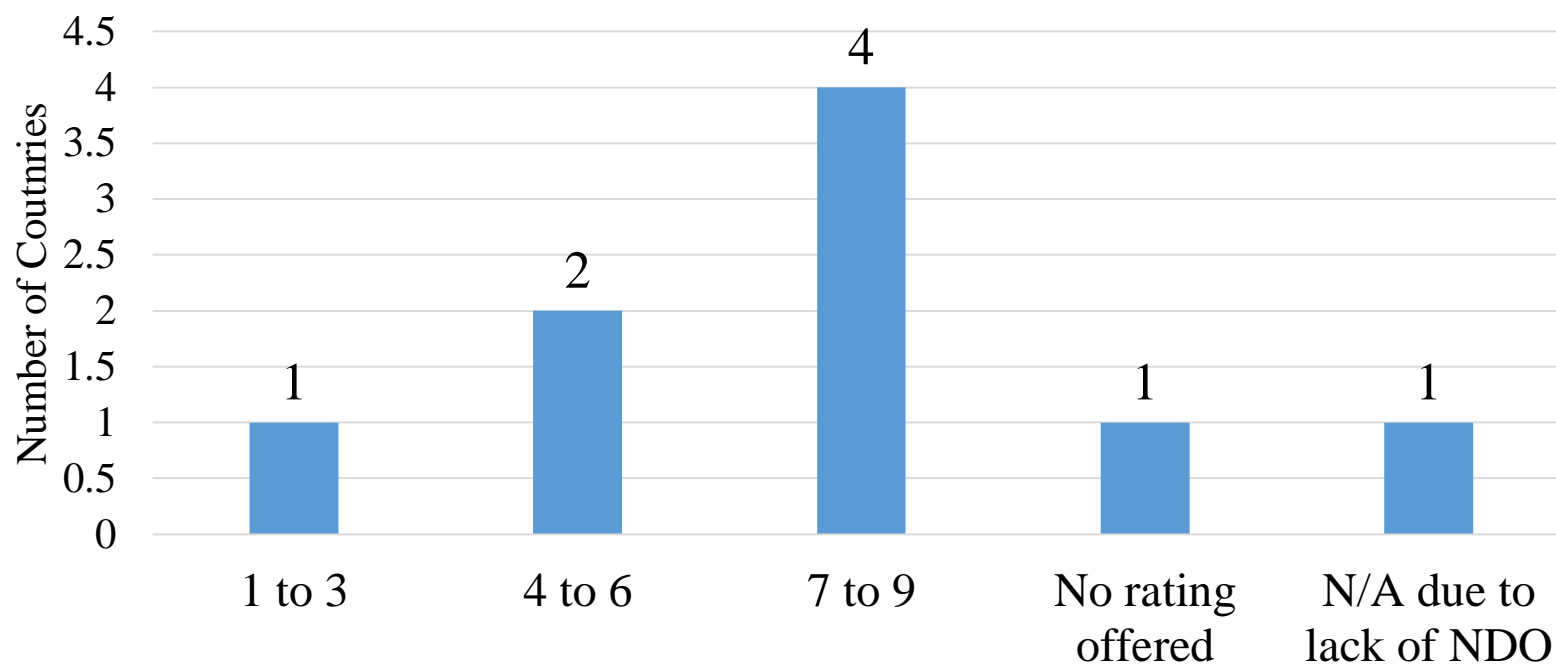
**Figure 9: Communication Strategy Components for Countries which have a Communication Strategy**



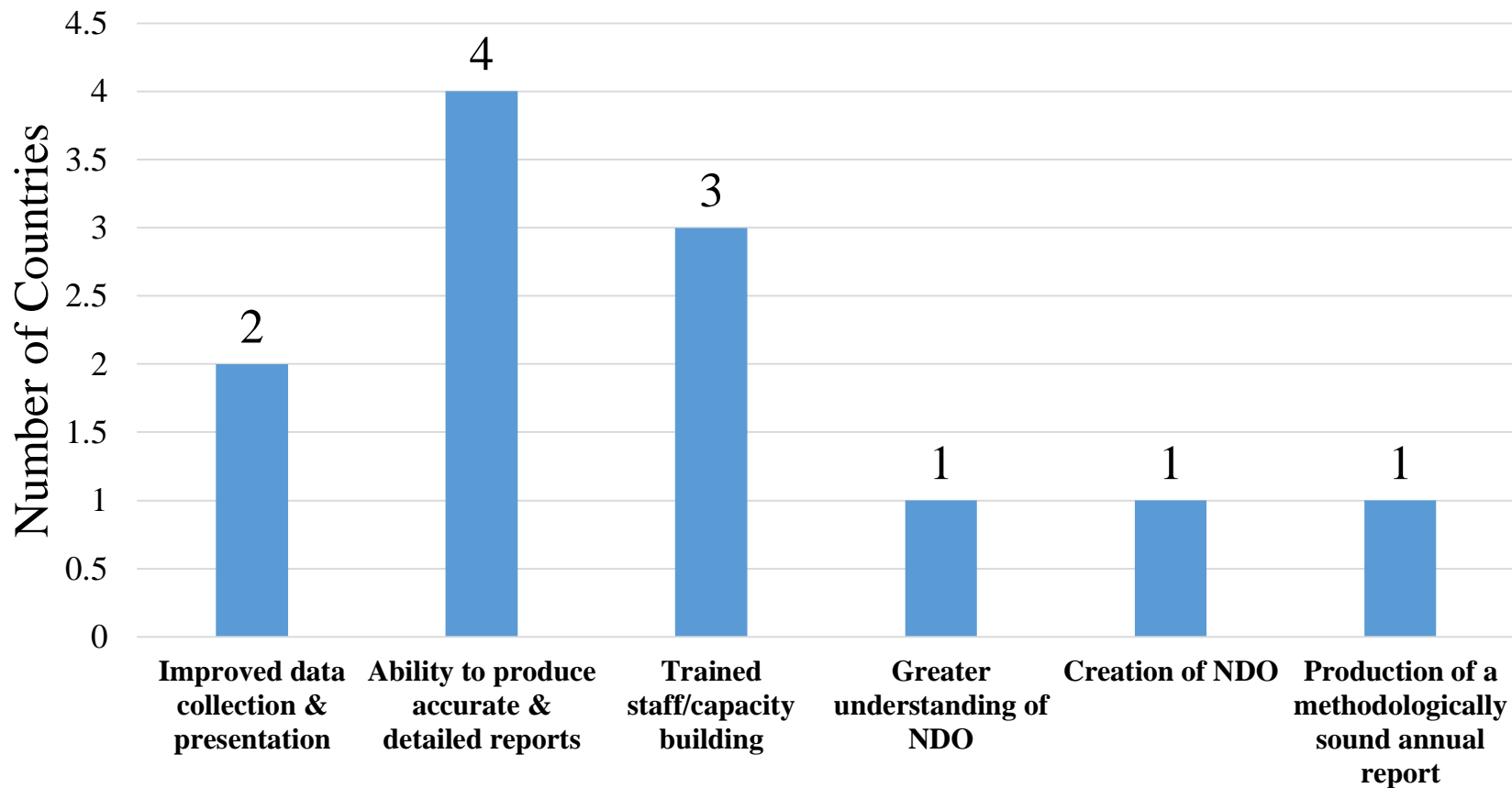
**Figure 10: Obstacles Hindering the Design/Implementation of a Communication Strategy**



**Figure 11: Rating of NDO Dissemination Experience on a Scale of 1 to 10**



**Figure 12: Results Expected from COPOLAD Project**



## Overall Findings

- **Little emphasis placed on international cooperation, research on specific populations and international cooperation.**
- **Reliance on Drug Information Network (DIN) Reports and Secondary School Surveys to inform on the drug situation.**
- **Lack of a communication objective for each stakeholder and the absence of a wider public relations strategy.**

## Findings Cont'd

- **The inability to access proper training was a major hindrance to preparing National Reports.**
- **Respondents recognised the need to acquire the appropriate technical skills to present and disseminate reports**

## Recommendations

- **Promote a more in-depth understanding of data and its contribution to programming and public policy on drug use and abuse.**
- **A further assessment of training needs as it relates to the collection of data and the development and dissemination of national reports**
- **The implementation of a training plan based on identified needs**
- **Promoting local stakeholder investment in training**