

REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION IN VENEZUELA

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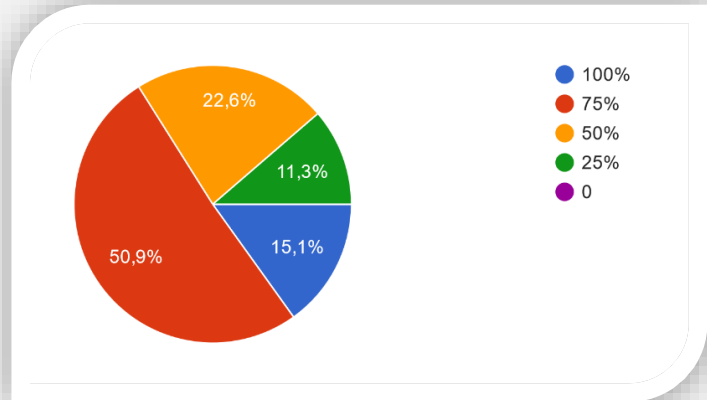
CONTEXT.

STATE AUTHORITIES PROMOTE A DISCREDITING DISCOURSE THROUGH A CONSTANT POLICY OF INTIMIDATION AND RETALIATION THAT INCLUDES LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND JUDICIAL MEASURES, BESIDES SYSTEMATIC PRACTICES OF REPRESSION AND ARBITRARY DETENTIONS. FROM THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, AND THROUGH THE OFFICIAL MEDIA, THE STATE HAS CREATED SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO DEFEND RIGHTS IN VENEZUELA. CURRENTLY, THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEGUN TO DISCUSS A REGULATION GUIDED TO THE ABSOLUTE AND ARBITRARY CONTROL OF THE EXISTENCE AND OPERATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS EXTENDED TO THE DIFFUSE CONCEPT - AND RELATED - WHICH WOULD DIRECTLY AFFECT THE POSSIBILITY OF DENOUNCING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN VENEZUELA AND THE WORK OF HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS.

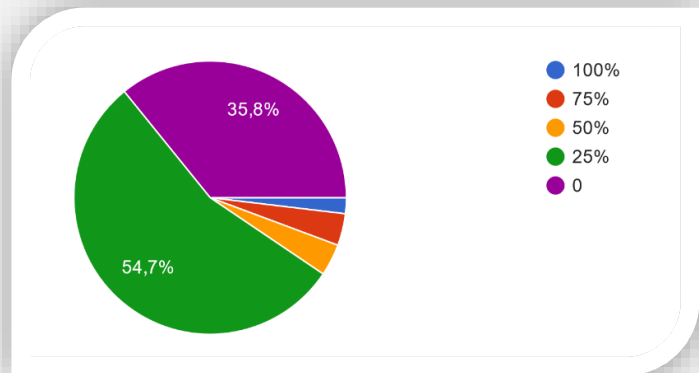
LIKewise, THE STATE HAS FACILITATED ABUSES OF AUTHORITY AND VIOLENT ACTIONS AGAINST PEACEFUL DEFENDERS AND ACTIVISTS FROM SECURITY AGENCIES, GROUPS OF ARMED CIVILIANS, AND PRO-GOVERNMENT INDIVIDUALS, WHICH CREATE A HOSTILE AND UNSAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE LEGITIMATE PERFORMANCE OF DEFENSE WORK, WITH THE AGGRAVATING FACTOR OF USING LETHAL FIREARMS IN MANIFESTATIONS SINCE 2014, GENERATING A LARGE LOSS OF LIFE.

COMPOSITION OF THE VENEZUELAN ORGANIZATIONS.

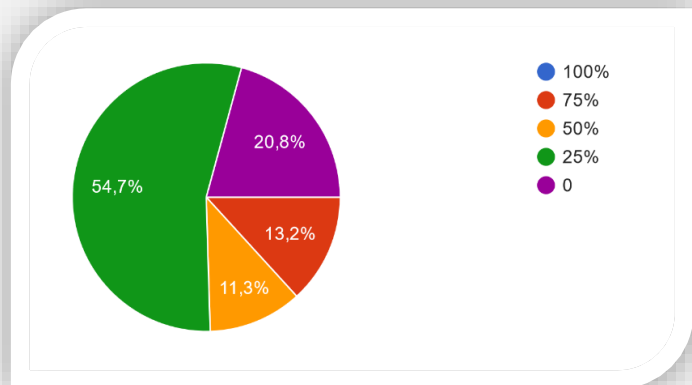
50.9% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE MADE UP OF 75% WOMEN AND 11.3% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ONLY 25% WOMEN IN THEIR WORKING GROUPS.



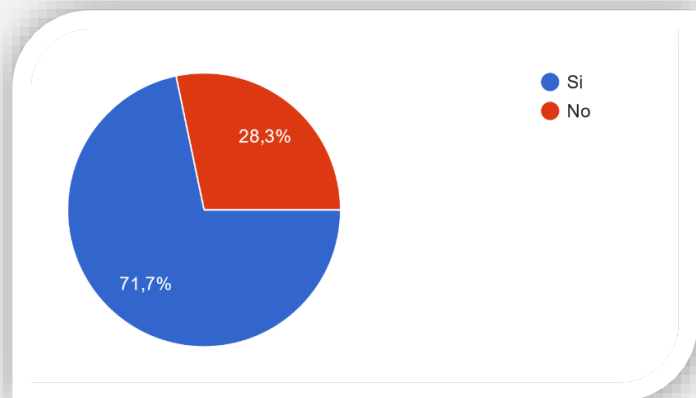
35.8% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT HAVE LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE IN THEIR WORK GROUPS AND 54.7% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS ONLY HAVE 25% OF PEOPLE FROM THE LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITY ON THEIR STAFF.



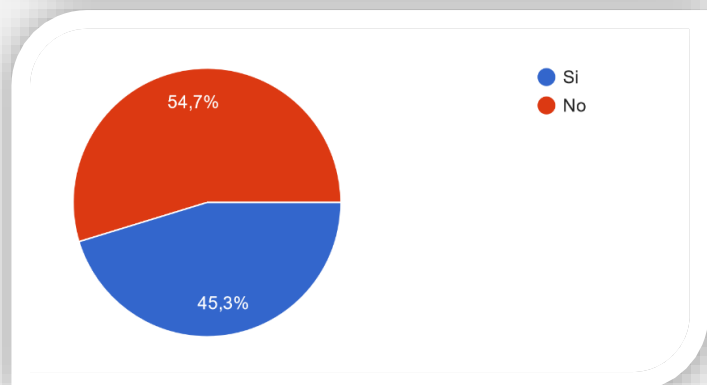
54.7% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ONLY 25% OF YOUNG PEOPLE (24 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER) IN THEIR WORKING GROUPS AND 20.8% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE NO YOUNG PEOPLE AT ALL.



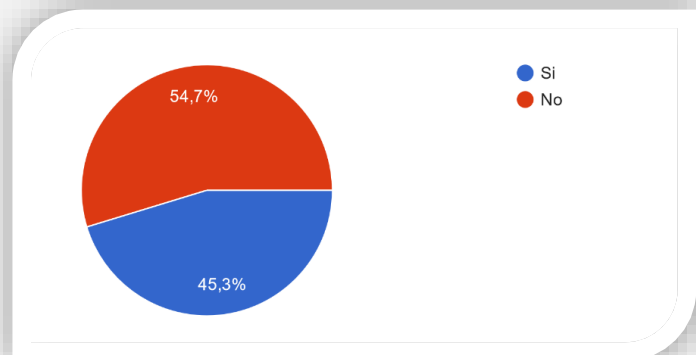
71.7% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WERE LEGALLY CONSTITUTED, 28.3% FAILED TO REGISTER IN THE PAST.



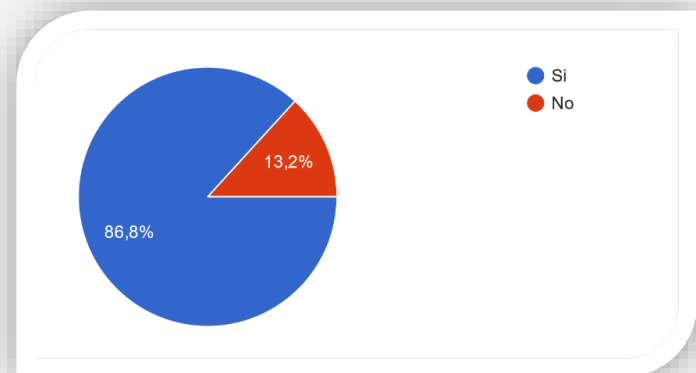
AS FOR PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS, 54.7% OF THEM HAVE HAD OBSTACLES FROM THE AGENCY IN CHARGE TO RENEW BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OR ANY CHANGES THEY INTEND TO MAKE.



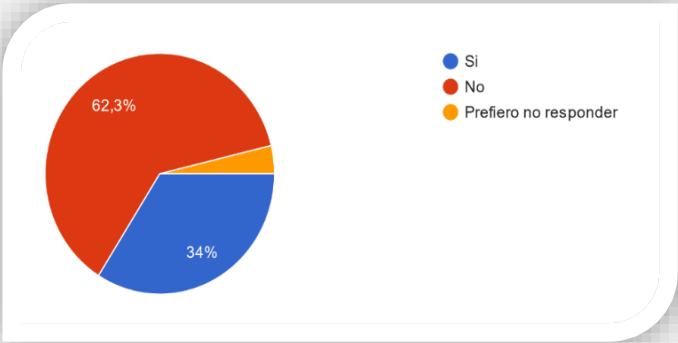
45.35 OF THE ORGANIZATIONS CLAIMED BEEN SUBJECT TO HARASSMENT OR PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR WORK.



86.8% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS REPORTED KNOWING ABOUT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF HARASSMENT, PERSECUTION, OR THREATS.



EL 34% OF THE ORGANIZATIONS ASSEVERATE THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FUNDS, WHEREAS 62.3% HAVE NEVER RECEIVED FUNDING.



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