



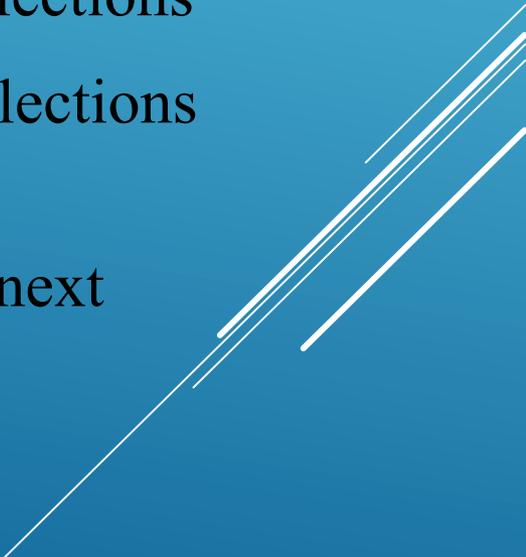
## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

# DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION AN ASSESSMENT OF WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE

Kabul-Afghanistan

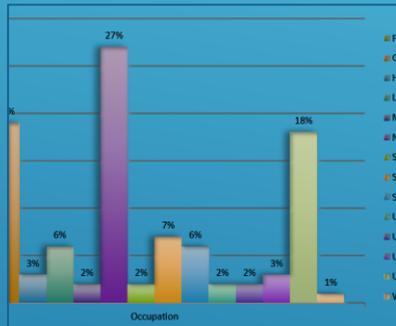
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# OVERVIEW

- ▶ • Willingness to participate/vote in next elections
  - ▶ • Confidence in IEC and IECC has declined
  - ▶ • Women as potential candidates in district council elections
  - ▶ • Security remains a major concern/challenge
  - ▶ • Low level of awareness on district council elections
  - ▶ • Holding parliamentary and district council elections together
  - ▶ • Challenges facing women's participation in next elections
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# METHODS



# FINDINGS

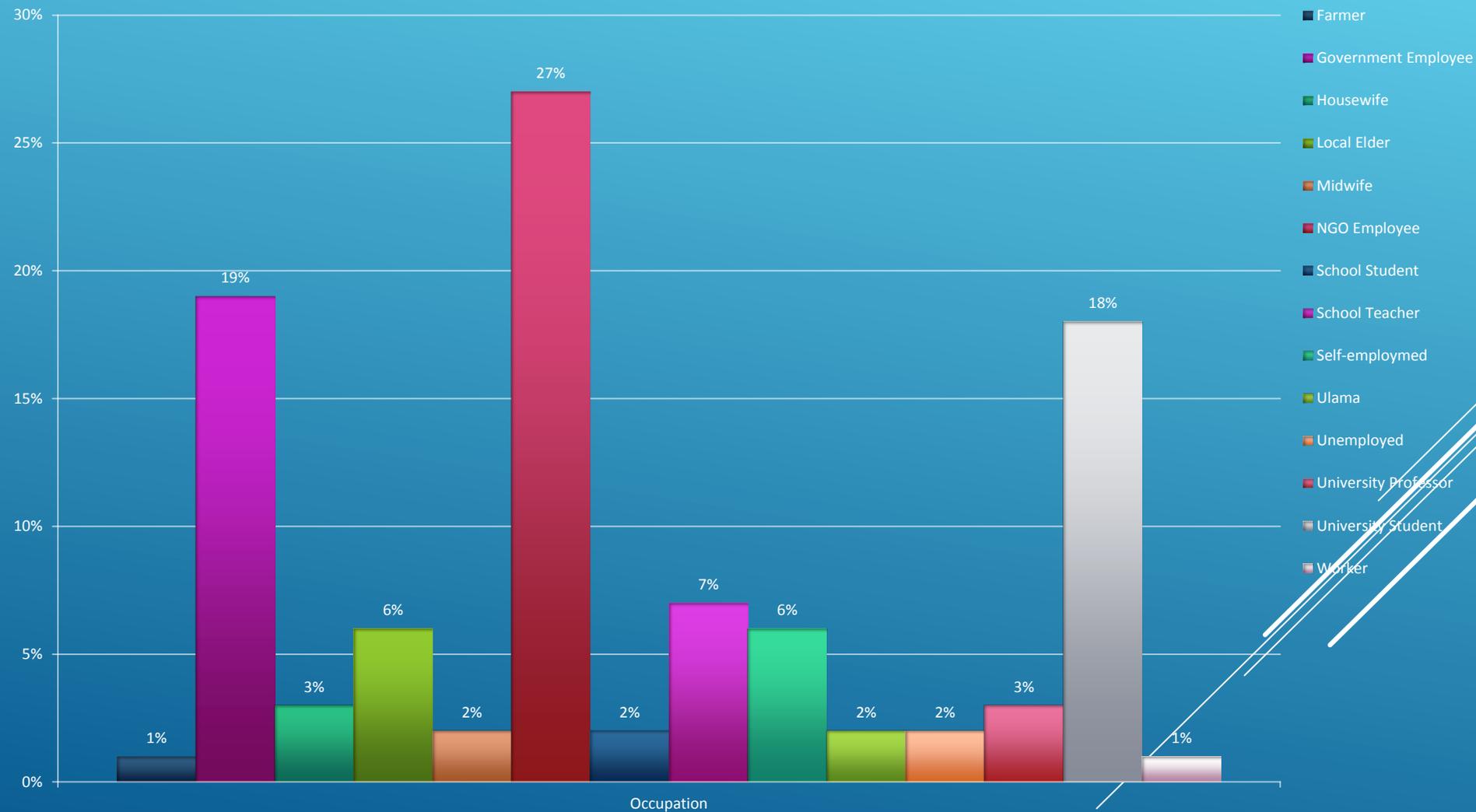


# Q&A

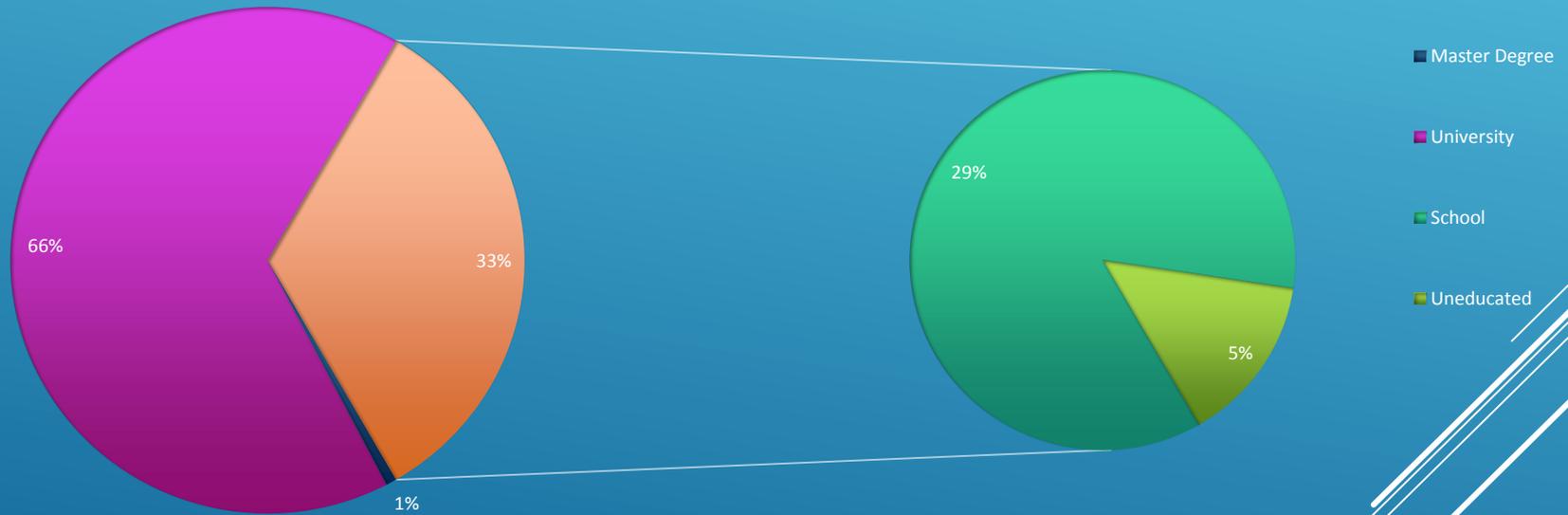
# METHODS

- ▶ Two days Training session provide to provincial coordinators on assessment and data collection methodology
  - ▶ Research questionnaires'
  - Mack Interviews
  - Focus group discussion
  - ▶ Scope
  - ▶ Research questions
  - ▶ Data collection
  - ▶ Analyses
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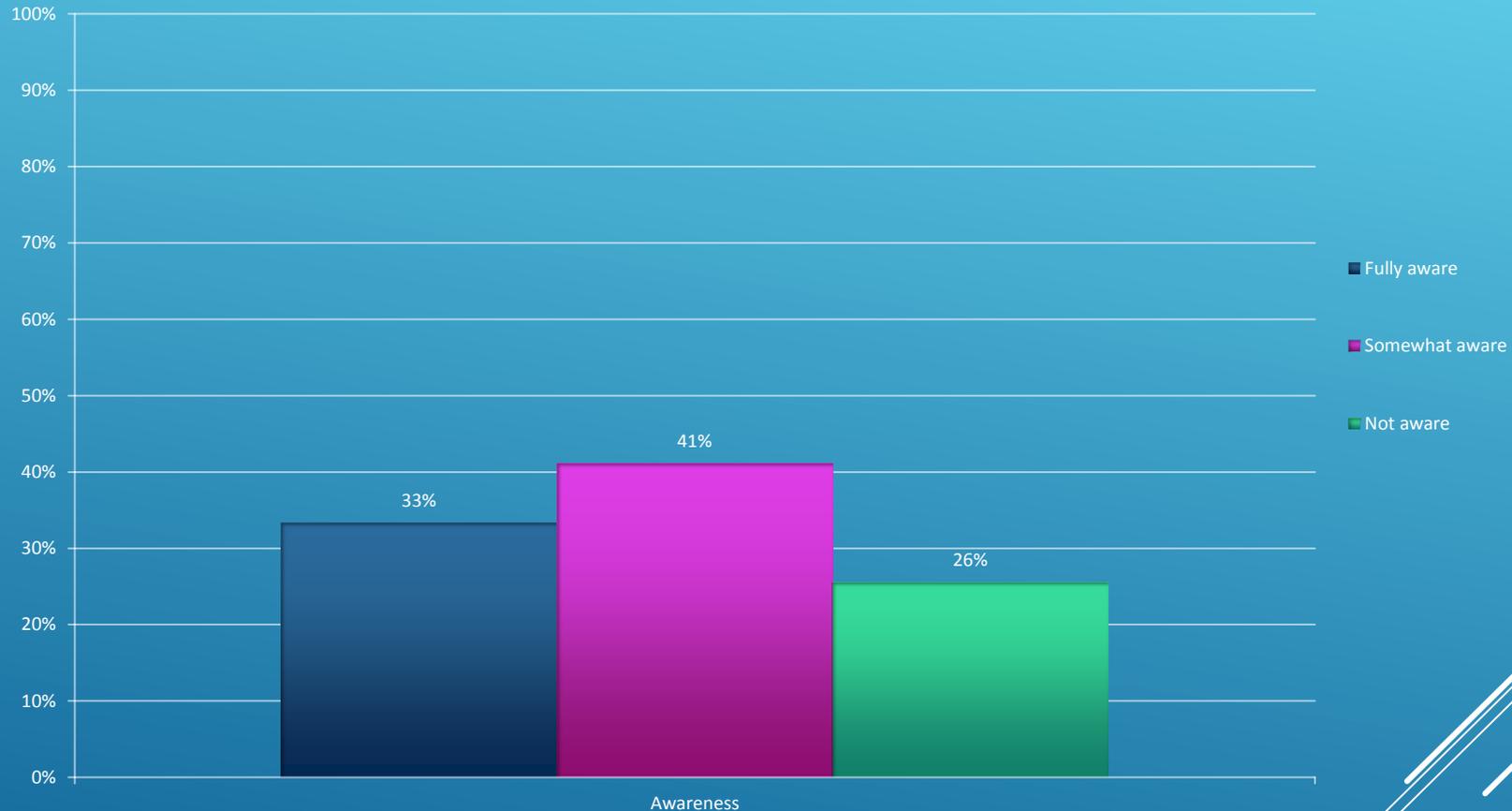
# OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENTS



# LEVEL OF EDUCATION OF RESPONDENTS

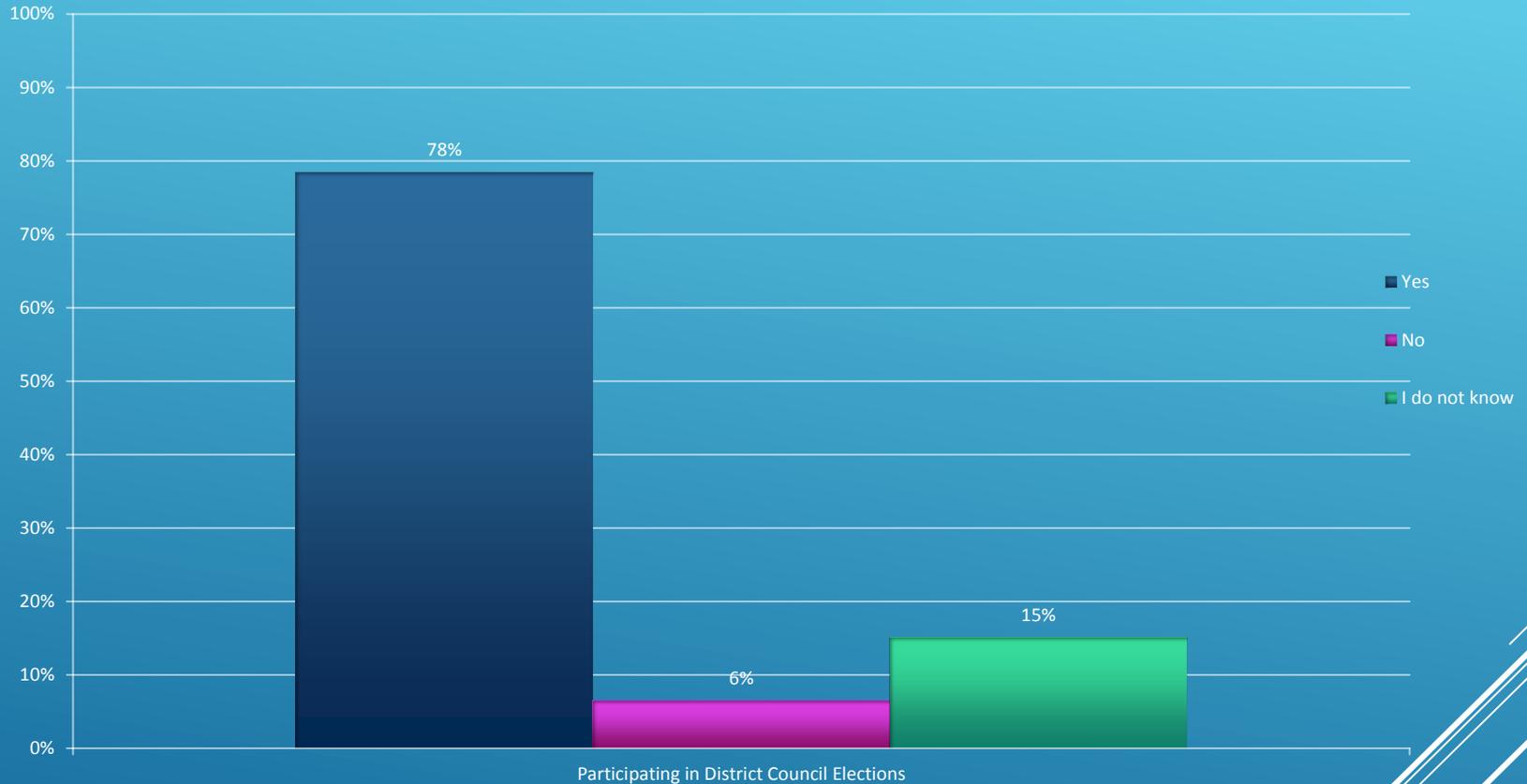


# AWARENESS AMONG RESPONDENTS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL PROVISIONS IN THE CONSTITUTION



Fully Aware: 33.33%  
Somewhat aware: 41.13%  
Not aware: 25.53%

# PARTICIPATING IN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION



Yes: 78.42%  
No: 6.47%  
I don't Know: 15.11%

# CONDITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION

- ▶ Personal safety of citizens was a key condition for citizens' participation in elections.
- ▶ To avoid Illegal armed groups and warlords interfering in Election process
- ▶ Physical location of polling centers and stations should be accessible to voter especially to women
- ▶ Government credibility should be increased
- ▶ Electoral Reform should be conducted before conducting any election
- ▶ Condition for candidates need to be developed
- ▶ District Council Election legal framework
- ▶ Independent and Professional staff at the polling stations
- ▶ New voter registration cards distribution
- ▶ Families to be encourage to allow their women to participate in election
- ▶ Women staff at the women polling centers and stations

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Campaigns and awareness-raising sessions should be conducted on district councils, their mandate as designated in the Sub-National Governance Policy of 2010, and the profile of candidates.
- ▶ Targeted information sessions should be designed for and delivered to civil society organizations and political parties at the district level.
- ▶ Additional advocacy should be directed at district authorities to engage them in communicating about district councils, their role in district governance and their linkages with district, provincial and national governance bodies.
- ▶ Specific information sessions and workshops need to be designed for women to encourage them to participate as voters and candidates in district council elections

- ▶ Civic rights awareness, including on rights and duties of citizens and the electoral process, should be provided to the public.
  - ▶ The importance of district council elections for local representation should be clearly explained to the public.
  - ▶ To reach a higher number of citizens, awareness should be given through media, but also using civil society networks, university networks, as well as mosques and ulema, tribal shuras and schools.
  - ▶ The importance of women's vote should be highlighted in all awareness-raising campaigns on elections.
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- ▶ The role and duty of the government in organizing and securing the conditions for free and fair elections should be widely disseminated.
  - ▶ Security measures taken by district authorities on the days of the election need to be disseminated to the wider public including specific information sessions for women.
  - ▶ Civil society organizations should be actively engaged to curb and monitor fraudulent practices, and communicate about it to the public.
  - ▶ Public awareness campaigns reaching out to women and traditional elements of society should be conducted, including in remote districts.
  - ▶ The location of voting stations should be clearly explained and marked for the public, and for women in particular
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# QUESTIONS

