



The key findings and recommendations found in this report are based on:

- Responses from organizations in more than 100 countries to a unique e-survey (see "Additional Information" for the list of responding groups by country).
- Discussions and conclusions from a three-day international experts meeting, December 2004 in Gatineau, Canada (see "Additional Information" for a list of participants).

This report also draws on recent statements and studies by major NGOs and others on the progress of the Millennium Development Goals.

Partners and Survey

OUR SURVEY: WHO TOOK PART?

The survey was offered in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish. It was directed to NGOs with consultative status at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN and to other organizations and movements not formally connected to the United Nations. The survey used contact lists from several United Nations offices, including the ECOSOC, the Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS), and the Department of Public Information. There were 439 survey responses.

Among the respondents are development program agencies like Participatory Development Action Program in Bangladesh, advocacy campaigns like the Global Call to Action Against Poverty, and groups that undertake both advocacy and development. Some respondents are local, including the Association Tunisienne des Droits de l'Enfant; some are global, like Caritas Internationalis. A wide community of interests is reflected in the survey respondents: faith-based, labour, youth, women, minorities, and other.

Of the 439 responding organizations, almost 60% are from the "global South." European groups make up 22% of respondents, Africa 22%, Canada and the United States 19%, Asia 17%, Latin America 13.4%, Middle East 3.4%, Australia/Oceania 1.4%, and the Caribbean 0.9%.

Survey participants describe the scope of their work as global (44%), national (41%), or local (14%). Therefore, the predominant point of view comes from organizations working at a national or sub-national level. The majority of participating organizations have a small staff. One-fifth have no staff, and half have fewer than 20 paid employees. However one-tenth of participating organizations have more than 100 staff, and half of those have 500 or more. About 20% of the groups count more than 1,000 members.

Some 46% of participating organizations have annual budgets of less than US\$50,000, while 24% have funding of US\$500,000 or more; 4.5% report more than US\$10 million each.

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

We the Peoples 2005 offers a relatively brief overview of diverse opinions on complex and urgent issues. This report cannot be fully comprehensive and cannot include quotations from every worthwhile survey submission. The accuracy of statements depends on the submissions received, contributions to our experts' meeting, as well as on documentary sources utilized. The overall patterns of views are indicative, not conclusive. We believe the diversity of groups participating provides some measure of broad representation.