



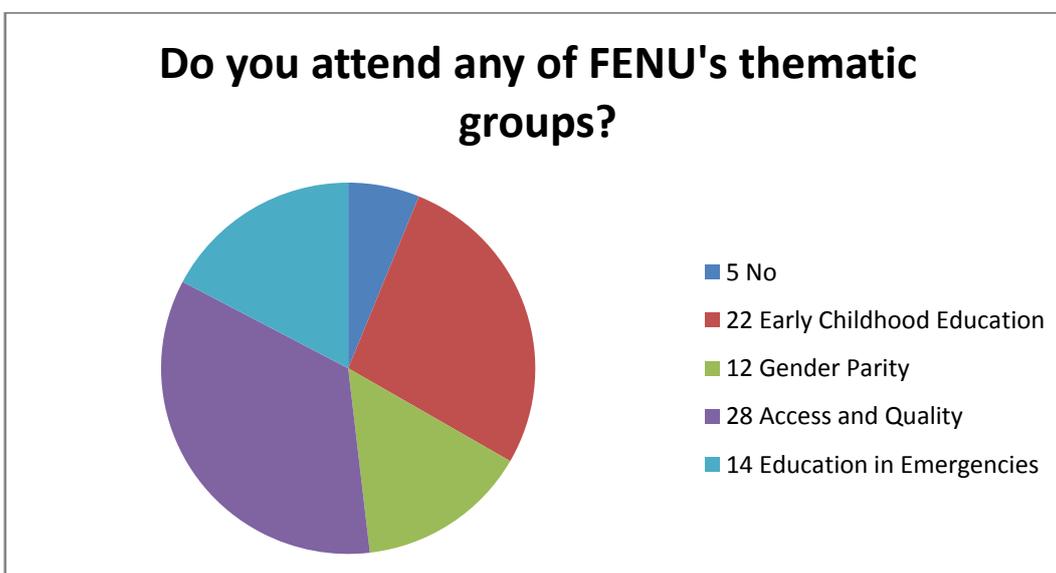
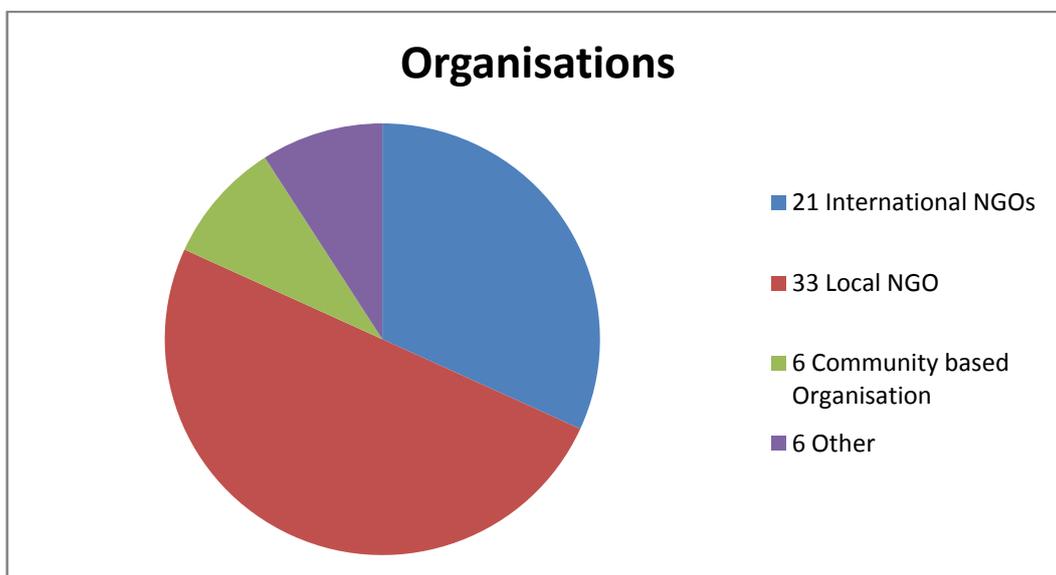
FENU membership feedback summary Monitoring and Evaluation 2013

At FENU we are always keen to hear what our members and partners think of our work – both what we are doing well and how we can improve.

At the end of November 2013 we asked FENU members and partners to fill in an anonymous questionnaire to find out what they think of FENU's work. We asked members of each FENU thematic group to fill in questionnaires at the end of their meetings and also distributed it to all our members and partners through an online survey.

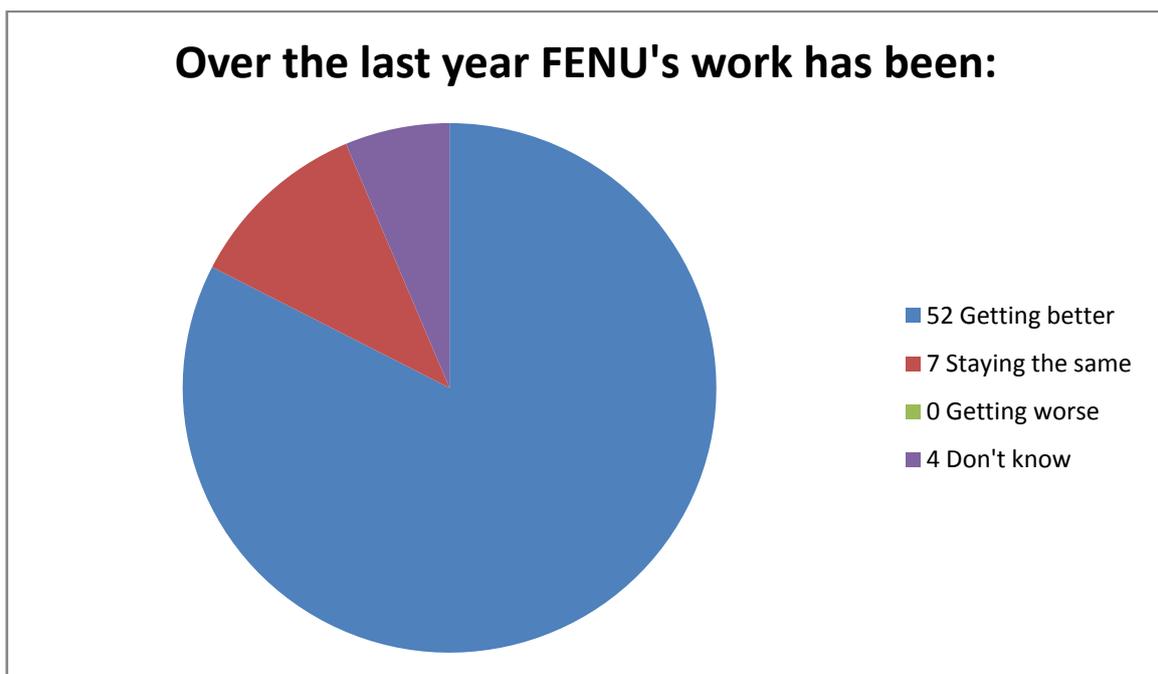
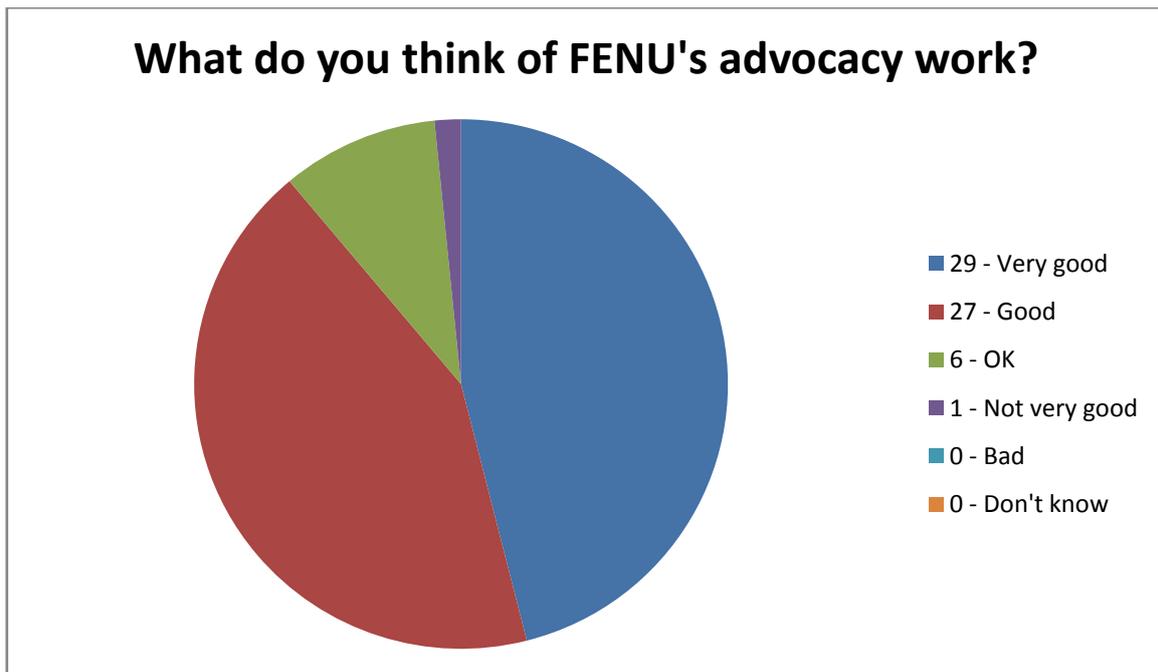
This briefing is a summary of the responses received. The full responses to all the questions asked can also be found in our detail report [here>>>](#).

Our respondents

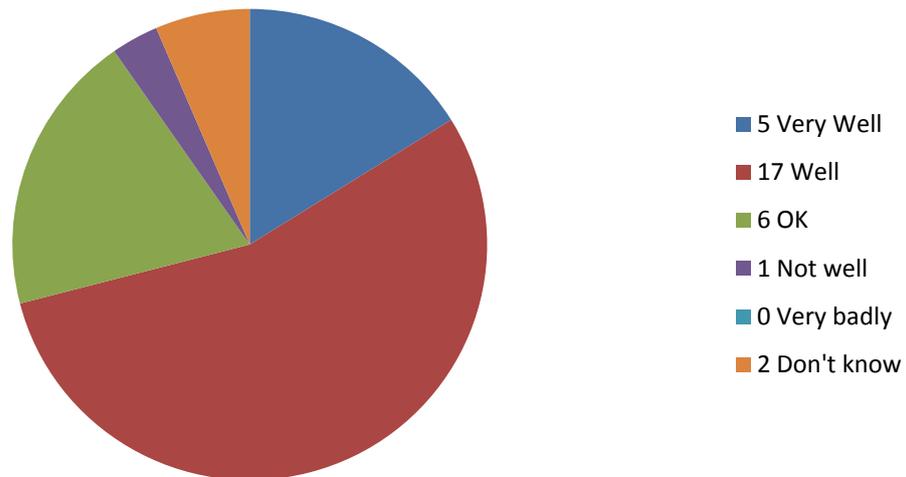


FENU's advocacy work

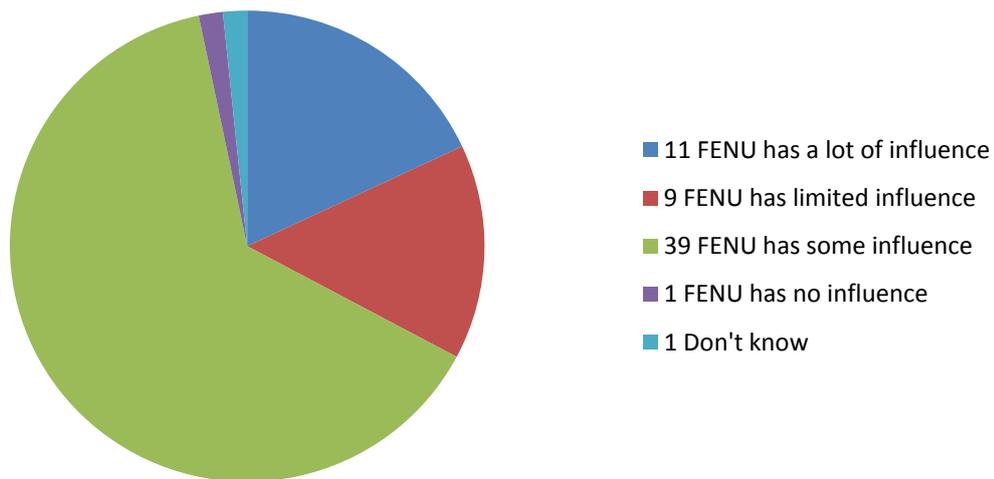
We were keen to learn what our members think about FENU's advocacy work:



How well do you think FENU represents your organisation?



Do you think FENU has influence with Government and decision makers?



FENU's strengths

We asked participants what they think is good about FENU's advocacy work. There were some running themes in the responses we received which are summarised below:

Respondents were pleased with FENU's success at providing a common platform for NGOs to work together on advocacy issues. Respondents felt that FENU is good at incorporating many different organisations' views and coming up with a shared vision and action on education issues. The importance of partnership, networking and sharing of information was also raised.

The important role of FENU in connecting communities and organisations to policy and decision makers was particularly stressed. Respondents are pleased with FENU's work in the Ministry of Education and with other stakeholders such as Education Development Partners and Faith Based Organisations to raise education issues. The importance role FENU plays in raising awareness of the problems in education was also mentioned.

Participants also welcomed FENU's role in keeping members informed on education issues. FENU's level of commitment, proactive approach and focus are also appreciated.

How FENU's advocacy work could be improved

We also asked respondents how they thought FENU's work could be improved. The responses are summarised below:

Respondents would be keen for FENU's work to be expanded so that FENU functions more at regional and district level and with local, as well as national government. Respondents would also like to see more work in rural areas and would also be keen for FENU to do more work with local communities.

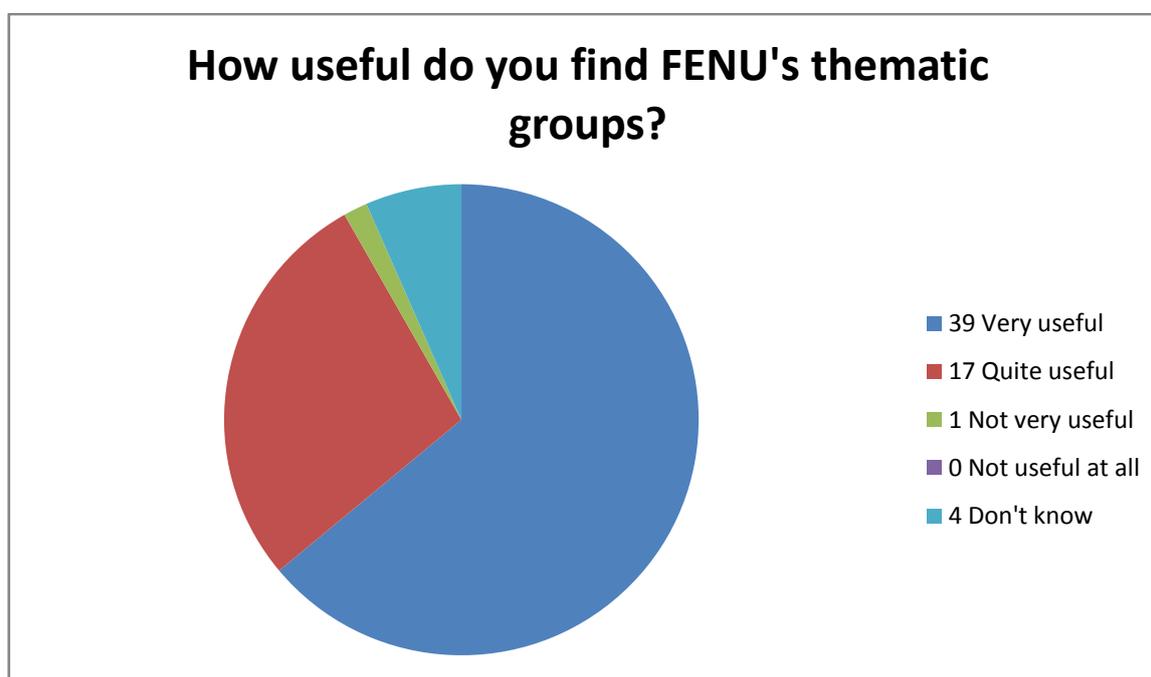
Better use of the media was an area that some respondents would like to see improved. In addition some respondents were keen for data and statistical information to be used more.

Respondents also think that further work could be done mobilising the membership, using the membership's expertise and improving membership participation. Developing links with important and influential stakeholders was also felt to be important.

How organisations could make FENU's work more effective

We asked what respondents thought their organisation could do to make FENU's work more effective. Many respondents felt that their organisation could make FENU's work more effective by participating in and supporting FENU's work more. Attendance at meetings, networking and sharing information better and financially contributing were all raised as ways members could further support FENU's work. Many respondents also mentioned that organisations know what is happening on the ground in local communities so sharing this information with FENU is important.

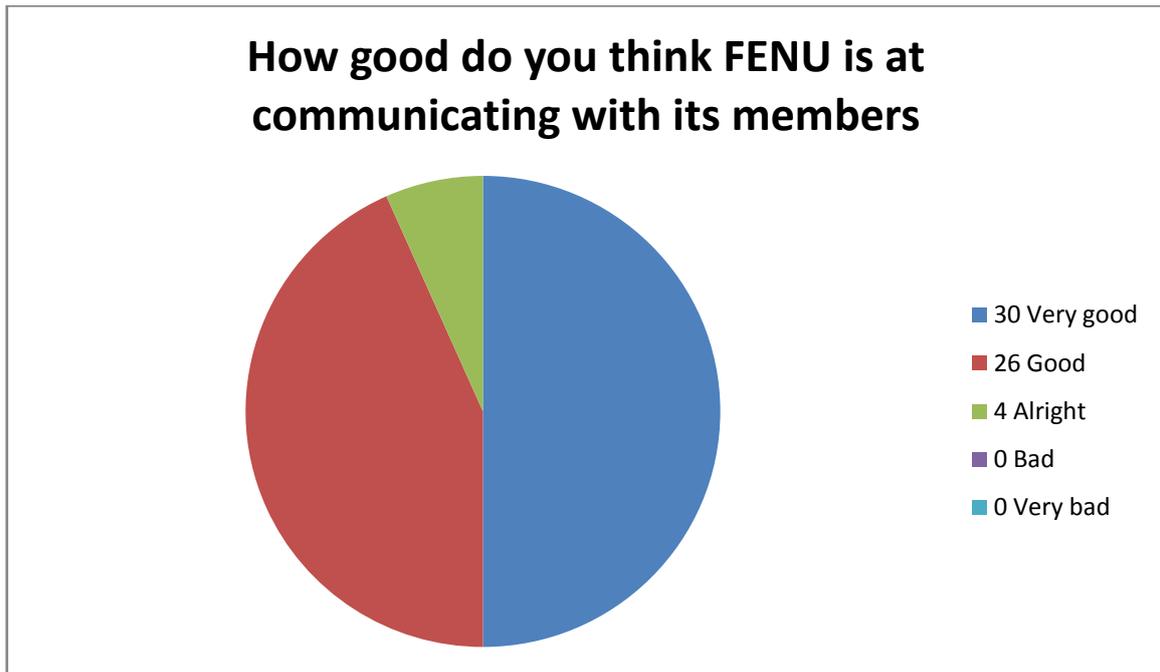
Thematic group work



What is good and what could be improved in thematic group work

We asked what respondents think is good about FENU's work and what they think could be improved. Many respondents felt that the thematic group work was good as it offered a platform to enable diverse organisations to come together to share, network and do joint advocacy work. The diversity of FENU members and the success in bringing members together to focus on thematic issues was clearly highlighted.

In terms of improvements, respondents said they would be keen to see more evidence based advocacy and facilitating the voices of those most affected on the ground to be heard. Some participants would like to see more meetings, better attendance by members and more equitable participation. The challenge of different individuals always attending meetings was also raised.



With thanks to all FENU members and partners who gave feedback.