

Survey Results: Questionnaire on Covid-19 Reviews

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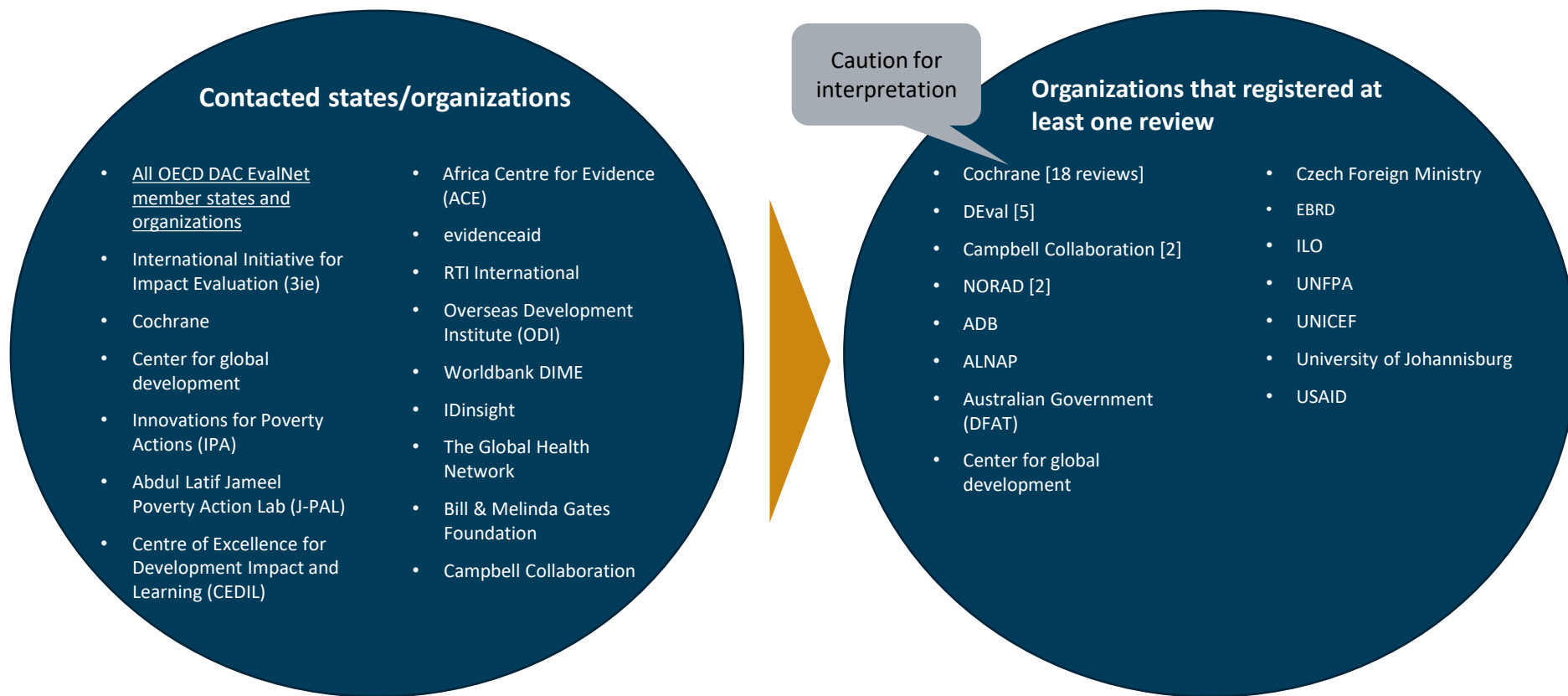
Survey conducted by the **Global COVID-19 Evaluation Coalition Secretariat** in cooperation with the **German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)**

Aim 1:

Mapping of reviews (rapid up to systematic) and evidence syntheses **directly related to COVID-19** response

Aim 2:

To create an analysis and **overview of review efforts**, to inform **collaboration**, avoid **duplication** of efforts and to identify potential **topics for future syntheses**



Sample: $n = 38$ reviews (reported by 15 organizations)

The sample size of 40 was reduced by 2 respondents since they did not conduct a review

List of Reviews

Institution	Topic
Cochrane	Oxygen targets in the intensive care unit during mechanical ventilation for acute respiratory distress syndrome
Cochrane	Diagnostic accuracy of pooled nucleic acid amplification testing for active SARS-CoV-2 infection in screened populations
Cochrane	Effectiveness of corticosteroids for preventing severe manifestations of coronavirus infections
Cochrane	Screening Asymptomatic Persons for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)
Cochrane	Imaging tests for the diagnosis of COVID-19
Cochrane	Rapid, point-of-care antigen and molecular-based tests for diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection
Cochrane	Travel-related control measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic
Cochrane	Prophylactic anticoagulants for patients hospitalised with COVID-19
Cochrane	Effectiveness of Contact Tracing Technologies in Epidemics
Cochrane	Interventions commonly available during pandemics for heavy menstrual bleeding
Cochrane	Signs and symptoms to determine if a patient presenting in primary care or hospital outpatient settings has COVID-19
Cochrane	Convalescent plasma or hyperimmune immunoglobulin for people with COVID-19

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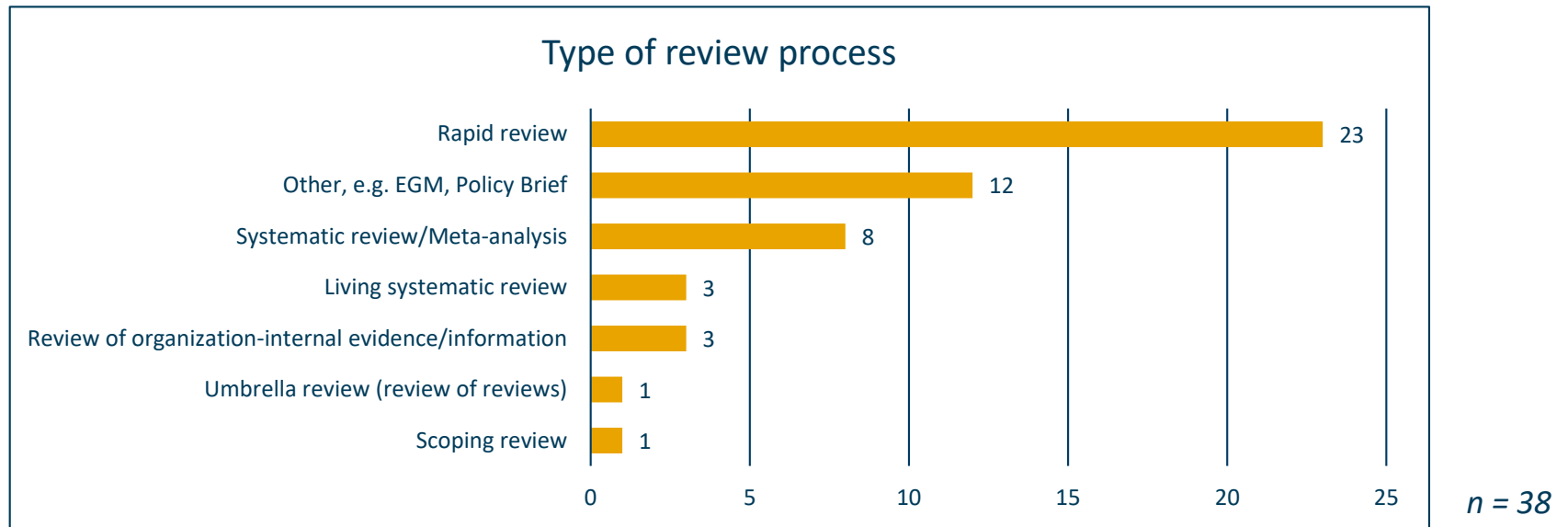
Institution	Topic
Cochrane	Antibody tests for identification of current and past infection with SARS-CoV-2
Cochrane	Video calls for reducing social isolation and loneliness in older people
Cochrane	Barriers and facilitators to healthcare workers' adherence with infection prevention and control guidelines for respiratory infectious diseases
Cochrane	Hand cleaning with ash for reducing the spread of viral and bacterial infections
Cochrane	Personal protective equipment for preventing highly infectious diseases due to exposure to contaminated body fluids in healthcare staff
Cochrane	Quarantine alone or in combination with other public health measures to control COVID-19
DEval	Policy Brief on available rigorous evidence in the fields of Refugees and Crisis to guide Covid-19 Response Policy.
DEval	Policy Brief on available rigorous evidence in the field of Labor Market.
DEval	Policy Brief on available rigorous evidence in the field of Food security and Nutrition.
DEval	Policy Brief on available rigorous evidence in the field of Health and pandemic Control
DEval	Evaluation synthesis on private sector engagement in development cooperation. The synthesis covers instruments and programmes that engage the private sector in German and international development cooperation. Focus of the synthesis is the financing of and with the private sector as well as trainings and advice that might lead to financial support.

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Campbell Collaboration	Gender, Mental Health, and Family Violence: The Indirect Impacts of COVID-19 on Women and Children in Low- and Middle- Income Countries
Campbell Collaboration	Skills development and training for unemployed adults
NORAD	Use of cash transfers in humanitarian and development settings
NORAD	[preliminary] Several topics related to development assistance for the development, production, and equitable access to COVID -19 tests, treatments, and vaccines (in developing countries).
Asian Development Bank	We will evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of ADB's response to the COVID19 pandemic, with special attention to ADB's support to (social and economic) government programs in Asia in response to the pandemic.
ALNAP	Rapid Learning Review on Covid-19. Providing clear guidance for humanitarian staff working on international and national responses to the COVID -19 Pandemic.
Australian Government (DFAT)	Review of lessons from existing flexible and adaptive aid investments, which can be used to inform ongoing and future response to COVID-19.
Center for global development	Most governments around the world have temporarily closed schools in an attempt to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. As they start to plan for reopening, we have compiled a series of short and accessible briefs that provide the best available rigorous evidence on five critical dimensions of school reopening and recovery: Engaging communities in reopening plans, Targeting resources to where they are most needed, Getting children back to school, Making school environments safe, Recovering learning loss and building back better

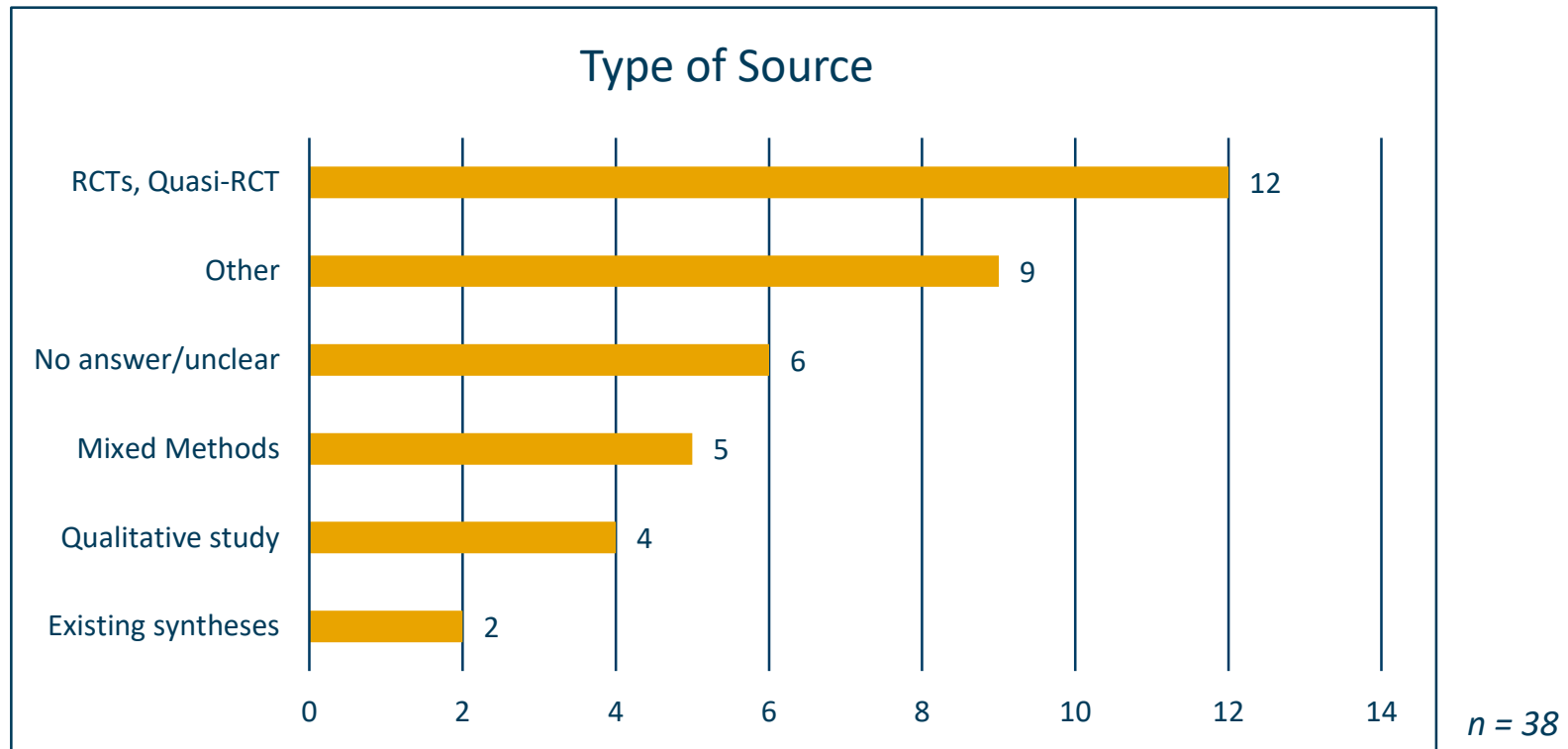
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Czech Foreign Ministry	Review of the COVID-19 response in official Czech development cooperation and humanitarian assistance.
EBRD	Interim Assessment of EBRD Solidarity Package (Crisis Response for Countries of Operation)
ILO	The crisis that the COVID-19 pandemic poses threatens the health and livelihoods of millions of people and is having major economic and employment repercussions worldwide. The ILO has been called upon to provide impact-proven measures in an efficient manner that can help mitigate and overcome its long-term and negative consequences for both workers and enterprises. This rapid evidence review completed in April looks at lessons that can be drawn from ILO's response to the 2007-08 global economic and financial crisis and its impact on the world of work with the assumption that some of them will be transferable to the current crisis.
UNFPA	Systemwide meta-synthesis on lessons learned to inform the UN youth strategy, jointly managed by UNFPA and UNICEF. It covers evaluation reports and reviews on youth programming for the period 2015-2020.
UNICEF	Rapid Review of Global Social Protection Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic - UNICEF
University of Johannesburg	Collation of current knowledge on COVID-19 through development of database of Covid-19 knowledge hubs. Covid-19 knowledge hubs are defined as any publicly available platform whose main area of focus is the current Covid-19 outbreak, containing at least one resource is are related to, or are based on any type of knowledge and have a scope that is useful to decision-makers in the public sector.
USAID	Democracy Governance Peace and Security literature review in Asia region



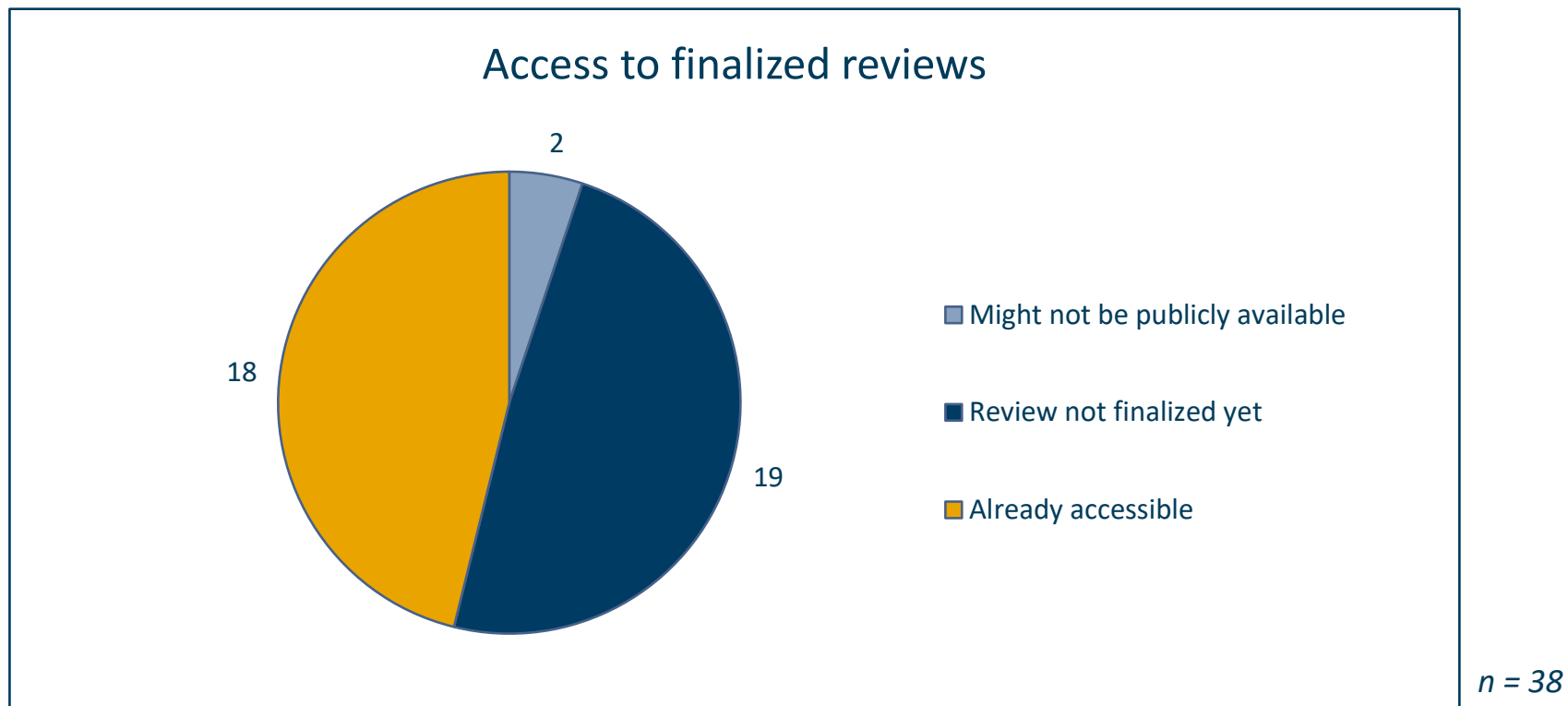
- Most authors referred to more than one review process (multiple answer possible)
- 5 out of 8 Systematic Reviews/ Meta-analysis were conducted by Cochrane, one was conducted by the Campbell Collaboration, DEval and UNFPA, respectively.

Type of Source

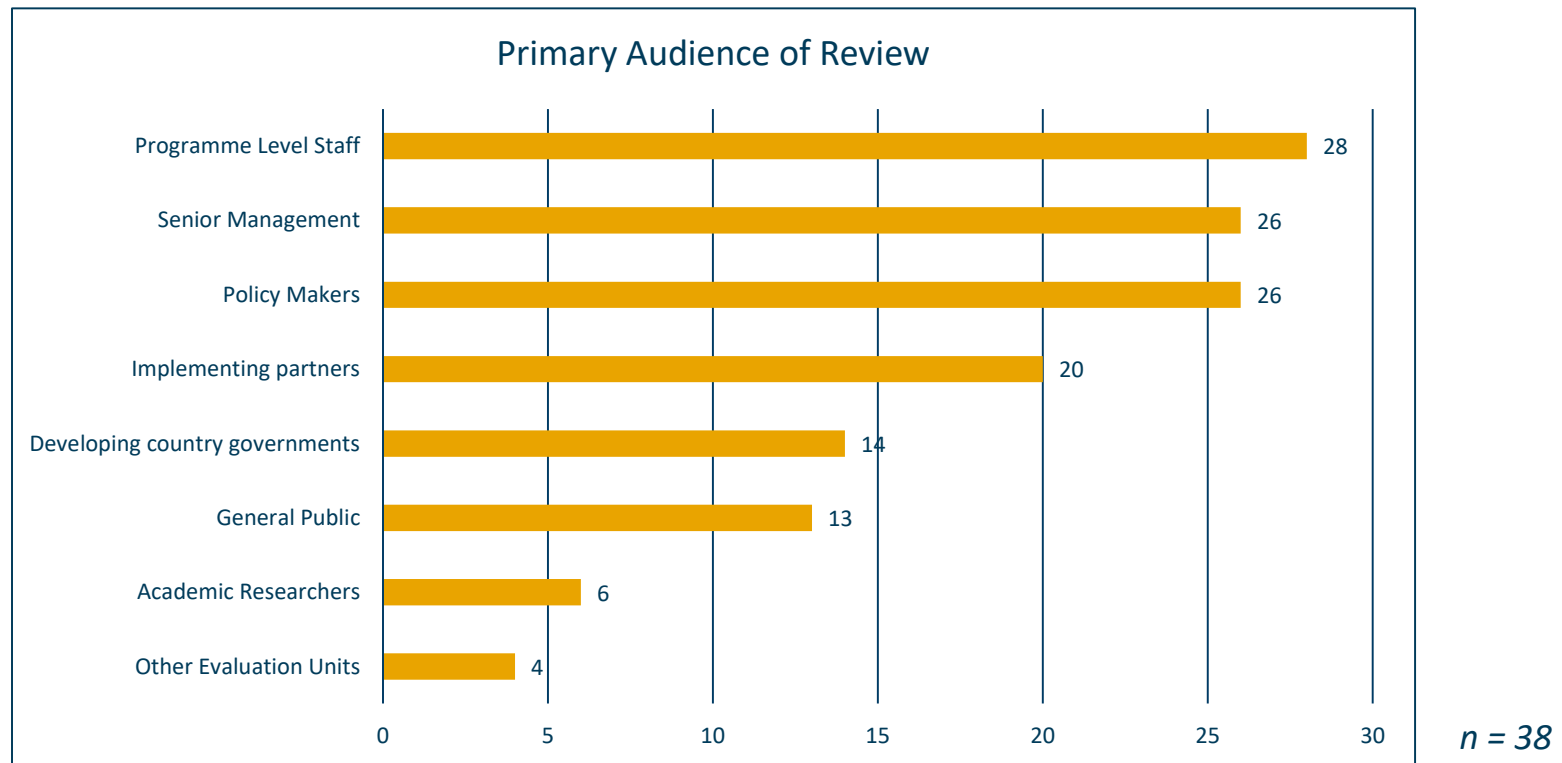


- Reviews based on RCTs were conducted by Cochrane and can be assigned to the health sector.
- Reviews based on existing syntheses were compiled by Cochrane and ILO.

Accessibility of Reviews

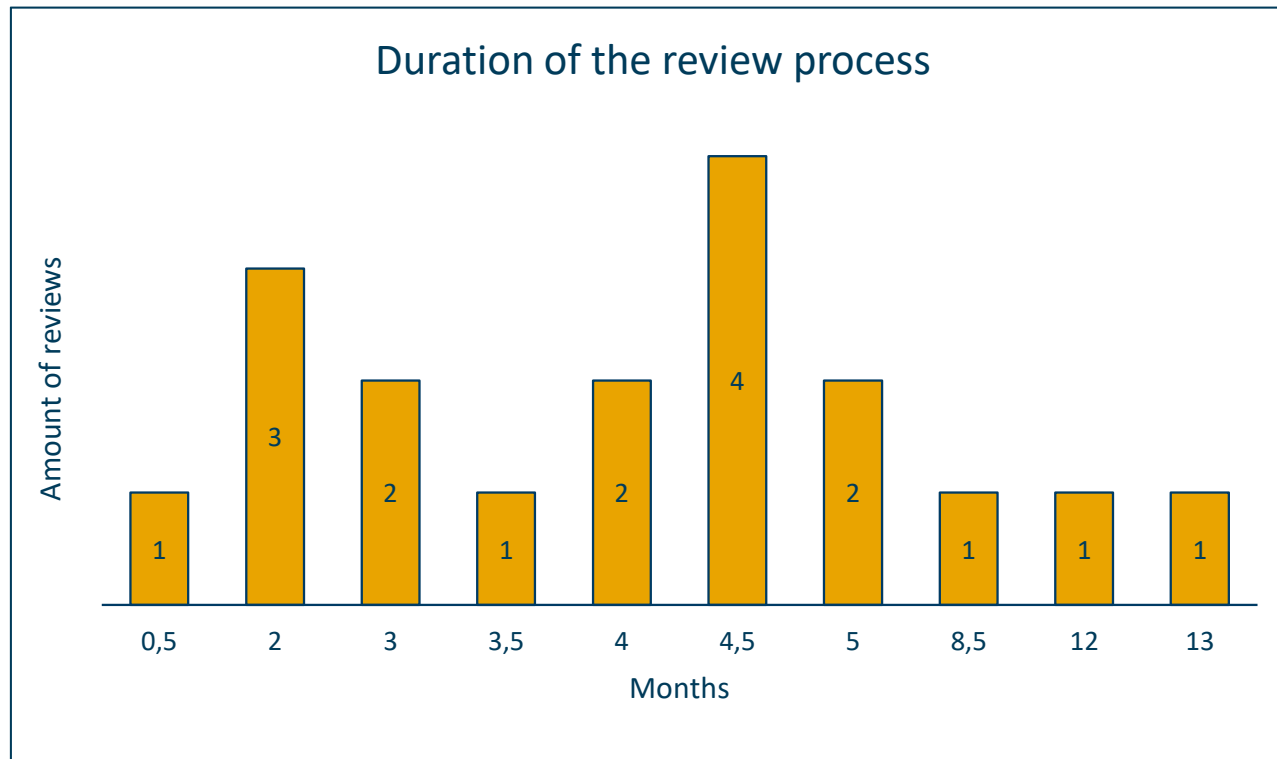


- 17 out of 19 reviews that have not yet been finalized will be publicly available upon completion.
- Thus, in total 36 out of 38 reviews will be openly accessible thereby simplifying cooperation



- Most reviews are said to address more than one target audience (multiple answers possible)
- The majority of the reviews is designed to provide support for project management, i.e. inform staff on how to react to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Duration of review process

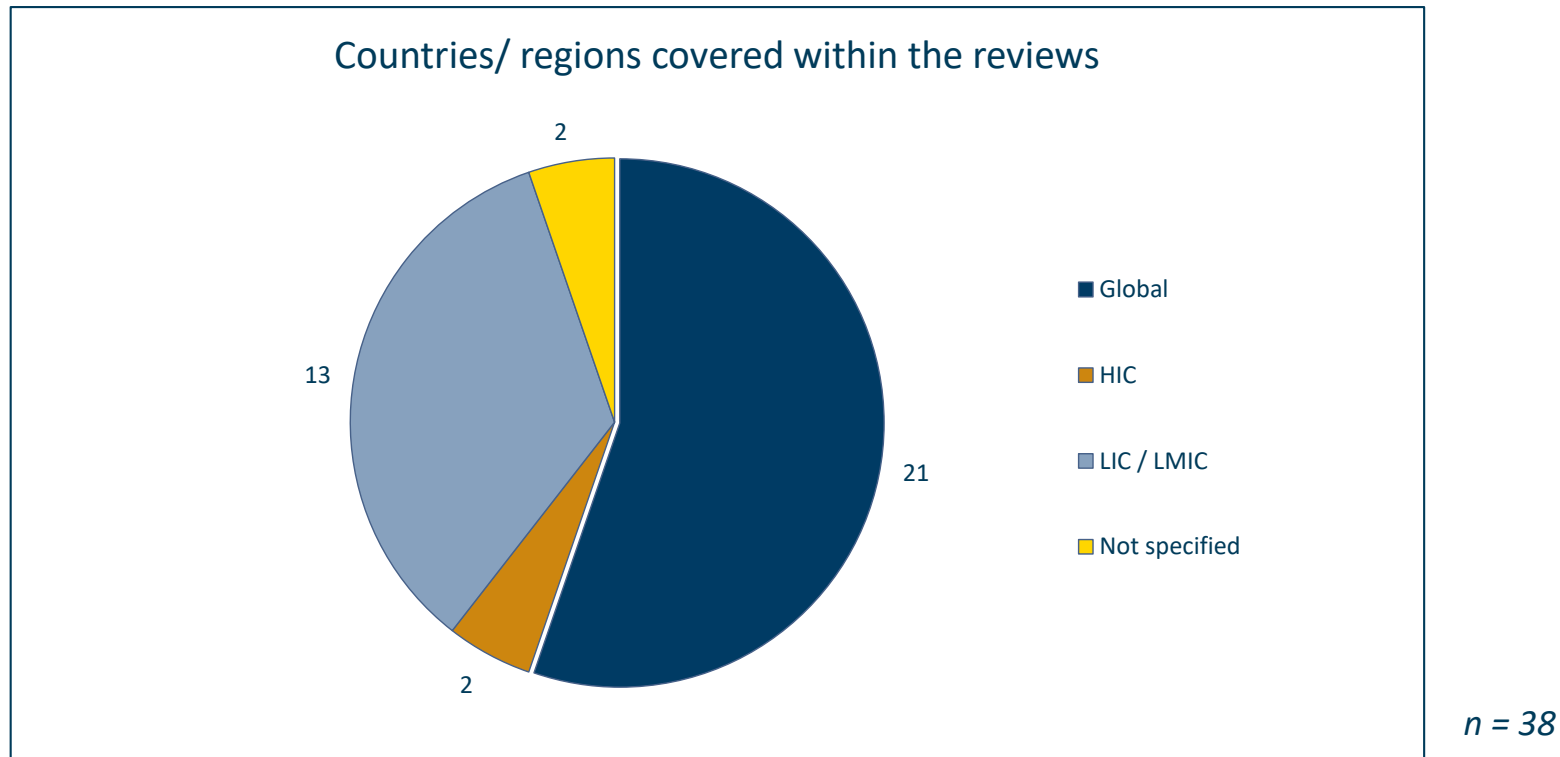


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$N/A = 19$

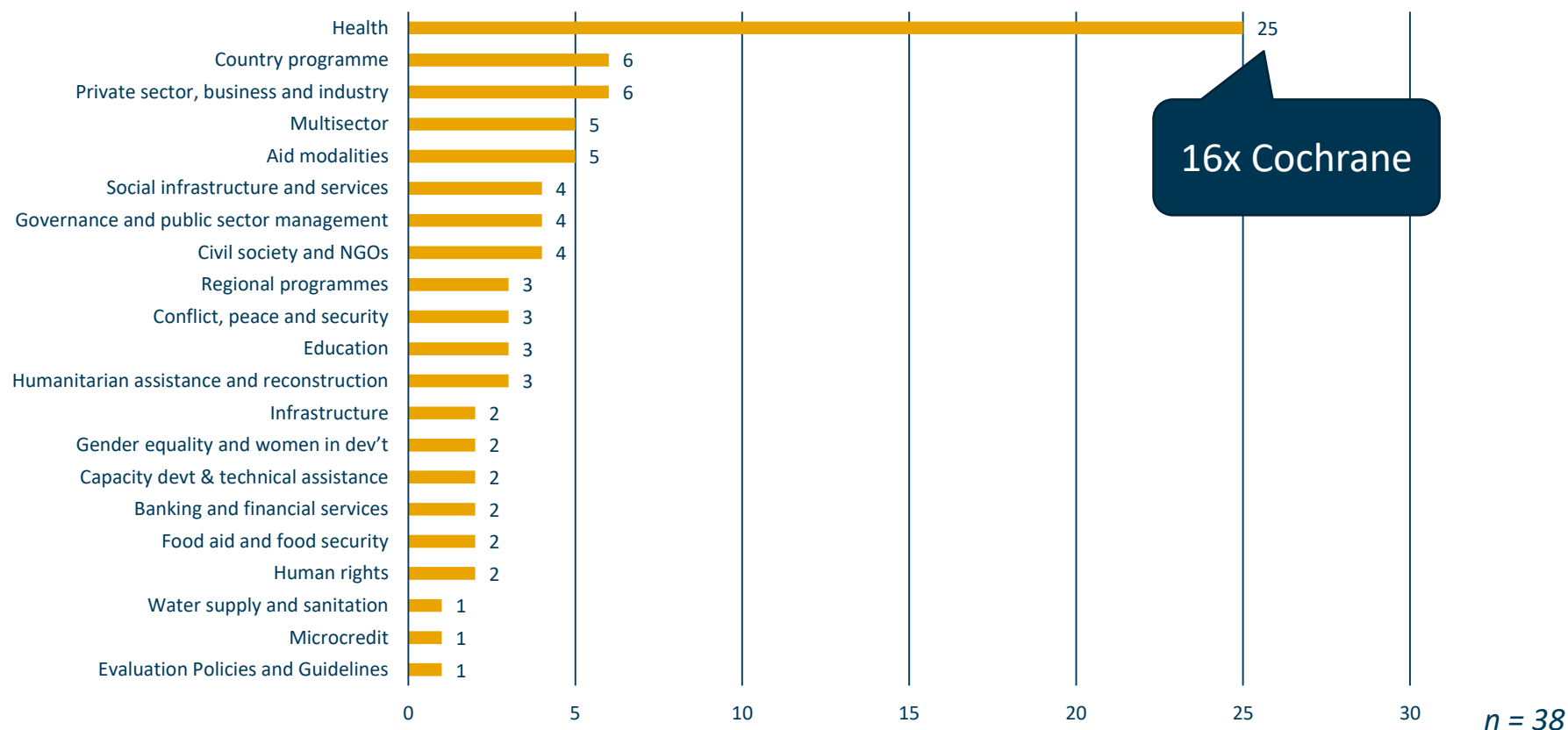
- On average it took about **five** months to conduct one review, with the earliest review launched at the end of February 2020
- The shortest reviews, which took 2 weeks (ILO) is a rapid review, the longest review takes 13 months (DEval) and is a SR



- Most studies include a global sample. Authors who specified the region of their studies more precisely reported a focus on Asia and the Pacific.

Review Sectors (DEReC categories)

Sectors covered within the reviews



- As most reviews cover more than one sector (multiple answer options were possible)

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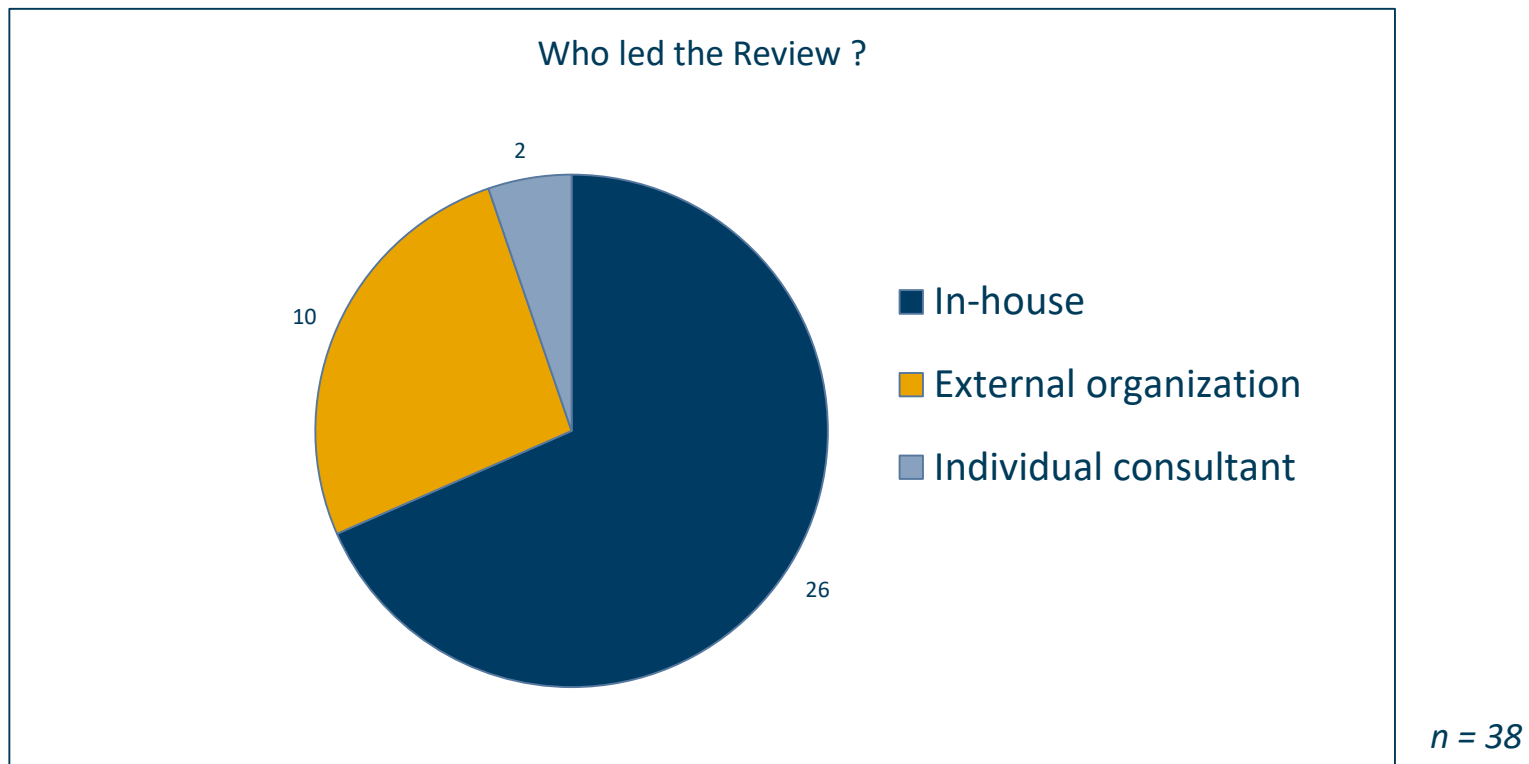
Sectors not covered within the reviews:

- Agriculture and rural development
- Communications and media
- Corporate evals & annual reports
- Decentralization
- Environment and climate change
- Fisheries
- Debt related action
- Forestry
- Industry
- Mineral resources and mining
- Multilateral aid
- Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness
- Population and reproductive health
- Transport and storage
- Trade

Selection of described topics

- “Policy Brief on available rigorous evidence in the fields of Refugees and Crisis to guide Covid-19 Response Policy”
- “Rapid Learning Review on Covid-19. Providing clear guidance for humanitarian staff working on international and national responses to the COVID -19 Pandemic”
- “Travel-related control measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic”
- “Gender, Mental Health, and Family Violence: The Indirect Impacts of COVID-19 on Women and Children in Low- and Middle- Income Countries”
- “Use of cash transfers in humanitarian and development settings”
- ...

List of topics/titles
can be shared



- As external organizations, the respondents named think tanks, consultancy firms and the Campbell Collaboration.

Topics where additional evidence review work may be useful:

Employment

- Better work programmes
- Decent work for youth
- Supporting small enterprises and informal sector

Other

- Domestic violence
- Urban area studies

Social assistance

- Cash transfer
- Social protection schemes
- Use of short term humanitarian assistance

Macro topics

- Democratic backsliding / increasing authoritarianism
- Measure country resilience / capacity to respond to pandemic
- Disbursement channels in delivering finance to developing countries in times of a pandemic

Stakeholder analysis

- Resources beyond ODA
- Non-govt partnerships

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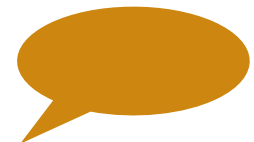
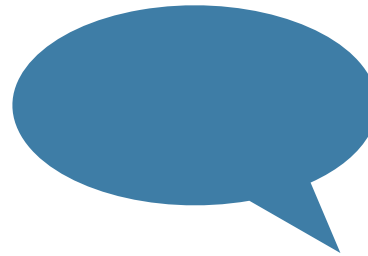


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