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1. INTRODUCTION

The **Know Your Rights (KYR)** program for caregivers builds awareness about rights and provisions for children with disabilities in:

1. Rehabilitation
2. Education
3. Health
4. Livelihood
5. Accessibility

It provides information on the process of acquiring a disability certificate and shares the importance of using the certificate to avail of their rights.

2. OBJECTIVES

To assess the :

- Number of caregivers who obtain disability certificates and access provisions after attending the KYR program.
- Facilitators and Barriers to obtaining a certificate and accessing provisions.

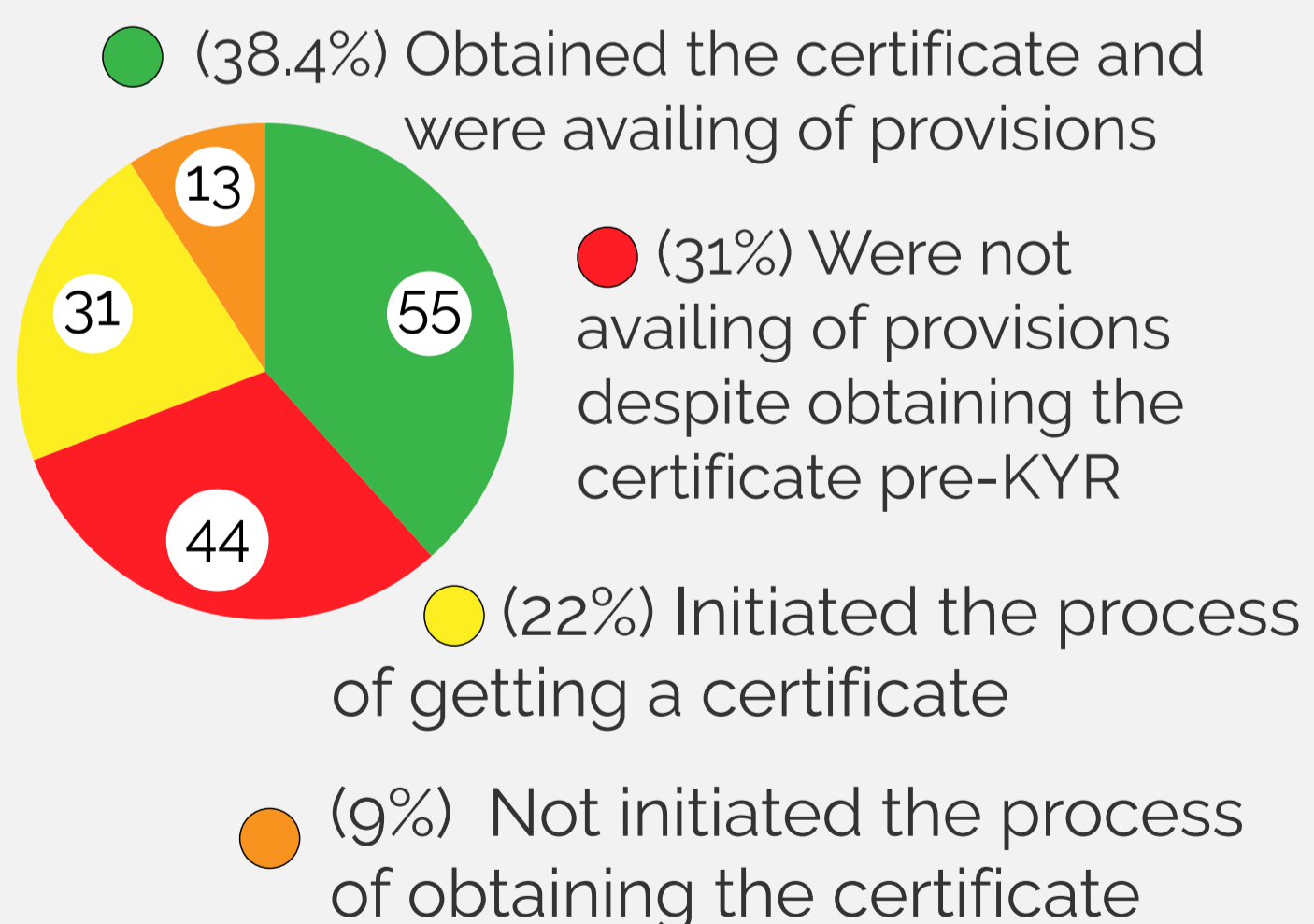
3. METHODOLOGY

- ▶ **Semi-structured telephonic interviews were conducted with caregivers of CWD** (Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Learning Disabilities, Intellectual Disability, Down Syndrome, Hearing Impairment)
- ▶ **Age Group: 0-17 years**

Time Period
Between April 2018-
November 2019

4. RESULTS

• **143 out of 193 who attended the KYR program could be contacted.**



5. FINDINGS

FACILITATORS

Helped participants to obtain a disability certificate and access provisions.



Handouts, visual aids & outlined steps



Assistance by KYR facilitators



Understanding the role of rights for children with disabilities

BARRIERS

Not initiated the process of obtaining the certificate

- Daily struggles and conflicting priorities
- Lack of government-issued identification proof and access to computer

Not availing of provisions despite obtaining the certificate pre-KYR

- Lack of clarity or not convinced about the diagnosis
- Did not feel the immediate need to avail of provisions
- Were not convinced about the benefit of a certificate in availing provisions

6. CONCLUSION

- ▶ Caregiver awareness about the role of rights and practical know-how make programs on rights of CWDs more effective.
- ▶ Steps to mitigate barriers unique to under-resourced settings will further enhance the impact of such initiatives.