

TAKING TIME MACHINE BACK TO 2014: WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?

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3 P.M. - 4.30 P.M.
CEST

Stocktaking of 6 years
of the Special Rapporteur
on the human rights to
safe drinking water and sanitation,
Mr. Léo Heller

PROGRAMME

Moderator: Mr. **Rio Hada**, Team Leader (ESCR), Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, OHCHR

Opening remarks: Mr. **Michael Freiherr von Ungern-Sternberg**, Ambassador Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Germany in Geneva

Panel of speakers:

Ms. **Kelly Ann Naylor**, Vice-Chair of UN-Water

Mr. **Mikel Mancisidor**, Member of CESCR and former Vice-Chair

Mr. **Thorsten Kiefer**, CEO of WASH United

Ms. **Lucy McKernan**, Geneva Representative of GI-ESCR

Mr. **Malcom Langford**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

Reflections on Stocktaking: Mr. **Léo Heller**, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

Closing Remarks: Mr. **Pedro Arrojo**, newly appointed Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

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BACKGROUND

In 2014, the Human Rights Council appointed Mr. Léo Heller as the second Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation. After six years, his second term will finish in 30 October 2020. As the last official event, the Special Rapporteur is organizing a reflection to take stock of the six years of his mandate by consulting all relevant stakeholders through an online survey, which includes below questions. The Special Rapporteur invites several representatives to share their perspectives on the chapeau question:

“WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?”

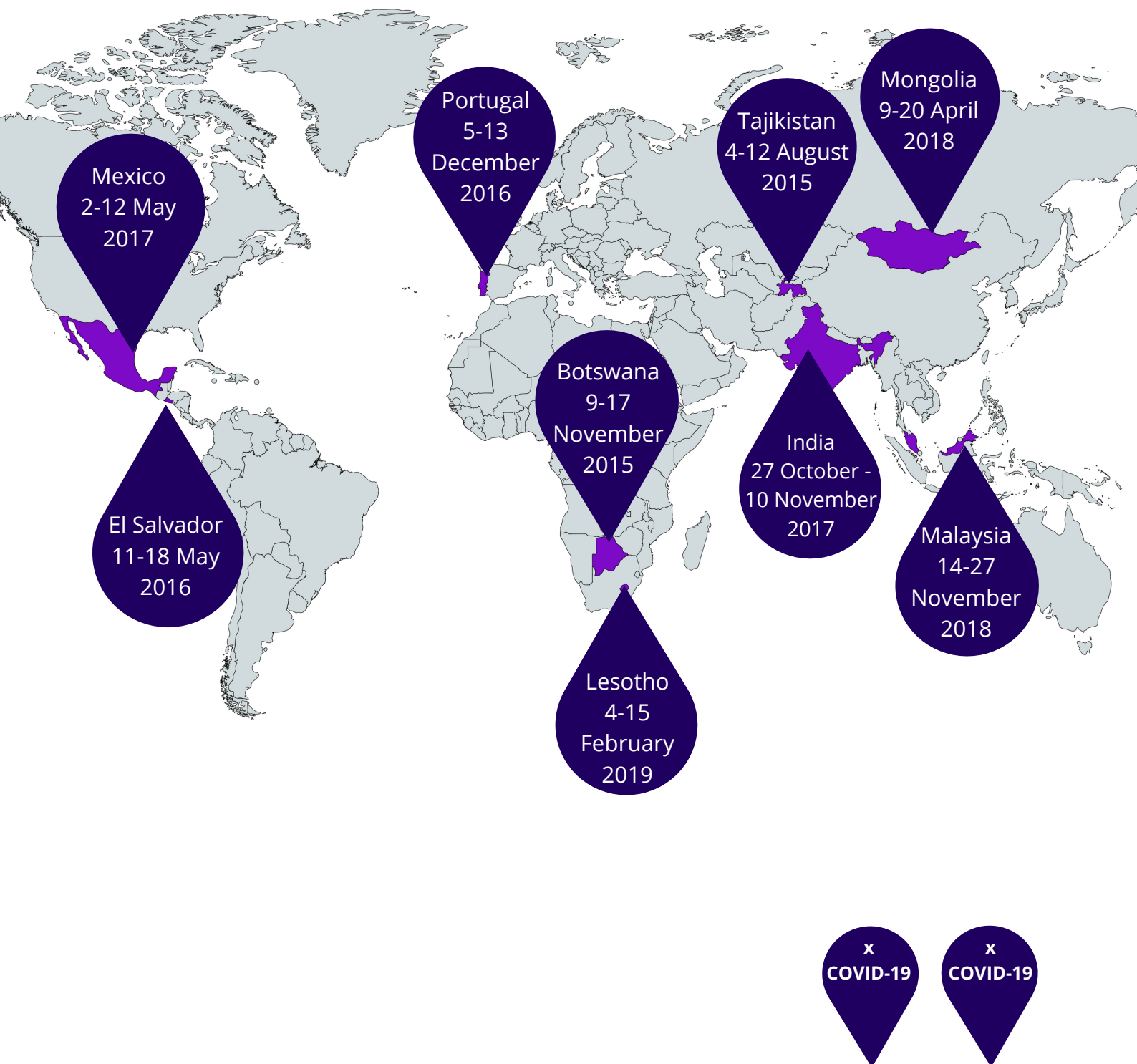
GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What **challenges** has the past 6 years showed us or have emerged during the past six years in relation to the realization of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, and what are the **lessons learned**?
2. What stakeholders have shown to **support** the realization of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation?
3. What stakeholders have shown to **hinder** the realization of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation?
4. What types of **political and geographical situations** have shown to be most challenging to the realization of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation?
5. How could have the links between the mandate of the Special Rapporteur and the **SDG6** been further strengthened?
6. How could have the links between the mandate of the Special Rapporteur and **other Special Procedures** been further strengthened?
7. How could have the links between the mandate of the Special Rapporteur and the **CESCR/UPR and other human rights monitoring mechanisms** been further strengthened?
8. How could have the links between the mandate of the Special Rapporteur and **other mechanisms** (such as UNICEF/WHO JMP, HLPF, among others) or themes been further strengthened?

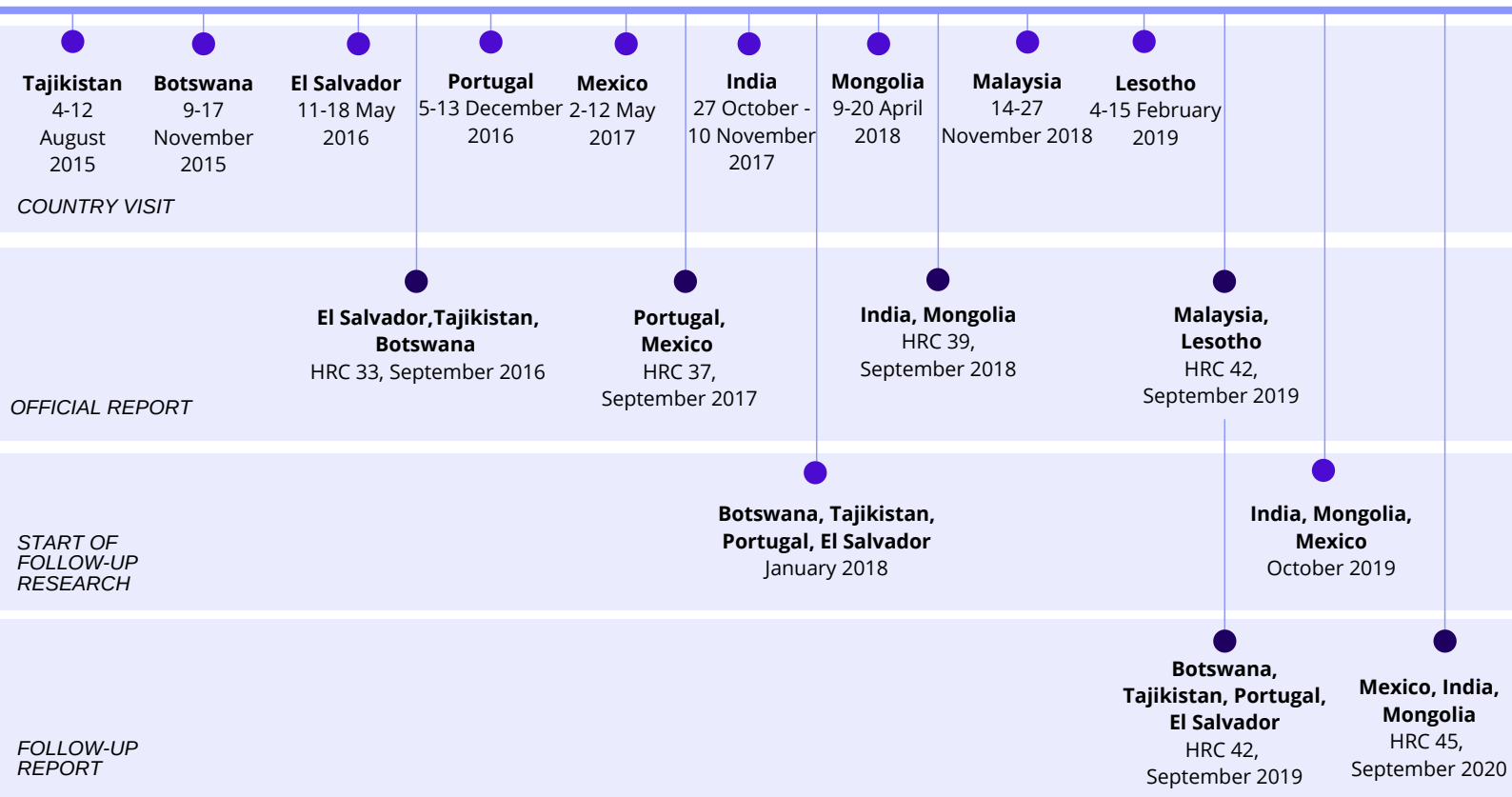
COUNTRY VISITS

OFFICIAL COUNTRY VISITS CONDUCTED BY THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR, 2015-2020

During the course of his mandate, the Special Rapporteur conducted 9 country visits. Two country visits were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Special Rapporteur also sought to enhance the effectiveness of his country visits by undertaking follow-up analyses focused on the implementation of recommendations elaborated in the reports on his 7 first official country visits.



COUNTRY VISITS AND FOLLOW-UP REPORTS: A TIMELINE



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COMMUNICATIONS

ANALYSIS OF COMMUNICATIONS SENT FROM THE MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR, 2011-2020

Communications sent by mandate (May 2010 - 15 September 2020):

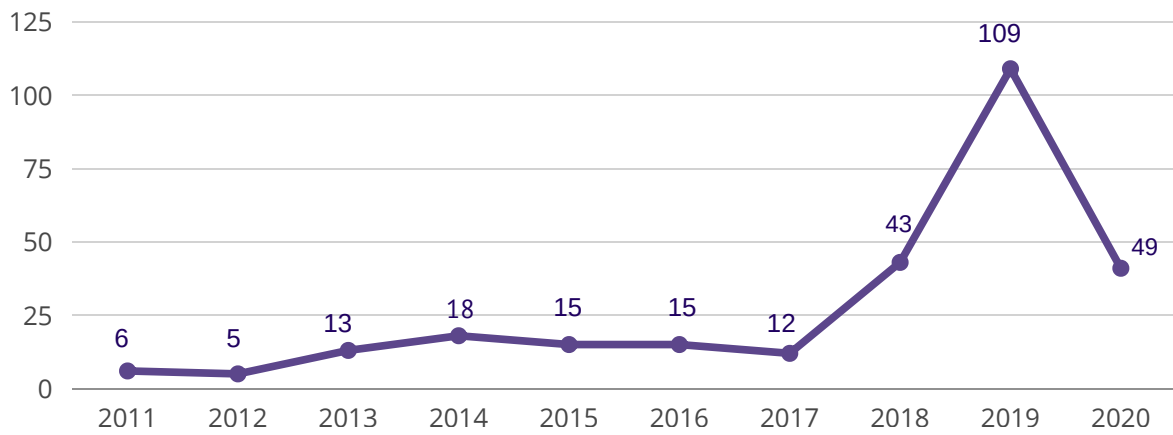
285 communications

Communications sent by Special Rapporteur, Leo Heller (Nov 2010 - August 2020):

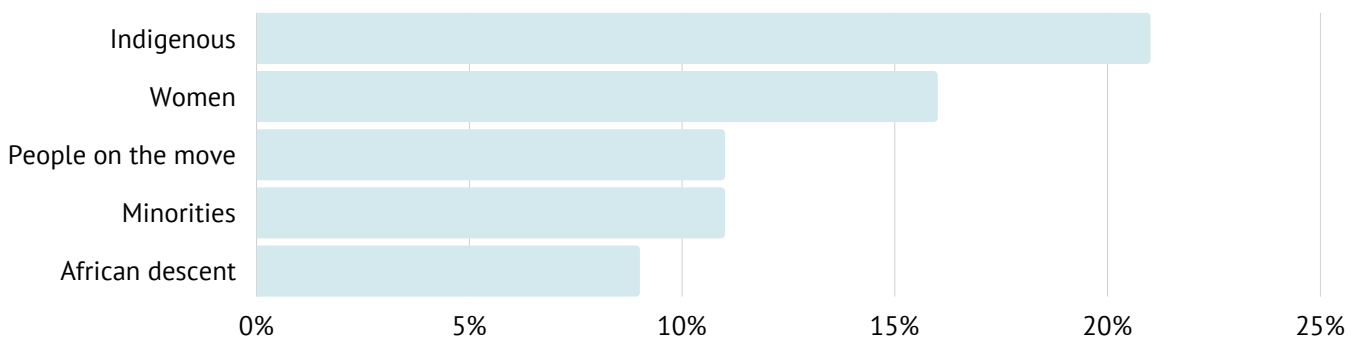
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Issues addressed in communications



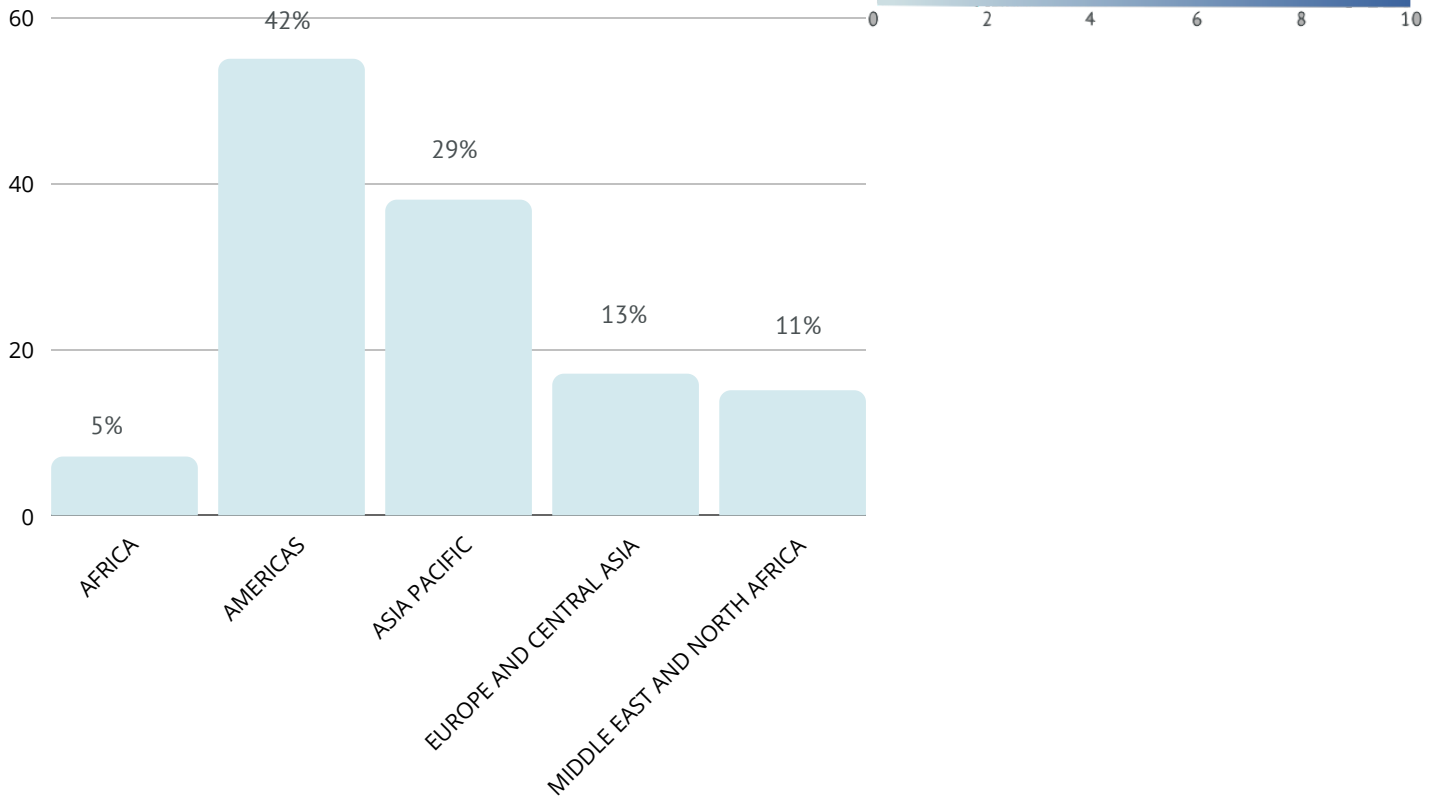
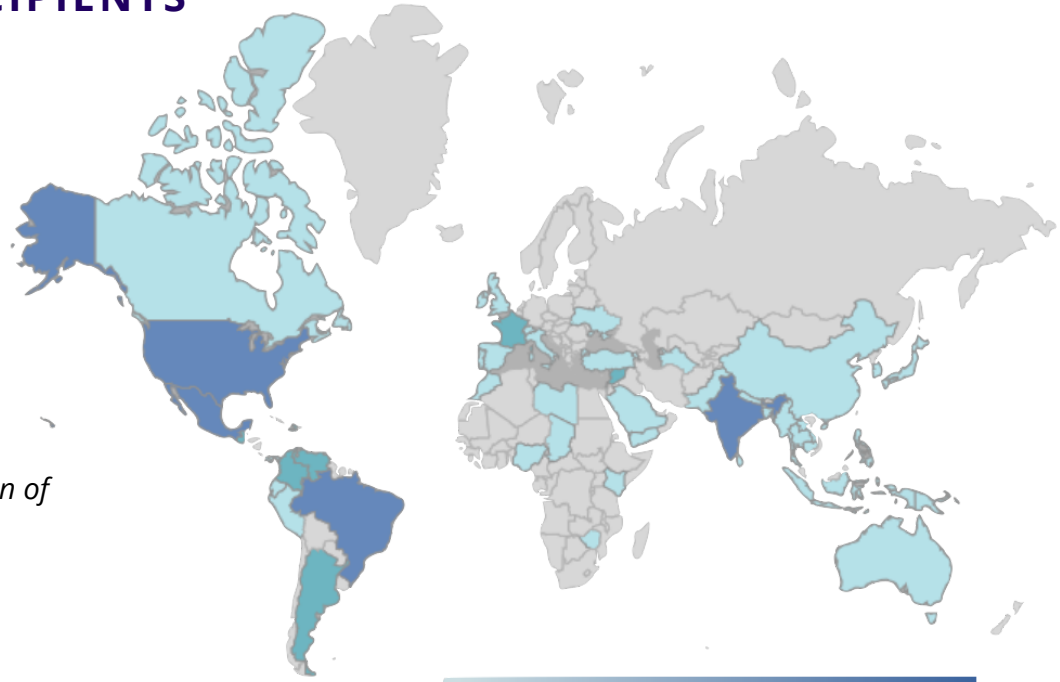
Number of communications per year



Percentage of cases mentioning vulnerable groups in relation to the human rights to water and sanitation

LOCATION OF RECIPIENTS

Geographic distribution of communications



Share of communications sent per region

