



YouthConnekt Champions and Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers

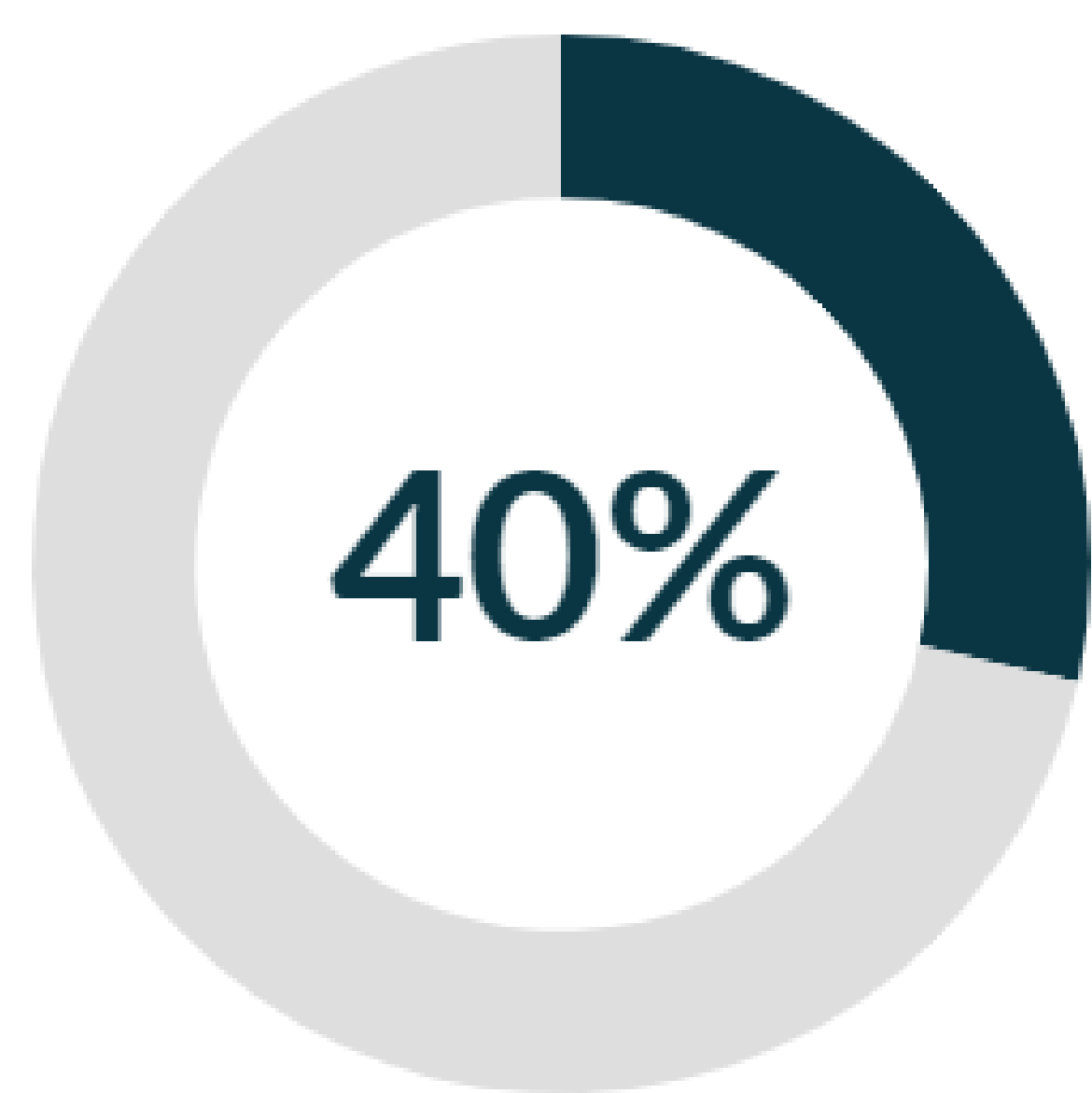


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Issues

- Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers (CYRWA) aims at empowering, educating and engaging the youth towards excellence.



- Youth constitute the largest demographic group in Rwanda with the 16-30 age category representing almost 40% of the population according to National Statistics of Rwanda 2016 EICVI report on youth. It is therefore important that they be engaged, educated and empowered to fully participate in the attainment of Rwanda's social, economic and political transformation.

- CYRWA Awards programme is designed to empower DFRE young Rwandans by inspiring them to continue their outstanding work in their respective fields, and secondly, encourage them to motivate other youth in their communities towards excellence.

Description

- Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers (CYRWA) award was established in December 2007 to honor outstanding young Rwandans who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishments.
- CYRWA Candidates are chosen through a public nomination process, and an Imbuto Foundation panel makes the final selection.
- Since 2015, the Ministry of Youth and Culture joined this efforts and award ceremony is held every two years through the YouthConnekt Champions (YCC).
- CYRWA winners awarded with symbolic trophies, mentorship and advisory services through both Imbuto Foundation and the Ministry of Youth and Culture.

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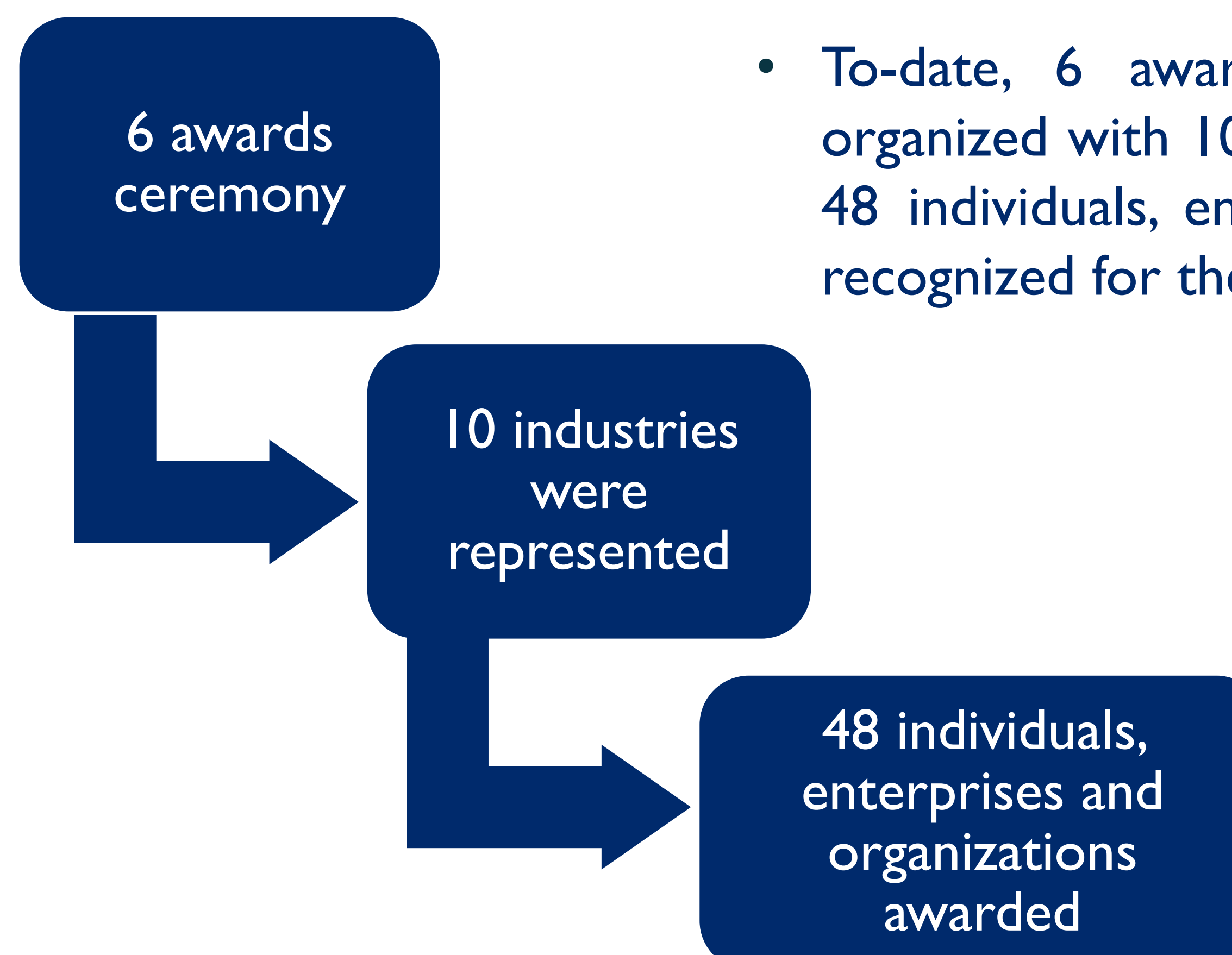
- Data was collected through routine monitoring

Data Analysis:

- Descriptive analysis have been generated using Microsoft Excel.

Lessons Learned

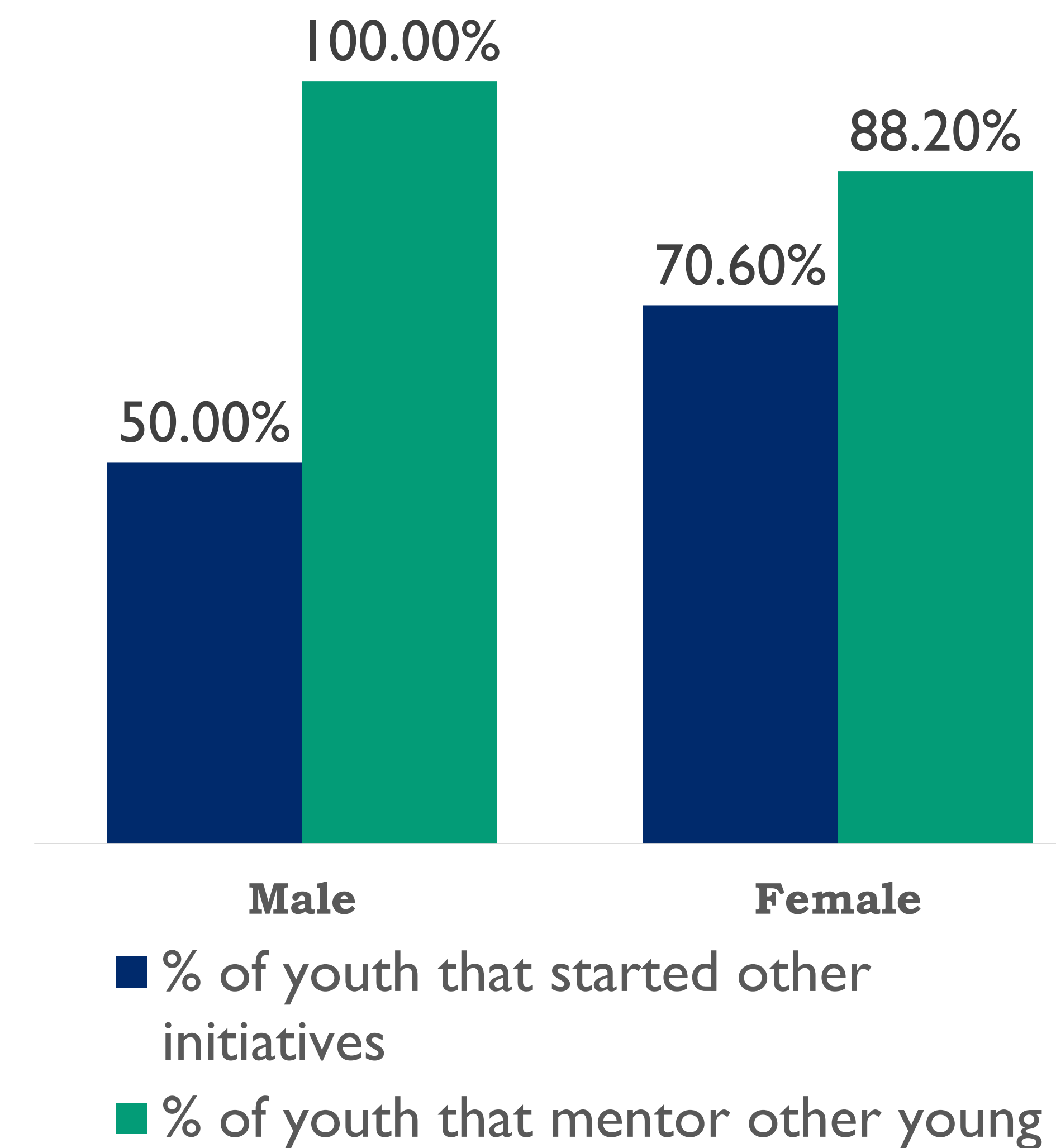
- **Number of award ceremonies that have been organized, participation and winners**



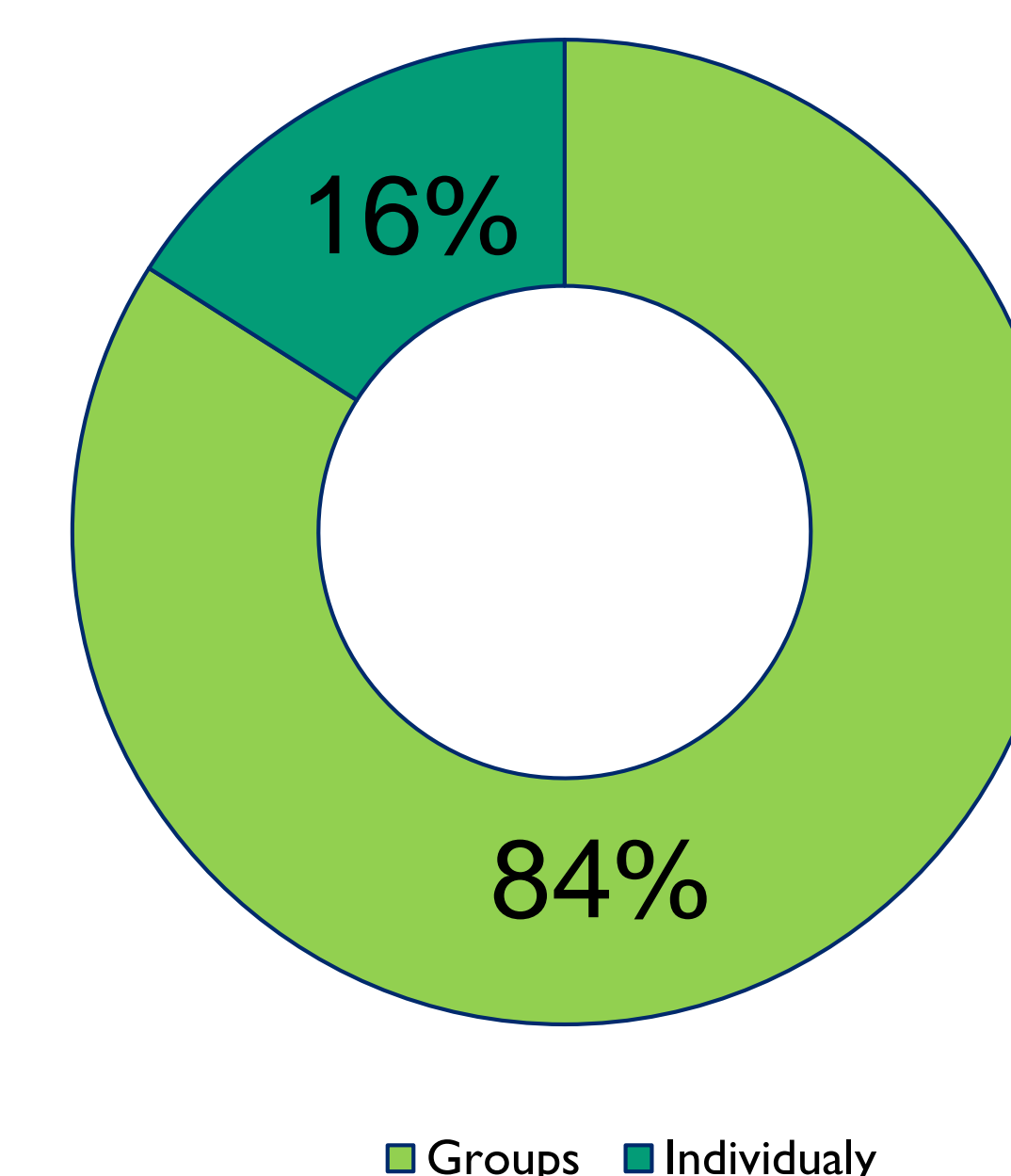
- To-date, 6 award ceremonies have been organized with 10 industries represented and 48 individuals, enterprises and organizations recognized for their exceptional activities.

- CYRWA programme encouraged awardees to think bigger and wider, thus it motivated them to work hard and increased their self-confidence.

- **Initiatives created by CYRWA awardees.**



- Indirect programme beneficiaries that have influenced and mentored by CYRWA awardees disaggregated by categories.



Next Steps

- CYRWA programme has inspired its awardees to expand their businesses, to influence and to become role models in their communities, through Youth Empowerment and Mentorship Programme.
- Imbuto Foundation with partners will continue to empower, encourage young Rwandans towards excellence in their works.
- **Key words:** Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers.
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