



Co-funded by the  
Europe for Citizens Programme  
of the European Union



*Under the auspices of  
the Secretary General of  
the Council of Europe,  
Mr Thorbjørn Jagland*



## Sustaining rural services and infrastructure

**Name:** Mária Behanovská

**Organisation:** OZ VIPA SK

**Region/County/Country:** Slovakia

**Contacts for communication:** [mbehanovska@stonline.sk](mailto:mbehanovska@stonline.sk)

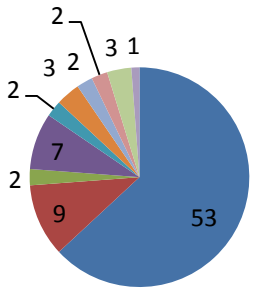
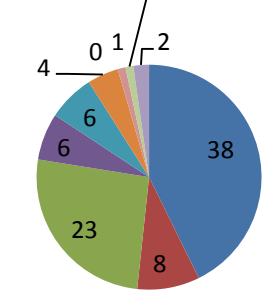
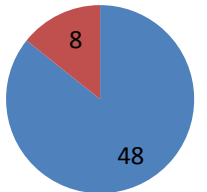
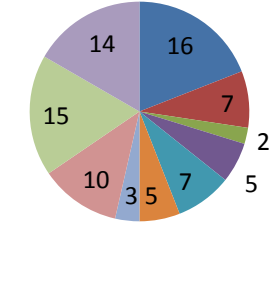
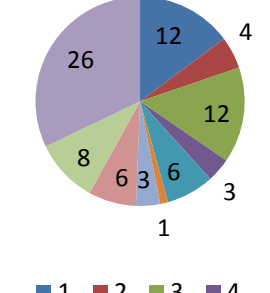
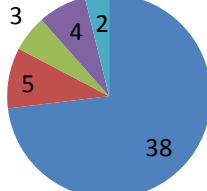
There are 8 territorial units (regions) in Slovakia. Questionnaires are collected from following regions: trenčiansky, žilinský, nitriansky, banskobystrický, prešovský and košický.

86 respondents took part in survey.

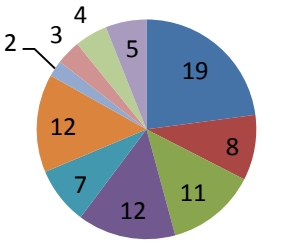
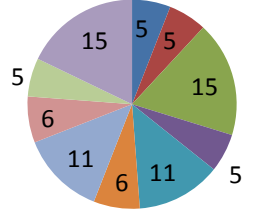
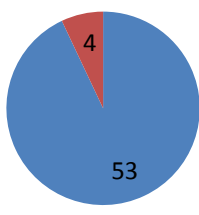
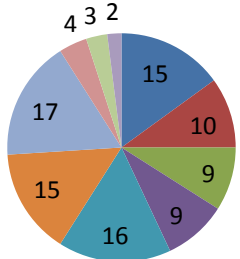
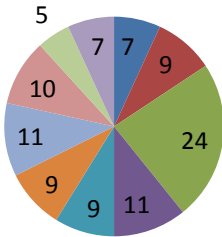
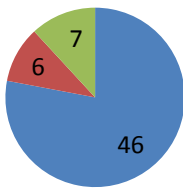

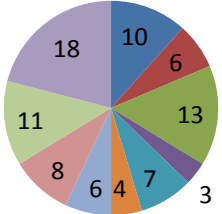
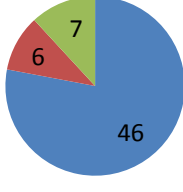
47 questionnaires were completed face to face and at workshop in Spišské Tomášovce and 39 questionnaires were sent electronically.

## 1. Infrastructure

Which of the following types of infrastructure are important in your rural community? Please rank in order of importance

Type of infrastructure	Please rank in order of importance from 1 to 10	In general terms what are the condition, sustainability and access to each in your rural community?	Please state who is the MAIN provider of the infrastructure: central Government, members of the community or another provider?
Drinking Water supplies	 <p>Legend: 1 (blue), 2 (red), 3 (green), 4 (purple), 5 (teal), 6 (orange), 7 (light blue), 8 (pink), 9 (light green), 10 (lavender)</p>	 <p>Legend: 1 (blue), 2 (red), 3 (green), 4 (purple), 5 (teal), 6 (orange), 7 (light blue), 8 (pink), 9 (light green), 10 (lavender)</p>	 <p>Legend: State (blue), Other provider (red)</p>
Irrigation Water supplies	 <p>Legend: 1 (blue), 2 (red), 3 (green), 4 (purple), 5 (teal), 6 (orange), 7 (light blue), 8 (pink), 9 (light green), 10 (lavender)</p>	 <p>Legend: 1 (blue), 2 (red), 3 (green), 4 (purple), 5 (teal), 6 (orange), 7 (light blue), 8 (pink), 9 (light green), 10 (lavender)</p>	 <p>Legend: State (blue), River basin (red), Own water well (green), Other source (purple), Community members (teal)</p>

<p>Electricity supplies</p>	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ State ■ Other provider</p>
<p>Sewerage provision</p>	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ State ■ Other provider</p>
<p>Public lighting</p>	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ State ■ Other provider</p>

<p>Roads</p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> 1 <span style="color:red">■</span> 2 <span style="color:green">■</span> 3 <span style="color:purple">■</span> 4 <span style="color:teal">■</span> 5  <span style="color:orange">■</span> 6 <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> 7 <span style="color:lightcoral">■</span> 8 <span style="color:lightgreen">■</span> 9 <span style="color:lavender">■</span> 10 </p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> 1 <span style="color:red">■</span> 2 <span style="color:green">■</span> 3 <span style="color:purple">■</span> 4  <span style="color:teal">■</span> 5 <span style="color:orange">■</span> 6 <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> 7 <span style="color:lightcoral">■</span> 8  <span style="color:lightgreen">■</span> 9 <span style="color:lavender">■</span> 10 </p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> State  <span style="color:red">■</span> Other provider </p>
<p>Transport</p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> 1 <span style="color:red">■</span> 2 <span style="color:green">■</span> 3 <span style="color:purple">■</span> 4 <span style="color:teal">■</span> 5  <span style="color:orange">■</span> 6 <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> 7 <span style="color:lightcoral">■</span> 8 <span style="color:lightgreen">■</span> 9 <span style="color:lavender">■</span> 10 </p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> 1 <span style="color:red">■</span> 2 <span style="color:green">■</span> 3 <span style="color:purple">■</span> 4 <span style="color:teal">■</span> 5  <span style="color:orange">■</span> 6 <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> 7 <span style="color:lightcoral">■</span> 8 <span style="color:lightgreen">■</span> 9 <span style="color:lavender">■</span> 10 </p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> State  <span style="color:red">■</span> Municipality  <span style="color:green">■</span> Other provider </p>
<p>Pavements</p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> 1 <span style="color:red">■</span> 2 <span style="color:green">■</span> 3 <span style="color:purple">■</span> 4 <span style="color:teal">■</span> 5  <span style="color:orange">■</span> 6 <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> 7 <span style="color:lightcoral">■</span> 8 <span style="color:lightgreen">■</span> 9 <span style="color:lavender">■</span> 10 </p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> 1 <span style="color:red">■</span> 2 <span style="color:green">■</span> 3 <span style="color:purple">■</span> 4  <span style="color:teal">■</span> 5 <span style="color:orange">■</span> 6 <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> 7 <span style="color:lightcoral">■</span> 8  <span style="color:lightgreen">■</span> 9 <span style="color:lavender">■</span> 10 </p>	 <p> <span style="color:blue">■</span> State  <span style="color:red">■</span> Municipality  <span style="color:green">■</span> Other provider </p>

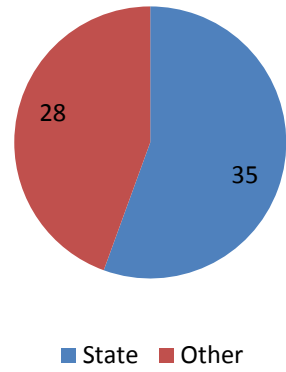
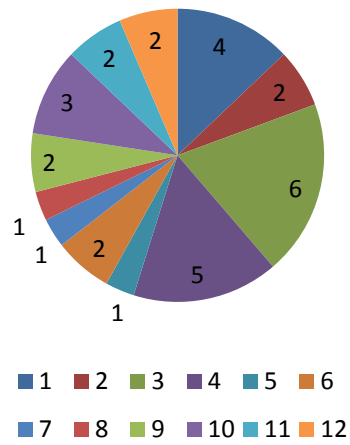
Broadband and telecommunications	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ State ■ Other provider ■ Community Members</p>
Rural economy related infrastructure (banks, markets and business facilities which could include cold storage and milk collection)	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10</p>	<p>■ State ■ Other provider ■ Community Members ■ Private ■ Cooperatives</p>
<p>We would be interested to know of providers other than the MAIN provider as well as any other comments you wish to make.</p> <p>There is no interest in small villages.</p>			

## 2. Rural Services

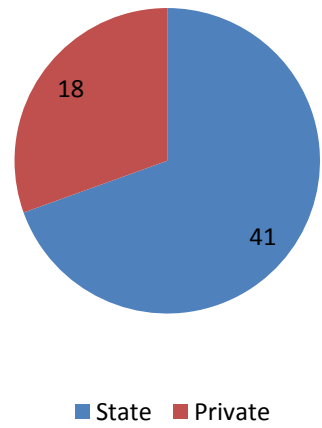
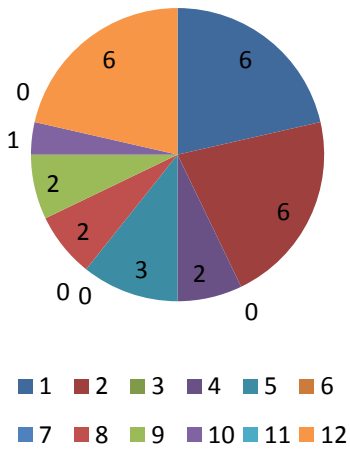
Which of the following services are important in your rural community?

Rural Services	Please rank in order of importance from 1-12	Please state who is the main provider of the service: central Government, members of the community or another provider?
----------------	--	--

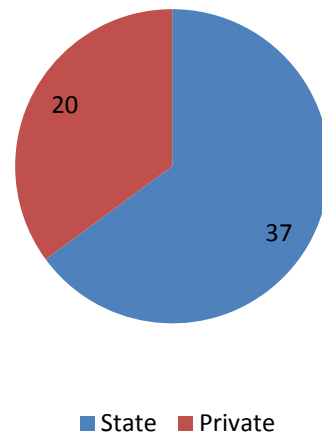
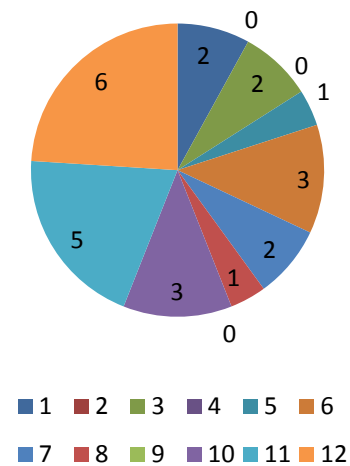
Education facilities – infant, kindergarten



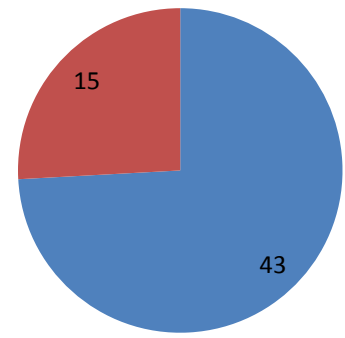
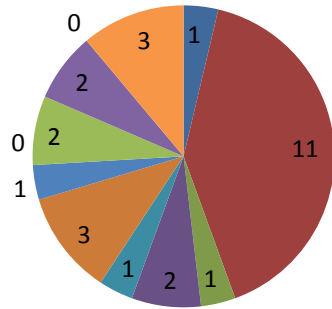
Education facilities – primary and secondary school



Education facilities – higher education and university

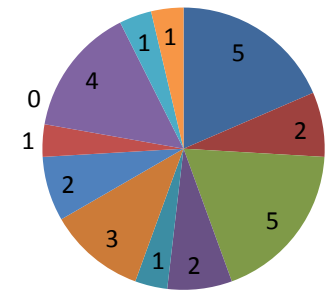


Health – Doctor and hospitals

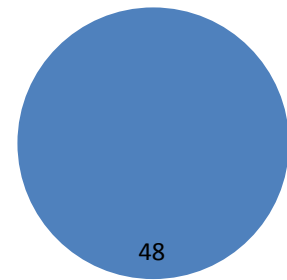


State Private

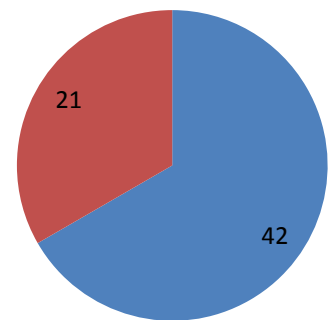
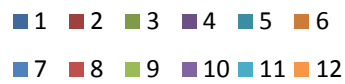
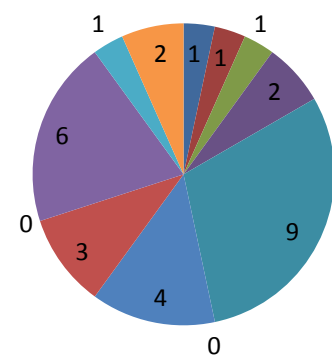
Shops



Private

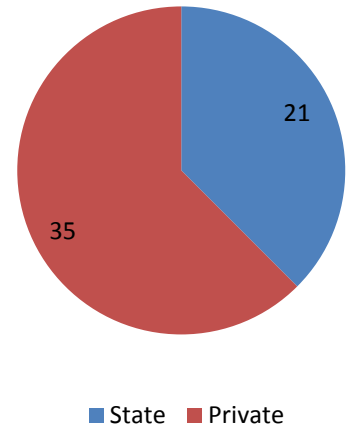
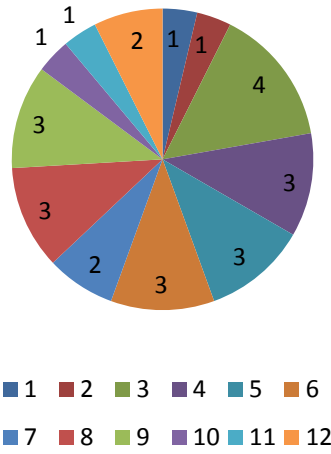


Social care – baby clinics, chiropody & other services

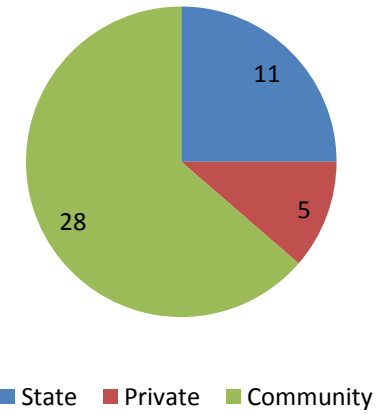
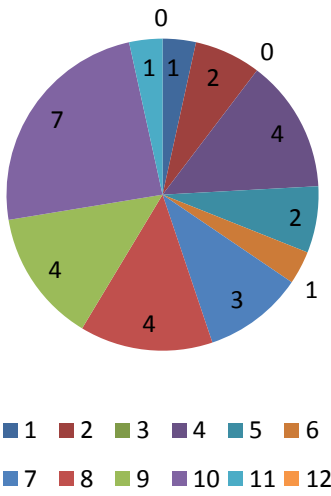


State Private

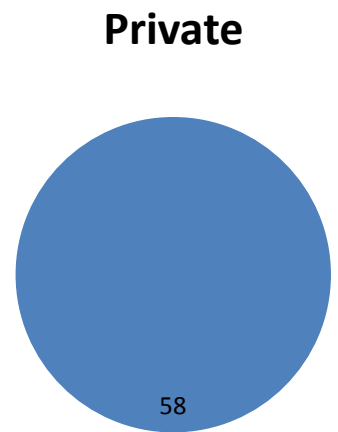
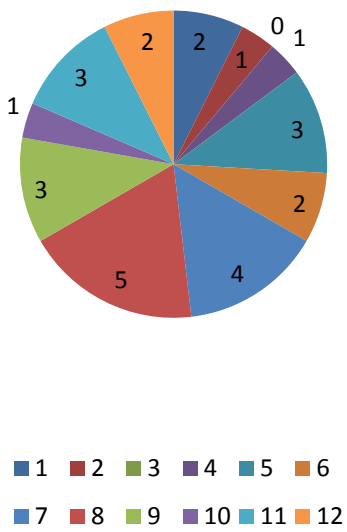
Dental provision



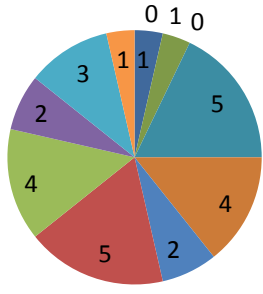
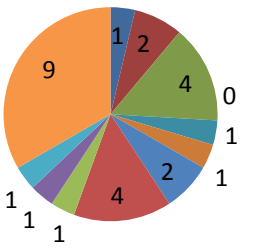
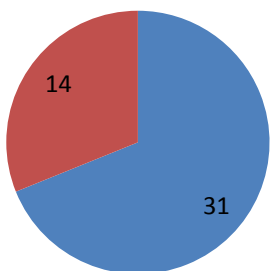
Youth services

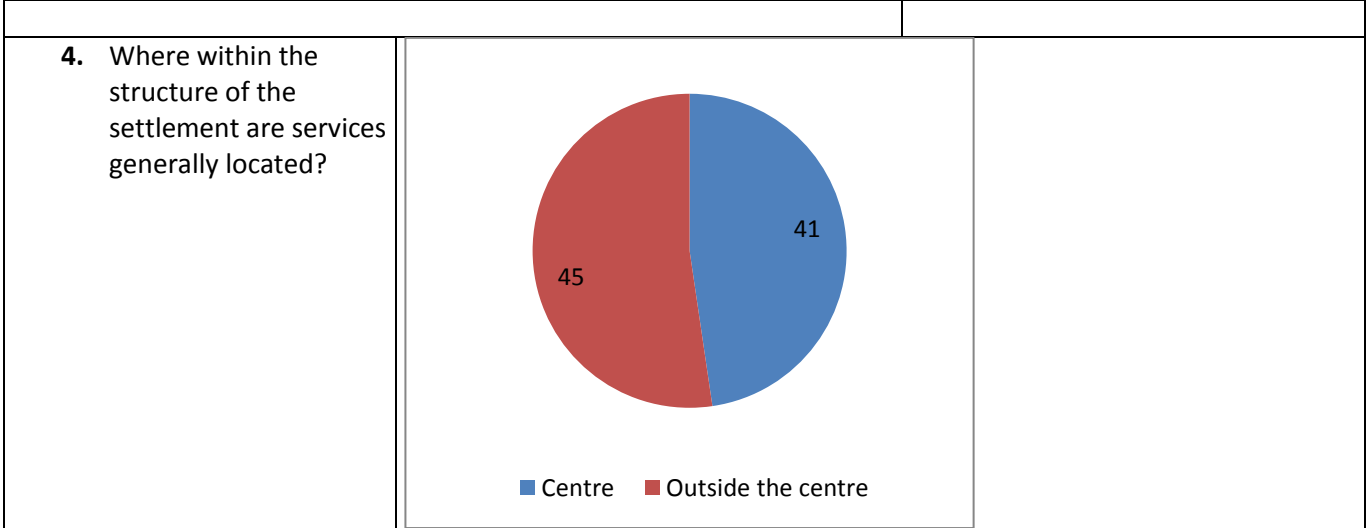
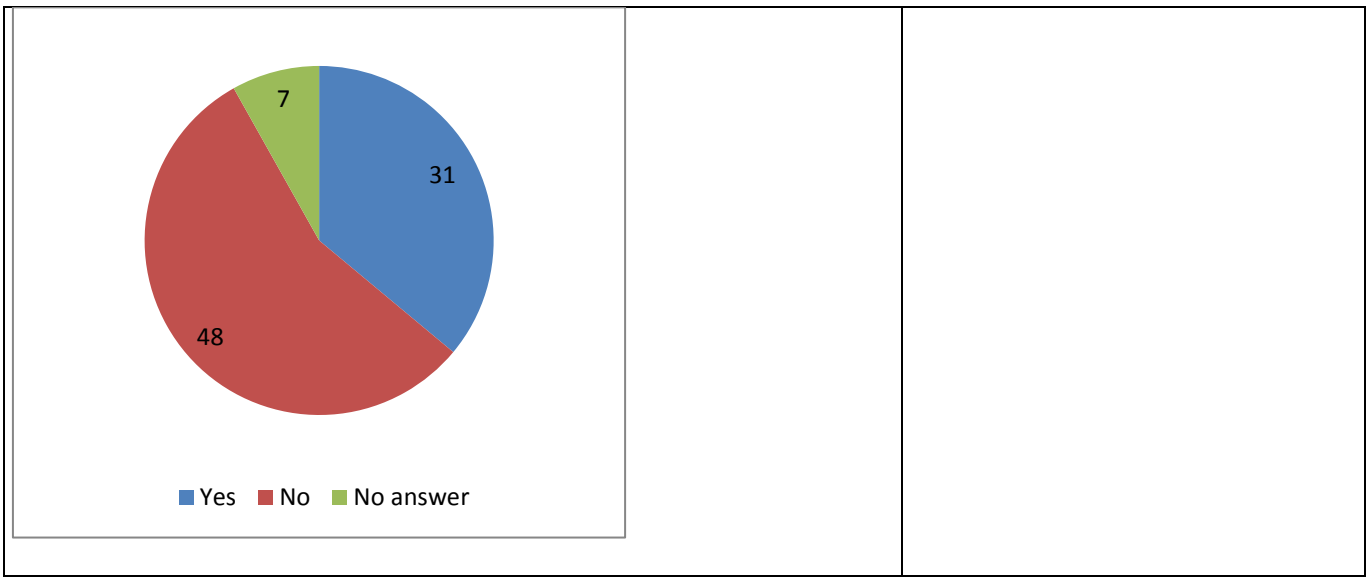


Banks and financial services





<p>Veterinary services</p>	 <p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10 ■ 11 ■ 12</p>	 <p>■ State ■ Private</p>
<p>Libraries</p>	 <p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10 ■ 11 ■ 12</p>	<p><b>State</b></p> 
<p>Place to meet (village or community hall or centre)</p>	 <p>■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10 ■ 11 ■ 12</p>	 <p>■ State ■ Private</p>
<p>Other service</p>		
<p>3. In general terms are services equally distributed, sustainable and accessible in your rural communities?</p>		<p>Yes or No?</p>



**5. What main factor inhibits the better provision or threatens the future viability of rural services and infrastructure?**

38 answers – finance

**6. What main factor favours the provision, viability and improvement of rural services and infrastructure?**