



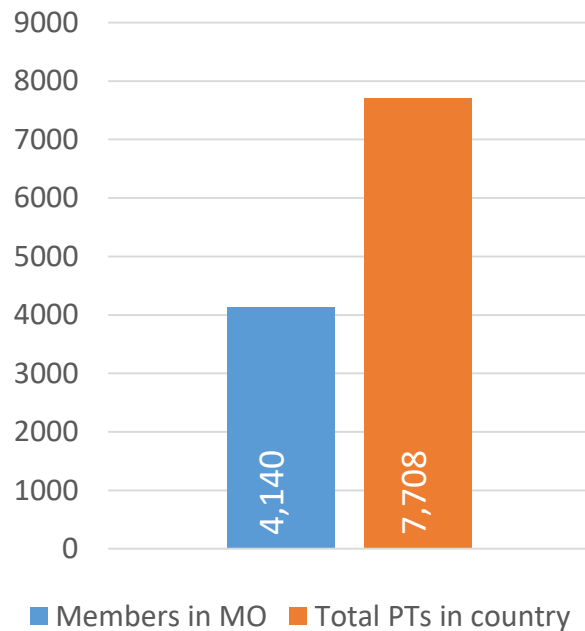
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WCPT COUNTRY PROFILE

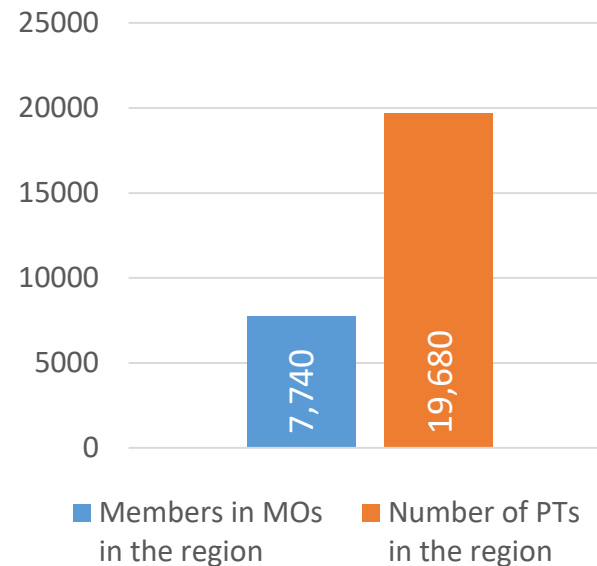
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Physical therapists in the country



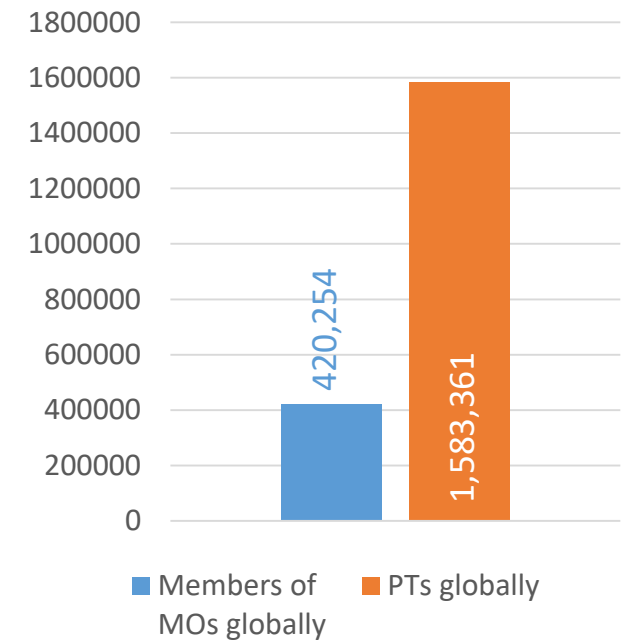
53.7% of PTs in the country are members of the South African Society of Physiotherapy

Physical therapists in the Africa Region of WCPT



39.3% of PTs in the region are members of a WCPT member organisation

Physical therapists in the world



26.5% of PTs in the world are members of a WCPT member organisation

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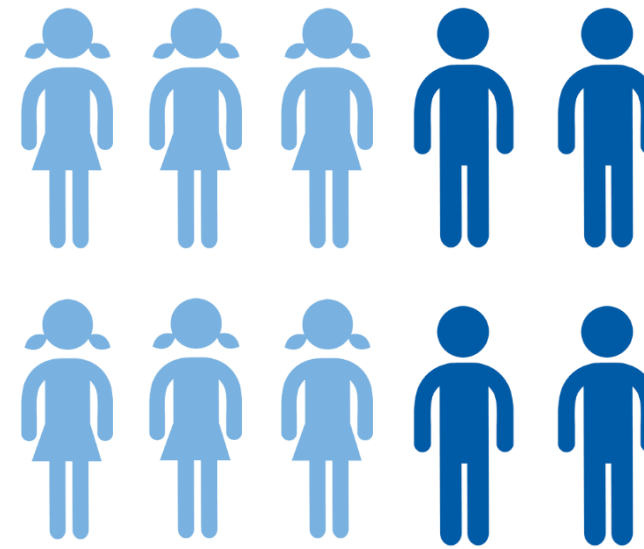
COUNTRY

9 out of **10**
physical therapists are female



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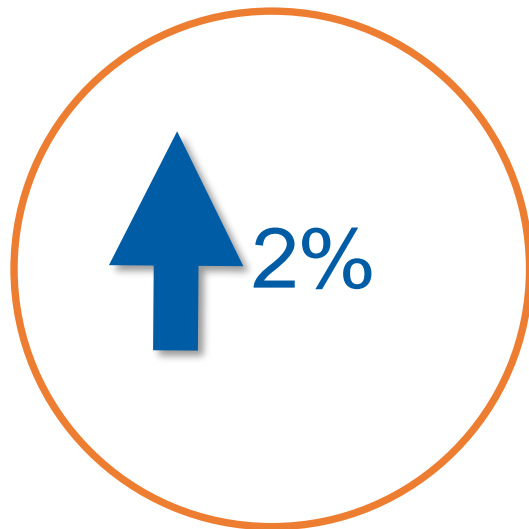
6 out of **10**
physical therapists are female



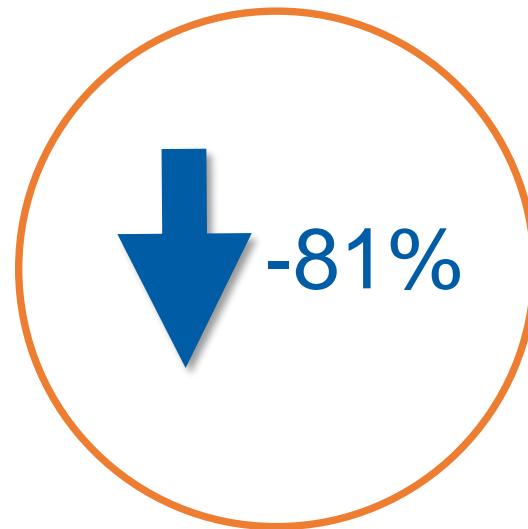
Country	Number of members	
Cameroon	150	
Congo (Democratic Republic)	180	
Ghana	160	
Morocco	698	
Namibia	126	
Nigeria	648	
Rwanda	75	
Senegal	92	
South Africa	4,140	You are the largest MO in the region
Sudan	69	
Swaziland	33	Smallest MO in the region
Tanzania	57	
Togo	75	
Zambia	79	
Zimbabwe	56	

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PERCENTAGE INCREASE/DECLINE IN MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS SINCE 2017 SURVEY

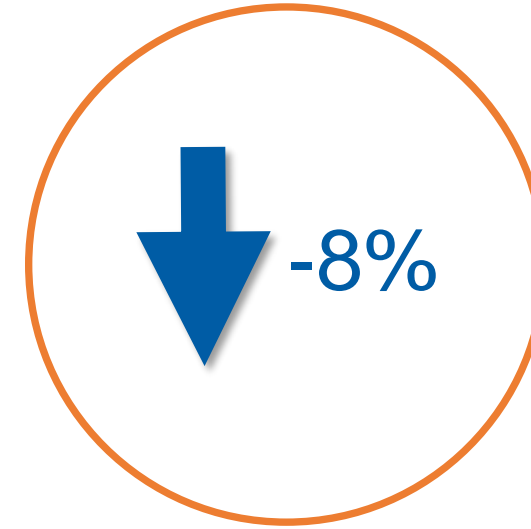


in your organisation



in the Africa Region of WCPT

In 2018 the WCPT Board terminated the membership of the General Physical Therapy Syndicate of Egypt with 35,000 members



globally, in countries where a WCPT member organisation exists

This map shows the number of practising physical therapists per 10,000 of the population within the Africa Region of WCPT.



In your region physical therapists are permitted to:	Congo (DR)	Ghana	Namibia	Rwanda	South Africa	Sudan	Swaziland	Tanzania	Togo	Zambia	Zimbabwe	Cameroon	Morocco	Nigeria	Senegal
Act as first contact/autonomous practitioners	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Assess patients/clients	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Make a diagnosis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Treat (interventions, advice and evaluation of outcome)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Refer to other specialists/services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Offer preventative advice/services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

DO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS NEED TO REGISTER TO PRACTICE IN YOUR COUNTRY?

DO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF YOUR ORGANISATION TO PRACTICE IN YOUR COUNTRY?

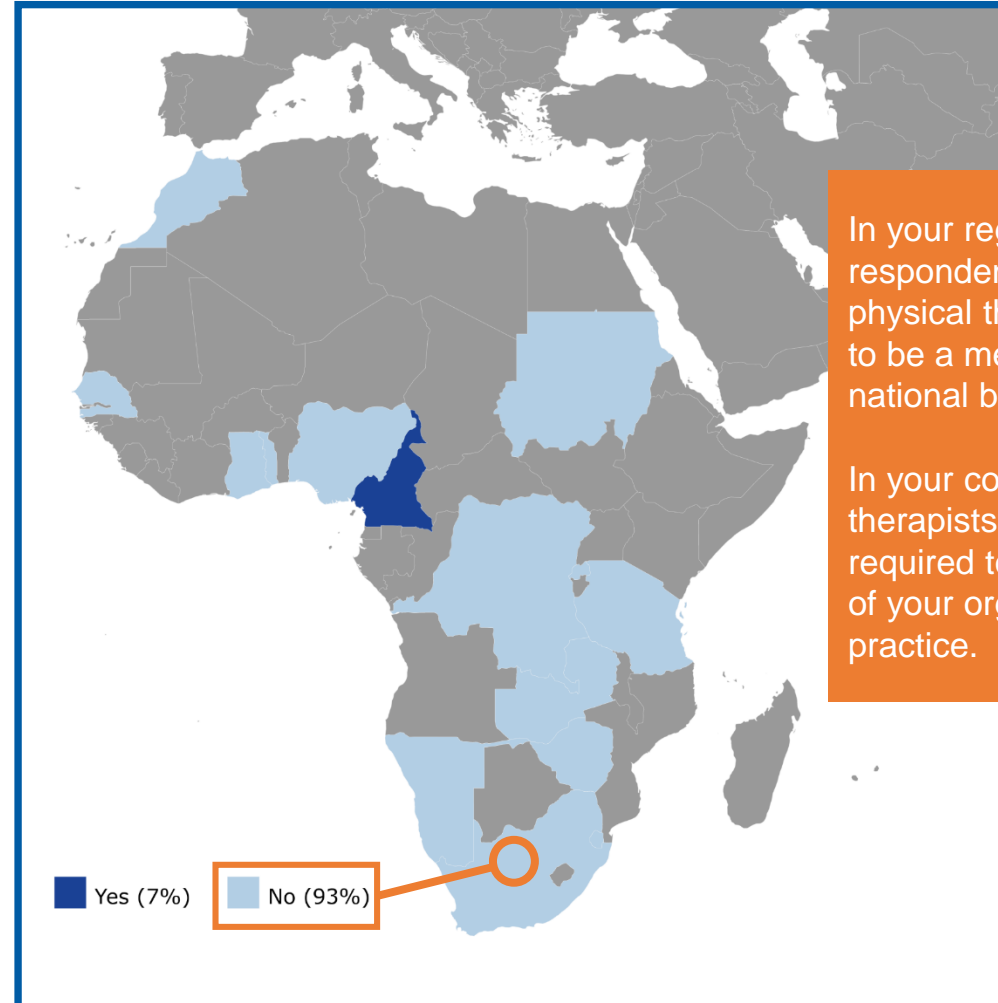
In your region 87% of respondents reported that registration is required to practice.

In your country registration is required to practice.



In your region 7% of respondents reported that physical therapists need to be a member of their national body to practice.

In your country physical therapists are not required to be a member of your organisation to practice.





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