

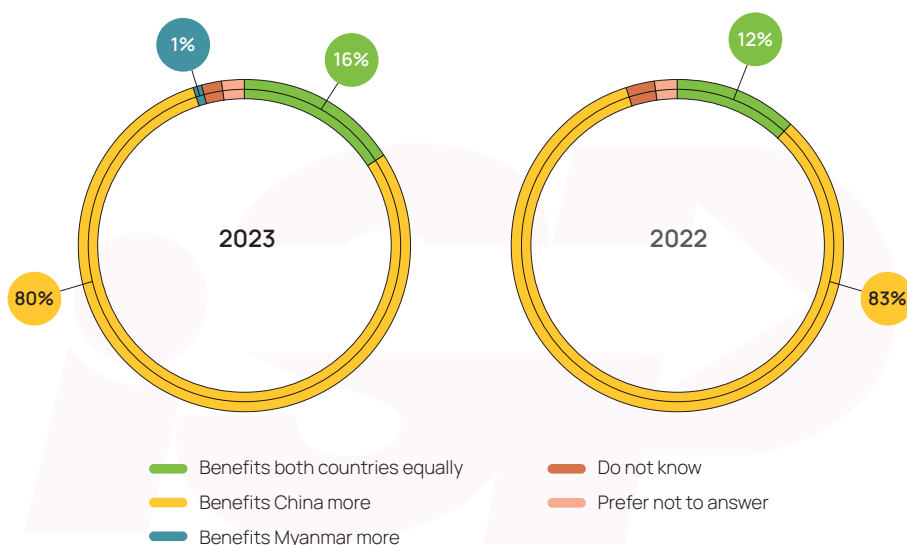
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## China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) Projects

## Question-54

## Which country benefits more from the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) projects?

For survey question No. 54, respondents were asked to identify whether the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) project would be mutually beneficial, more beneficial to China, or more beneficial to Myanmar.



The majority of respondents – **80 percent** – answered that the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) projects bring more economic advantages to China, while **16 percent** viewed the projects as beneficial to both countries equally. Merely **one percent** indicated that the project benefits Myanmar more.

There were no significant differences with the 2022 survey, with this year's only showing a **three percent** decrease in respondents who perceived the projects as more beneficial for China (answered "benefits China more") and a **four percent** increase in those who viewed them as beneficial for both countries equally.

Analysis of the Survey Results

The survey revealed that across all respondent groups, the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) projects are perceived to benefit China more. All PDFs/LDFs respondents shared this sentiment, as well as the majority of civil society organization respondents (94 percent), EAO respondents (93 percent), and prominent individuals (74 percent). In contrast, business community respondents (41 percent) and members of political society (33 percent) were more likely to view the projects as mutually beneficial.

Question-54

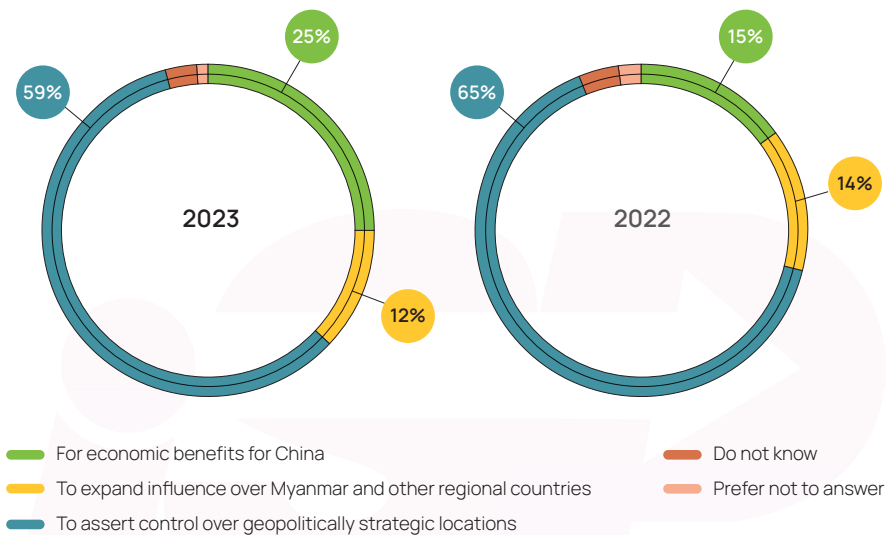
Which country benefits more from the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) projects?

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Benefits both countries equally	16%	4%	33%	41%	18%	7%	0%
Benefits China more	80%	94%	57%	56%	74%	93%	100%
Benefits Myanmar more	1%	1%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Do not know	2%	1%	5%	0%	3%	0%	0%
Prefer not to answer	1%	0%	0%	3%	5%	0%	0%

## Question-55

## Views on the purpose for the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)?

For survey question No. 55, respondents were asked for their opinion on the purpose of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC).



Across all communities, holding the view of China to assert its control over geopolitically strategic locations through CMEC project was the most prevalent (**59 percent**). On the other hand, **25 percent** indicated that the aim of the CMEC is for China's economic benefit, while **12 percent** felt that it is for China to expand its influence over Myanmar and other regional countries.

Compared with the 2022 survey, there has been a **ten percent** rise in participants believing that the projects are for China's economic benefit. Meanwhile, there has been a **six percent** decrease in respondents perceiving that China's purpose is to assert control over geopolitically strategic locations, as well as a **two percent** decrease in respondents perceiving that China's purpose is to expand its influence over Myanmar and other regional countries.

Analysis of the Survey Results

Respondents across different communities predominantly perceived that China's purpose for the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) project is to assert control over geopolitically strategic locations. This perspective is held by civil society organizations (**68 percent**), members of political society (**62 percent**), EAOs (**60 percent**), and prominent figures (**59 percent**). Meanwhile, **44 percent** of the business community believed that the project serves China's economic interests (answered "for economic benefits"). Additionally, **20 percent** of EAOs saw the project as a tool for China to expand its influence over Myanmar and its neighboring countries (answered "to expand influence over Myanmar and other regional countries").

Question-55

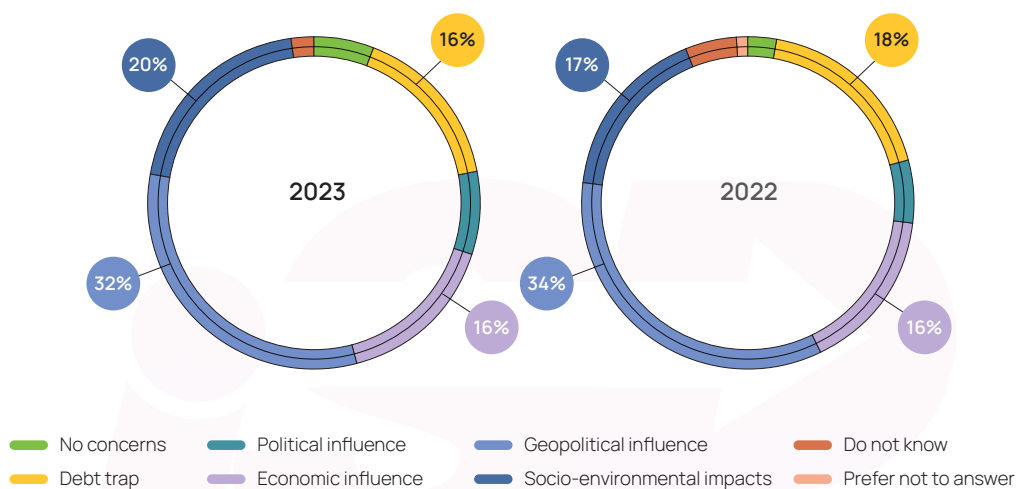
Views on the purpose for the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)?

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
For economic benefits for China	25%	24%	19%	44%	18%	20%	27%
To expand influence over Myanmar and other regional countries	12%	8%	10%	17%	16%	20%	9%
To assert control over geopolitically strategic locations	59%	68%	62%	37%	59%	60%	55%
Do not know	3%	0%	9%	0%	3%	0%	9%
Prefer not to answer	1%	0%	0%	2%	4%	0%	0%

## Question-56

## What are key stakeholders' concerns regarding the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)?

For survey question No. 56, respondents were asked to select the biggest concern about the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) from a list.



Regarding concerns about the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC), **32 percent** of respondents shared the common concern of China's growing geopolitical influence over the region (answered "geopolitical influence"). **Twenty percent** of respondents found it concerning that the project would lead to a socio-environmental impact in Myanmar. **Sixteen percent** of respondents showed concern about Myanmar falling into a debt trap (answered "debt trap"), while another **16 percent** find China's economic influence a source of distress (answered "economic influence"). Additionally, **eight percent** answered "political influence" regarding the CMEC's concern, while **six percent** selected "no concerns."

When juxtaposed with the 2022 survey, this year's survey reveals no significant variances. Respondents expressing concern over geopolitical influence decreased by **two percent**, and those expressing concern over socio-environmental impacts increased by **three percent**.

Analysis of the Survey Results

All surveyed key stakeholders of Myanmar other than PDFs/LDFs respondents expressed concern about China's geopolitical influence. Political society members (**43 percent**), EAOs respondents (**40 percent**), prominent individuals (**38 percent**), civil society organization respondents (**29 percent**) and business community members (**27 percent**) answered "geopolitical influence." Interestingly, **27 percent** of PDFs/LDFs respondents were respectively concerned with the problem of a debt trap, political influence or economic influence regarding the CMEC.

Question-56

What are key stakeholders' concerns regarding the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)?

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
No concerns	6%	1%	14%	20%	5%	0%	0%
Debt trap	16%	20%	19%	12%	13%	6%	27%
Political influence	8%	8%	10%	5%	8%	0%	27%
Economic influence	16%	17%	5%	24%	10%	27%	27%
Geopolitical influence	32%	29%	43%	27%	38%	40%	19%
Socio-environmental impacts	20%	25%	5%	10%	25%	27%	0%
Do not know	2%	0%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Prefer not to answer	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%

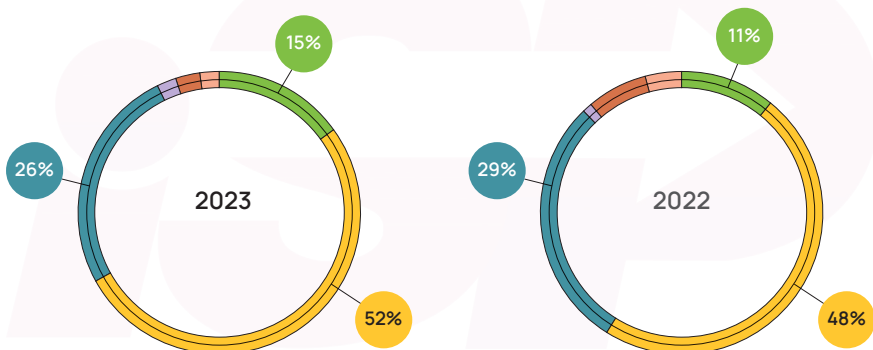
Questions-57 to 60

### Views on the potential impacts of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)

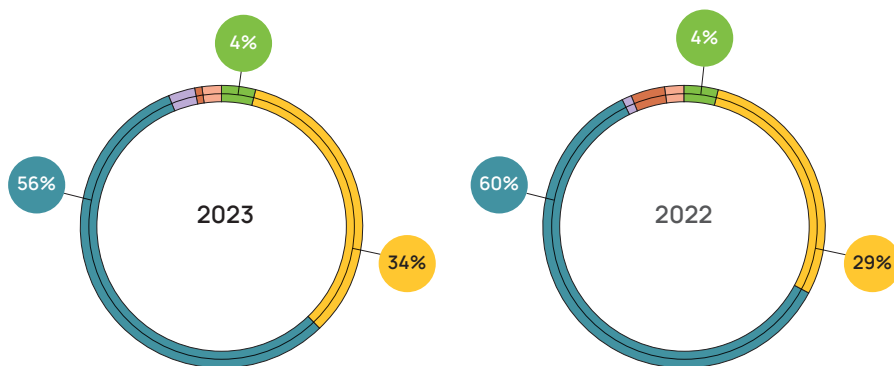
For survey questions No. 57 to 60, respondents were asked to what extent they agree with a series of statements regarding the CMEC's impacts on the peace process, economic development, socio-economic advancements, and potential exit for the economic and political crises.

- Totally disagree
- Agree
- Do not know
- Disagree
- Totally agree
- Prefer not to answer

**Question-57** CMEC has positive impacts on the peace process.



**Question-58** CMEC aid Myanmar's economic development.

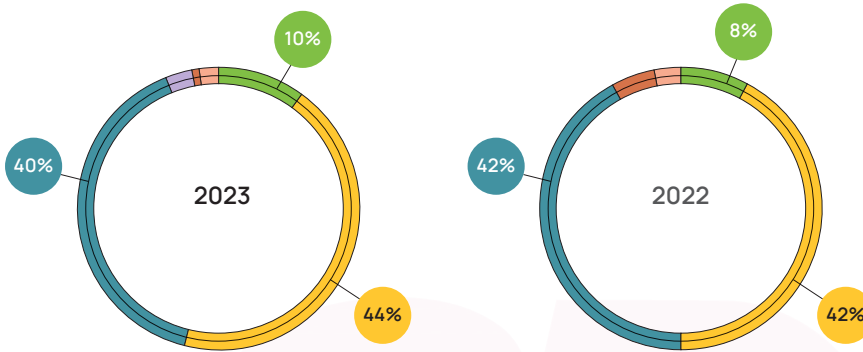




- Totally disagree
- Agree
- Do not know
- Disagree
- Totally agree
- Prefer not to answer

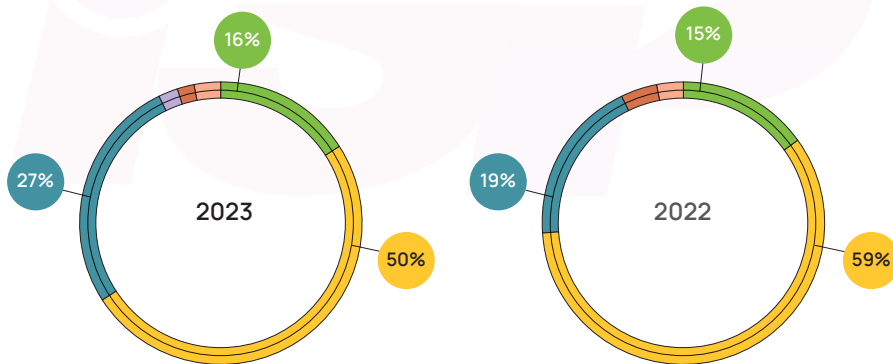
**Question-59**

CMEC helps improve the socio-economic situations of the public.



**Question-60**

CMEC is a potential exit for the economic and political crises.



**Fifty-two percent** of the respondents disagreed that the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) supports the peace process, while **56 percent** agreed that the CMEC contributes to economic development. The respondents also weighed in on the CMEC's benefit to socio-economic development, with **40 percent** agreeing and **44 percent** disagreeing. When asked whether the CMEC would offer a solution to Myanmar's economic and political crises, **50 percent** disagreed, while **27 percent** agreed. This indicates little difference in comparison to the previous survey results.

Analysis of the Survey Results

The majority of business community members (**63 percent**) believed that the CMEC would have a positive impact on the peace process. However, the majority of the respondents from EAOs (**93 percent**) disagreed with this perspective. Similarly, the majority of business community members (**88 percent**) believed that the CMEC would contribute to Myanmar’s economic development. Members of political society (**81 percent**) also held a similar perception of the CMEC’s impact on economic development, while the majority of civil society organization respondents (**63 percent**) disagreed. Additionally, **80 percent** of the business community believed that the CMEC would improve Myanmar’s people’s socio-economic livelihoods, whereas **80 percent** of civil society organization respondents disagreed with this notion. Furthermore, **86 percent** of civil society organization respondents disagree that the CMEC would provide a solution to the economic and political crises facing Myanmar, while **61 percent** of the business community believed it would. Interestingly, **40 percent** of the EAOs and **45 percent** of the PDFs/LDFs expressed agreement that the CMEC would contribute to socioeconomic development in Myanmar.

Question-57

CMEC has positive impacts on the peace process.

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Totally disagree	15%	27%	5%	0%	15%	0%	9%
Disagree	52%	57%	33%	29%	49%	93%	73%
Agree	26%	14%	43%	56%	30%	7%	9%
Totally agree	2%	1%	5%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Do not know	3%	1%	9%	3%	5%	0%	9%
Prefer not to answer	2%	0%	5%	5%	1%	0%	0%

Question-58

CMEC aid Myanmar's economic development.

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Policial Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Totally disagree	4%	8%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Disagree	34%	55%	10%	10%	26%	27%	27%
Agree	56%	37%	71%	76%	69%	67%	55%
Totally agree	3%	0%	10%	12%	2%	0%	0%
Do not know	1%	0%	5%	0%	1%	0%	9%
Prefer not to answer	2%	0%	4%	2%	0%	6%	9%

Question-59

CMEC helps improve the socio-economic situations of the public.

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Policial Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Totally disagree	10%	20%	0%	0%	3%	13%	0%
Disagree	44%	60%	24%	17%	43%	40%	45%
Agree	40%	20%	57%	68%	49%	40%	45%
Totally agree	3%	0%	10%	12%	2%	0%	0%
Do not know	1%	0%	5%	0%	2%	0%	10%
Prefer not to answer	2%	0%	4%	3%	1%	7%	0%

Question-60

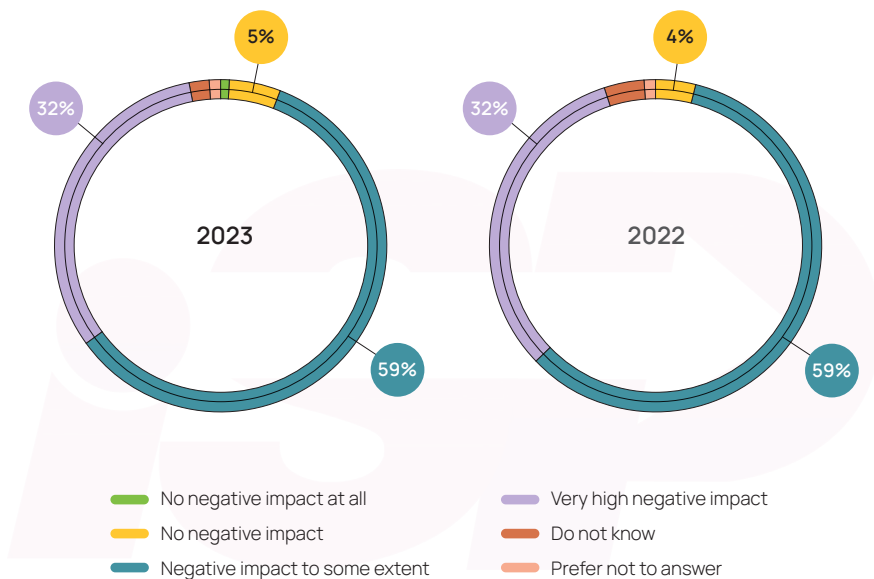
CMEC is a potential exit for the economic and political crises.

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Policial Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Totally disagree	16%	27%	5%	0%	16%	0%	27%
Disagree	50%	59%	38%	32%	46%	73%	55%
Agree	27%	13%	33%	54%	36%	20%	9%
Totally agree	2%	0%	10%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Do not know	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	0%	9%
Prefer not to answer	3%	0%	10%	5%	2%	7%	0%

Question-61

### The socio-environmental impacts of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)

In survey question No. 61, respondents were asked to rank to what extent the CMEC would affect the socio-environmental aspects in Myanmar.



Regarding the socio-environmental impacts of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC), **59 percent** of respondents considered it to be negatively impactful to a certain extent, while **32 percent** viewed that it has high negative impacts.

There were no considerable differences compared with the 2022 survey, as merely **one percent** of respondents increased in answering “no negative impact,” and another **one percent** responded “no negative impact at all.”

Analysis of the Survey Results

The civil society organizations (**95 percent**) predominantly answered that the CMEC has a negative socio-environmental impact on Myanmar's people. EAOs and prominent individuals (**both 93 percent**), PDFs/LDFs and political society respondents (**both 91 percent**), and business community respondents (**75 percent**) perceived similarly (the percentages shown here are represented by the responses "negative impact to some extent" and "high negative impact").

Question-61

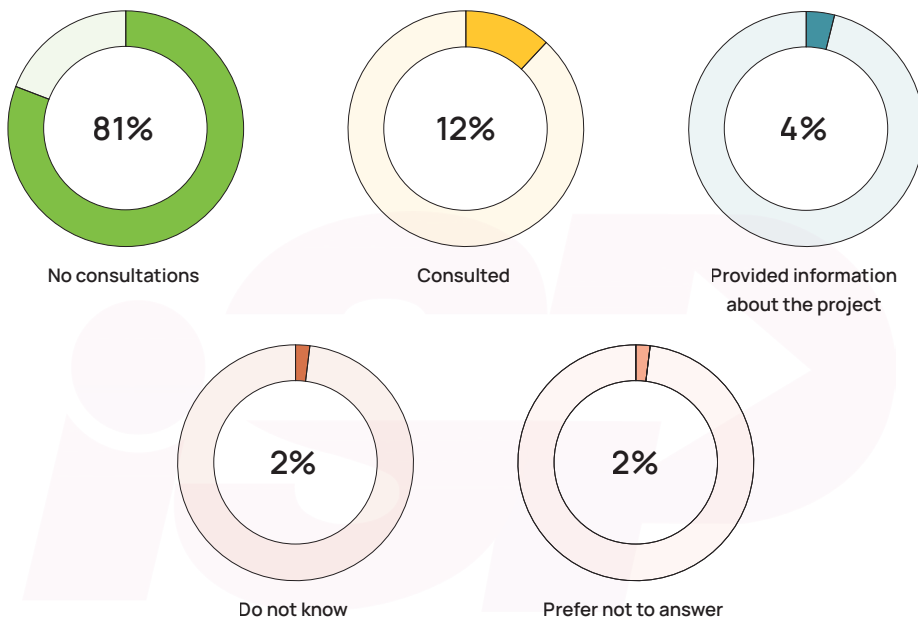
The socio-environmental impacts of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
No negative impact at all	1%	2%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%
No negative impact	5%	3%	0%	17%	3%	7%	0%
Negative impact to some extent	59%	38%	86%	73%	67%	86%	64%
Very high negative impact	32%	57%	5%	2%	26%	7%	27%
Do not know	2%	0%	4%	2%	2%	0%	9%
Prefer not to answer	1%	0%	0%	6%	2%	0%	0%

## Question-62

## Consultations regarding the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)

For survey question No. 62, respondents were asked whether Chinese company authorities consulted the key stakeholders regarding the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) or not and were asked to select more than one answer if applicable.



Regarding consultations related to the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC), **81 percent** of respondents reported that Chinese companies did not contact or consult with them at all. Only **12 percent** indicated that they were consulted, while **four percent** stated that they were provided with information about the project. **Two percent** admitted that they were not aware of any consultations.

Compared to the 2022 survey, there has been a **six percent** increase in respondents who reported not being consulted, along with a **one percent** increase in those who were consulted.

Analysis of the Survey Results

The majority of respondent groups reported no contact from Chinese companies and authorities regarding the CMEC project. This was affirmed by members of civil society organizations (88 percent), PDFs/LDFs (82 percent), EAOs (80 percent), prominent individuals (79 percent), business community members (76 percent), and political society respondents (62 percent). However, 14 percent of political society respondents and five percent of both business community and civil society organization respondents stated that they were provided with information about the project. Additionally, respondents of the political community (29 percent), prominent individuals (15 percent), EAOs (13 percent), business community members (12 percent), PDFs/LDFs (9 percent), and civil society organizations (7 percent) stated that they were explained and consulted by Chinese company authorities.

Question-62

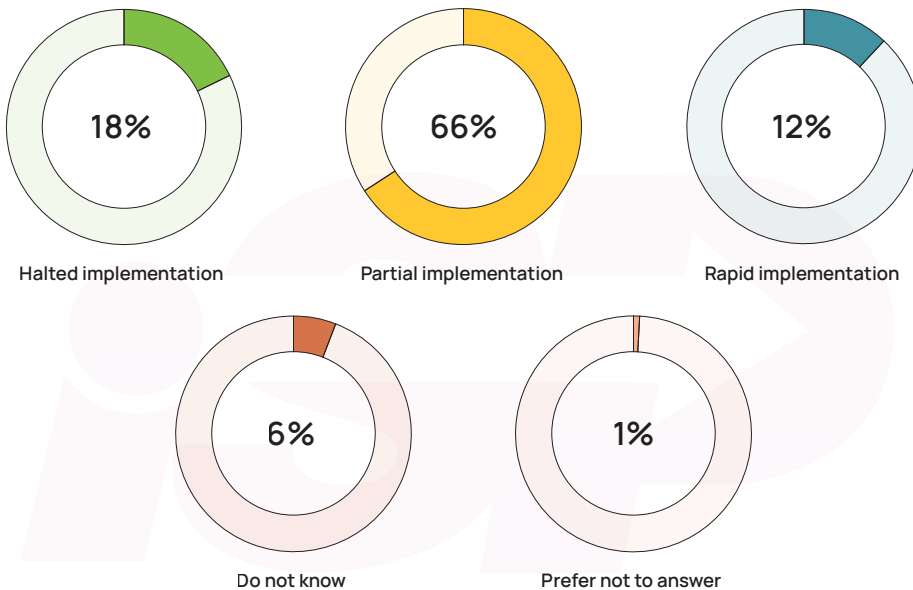
Consultations regarding the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
No consultations	81%	88%	62%	76%	79%	80%	82%
Consulted	12%	7%	29%	12%	15%	13%	9%
Provided information about the project	4%	5%	14%	5%	0%	0%	0%
Do not know	2%	0%	0%	5%	3%	0%	0%
Prefer not to answer	2%	0%	5%	2%	3%	7%	9%

## Question-63

## Views on the implementation status of CMEC projects

For survey question No. 63, respondents were asked about their perceptions of the implementation status of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) between the State Administration Council (SAC) and China, and allowed the respondents to choose more than one option. The percentage for each option is calculated based on 100 percent.



Regarding the implementation status of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) projects in the post-coup period, **66 percent** of the respondents perceived that the CMEC was being partially implemented by the State Administration Council (SAC) and China. Additionally, **18 percent** of the respondents thought that the project's implementation were halted, while **12 percent** viewed it as being implemented rapidly. **Six percent** of the respondents answered that they do not know about the CMEC's current implementation status. This question was newly added to this year's survey.



Analysis of the Survey Results

In examining responses from the six communities regarding the status of CMEC implementation, **71 percent** of political society respondents indicated partial implementation. Conversely, **23 percent** of civil society organization respondents reported "rapid implementation," while **40 percent** of the EAOs primarily indicated "halted implementation."

Question-63

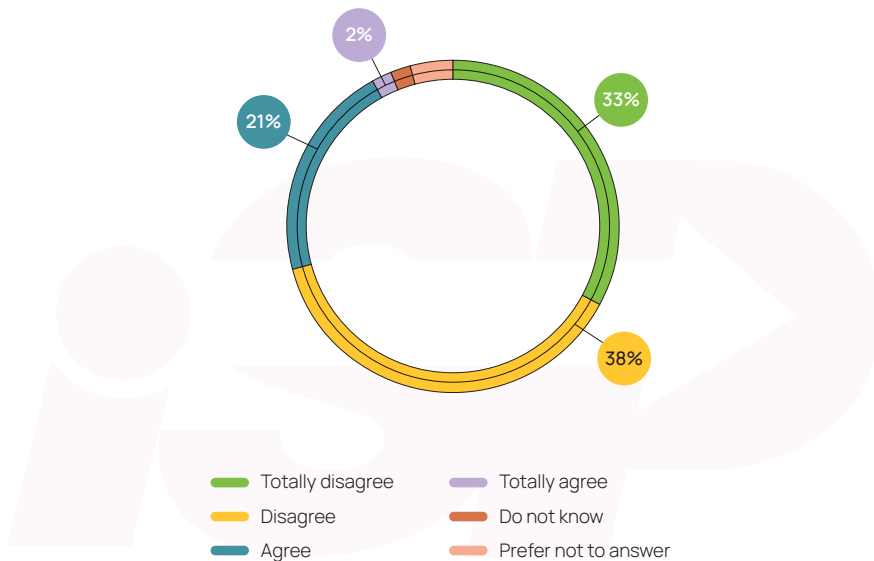
Views on the implementation status of CMEC projects

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Halted implementation	18%	11%	14%	27%	18%	40%	18%
Partial implementation	66%	66%	71%	56%	70%	60%	64%
Rapid implementation	12%	23%	0%	5%	5%	0%	9%
Do not know	6%	4%	10%	7%	7%	0%	9%
Prefer not to answer	1%	0%	5%	5%	0%	0%	0%

Question-64

### How are the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) implementation efforts perceived?

For survey question No. 64, respondents were asked whether they agree or disagree with the efforts made to implement the CMEC project.



The addition of a new question in this year's survey, focusing on the implementation efforts of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC), revealed a significant trend among Myanmar's key stakeholders. The majority of respondents, **71 percent**, expressed disagreement (represented by the responses "totally disagree" and "disagree") with the implementation during the political crises. In contrast, agreement (represented by the responses "totally agree" and "agree") accounted for only **23 percent**. This notable level of disagreement warrants further analysis to better understand its implications.

Analysis of the Survey Results

Perceptions regarding the potential implementation of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) amidst Myanmar's political crisis varied among different stakeholder groups. The majority of respondents among PDFs/LDFs (**91 percent**), EAOs (**87 percent**), civil society organizations (**85 percent**), prominent individuals (**79 percent**), and political society members (**52 percent**) and some business community members (**27 percent**) expressed disagreement (answered either "totally disagree" or "disagree"). Conversely, respondents from business community (**59 percent**) political society members (**43 percent**), prominent individuals (**18 percent**) and EAO (**13 percent**), and civil society organization respondents (**12 percent**) expressed agreement (answered either "totally agree" or "agree").

Question-64

How are the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) implementation efforts perceived?

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Totally disagree	33%	48%	19%	7%	33%	27%	36%
Disagree	38%	37%	33%	20%	46%	60%	55%
Agree	21%	11%	38%	49%	18%	13%	0%
Totally agree	2%	1%	5%	10%	0%	0%	0%
Do not know	2%	1%	5%	4%	0%	0%	9%
Prefer not to answer	4%	2%	0%	10%	3%	0%	0%