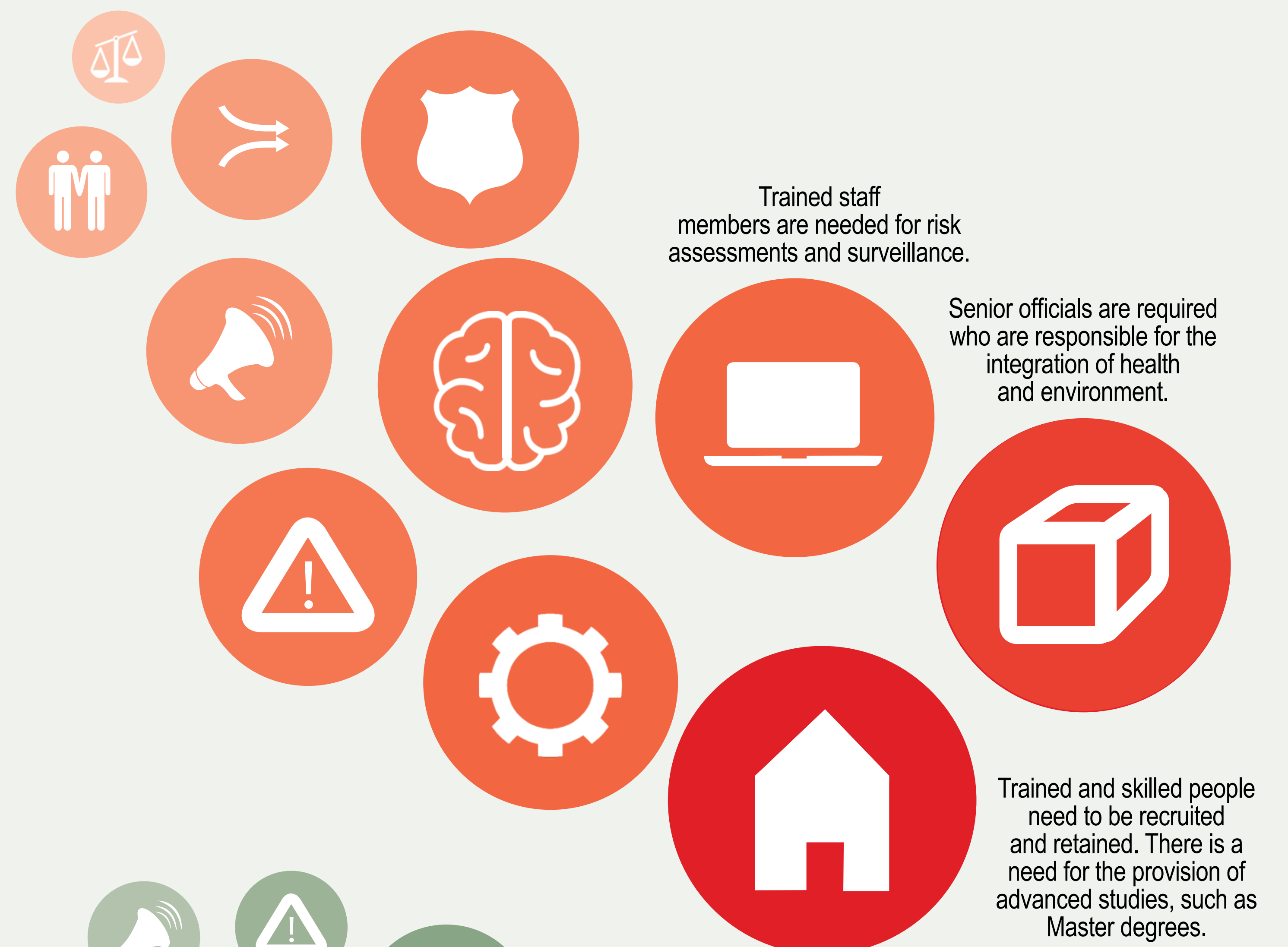
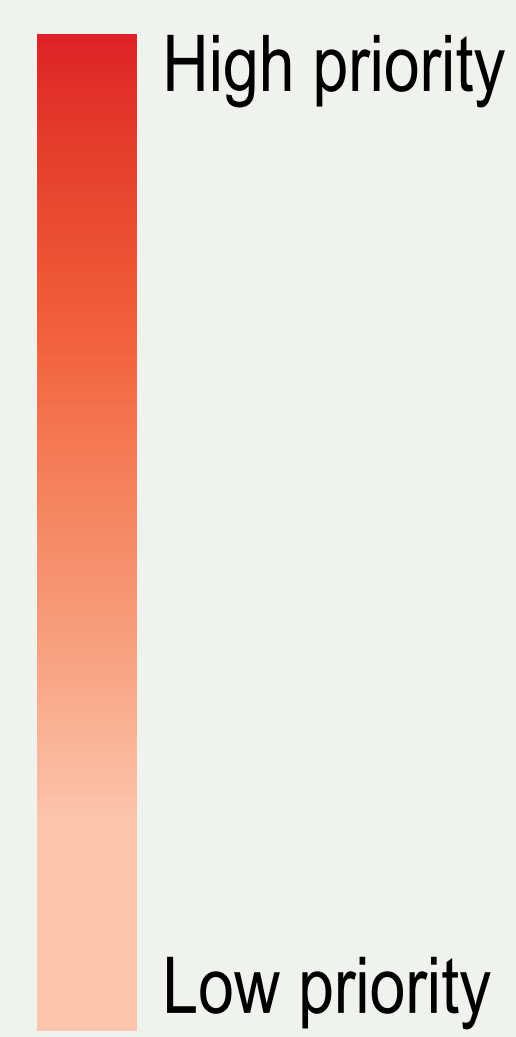


6. Human resources

Responding to environmental health threats calls for **skilled, motivated people** who are able to work **across disciplines** and **between diverse agencies**.

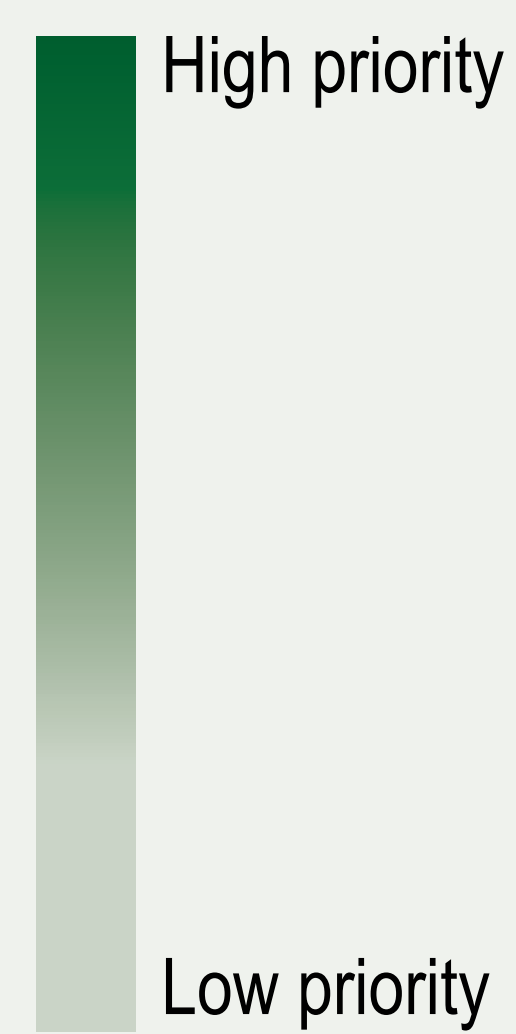
How did countries prioritise human resources for the 11 Libreville action points?



7. Financial resources

For all developments, **increased funding** and **improved resource allocation** is essential. Some countries report being unclear on precise spending and that, in some areas, there is duplication of efforts.

How did countries prioritise financial resources for the 11 Libreville action points?



8. Research

For Africa to make progress in addressing and integrating environment and health, **solid and systematic research is required**.

The ideal research process:

Research agenda
All countries lack an integrated research agenda. This is needed for addressing the threats to health from environmental sources.

Continuous data
Many countries report gaps in data collection. A continuous system for data collection is needed.

Quality data
Poor data is reported as a challenge. This could be improved with better data-management and enhanced analysis.

Systematic analysis
Analysis of information on environment and health is undertaken separately. A combined analysis where the issues intersect is rarely undertaken, but sorely needed.

Sharing
Most countries lack the resources to produce and share an annual State of the Environment Report or a regular National Health Report. No countries disseminate a regular environmental health report.

Knowledge in action
Research is often used only for academic purposes. Various countries say it should be gathered and used as evidence for knowledge formulation.

Gabon SANA report:
"We need regular publication and dissemination of research results."

Guinea SANA report:
"We need to equip research institutions with suitable resources and train and recruit researchers."

Ethiopia SANA report:
"Research is scattered and does not follow a unified agenda."

Swaziland SANA report:
"The research findings should be translated into policies and actions."

South Africa SANA report:
"We need high-quality and continuous data to support an integrated monitoring and evaluation system."