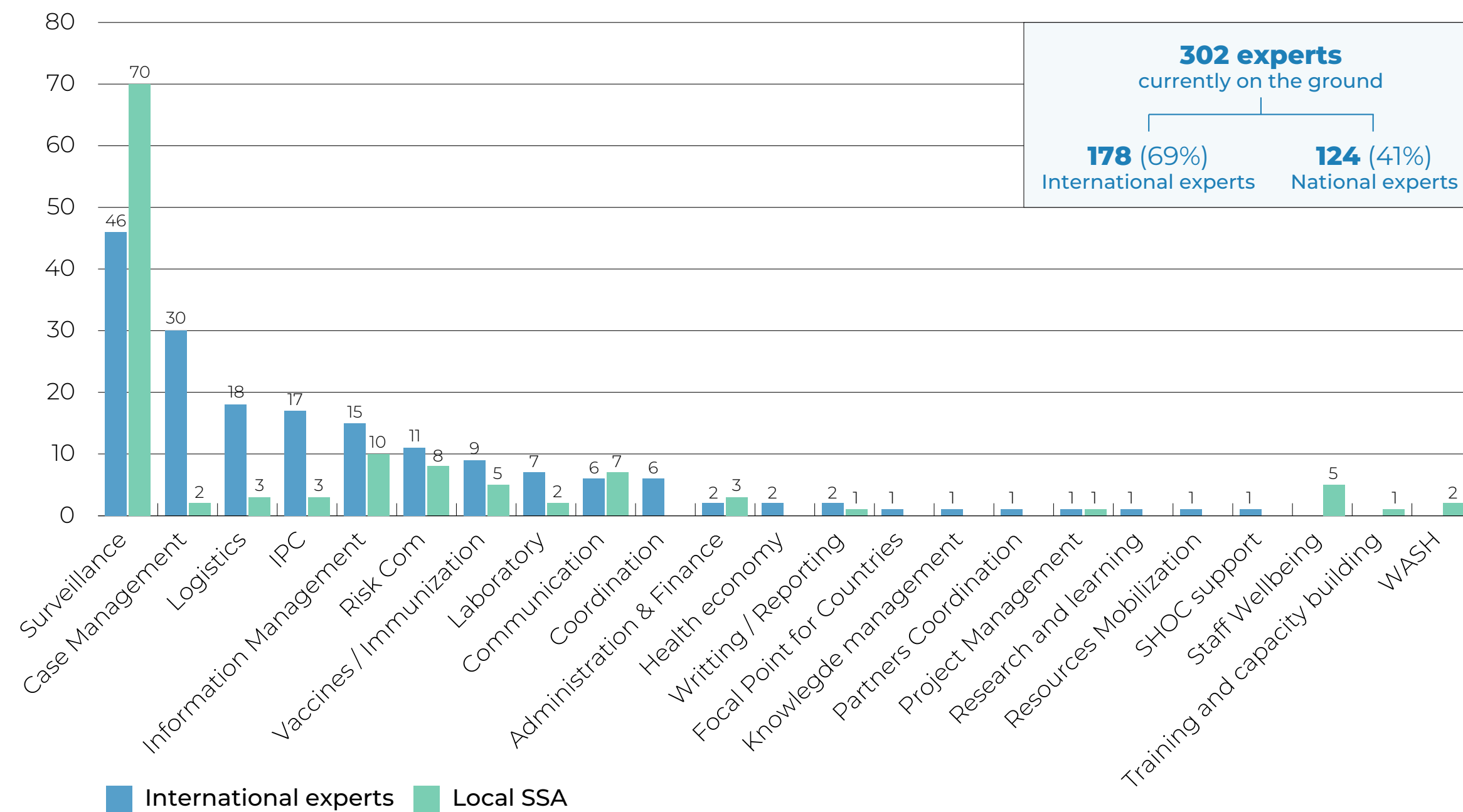


# 2.3 Expert deployment, training and building capacities

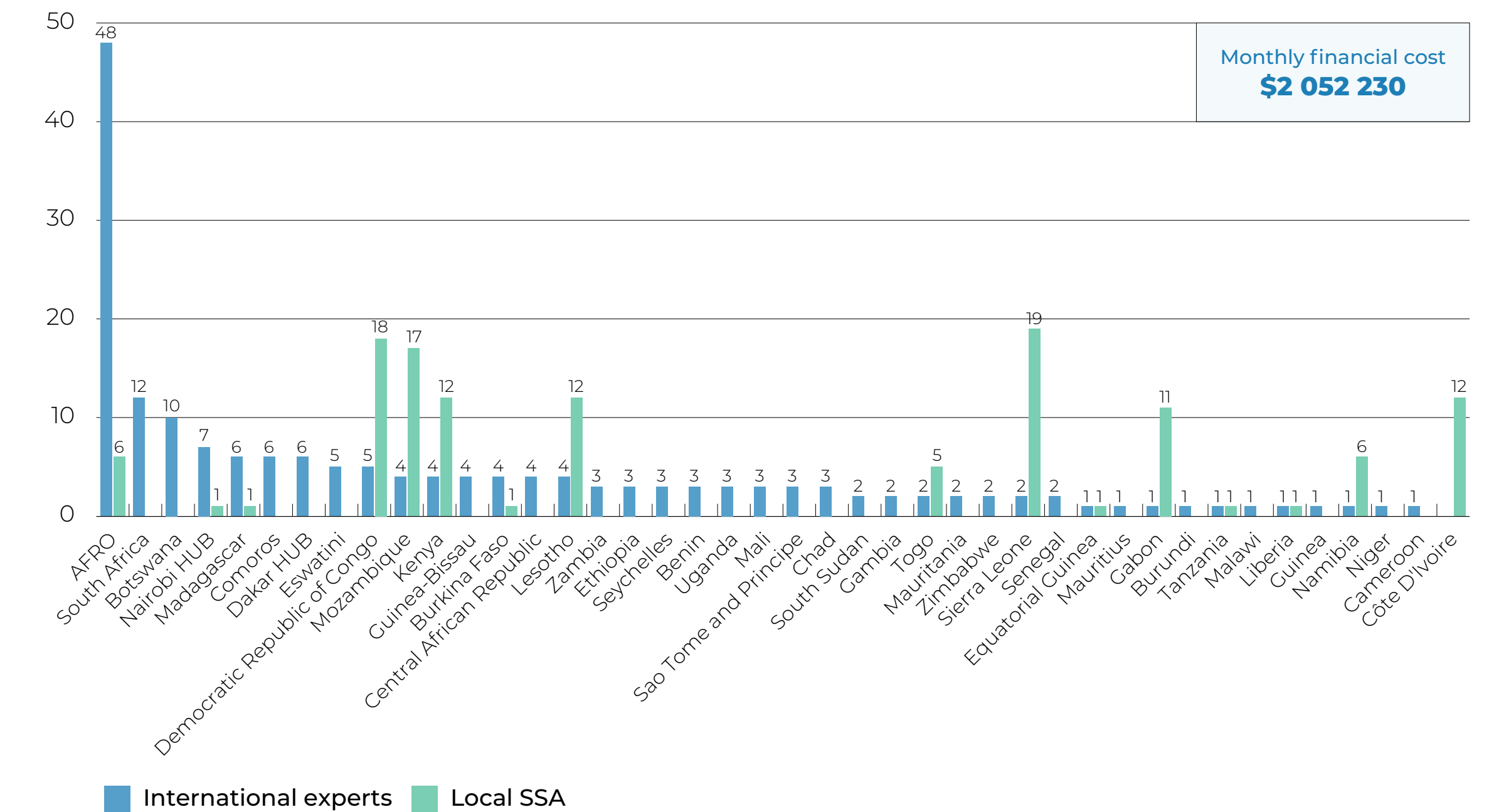
Knowing that the control of outbreaks can be won or lost at the local level, from 1 February to 31 July, WHO-AFR continued to deploy COVID-19 response workers to cities and towns, where close community contact implies greater risk of contamination from the virus.

**FIGURE 5+6:** Cumulative deployments data – Number of experts

**Breakdown per area of expertise**



**Breakdown per country**



*“The United States remains a long-standing development partner for the people of Zimbabwe and our COVID-19 response now exceeds US\$23.3 million. We are working tirelessly alongside our development partners to help Zimbabwe maintain critical health and humanitarian assistance activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our partnerships, including our support to and collaboration with WHO, and the steps we continue to take to combat COVID-19 in Zimbabwe demonstrate the United States’ ongoing commitment to supporting the people of Zimbabwe through this crisis and beyond.”*

**Anne G. Murphy**  
USAID Health Office Director

## 45 Countries

received training for **200 000 health workers** on infection prevention and control, border control, treatment, logistics, laboratory testing and risk communication.

A sample breakdown follows:

### **15 Countries**

were targeted with training procurement and supply chain practices for oxygen and other medical supplies.

### **8 Countries**

Guinea, Mali, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana, Togo, Guinea Bissau and Senegal – benefitted from five workshops on capacity building at points of entry and strengthening cross-border collaboration. These workshops contributed to the development of joint action plans between the neighbouring countries.

### **23 Countries**

in West and Central Africa received training on points of entry and surveillance training, with participants including border police, ministries of health, public health officials, environmental health, immigration and customs.

### **47 Countries**

and **345 000 community health workers** received training on COVID-19 symptoms, referral and psycho-social support.

### **40 Countries**

were represented in a **briefing for 50 Information Managers**, on 22 July, where HIV/TB focal points shared their experience with COVID-19 focal points on Global Fund implementation.

### **45 Countries**

and **255 000 local leaders and influencers** were engaged in COVID-19 awareness and training.