

Impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on BAME community and voluntary organisations

Key findings from the recently conducted surveys (Waves 1 and 2)

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What the survey
tried to find
out...

- The survey sought to ascertain the impact that COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease) was having specifically on BAME led organisations (i.e. those with 51% of their management board/committees from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities) across the UK.
- The survey was carried out over two 'phases' or 'Waves':
 - Wave 1 was conducted between 19 and 23 March;
 - Wave 2 between 27 March and 4 April 2020.

Characteristics of respondents....

80% (69) of respondents to Wave 2 had not contributed to Wave 1 (i.e. 17 organisations responded to both)

Over the two 'Waves':

182 responses were received (96 in Wave 1 and 86 to Wave 2) but adjusting for those that responded to both Waves, 165 'unique organisations' participated;

Of the 165 unique organisations that responded, 137 (83%) were BAME led organisations

Responses were received from organisations based in seven (7) regions of England, with the majority based in London (n=84 or 61%)

What we found...

- 9 out of 10 BAME organisations could cease to operate over next 3mths if the crisis continues.
- More than half of those who responded, knows of a colleague who had been diagnosed and had to self-isolate (i.e. 63% of respondents)
- Many of the organisations that responded to Wave 2 (n=86) have started to develop new ways of working that ensures continuity of support to the vulnerable beneficiaries of their services (e.g. potential domestic violence and mental health support provisions, especially amongst young people).
- Without support, many of these organisations may not be able to adapt as quickly as others, and as such, may find that they are at a stage where their work cannot continue and for those adapting, they may find that they are in 'crisis management' mode which becomes their new 'normal'.
- Those organisations most affected are micro and small BAME organisations, that largely receive less than £10,000 and upwards to £100,000 per annum (75%).

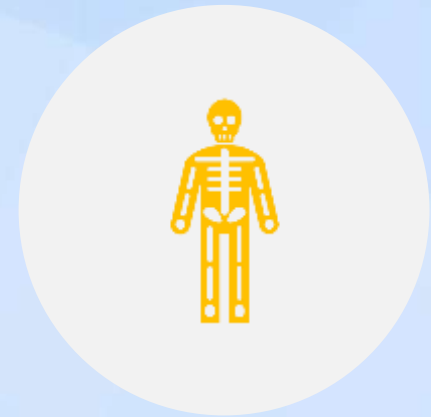
Recommendation 1: The findings suggest that organisations need to be working on short-term and medium term plans informed by the following questions:



WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE OR IMPROVE
THAT CAN BE ACTED UPON OVER THE
COMING 3MTHS?



WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE OR IMPROVE
THAT CAN BE ACTED UPON IN 6MTHS
TIME?



WHERE THEY MIGHT GET SUPPORT?



Recommendation 2:

Further work is needed to better understand the support needs of the sector which should include 'deep dive' follow up with those micro and small organisations identified through the research.

Recommendation 3:

There is an opportunity for the sector to think boldly about coordination, support and development, which will necessitate a radical re-envisioning of how the sector can better support itself. The sector can no longer assume 'business as usual' and this might mean a leaner and more entrepreneurial sector speaking with a single voice.

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