

# Civil Society Participation in the COVID-19 Response

Survey Results  
April 2020

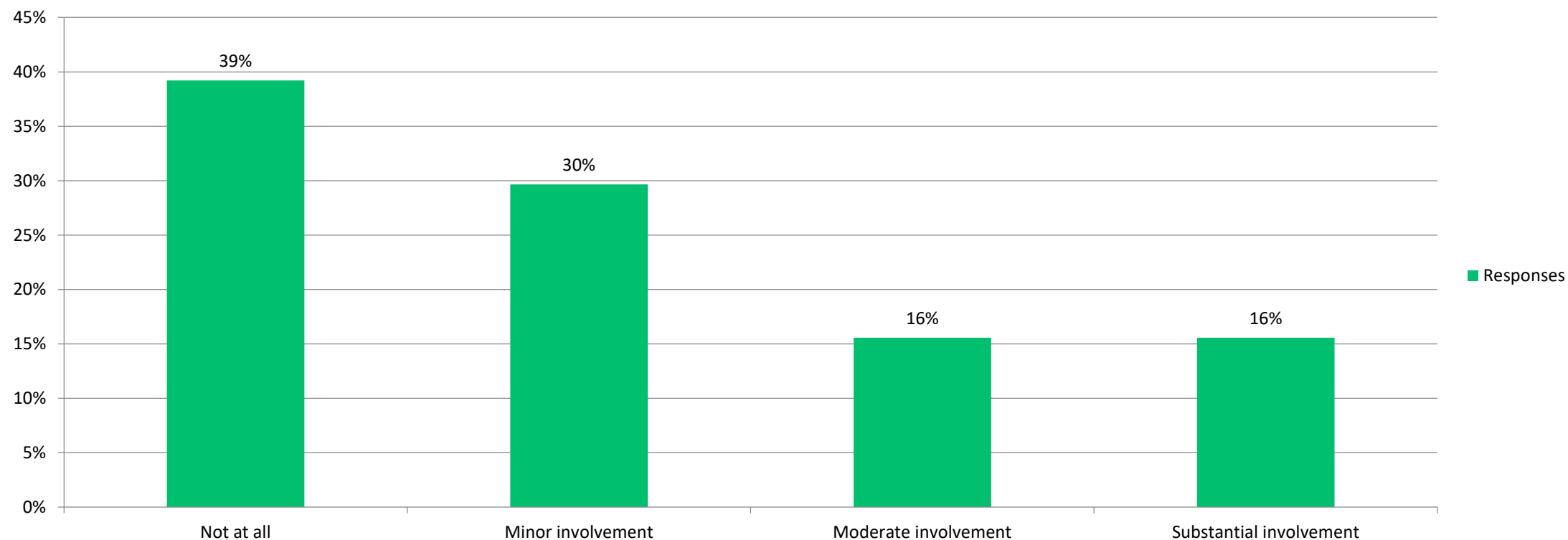
**Presenters:** Eliana Monteforte, Coordinator for the Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM) of UHC2030

# General Information

- Total of 200 respondents (all completed 100% of survey)
- 58 Different countries (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean)
- 99% Civil Society (1% Governmental Organizations so those response were excluded)

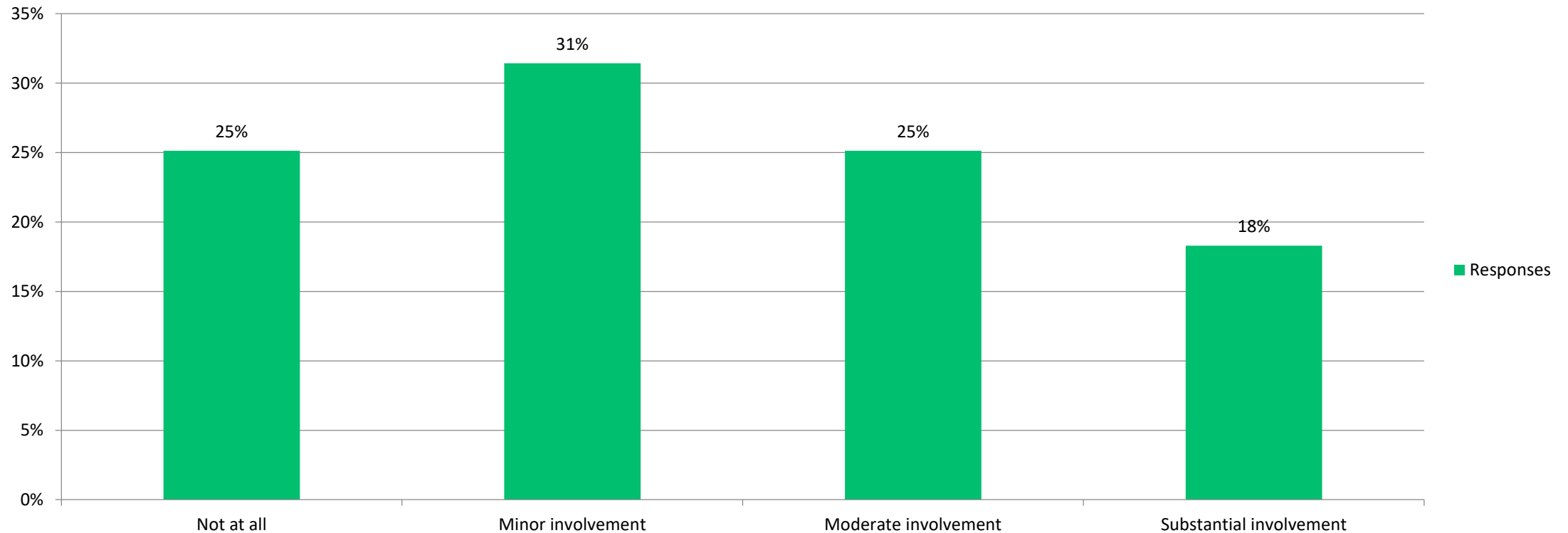
# Question One:

Has your government given your organization the opportunity to provide input into the COVID-19 Response?



# Question Two

Has your government given other civil society organizations and communities in your country the opportunity to provide input to the COVID-19 response?



# Type of CSO Involvement

## Sample activities **in collaboration with government:**

- Lending technical staff such as Infectious Disease doctors, lab scientists and researchers to sit on technical/COVID response committees
- Developing policy recommendations, briefings, relief programmes, analysis on socio economic impact
- Offering online health assemblies in collaboration with governments
- Providing funds directly to governments for COVID response
- Implementing epidemiological surveillance and identifying hot spots

## Sample activities **independent from the government:**

- Implementing communication Programs
- Ensuring continuity of care in health facilities
- Distributing resources and supplies
- Advocating for the community

# Question Three

In your opinion, how is the involvement or lack of involvement of your organization and other civil society in your country impacting the COVID-19 response?

- **Lack of CSO involvement** has resulted-in:
  - Human rights violations
  - Negative impacts to COVID-19 response efforts
  
- **Active CSO involvement** has resulted-in:
  - A coordinated response
  - Increased community engagement and risk communication
  - Inclusivity of different sectors of the community in the response
  - CS involvement in advisory/technical committees

A woman wearing a white floral-patterned shirt and a dark turban with a tassel is shown from the back, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. The background is a soft-focus view of a valley or plain under a bright sky.

# Thank you!

**To join the CSEM please go to our website at [csemonline.net](http://csemonline.net)**

**Follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/CSOs4UHC) @CSOs4UHC for updates on our activities!**

**Reach us at [csem@msh.org](mailto:csem@msh.org)**