Civil Society Participation in the COVID-19 Response

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

- Not at all: 39%
- Minor involvement: 30%
- Moderate involvement: 16%
- Substantial involvement: 16%
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
Thank you!

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