



# The Global Forum For Young Leaders

One Young World

COVID-19 Survey

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Due to the impacts of COVID-19 globally, One Young World established a fund for immediate distribution to young leaders on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.

This survey seeks to support the COVID-19 Young Leaders Fund. One Young World surveyed 1,000+ young people in 60+ countries to understand how they were being affected by COVID-19 and how best the COVID-19 Young Leaders Fund can support communities globally.

Interestingly, a vast majority (82%) of respondents have not attended a One Young World Summit, and responses are indicative of voices beyond One Young World's direct community of Ambassadors.

## At a glance:

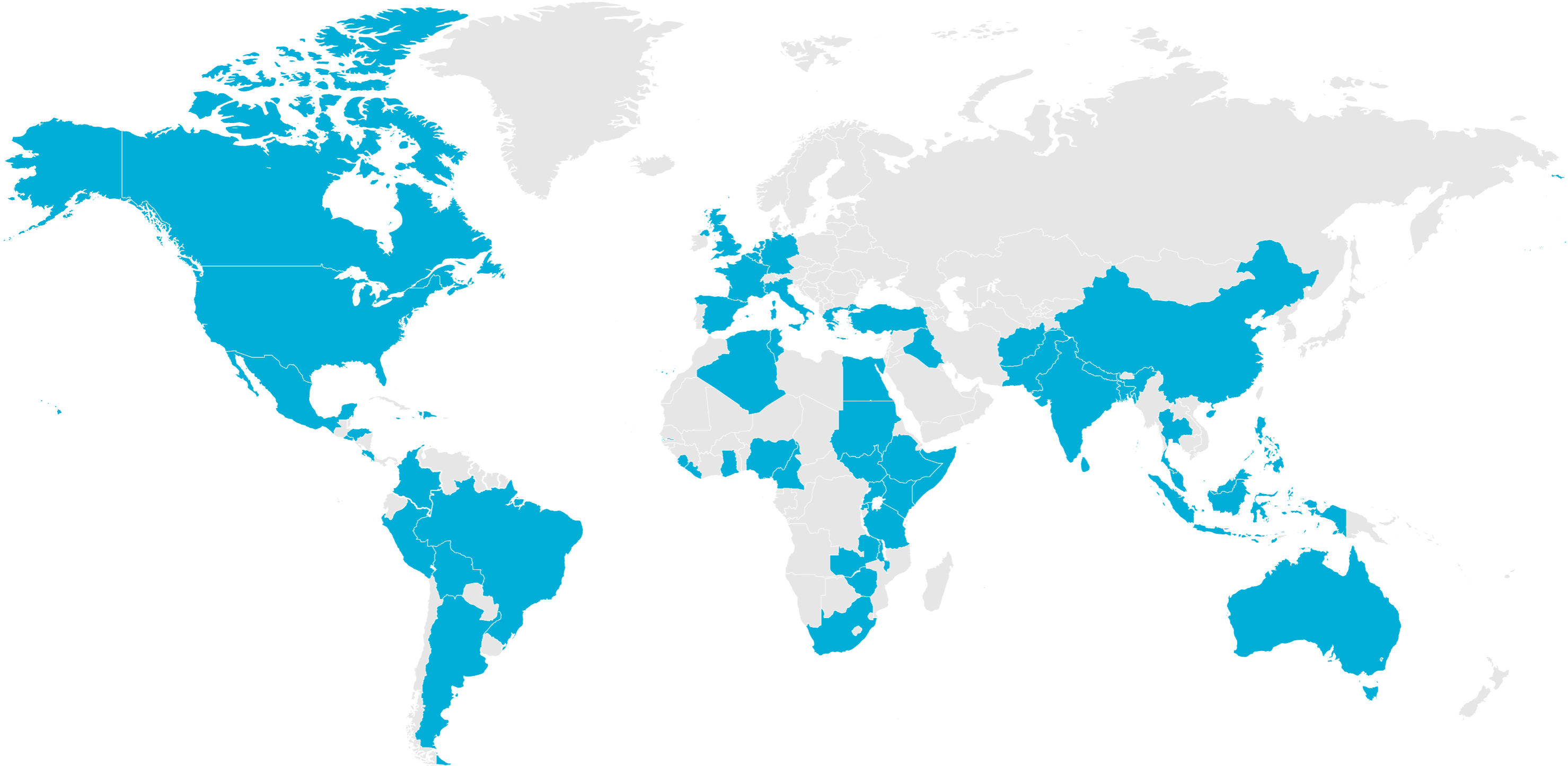


Survey findings indicate that young people are continuing to spearhead activism globally as a staggering 72% of young people have volunteered their time to help others during this pandemic.

Nearly two thirds of young people surveyed (64%) do not believe that their country's leadership is doing enough to support young people during this time of crisis, and more than half want to see more international cooperation to tackle the virus and support communities.

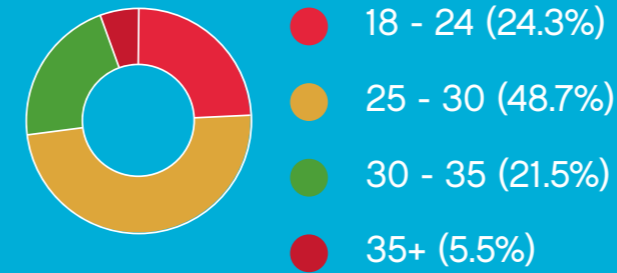
Despite current challenges, almost 90% of young people are hopeful for the future.

**Young people from over 60 countries responded to this survey**





## Understanding the demographic surveyed



**YES**

**NO**

Are you a key worker on the front line of COVID-19?

**39%**

**61%**

Have you volunteered your time to help others during the COVID-19 crisis?

**72%**

**27%**

Do you believe you have access to correct and current media information on the COVID-19 crisis?

**83%**

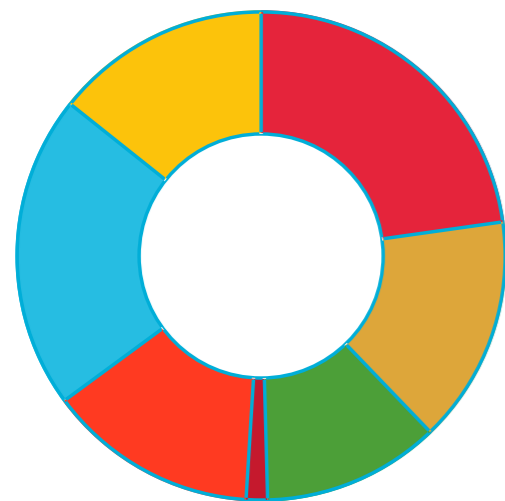
**17%**



## How are young people being affected most by COVID-19?

Young people are most worried about their health and employment opportunities amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. They also indicated that they were worried about inequalities being exacerbated as a result of the pandemic, with food insecurity, the ability to access and understand government guidelines, and forms of abuse being the most common forms of this.

## What is worrying you most about the current situation?



- Health (22.77%)
- Mental health (15.05%)
- Family situation (11.76%)
- Relationships (1.41%)
- Impact on education (13.92%)
- Employment opportunities (20.79%)
- Other (14.3%)

“Stress, stigma, sleep loss and less human contact will take a heavy toll on mental health.”  
- Bangladesh

“It’s painful to live in the world with closed borders”  
- China

“While it’s encouraging to see some “help their neighbours” globally the most vulnerable populations are alone right now with many being faced with the choice of contagion or starvation”  
- Australia

“Studies will be delayed in Malawi since online education is almost impossible. Very few have both access to a computer and knowledge of how to use one.”  
- Malawi

“I am a doctor working for COVID19 in London on the frontline. It has been a unique and challenging experience and we have been struggling with PPE.”  
- United Kingdom

“It is likely there will be a global recession after the pandemic. As a recent graduate, it might make getting decent employment opportunities difficult.”  
- Nigeria

“During this world pandemic, the health of many young women, girls and boys is being compromised and exacerbating underlying social and economic barriers.”  
- Uganda



## Government Responses to COVID-19

Despite the many approaches that governments around the world have taken to tackling COVID-19, two thirds of young people believe that their needs are not being adequately addressed by government.

**YES**

**NO**

Do you feel your government has adequately addressed the concerns of young people in response to COVID-19?

**36%**

**64%**

On the global scale, has there been enough international cooperation between governments to tackle the virus and support communities?

**48%**

**52%**

Despite the challenges, has COVID-19 given you any reasons to be hopeful for the future?

**87%**

**13%**

# Leadership during COVID-19

How important is it for our leaders to show the following qualities (1 = low and 10 = high)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Authority</b>	4.63%	3.31%	3.02%	2.55%	10.58%	8.12%	12.94%	15.86%	8.50%	<b>30.50%</b>
<b>Empathy</b>	4.17%	2.56%	2.37%	3.22%	5.02%	3.69%	7.01%	9.19%	10.80%	<b>51.99%</b>
<b>Decisiveness</b>	4.95%	1.90%	3.04%	3.14%	6.18%	3.62%	7.80%	12.65%	15.13%	<b>41.58%</b>
<b>Collaborative</b>	3.79%	2.37%	1.89%	2.18%	2.27%	2.94%	4.07%	8.52%	11.93%	<b>60.04%</b>
<b>Honesty</b>	6.34%	1.99%	3.13%	2.08%	4.07%	2.18%	2.84%	4.92%	7.86%	<b>64.58%</b>

“ I have been very inspired by a fellow entrepreneur who has created a soap that washes and disinfects at the same time. It is made out of recycled cooking oil and is very affordable.”

- Madagascar

“ Community Leaders have inspired me more than the Government officials.”

- Liberia

“ Justin Trudeau the Prime Minister of Canada is a global example”

- Iraq