



Youth Insights

The impact of COVID-19 on young people and their participation in the response.

Summary

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VSO conducted research over April–July 2020, gathering stories from nearly 300 young people on how they have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stories were gathered from young people in 19 different countries across VSO's three regional hubs, mainly through an online tool, supplemented by some phone interviews and hard copy distribution. Slightly more young men participated than young women with just over 40% from an urban area, 32% from a semi-urban area and 35% rural.

Research questions

- IMPACT:





Conclusions and recommendations

The research has highlighted how young people and those who are most marginalised in their neighbourhoods and communities have been adversely affected by COVID-19 and the restrictions imposed to curb the spread of the virus. But it also highlights the enormous contributions young people have been making, engaging in the local responses to COVID-19 despite the challenges they themselves are facing.

The report concludes with recommendations for VSO:

- **Playing a convening** role by facilitating a new COVID-19 aware dialogue with governmental agencies and community leaders and young people.
- **Piloting youth networks** in high-risk areas.

