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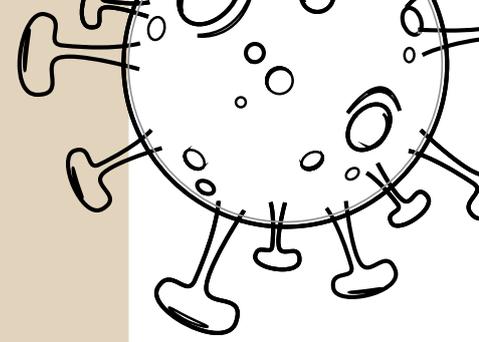


Life During Coronavirus Survey Report

May 2020



Introduction:

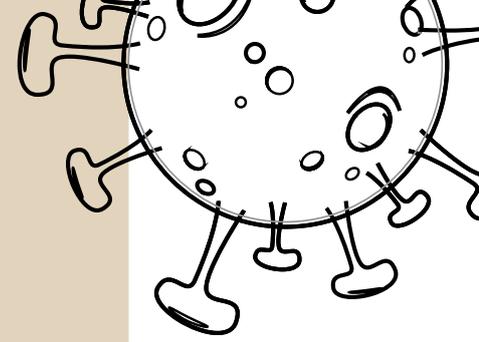


The Department of Community Development (DCD) in Abu Dhabi launched in early April 2020 a survey on life during the Coronavirus. This survey is aimed at analyzing the consequences of the spread of the virus in the emirate, assessing the community's lifestyle during this time, and submitting findings to decision-makers to formulate strategic solutions and initiatives that will help overcome the challenges that citizens and residents may be facing in the emirate as a result of the pandemic.

Through this survey, DCD aims to look ahead in order to ensure a decent life for all members of society. DCD thanks everyone who participated in this survey, which is aimed at assessing the current situation to provide initiatives and services that meet expectations.

The survey, which was well-received by the participants, covered key themes such as how the competent authorities are dealing with the pandemic, family bonds and social cohesion after the changes that affected people's lifestyles, and trust in the ability of the concerned authorities to deal with the pandemic. DCD will continue to monitor the impact of the Coronavirus on the families and society, in order to enable them, along with the concerned authorities, to follow the developments and launch proactive initiatives to overcome future challenges.

First Results:

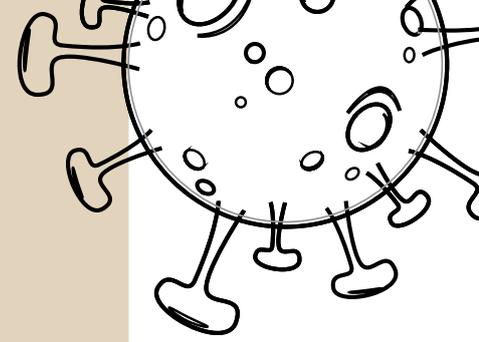


More than 45,000 citizens and residents in Abu Dhabi took part in the survey. Women and men represented 53.8% and 46.2% respectively of the respondents. A higher female participation rate is normal, as previous research indicates that women tend to answer surveys more than men. Different segments of society took part in the survey, with residents and citizens representing 64.45% and 35.45% respectively of the respondents. This indicates that the residents are keen to participate in survey studies conducted in their host country.



*The figures and statistics in this report are based on the results in the duration of April 2020

Main Survey Results:



Authorities:

of respondents stated that officials took matters seriously & effectively

90%

confirmed their confidence in the ability of the authorities to deal with the current situation.

93%

of participants believe that the government health institutions are fully equipped & able to deal with the pandemic.

89%

of the participants stated that the authorities have taken pre-emptive measures against Corona virus

90%

indicated that the government was quick to provide medical and non-medical staff to face the crisis.

90%

confirmed that they rely on news from official sources regarding the pandemic.

90%



Family Bonds:

%96

of the participants have changed their lifestyle due to the pandemic. They indicated that one of the most prominent changes is to avoid public places

% 98

consider that the crisis contributed to strengthening their family bonds and that they are spending more time with their children

%66

of respondents reported that they are encouraging their family members and acquaintances to take the necessary measures to protect themselves from the virus.



Social Cohesion:

97%

of participants confirmed that they believe in the importance of cooperating with the government and all members of society to successfully face this crisis

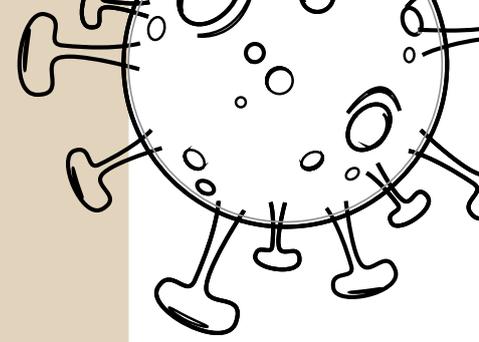
97%

stated that facing the crisis is everyone's responsibility

70%

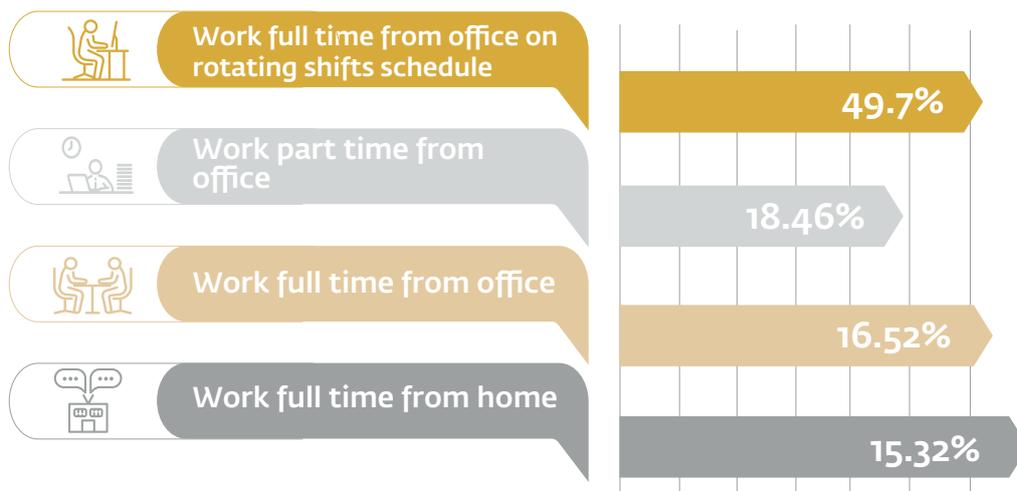
expressed their desire to volunteer in distributing medical supplies and helping the elderly

Sub-survey Results:

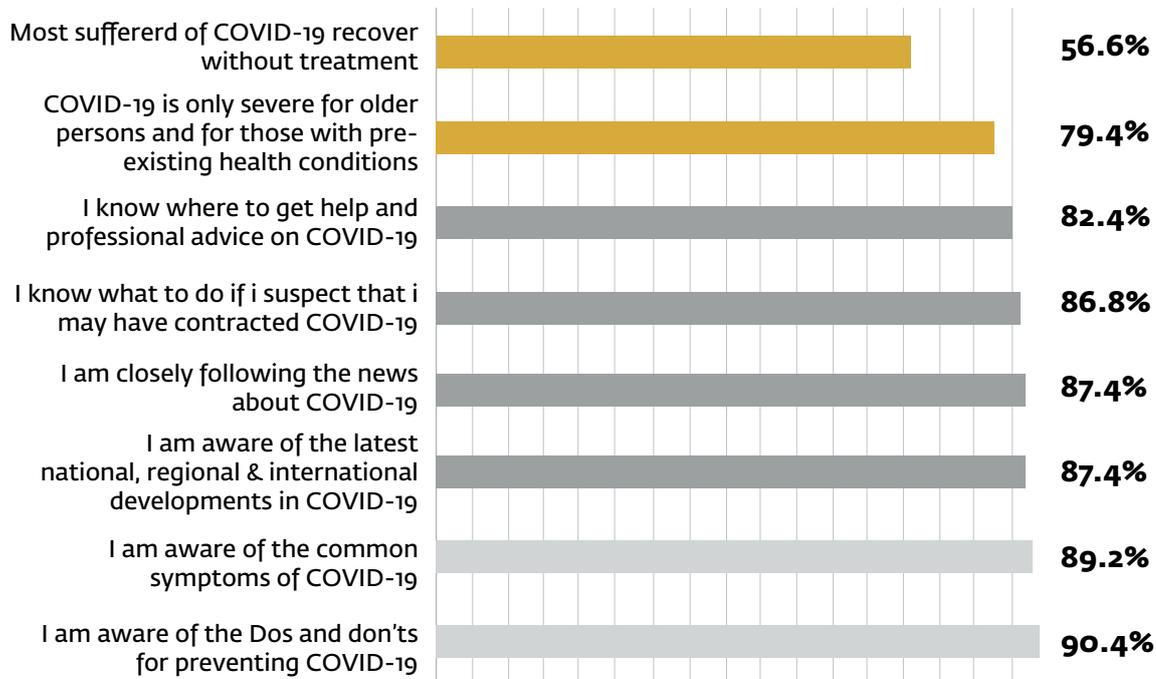


Regarding work during the pandemic:

These numbers reflect the different types of jobs that are performed in the field, as well as desk jobs that can be carried out remotely.

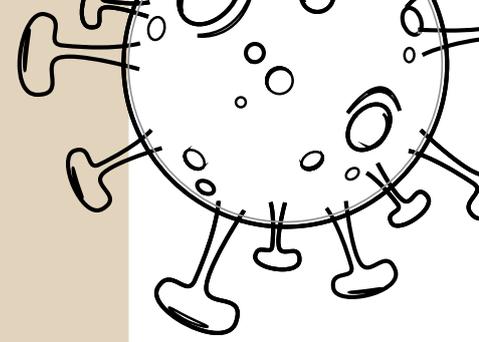


Awareness and Knowledge about the Coronavirus:

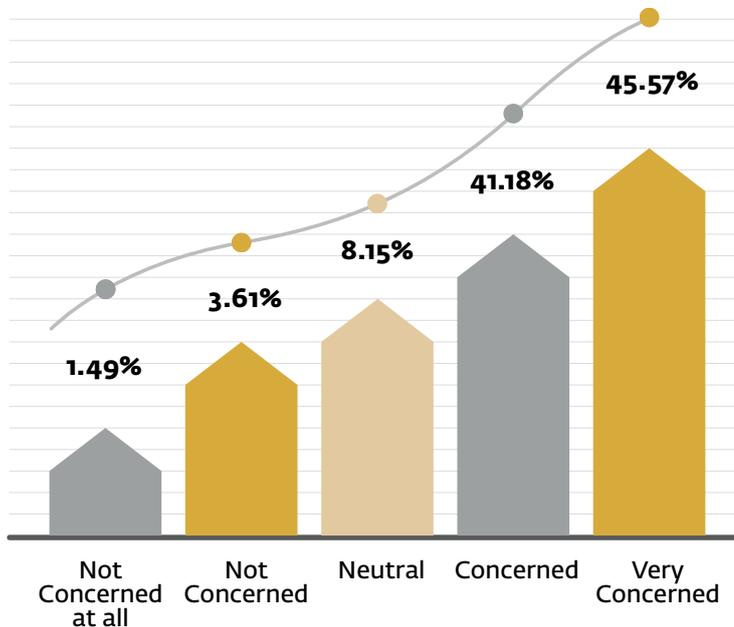


Results indicated that people aged over 50 care about their health and strive to obtain accurate information about the pandemic. Overall, the survey indicates the community's awareness about the required measures in case of infection. This reflects the effectiveness of the awareness-raising media campaigns carried out by the competent authorities.

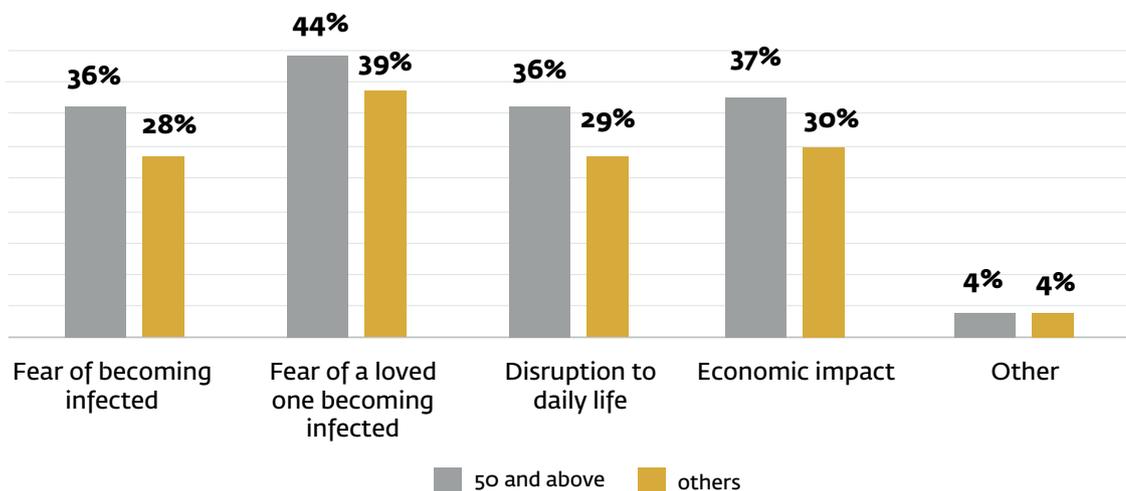
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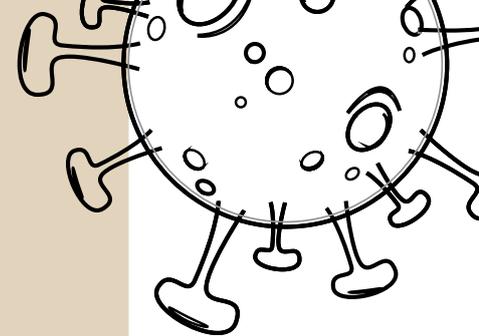
The survey included the following mental health question: Do you feel anxious about the spread of the Coronavirus? It is normal for some people to suffer from anxiety under current circumstances. Results showed that women are more anxious than men, which is expected as previous research indicates that women are more emotional than men. According to the survey, young people are less anxious compared to older people, which is a good thing. Anxiety of older people is probably due to the fact that they worry more about their families and about the impact of the Coronavirus on them.



Anxiety is due to many reasons which were detailed by the participants. The main causes of anxiety are the changes that impacted daily life after the global epidemic. These causes are as follows:

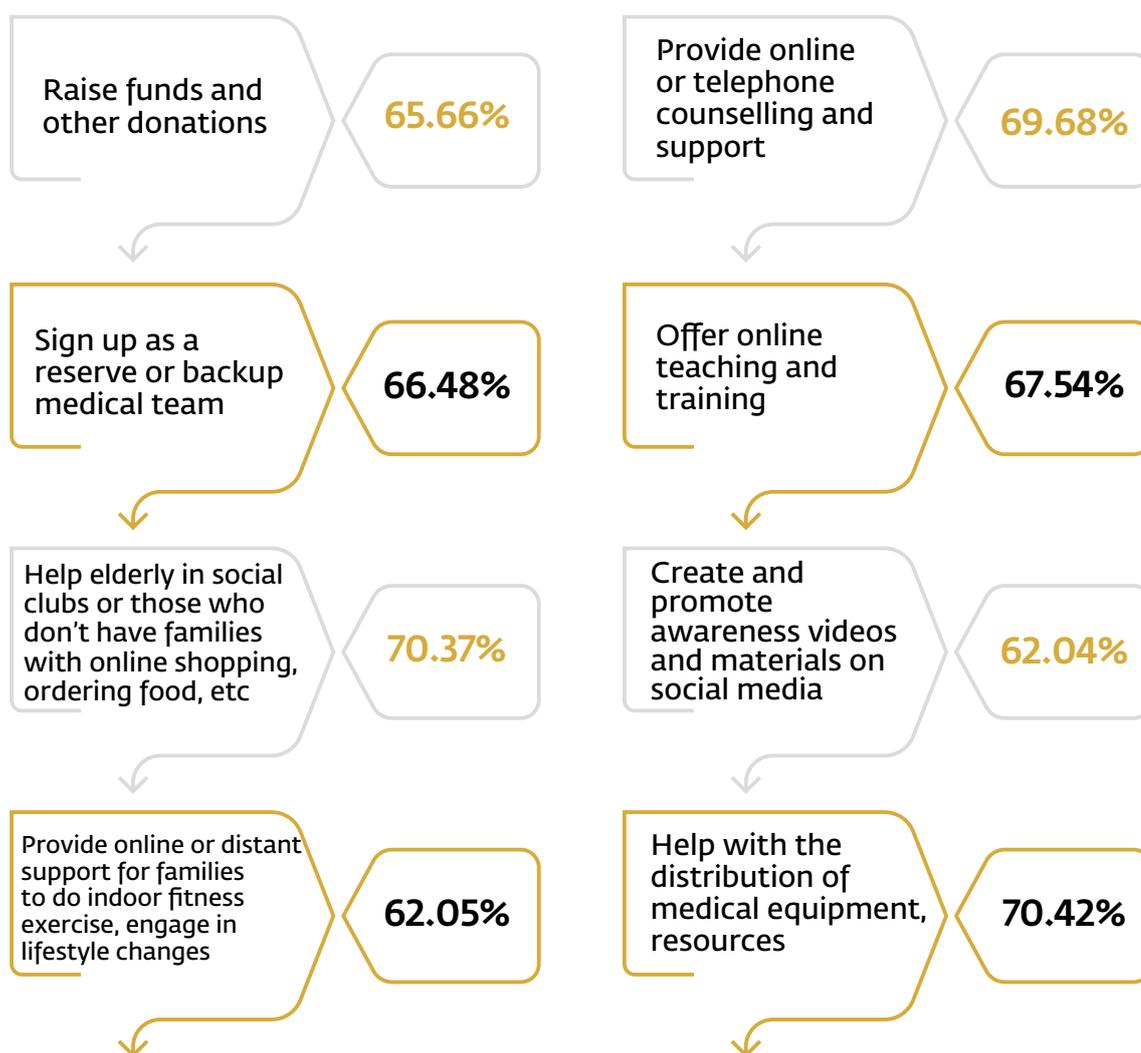


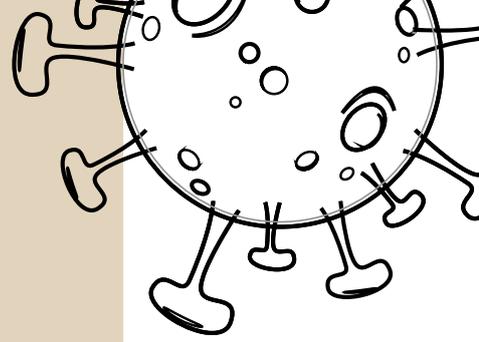
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As for communication, **83.31%** of the respondents confirmed that they communicate more with their families. Furthermore, regarding time spent with children, indicated that playing is the top activity they do with the kids during the quarantine.

The survey indicated the willingness of the respondents to volunteer and their awareness about the importance of volunteering in the current circumstances. Volunteering activities include offering lessons online, distributing medical supplies, providing phone consultations, or helping the elderly. The majority of the participants were from the health and educational sectors, and they expressed their readiness and interest in providing the following volunteering services:





The Conclusion:

The 'Life during the Coronavirus survey' is conducted to study the consequences of the pandemic on families and the community, through a set of research and scientific tools that will enable us to find appropriate solutions with the participating partners of the concerned authorities , which will assist us in providing decision-makers with accurate results that will benefit them to work on improvement.

This report reviews a simple part of the survey's axes, numbers will be analyzed further based on the timeframe of the results throughout different time periods to find out the most prominent indicators and variables, and the causes that have emerged as a result of local and global factors. The numbers analyzed contributes in creating initiatives and help address challenges with partners in the social sector.

In the upcoming report, we will be reviewing specialized aspects related to social cohesion and family bonding.

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