

EMERGE COVID-19 and Gender Questions Social Support and Community Engagement

Social Support (including for health needs)

1. If you needed it, how often is someone available to help you with each of the tasks listed below:
 a. None of the time b. A little of the time c. Some of the time d. Most of the time

How often is someone available ...

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| i. to help you if you were confined to bed? | a | b | c | d |
| ii. to take you to the doctor if you needed it? | a | b | c | d |
| iii. to prepare your meals if you are unable to do it yourself? | a | b | c | d |
| iv. to help with daily chores if you were sick? | a | b | c | d |
| v. to have a good time with? | a | b | c | d |
| vi. to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem? | a | b | c | d |
| vii. who understands your problems? | a | b | c | d |
| viii. to love and make you feel wanted? | a | b | c | d |

2. Do you feel you are receiving more support, less support, or the same level of support from your friends and family as you were before the COVID-19 pandemic and social containment efforts? By support we mean helping you with problems, chores, or your health needs.
- More Support
 - Less Support
 - Same Level of Support/No Change
3. Do you feel that your friends and family are expecting you to give them more support, less support, or the same level of support as you were giving to them before the COVID-19 pandemic and social containment efforts? By support we mean helping you with problems, chores, or your health needs.
- More Support
 - Less Support
 - Same Level of Support/No Change

Source: This social support measure (items 1-8) was taken from:

- Moser, A., Stuck, A.E., Silliman, R.A., Ganz, P.A., & Clough-Gorr, K.M. (2012). The eight-item modified Medical Outcomes Study Social Support Survey: psychometric evaluation showed excellent performance. *Journal of clinical epidemiology*, 65(10), 1107-1116. See: https://www.rand.org/health-care/surveys_tools/mos/social-support/scoring.html for more details on scoring.)
- Items 9 and 10 were created for this survey.

Community Engagement

1. In times of difficulty, help from and connection with community and neighbors/community can be very helpful. How much do you agree or disagree with the statements listed below?

	a. Strongly Agree	b. Agree	c. Disagree	d. Strongly Disagree
i. You can count on your neighbors/community if you need to borrow money	a	b	c	d
ii. You can count on your neighbors/community to accompany you to the doctor or hospital	a	b	c	d
iii. You can count on your neighbors/community if you need to talk about your problems	a	b	c	d
iv. In general, your neighbors/community are concerned about each other	a	b	c	d
v. You can count on your neighbors/community if you need advice	a	b	c	d
vi. You can count on your neighbors/community if you need somewhere to stay	a	b	c	d
vii. You can count on your neighbors/community to help you deal with conflict at home	a	b	c	d
viii. Your neighbors/community are an integrated and connected group	a	b	c	d
ix. In general, the neighbors/community members do not argue amongst each other	a	b	c	d
x. You can trust the majority of the people in your neighborhood/community	a	b	c	d
xi. In general, your neighbors/community members get along well	a	b	c	d

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 - a. More Support
 - b. Less Support
 - c. Same Level of Support/No Change

3. Do you feel that your neighbors/community are asking you to give them more support, less support, or the same level of support as you were giving to them before the COVID-19 pandemic and social containment efforts? By support we mean helping you with problems, chores, or your health needs.
 - a. More Support
 - b. Less Support
 - c. Same Level of Support/No Change

4. To what extent are you able to raise issues in your community that you feel strongly about, such as crime in the community, worries about the pandemic, the way government programs are implemented or the way you or members of your family are treated by other community members?
 - a. Not at all
 - b. With great difficulty
 - c. With some difficulty
 - d. Fairly easily
 - e. Very easily

5. To what extent do you think that people like you can change things in their community if they wanted to?
 - a. Not at all
 - b. With great difficulty
 - c. With some difficulty
 - d. Fairly easily
 - e. Very easily

Source: The community support measure were taken or was adapted from:

- Lippman, S. A., Donini, A., Díaz, J., Chinaglia, M., Reingold, A., & Kerrigan, D. (2010). Social-Environmental Factors and Protective Sexual Behavior Among Sex Workers: The Encontros Intervention in Brazil. *American Journal of Public Health, 100*(S1). doi: 10.2105/ajph.2008.147462
- The "Community Involvement Dimension" in Wisor S, Bessell S, Castillo F, Crawford J, Donaghue K, Hunt J, ... & Pogge T. 2014. *The individual deprivation measure: A gender-sensitive approach to poverty measurement*. Melbourne: The International Women's Development Agency.

Self-Help Groups

1. Are you a member of any self-help or women's group in your community?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. Has the income generating activities in your self-help or women's groups increased, decreased, or remained the same, since COVID-19?
 - a. Increased
 - b. Decreased
 - c. Remained the same

3. Have meetings to discuss health issues, such as family planning, maternal and child health, or water and sanitation issues in self-help or women's group increased, decreased, or remained the same, since COVID-19?
 - a. Increased
 - b. Decreased
 - c. Remained the same
 - d. We do not have family planning, maternal and child health or water and sanitation education meetings in our group.

4. Have there been meetings to discuss COVID-19 and how to prevent infection?
 - a. Yes, and I participated in these
 - b. Yes, but I did not participate in these
 - c. No

5. Has your self-help group conducted in any relief work towards the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

6. If yes, what kind of relief work has your SHG participated in?
 - a. Community kitchens to provide food for members of the community
 - b. Making masks
 - c. Making sanitizers or handwash (soap)
 - d. Raising awareness on COVID-19 and social distancing practices in the community
 - e. Serve as banking correspondents
 - f. Identifying community cases or helping with contact tracing of those who were in contact with someone infected with COVID-19
 - g. Taking food or supplies to households affected by COVID-19
 - h. Others _____

7. Do you feel you are receiving more support, less support, or the same level of support from your self-help group members as you were before the COVID-19 pandemic and social containment efforts? By support we mean providing you with emotional support, helping you with your income generating activities.
 - d. More Support
 - e. Less Support
 - f. Same Level of Support/No Change

Source: The self-help group measures were created for this survey, based on literature review and guidance from -

- The World Bank. In India, women's self-help groups combat the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. April 11, 2020
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2020/04/11/women-self-help-groups-combat-covid19-coronavirus-pandemic-india>

To further develop your survey, please refer to the following modules:

- [Health Care Access and Trust in Health Care](#)
- [Physical and Mental Health](#)
- [Social Norms Related to Gender and COVID-19 Prevention and Care Behaviors](#)