



Survey Questions: Risks & Impacts of COVID-19

Q1: About this survey

This is an anonymous survey: You will not be asked to provide your name.

We hope that this survey will enable us to better understand the impacts of Covid-19 on the experiences of survivors of modern slavery/human trafficking in the UK and the US. Our aim is to inform policy makers in both countries about important impacts and mitigations (sources of support that survivors in each country may have found). We hope that this can be a route to voicing your experiences and views about how support for survivors should be targeted during this pandemic.

The survey should take around 30 minutes to complete.

Q2: Demographics

- What is your country of residence?
- What is your country of origin?
- What is your gender (Male / female / non-binary / Genderqueer/ other)?
- Are you transgender?
- What is your age in years? (If unknown, please estimate or put unknown)

Q3: The COVID-19 context where you currently live

A. The Covid-19 context where you currently live: Right now, in the location where you are currently, which of the following best describes Covid-19 restrictions (whether imposed by the government, or by your housing provider, or other provider of some kind such as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO):

- There are no significant restrictions to movement or travel
- It is recommended that people stay home but this is not enforced
- Leaving your housing/accommodation is only allowed for basic necessities such as buying food or medicine or for medical assistance
- Leaving your housing/accommodation is only allowed in an emergency
- Other (please specify)
- If you have experienced restrictions on your movements during the Covid-19 pandemic, where have

B. If you have experienced restrictions on your movements during the Covid-19 pandemic, where have these restrictions mainly come from (please select all that apply)?

- National government
- Local government
- Your accommodation/housing provider
- Other NGO providers
- Doesn't apply to me

Q4: COVID-19 Impact

In this section, we would like to ask about the ways that Covid-19 has impacted your experiences. Therefore, there are five sections that ask about impacts on A. You personally, B. Your ability to access services, C. Any legal processes you are involved in, D. Different kinds of risks that you might have been exposed to, and D. Where you may have found sources of support (if any) during the pandemic.



A. Since the pandemic started, please indicate how has Covid-19 impacted you in the following categories: [Scale: 'significantly better/somewhat better/no change/somewhat worse/significantly worse/don't know or doesn't apply']

- Your physical health
- Your psychological health
- Your financial status
- Your sense of physical safety in your accommodation/housing situation
- Your sense of stability in your accommodation/housing situation (e.g. not facing eviction or having to move for some other reason)
- Your access to work (e.g. steady employment, job security, access to the job market)
- Your access to decent working conditions (e.g. safety at work, manageable work schedule)
- Your relationships with your immediate family
- Your relationships with wider family and friends
- Your ability to rest and care for yourself
- Your ability to do activities that you do for personal enjoyment (e.g. general exercise, sport artwork, engaging with music, sewing/knitting, cooking for enjoyment etc)
- Your ability to return to your home/country of origin/country of citizenship

B. Please indicate how Covid-19 has impacted your access to basic amenities and services: [Scale: 'significantly easier/somewhat easier/no change/somewhat harder/significantly harder/don't know or doesn't apply']

- Access to food and water
- Access to safe accommodation (e.g. shelter)
- Access to comfortable accommodation (in terms of size of number of residents or size of accommodation)
- Access to psychological services (e.g. psychologist, psychiatrist)
- Access to medical services (e.g. doctor, hospital, pharmacies, Covid-19 testing)
- Access to social services (e.g. case managers, social workers, NGOs)
- Access to childcare
- Access to assistance for domestic abuse or other forms of abuse (e.g. response from law enforcement, hotlines, NGOs)
- Access to financial benefits/welfare
- Access to legal support for immigration (may include support for asylum claims)
- Access to other legal support services (e.g. for accommodation/housing, benefits/welfare, criminal issues)
- Access to useful information about accessing services under Covid-19)
- Other

C. Now we would like to ask if the pandemic has impacted processes connected to your legal claim as a victim of human trafficking/modern slavery.

- i.** Are you experiencing delays in decisions regarding your legal claim as a victim of human trafficking/modern slavery?
 - Yes/No/Doesn't apply/Prefer not to say
- ii.** Are you experiencing changes in procedure, delays or postponement in an administrative, civil or criminal case?
 - Yes/No/Doesn't apply/Prefer not to say

D. Now we will ask you about whether you have been exposed to certain types of risks during the pandemic. You do not have to answer these questions if you would prefer not to.

We are asking these questions to better understand the risks that Covid-19 has presented to survivors in the UK and the US. We aim to communicate these risks to policymakers so that they are aware of them and can take



steps to help address them. Please remember that your name will not appear on the results of this survey, so you cannot and will not be reported to law enforcement for any answers that you provide.

i. Since the pandemic started, have you personally been contacted with an offer any of the following opportunities (please select all that apply): [scale: yes, online/yes, offline/no/ decline to answer]

- Employment in another country
- Employment in your country
- Employment without provision of information on the exact type of job being offered
- Employment without provision of information on the skills required for the job
- To engage in illicit activities
- To deliver services in the sex industry

ii. Since the pandemic started, have any adults that you know personally (meaning anyone you know by name that is over the age of 18) been contacted with an offer any of the following opportunities (please select all that apply): [scale: yes, online/yes, offline/no/ decline to answer]

- Employment in another country
- Employment in your country
- Employment without provision of information on the exact type of job being offered
- Employment without provision of information on the skills required for the job
- To engage in illicit activities
- To deliver services in the sex industry

iii. Since the pandemic started, have any children that you know personally (meaning any children you know by name that is under the age of 18) been contacted with an offer any of the following opportunities (please select all that apply): [scale: yes, online/yes, offline/no/ decline to answer]

- Employment in another country
- Employment in your country
- Employment without provision of information on the exact type of job being offered
- Employment without provision of information on the skills required for the job
- To engage in illicit activities
- To deliver services in the sex industry

E. Now we would like to ask about the areas where have you found support of any kind during the Covid-19 pandemic.

i. During the pandemic, have you found support of any kind in person (i.e. face to face) through (please select all that apply):

- Social services
 - Social worker
 - Case manager
 - NGO
- Family
- Friends
- Faith-based groups
- Educational institutions (e.g. college)
- Peer support groups
- Health/mental health services
- Other

ii. During the pandemic, have you found any online support through the following (please select all that apply): [scale: Email/SMS/social media/video conference software (e.g. Skype, Zoom or Teams)/Other [text box]/No online support]



- Social services
 - Social worker
 - Case manager
 - NGO
- Family
- Friends
- Faith-based groups
- Educational institutions (e.g. college)
- Peer support groups
- Health/mental health services
- Other

Q5: Now thinking about the future, what do you expect the main impacts of Covid-19 on you to be over the next 6 months? Please select up to 5 options:

- Your physical health
- Your psychological health
- Your financial status
- Your access to support services
- Your access to education/opportunities to study
- Your sense of physical safety in your accommodation/housing situation
- Your sense of stability in your accommodation/housing situation (e.g. not facing eviction or having to move for some reason related to Covid-19)
- Your access to employment (e.g. steady employment, job security, access to the job market)
- Your access to decent working conditions (e.g. safety at work, manageable work schedule)
- Your relationships with your immediate family
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Q6: Have you experienced any unexpected positive impacts of Covid-19?

- yes [please describe below]/no/don't know or decline to answer

Q7: What would you most like to tell people in power (e.g. local government, national government, NGOs or others) about support that you wish could have accessed but were unable to during Covid-19?

Q8: What specific action would you most like people in power (e.g. local government, national government, NGOs or others) to take to address the issues you faced and maybe still related to COVID-19?

Q9: Is there anything you would like to tell us/feedback about this survey?

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