

Women Founder Collective asks NGOs about their activities under COVID-19

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In July, Women Founders Collective decided to ask NGOs that focus on adolescent girls and young women how they were faring under COVID 19 restrictions and conditions. While there have been many reports that argue the pandemic has made the lives of women even more difficult, we could find little specific information about the daily situation of NGOs who work with girls and young women.

WFC developed a questionnaire asking NGOs about their pre-pandemic work with adolescent girls and young women, how Covid-19 had affected the lives of their clients, and how the pandemic has affected their work. Each member of the board contacted NGOs they know and work with to solicit replies. In the end, we received direct replies from 17 NGOs and a summary of interviews with five additional NGOs from India, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Nepal, and the USA. Unfortunately, some NGOs had closed before they received the questionnaire.

We are now in the process of compiling a report summarizing the replies we have received and have begun carrying out interviews with adolescent girls and young women about their lives.