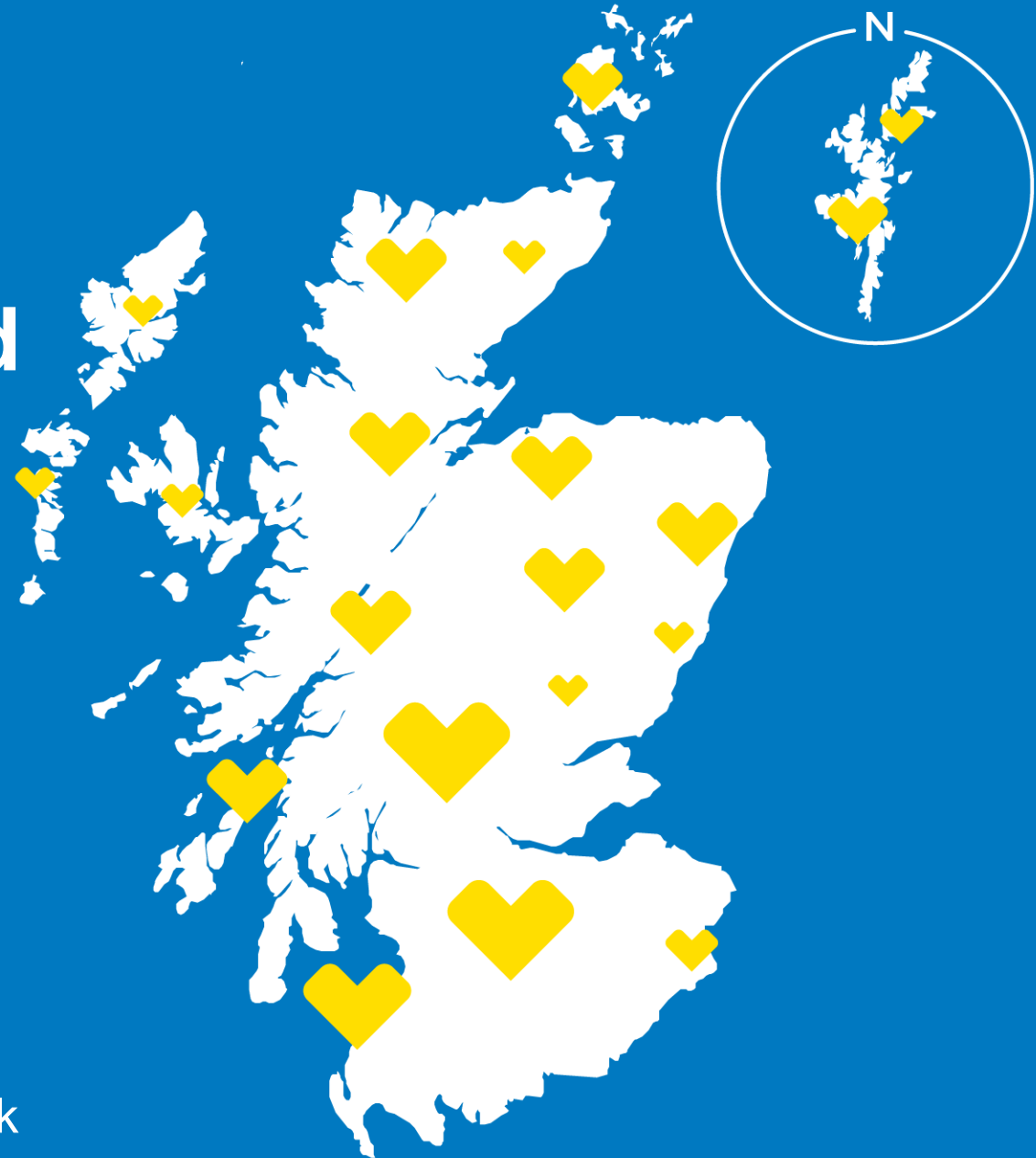




# COVID-19: Volunteering in Scotland - Social Enterprises

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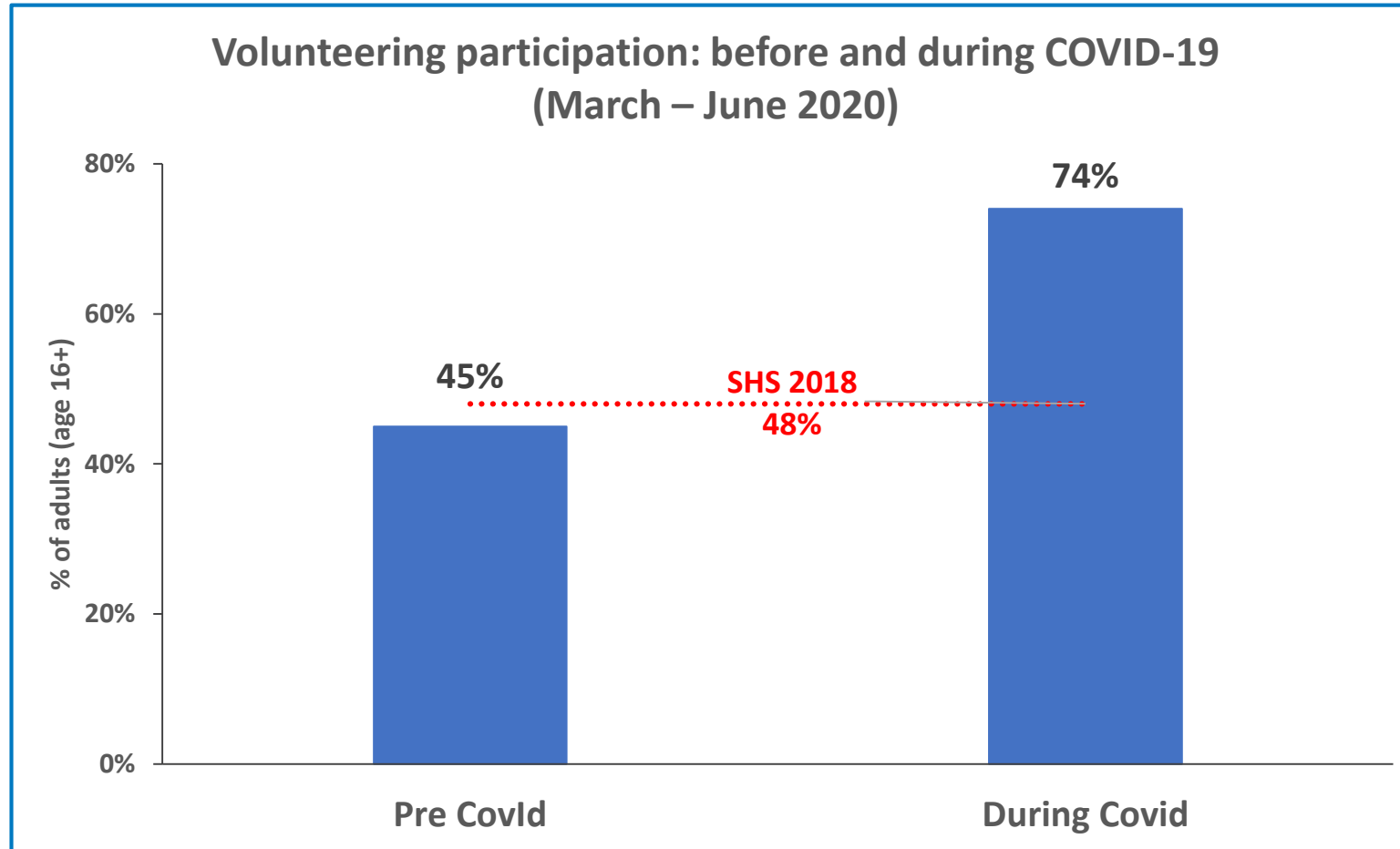


# Structure



- Volunteering participation – before, during and after COVID-19
- Impact of COVID-19 by category of third sector organisation (including Social Enterprises).

# Impact of COVID-19 on total volunteering participation: formal, mutual aid and informal

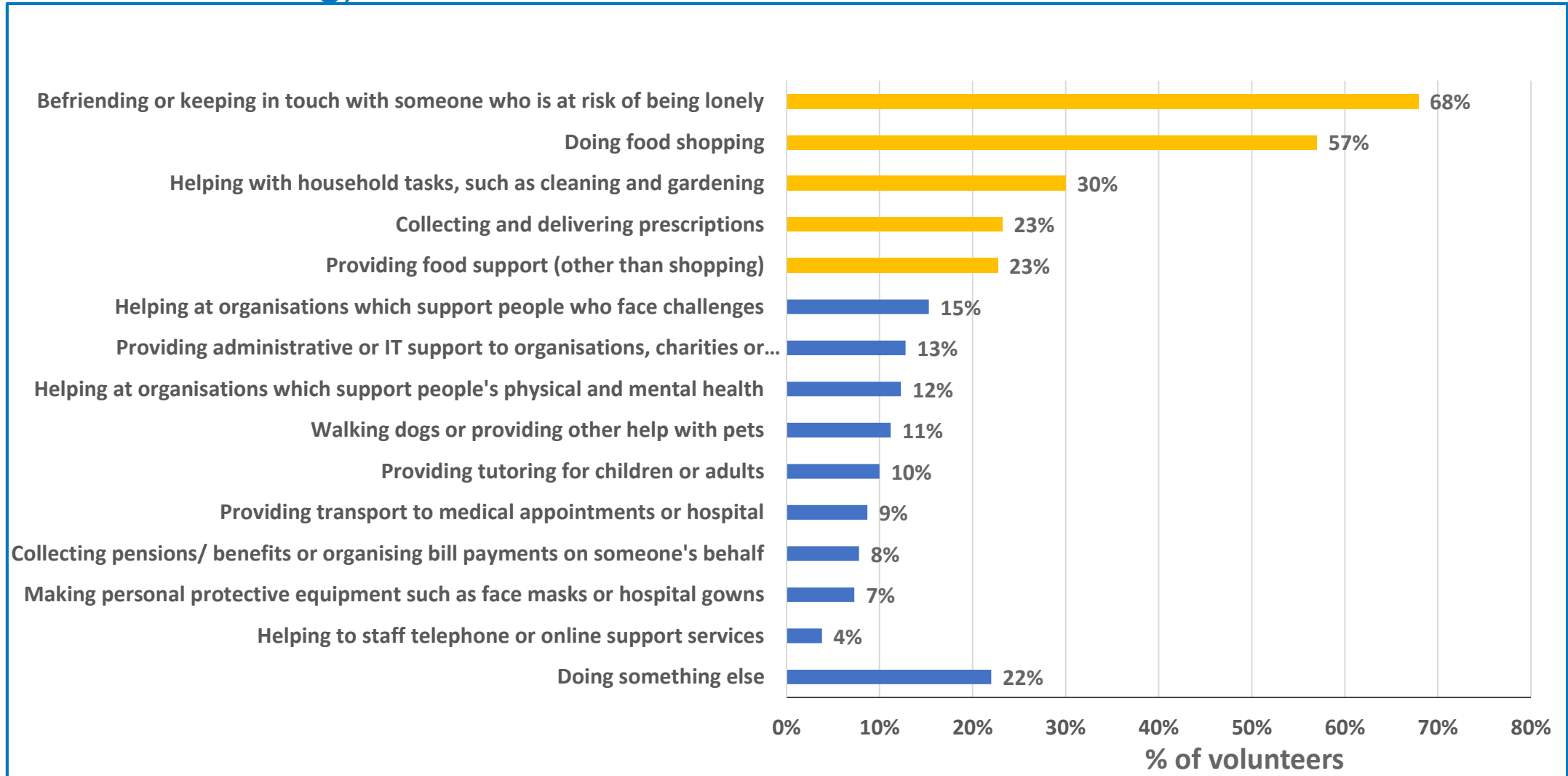


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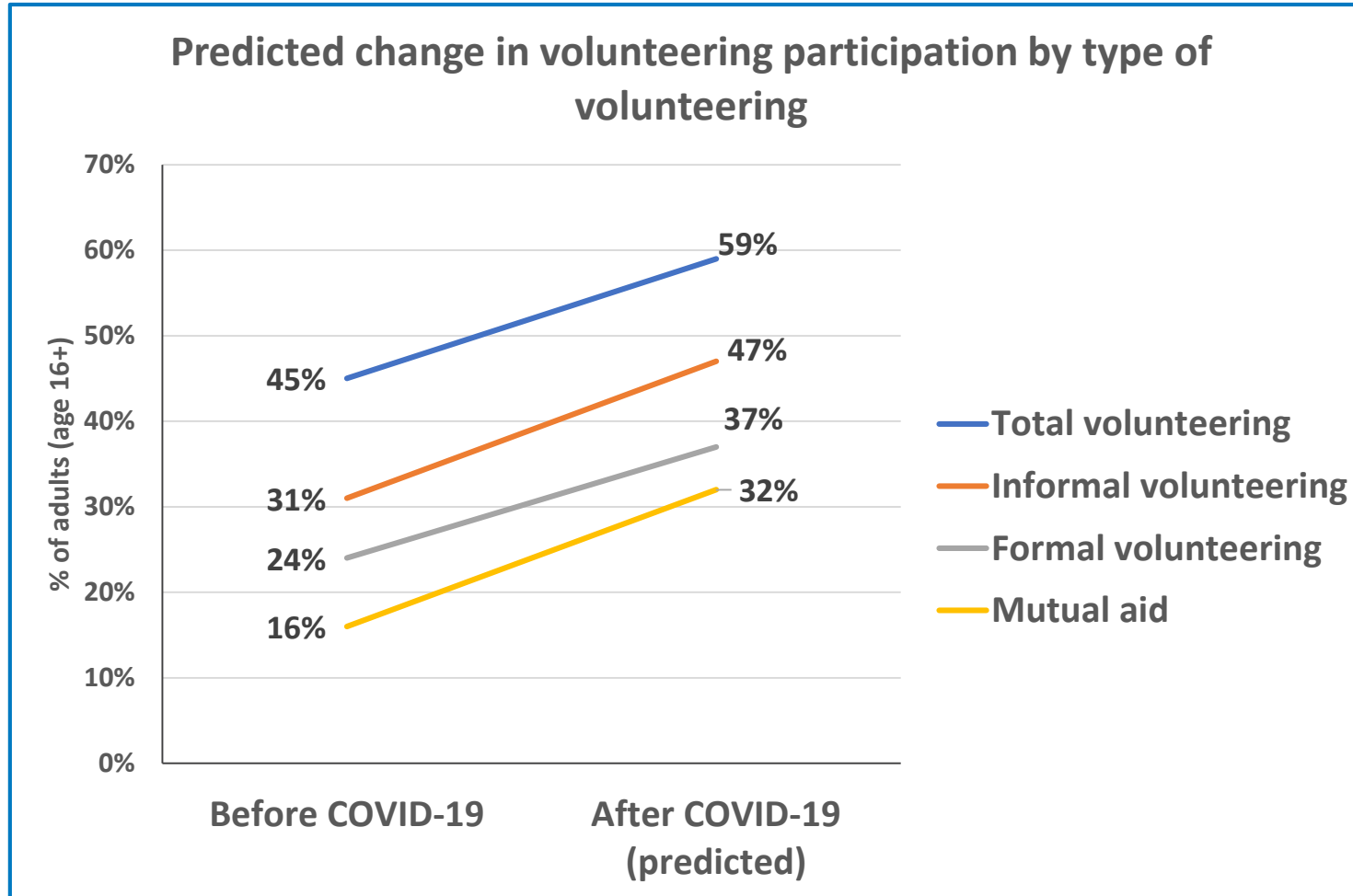
- Growth in informal volunteering & mutual aid
- But significant contraction in charities' formal volunteer numbers:
  - 41% decreased
  - 7% have increased
- However, still a 26% growth in volunteer participation from the SHS baseline in 2018

# Volunteering activities during COVID-19

(Total volunteering)



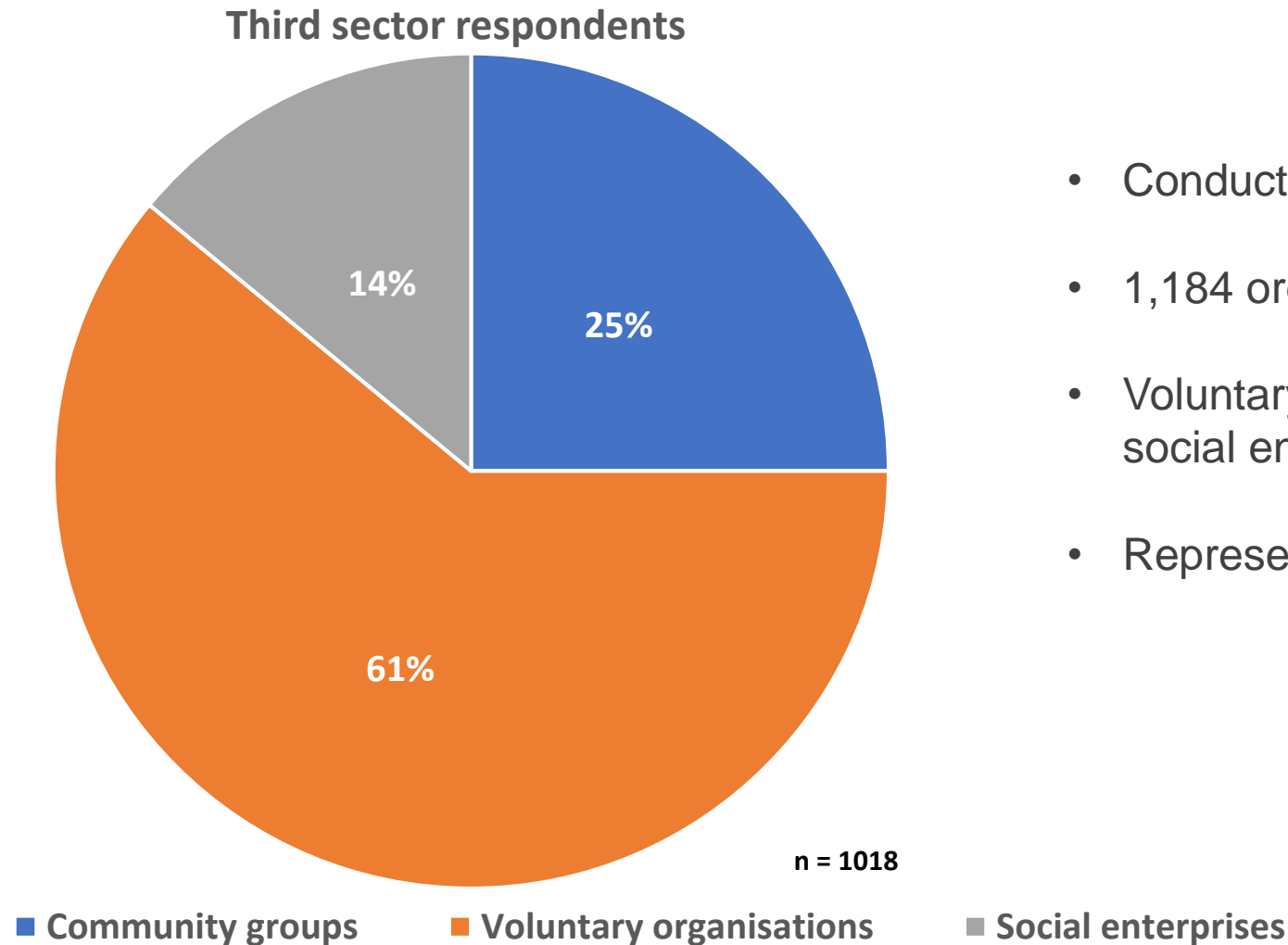
# Impact of COVID-19 on volunteering participation: before vs. after COVID-19



- Good news: participation in all types of volunteering are predicted to increase: formal, informal and mutual aid.
- But these are not 'silos' of volunteering in the provision of support, giving and kindness – they are inextricably linked.

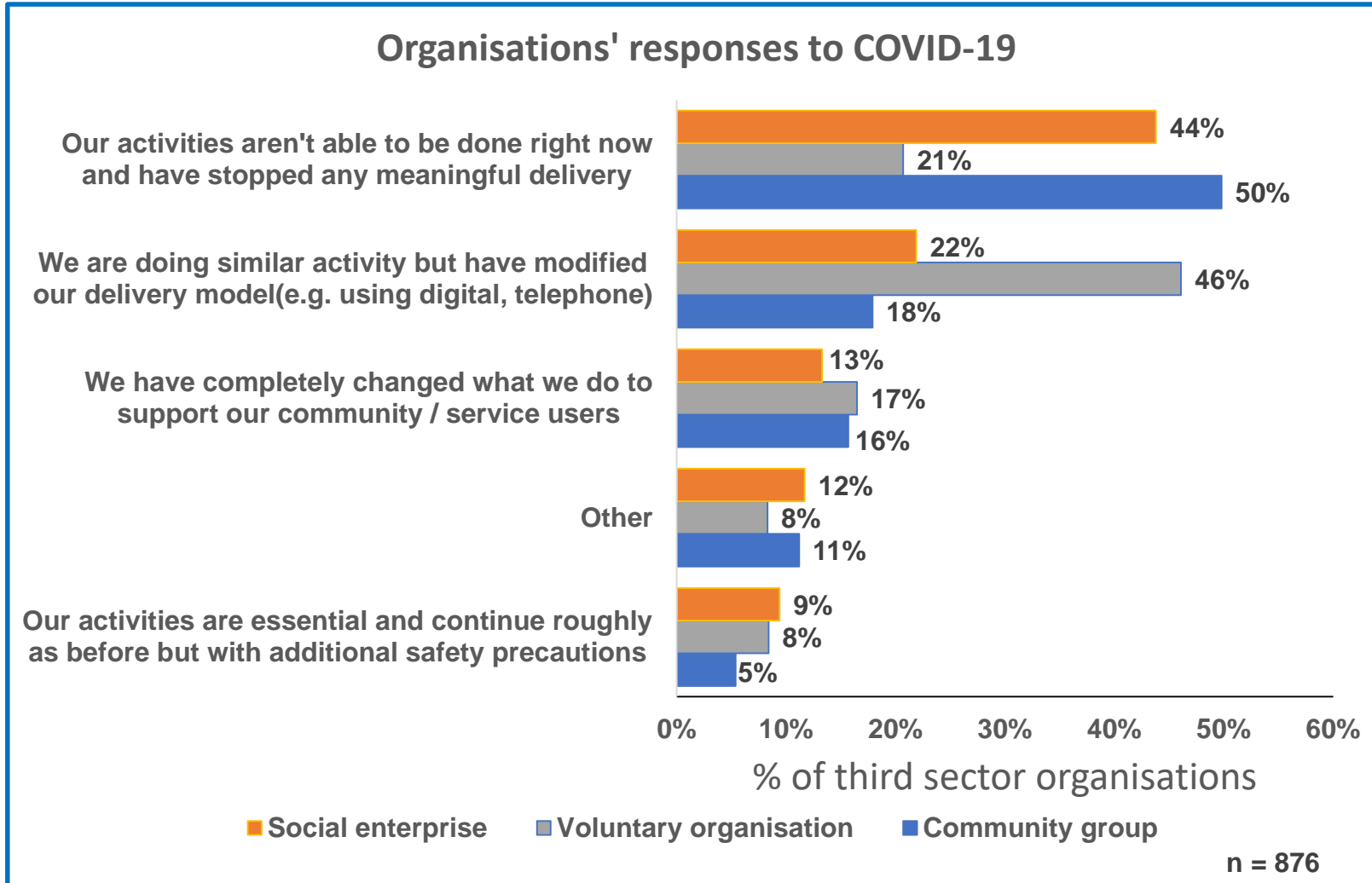
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# TSI Scotland Network Survey



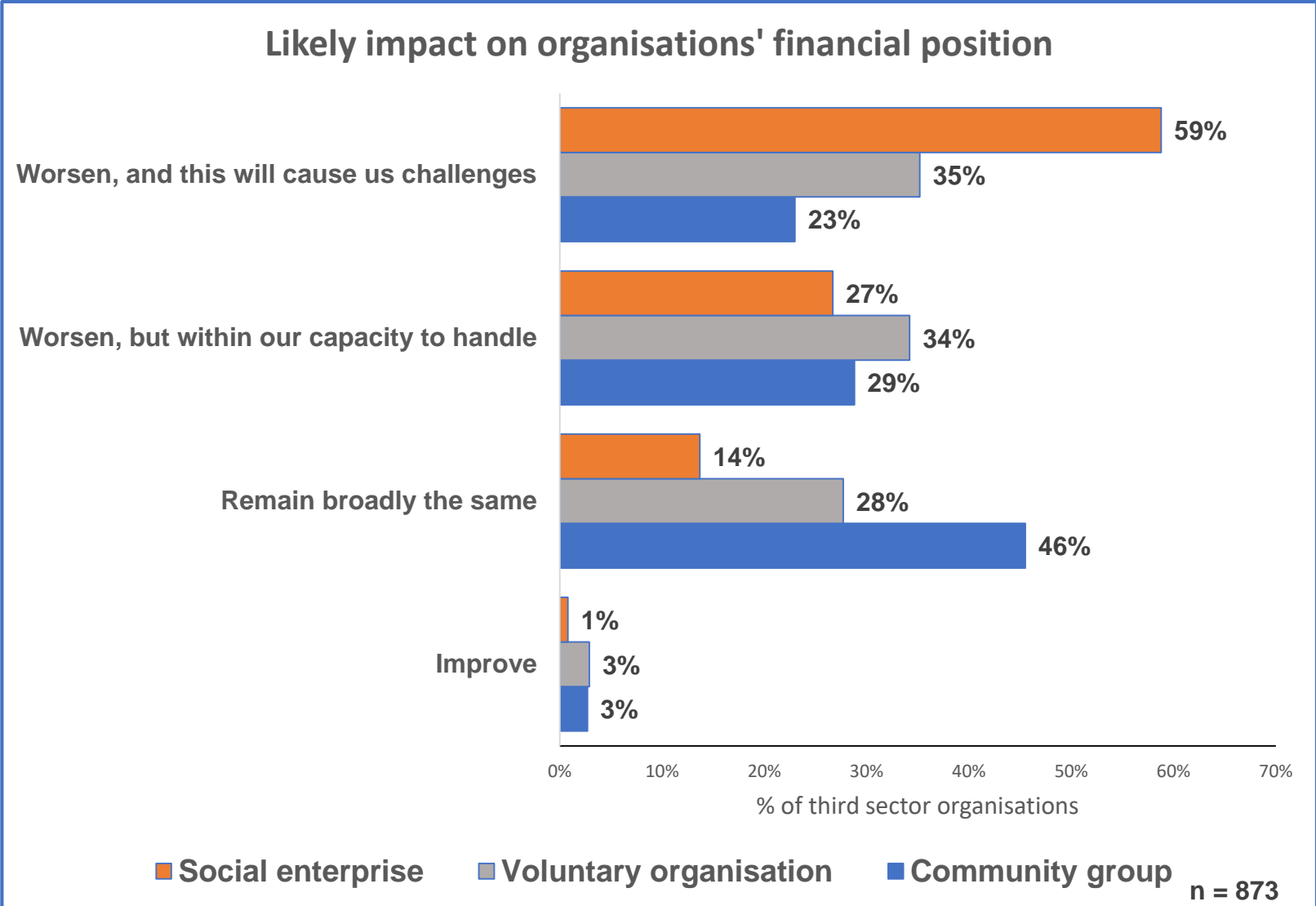
- Conducted online between April and May 2020
- 1,184 organisations
- Voluntary organisations, community groups, social enterprises
- Representation from all 32 local authorities

# Impact of COVID-19 on operational activity – by category of 3rd sector organisation



**44% of social enterprises have stopped any meaningful delivery as their activities aren't able to be done right now.**

# Impact of COVID-19 on financial position – by category of 3rd sector organisation



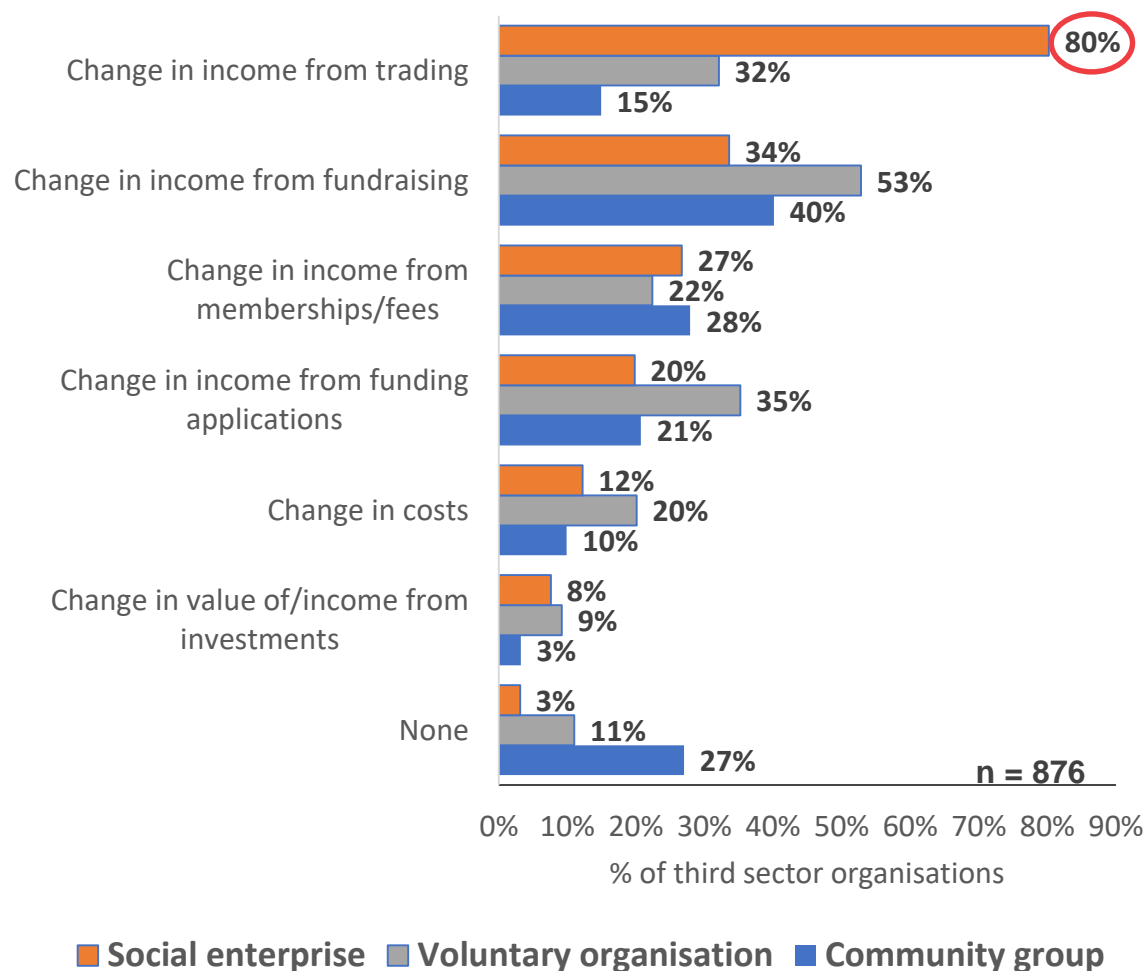
**59% of social enterprises have a worsening financial position that will cause challenges.**

Source: TSI Scotland Network Survey – June 2020

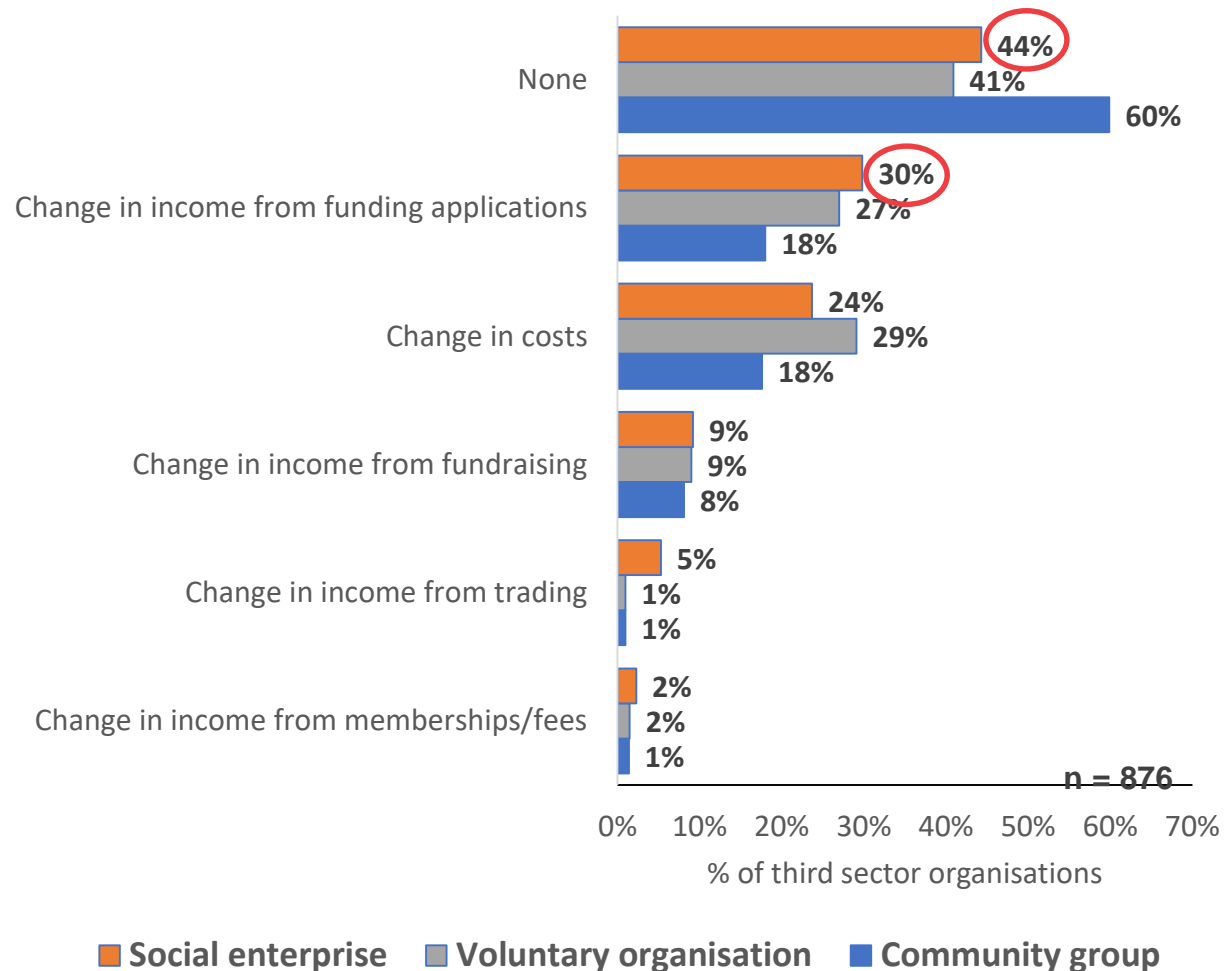


# Positive and negative financial impacts of COVID-19 on financial position - all 3rd sector organisations

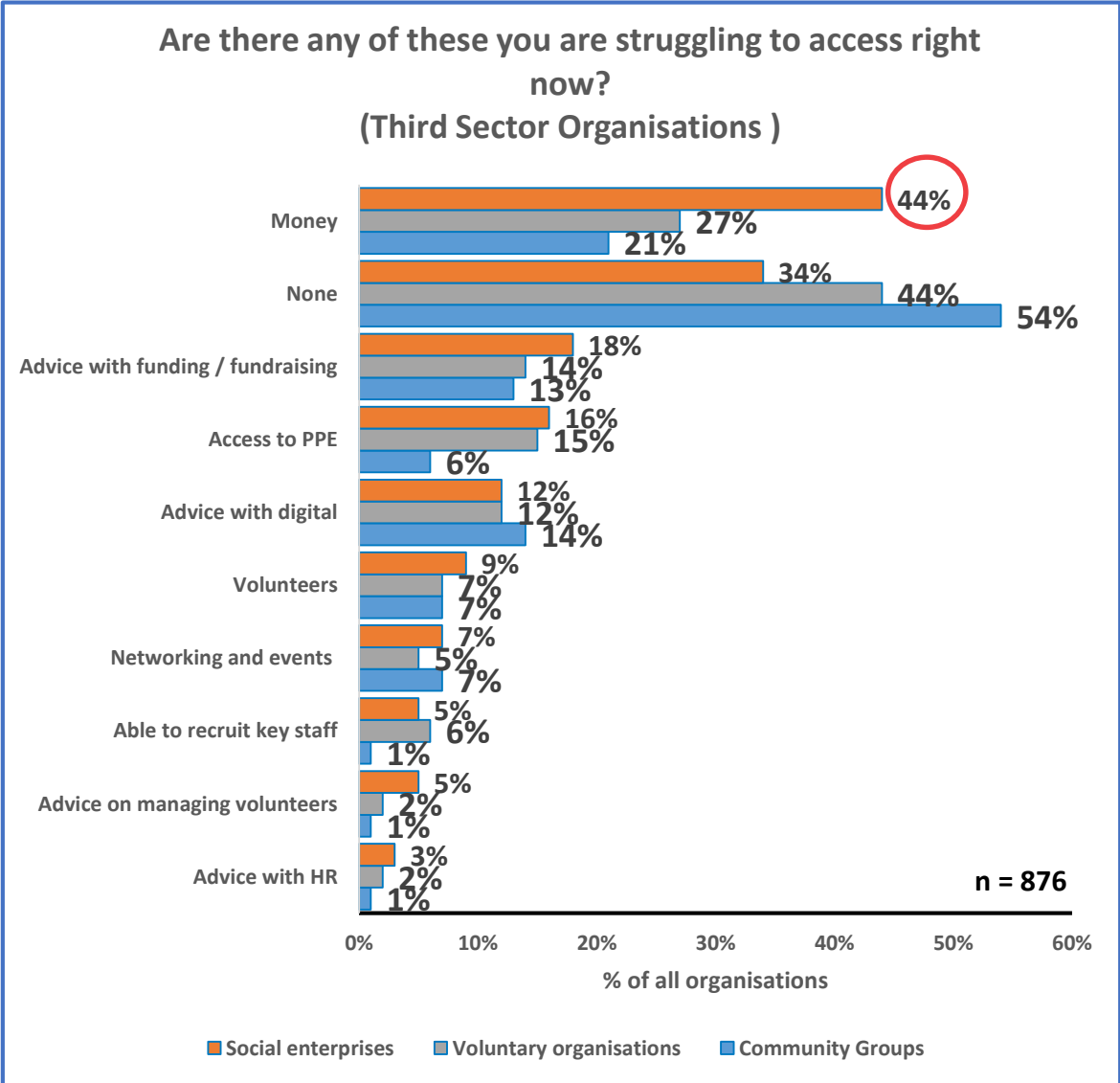
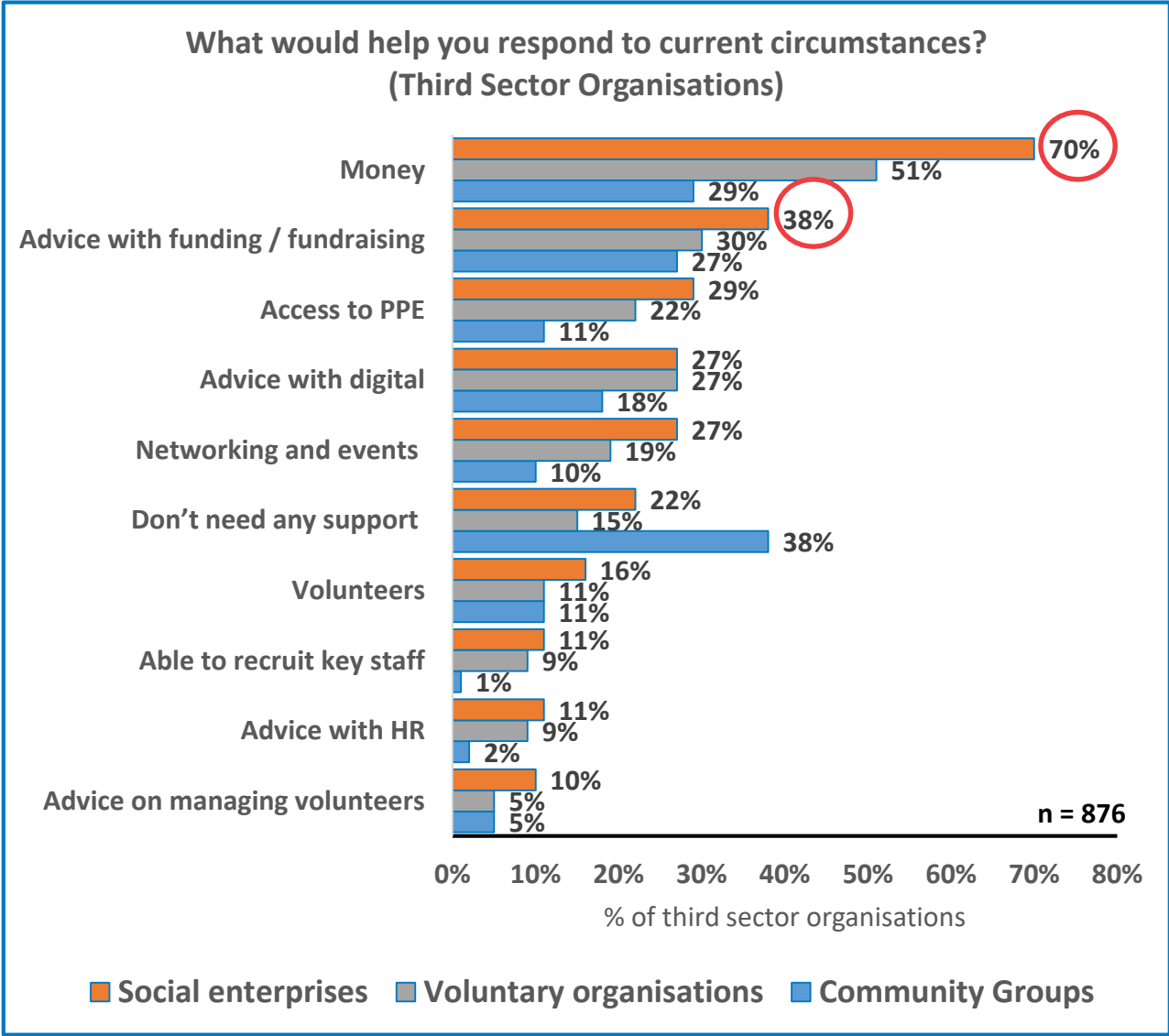
## Negative effects organisations are seeing/anticipating on their finances



## Positive effects organisations are seeing/anticipating on their finances

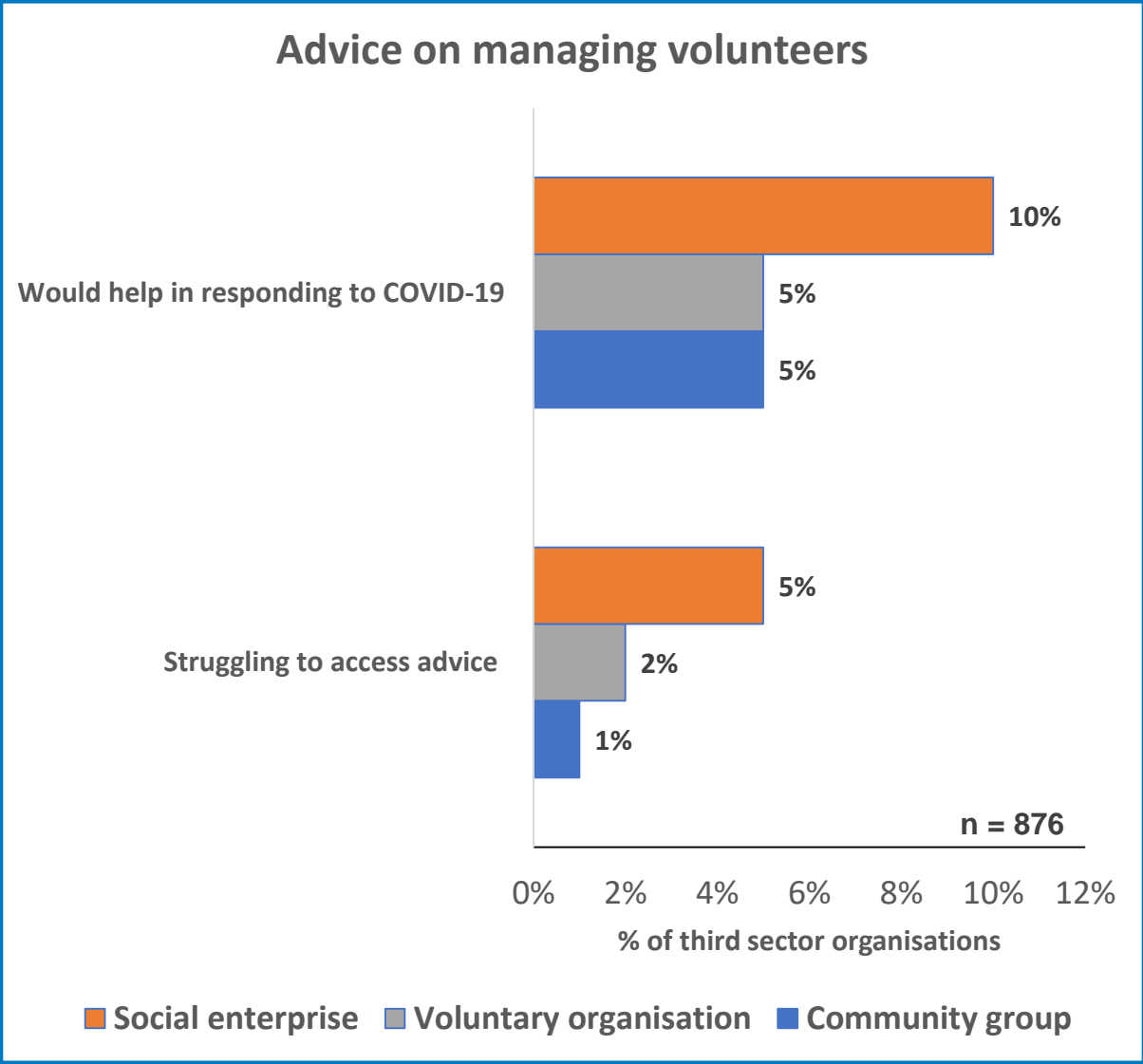
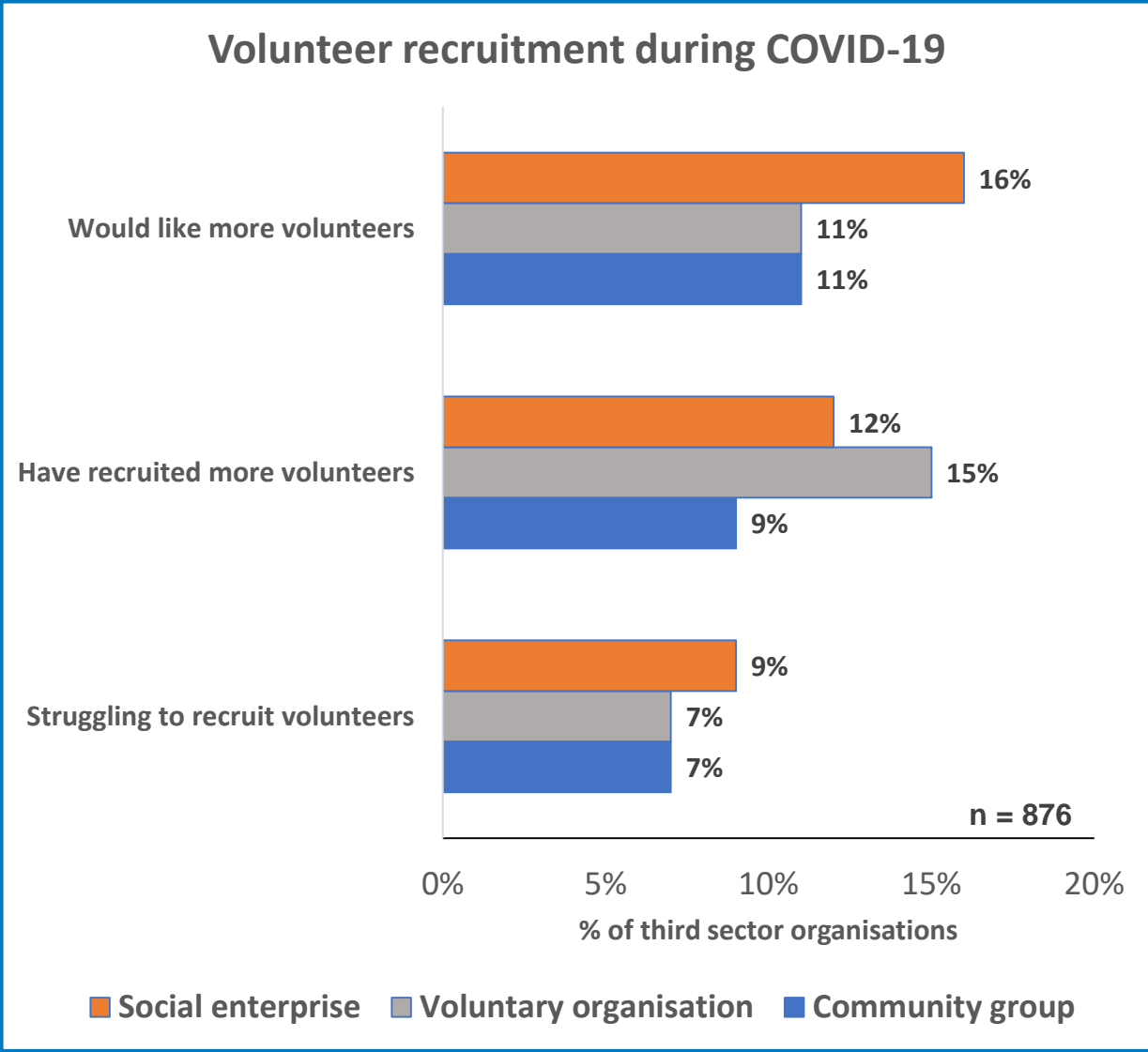


# Impact of COVID-19 on volunteering recruitment and management - by category of 3rd sector organisation



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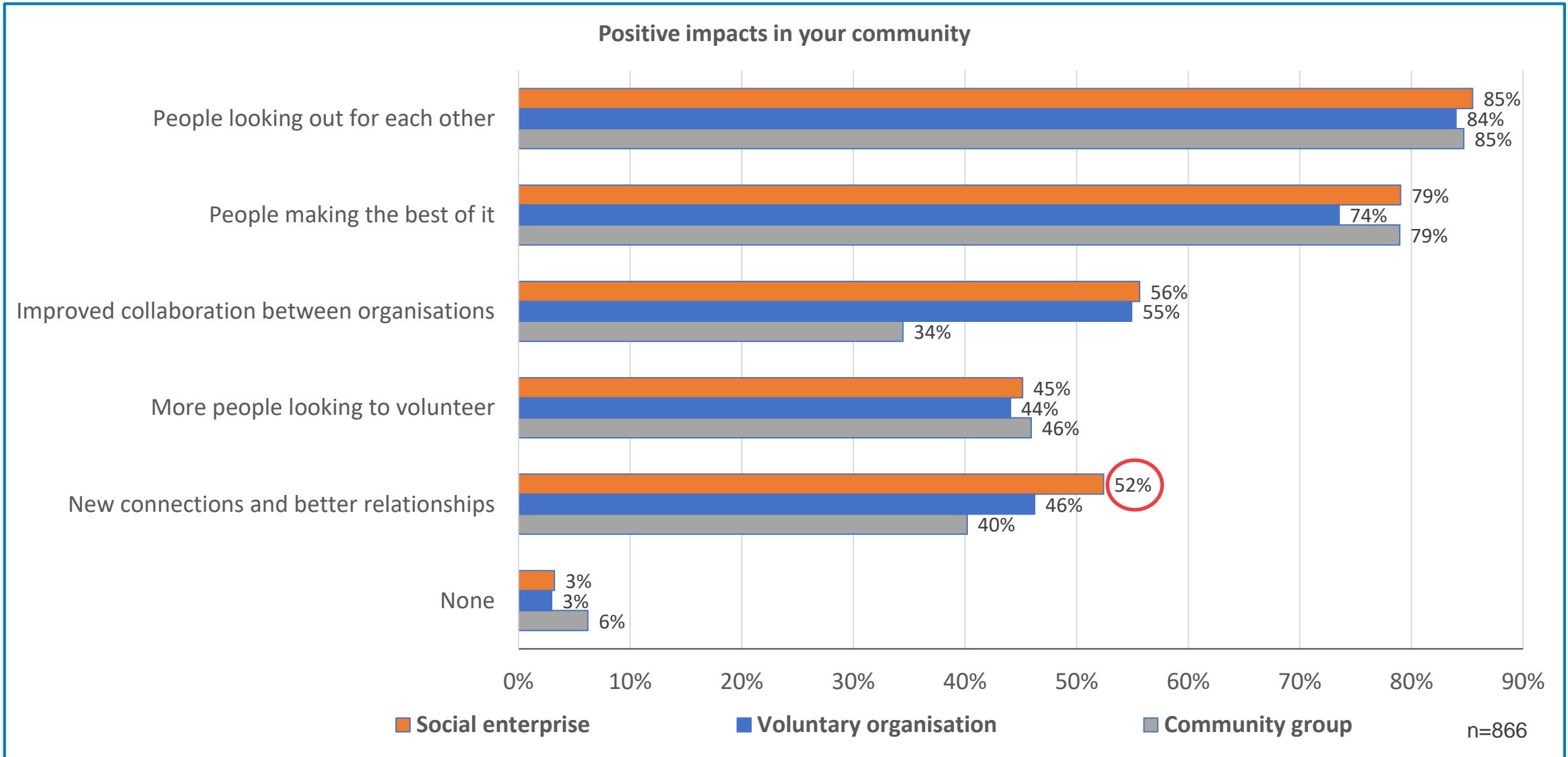


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# Negative impacts of COVID-19 on communities – now (June 2020) – by category of 3rd sector organisation

What are the effects you are most concerned about for your community right now?	Social enterprise	Community group	Voluntary organisation
Mental health	85%	76%	91%
Loneliness	78%	83%	85%
Loss of income	70%	48%	51%
Increased poverty	57%	36%	59%
Missing out on opportunities	57%	40%	47%
Physical health	48%	45%	55%
Challenges accessing employment	44%	20%	31%
Access to digital	39%	26%	50%
Independence / access to support	36%	22%	45%
Safety / abuse / neglect	35%	22%	39%
Access to food	31%	28%	42%
Family relationships	28%	21%	31%
Increased use of alcohol / drugs	25%	15%	19%
Housing	11%	4%	7%
None	0%	4%	0%

# Positive impacts of COVID-19 on communities – by category of 3rd sector organisation



## Summary

- In Scotland overall volunteer participation has been increased by 26% during COVID-19. With almost three quarters of Scottish adults (74%) giving time to volunteer.
- Befriending or keeping in touch with someone who is at risk of being lonely (68%) and doing food shopping (57%) are the most common volunteer activities undertaken.
- Post Covid-19 all types of volunteering (formal, informal and mutual) are predicted to increase from pre-covid levels.
- During the survey period:
  - 44% of social enterprises have stopped any meaningful delivery as their activities aren't able to be done right now.
  - 59% of social enterprises have a worsening financial position that will cause challenges.
  - 80% of social enterprises have seen or are expecting to see a negative impact on their income from trading.
  - 44% of social enterprises have not seen and are not expecting to see any positive changes in their finances.
  - 30% of social enterprises have seen or are not expecting to see positive changes in their finances from funding applications.

## Summary

- During the survey period:
  - 70% of social enterprises would be helped by additional funds, with 44% struggling to access additional funds.
  - 16% of social enterprises would like more volunteers, 12% have recruited more volunteers and 9% are struggling to recruit additional volunteers.
  - 10% of social enterprises would be helped by advice on volunteer management, while 5% are struggling to access advice.
  - Social enterprises are most concerned about mental health, loneliness and loss of income in their communities right now.
  - Social enterprises have seen positive impacts in their communities of people looking out for each other and people making the best of it.