

European Solidarity Corps Solidarity study

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Extraordinary time

- March – May 2020
- Almost 200 volunteers who couldn't leave Poland
- Sample of 95 volunteers who answered the survey



Extraordinary questions



- How are you coping during the pandemic?
- Would you go back home, if you could?
- Did your ESC project change somehow because of the pandemic? How did it change?
- How do you understand the concept of „solidarity”?

Volunteers wanted to stay and finish the project

I stayed in Poland during Covid-19 pandemic mostly because **I wanted to continue working in my hosting organisation** – 77% agree

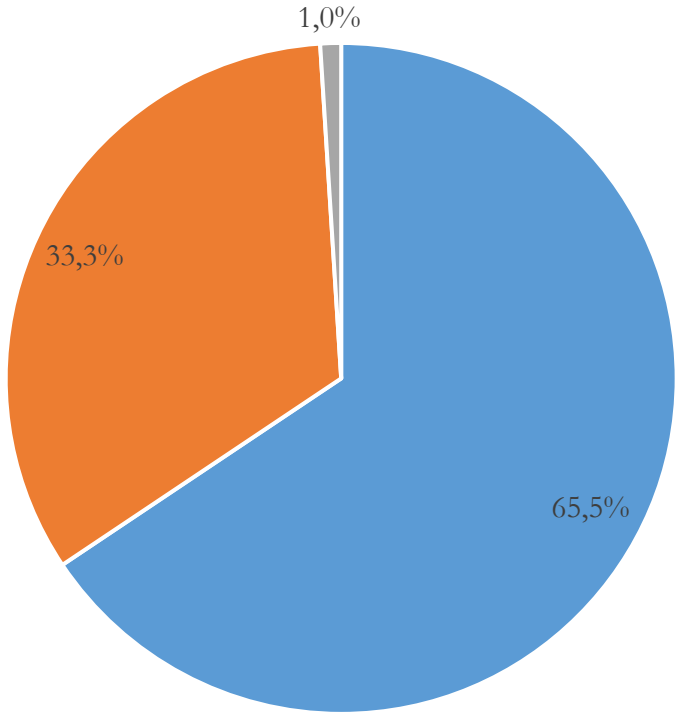
I had the opportunity to come back home, but **I decided to stay and finish the project** – 63,2% agree

As soon as the borders re-open, I will stop my project and go back home – 81,6% disagree



Projects changed significantly

During Covid-19 pandemic my duties in the hosting organisation...



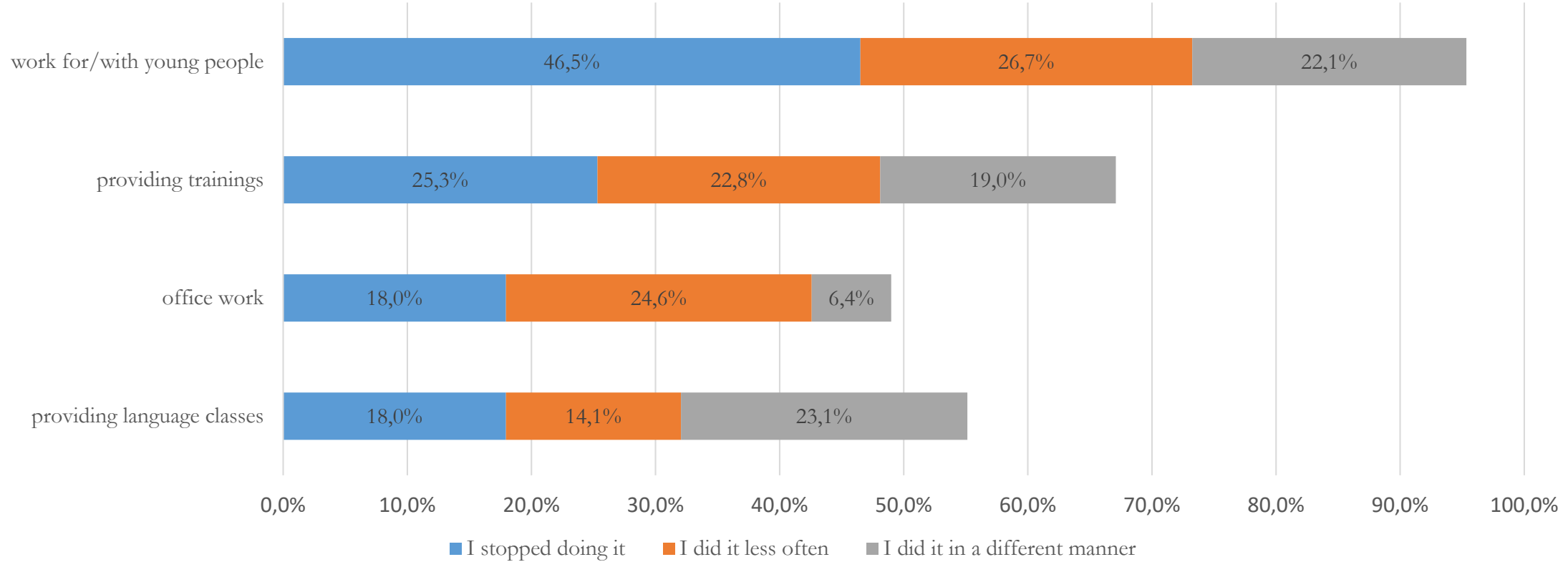
- ... changed a lot comparing to the time before the pandemic
- ... changed to some extent comparing to the time before the pandemic
- ... stayed the same as before the pandemic

Source: European Solidarity Corps – Solidarity study. Foundation for the Development of the Education System, Warsaw, 2020



Projects changed significantly

Which aspects of your volunteering project changed and how?



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New activities

in the project

sewing masks
and packing food
for people

online activities
for young people

more writing
online, blogging,
Facebook, videos

video classes,
webinars

outside the project

yoga and
meditation,
gardening

more sports

Handicraft,
drawing, painting

traveling around
Poland

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Solidarity is...

- ... *help, when your help is needed*
- ... *giving yourself as much as you can*
- ... *wearing somebody else's shoes*
- ... *creating a **social impact** through actions*
- ... *empathising and helping others*
- ... *accepting each other*
- ... *being present for others*





Perception of solidarity...

... changed for 19% of volunteers as a result of their volunteering experience

Now I understand it is one of the basic needs of our society

I now understand better the sense of belonging and togetherness

Wearing masks is the ultimate solidarity now



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