

Participation in the Voluntary Sector





Research Objectives

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The research focused on:

- quantifying the number of people giving voluntary service,
- establishing an average time these individuals invest in voluntary service,
- providing information on the issue of participation; and
- outlining the preferred areas of volunteering.





Methodology

- This research was carried out by means of a telephone survey among 500 respondents residing in Malta and Gozo who were randomly selected.
- The questionnaire was designed by MISCO International and was based on a detailed brief from the client.
- Fieldwork was carried out on the 1st of April 2016.
- Eligible respondents were considered to be those aged 18 years old and over. A quota on age, gender and region was applied to ensure a good representation.



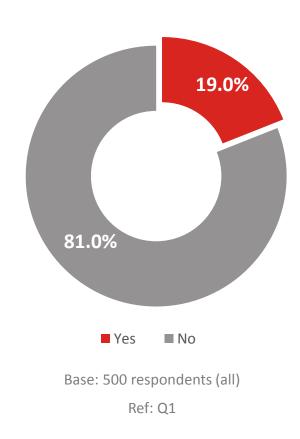


Level of Participation

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- Respondents were asked whether they are active in the voluntary sector.
- They were provided with a definition of MCVS' understanding of voluntary sector.

"By voluntary activity we are understanding any activity you perform outside of your job and/or household duties. It may be related to charity, faith, arts, sports or any other sector."







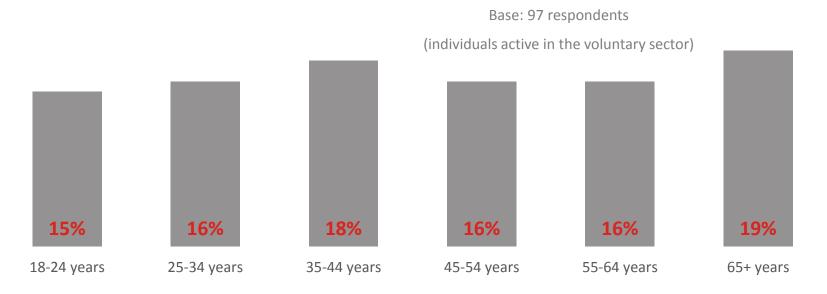




Participants Age Distribution

- Age Distribution

- There was a somewhat even distribution across all age groups.
- It is interesting to note that this distribution is somewhat reflective of the manner how Malta's population is distributed by age.

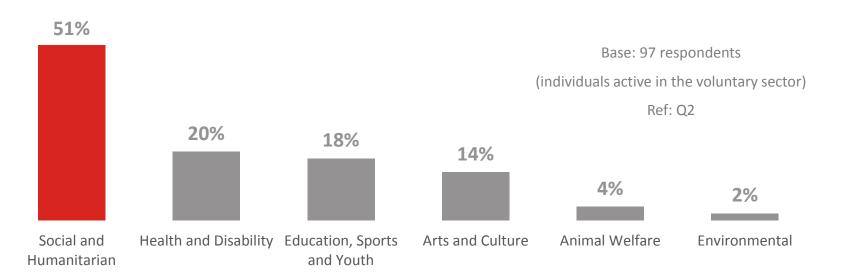






- Sectors of Involvement

- The majority of respondents (51%) are active with the 'Social and Humanitarian' voluntary sector.
- Individuals aged 18-24 years seem less likely to be active in the above sector (32%). Compared to older ages they are likely to be more involved in other sectors.



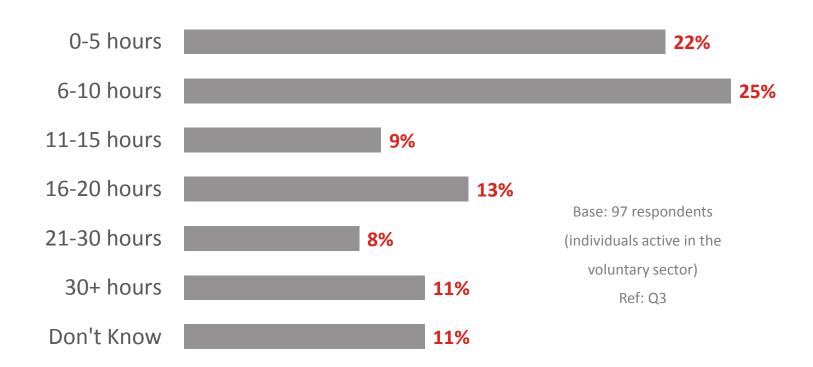




- Time Invested

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 Individuals active in the voluntary sector spend different amounts of time per month contributing towards this activity.



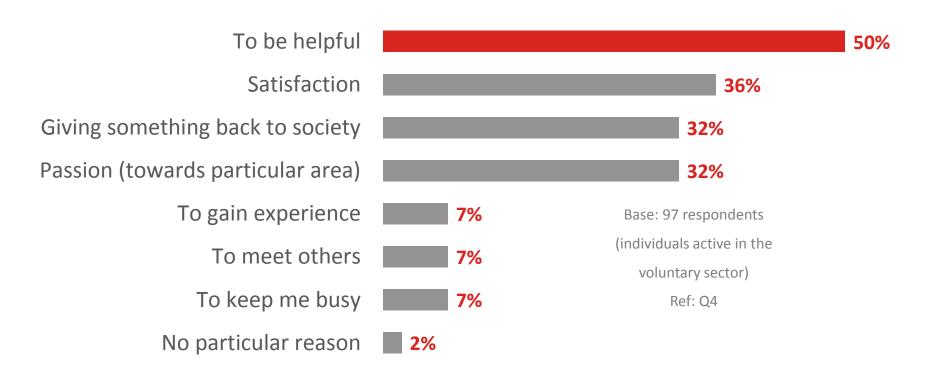




- Reasons for Involvement

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• Half of the respondents (50%) claimed that they are active in the voluntary sector since they would like to be helpful.







Non-Participants



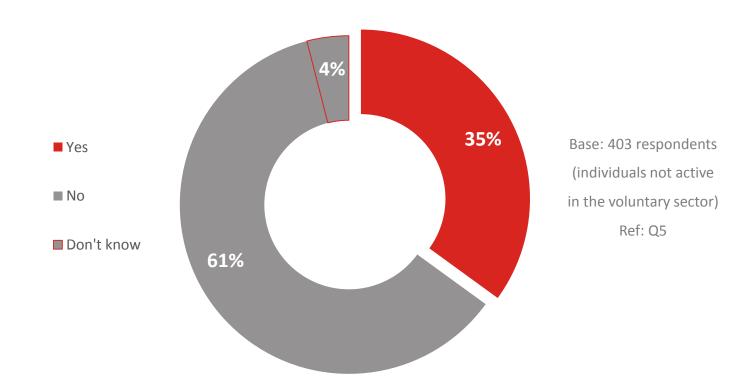


Non-Participants

- Future Participation

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Respondents who are not active in the voluntary sector were asked whether they
would consider to be active in the future.



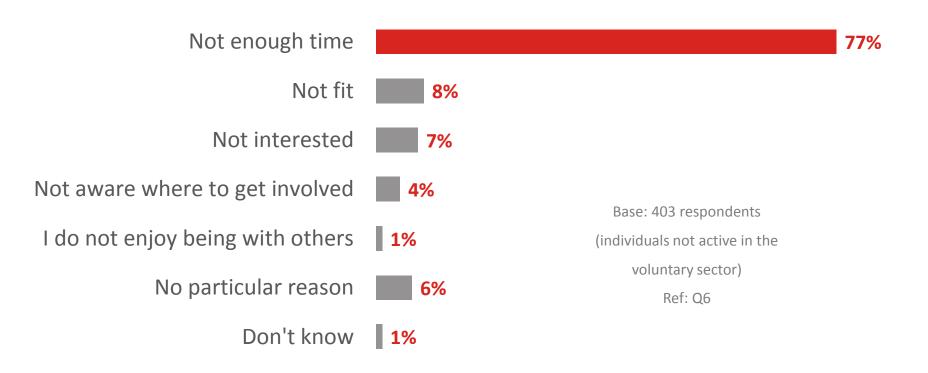




- Reasons for Non-Involvement

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• Three quarters (77%) claimed that a lack of time is what keeps them back from being active in the voluntary sector.







CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Conclusions

- Almost one fifth of the Maltese population (19%) claim to be involved in the voluntary sector.
- At least a third (35%) of non-participants would consider future participation.
- No particular age differences were recorded.
 This may be considered as being a positive finding. The lack of a specific trend may indicate that the number of participants in the voluntary sector will remain stable.





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