

### **Preliminary Findings**

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### **Research Questions & Design**

- Online Survey
- English, German, French, Arabic, Spanish

Target group:

- 1. Leaders of Religious Communities
- Leaders of Religious Organisations (Humanitarian & Development FBOs, Interfaith Organisations, Ecumenical Bodies)



# What are the biggest problems in your community?



#### CHOOSE TOP 5 PRIORITIES, GLOBAL ANSWERS



Africa

Middle East

Europe



## Have you done any of the following? "preach, pray, feed, pay"

the coronavirus

coronavirus





to persons in need to persons in need due to coronavirus due to coronavirus

counselling for disinfectant. masks coronavirus

ceremonies or people affected by events eg prayer nights

# Have you done any of the following? *Middle East*





coronavirus



Wash hands Pray for those Wear masks Stay at home Pray for end Pray for those Come Help people in need eg affected by when leaving of coronavirus affected by together for regularly pandemic share or buy coronavirus the home corona prayer food related meetings measures and restrictions

31

40

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# How much do you agree to this statement? (Corona & Government)



		Africa			Europe			Middle East		
		Count	Column N %	Average	Count	Column N %	Average	Count	Column N %	Average
coronavirus pandemic well	+2 (strongly agree)	7	12.3%	0.2	34	42.5%	1.3	3	7.3%	0.1
	+1 (agree)	21	36.8%		40	50.0%	2	17	41.5%	
	0 (undecided)	12	21.1%		2	2.5%		5	12.2%	
	-1 (disagree)	7	12.3%		4	5.0%		14	34.1%	
	-2 (strongly disagree)	7	12.3%		0	0.0%		2	4.9%	
	no answer	3	5.3%		0	0.0%		0	0.0%	
My community expects support during the times of the coronavirus from religious leaders	+2 (strongly agree)	32	56.1%	1.4	11	13.8%	0.5	18	43.9%	1.1
	+1 (agree)	18	31.6%		32	40.0%		15	36.6%	
	0 (undecided)	3	5.3%		24	30.0%		3	7.3%	
	-1 (disagree)	0	0.0%		10	12.5%		3	7.3%	
	-2 (strongly disagree)	2	3.5%		3	3.8%		1	2.4%	
	no answer	2	3.5%		0	0.0%		1	2.4%	

# What will be important after the pandemic?



strengthen environmental protection	1.5	
reduce inequalities between rich and poor	1.2	
increase international cooperation	1.1	
substantially change the way the economy works	1.1	
reduce globalisation	-0.2	
strengthen national borders	-0.2	

### Summary

### Leaders of religious communities...

- take a supportive but not uncritical stance towards their governments' role during the pandemic; practice and preach solidarity and social cohesion
- have a double focus on spiritual care and social welfare
- hope for increased social and economic justice, international cooperation and environmental renewal in the time after the pandemic

Circulate the survey: <u>hu.berlin/corona-survey</u> Contact <u>ekkardt.sonntag@hu-berlin.de</u> | <u>www.rcsd.hu-berlin.de</u> | Twitter: @