Youth needs in Albania

During and after global pandemic of Covid-19

This fact sheet analyzes the needs of young people related to health services, education, participation and socialization, during and after global pandemic of Covid-19.

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This fact sheet helps us to read more carefully the needs of young people during the isolation period due to Covid-19, where more than half of them express themselves for employment needs (56%) and socialization (74%). 13% of young people have felt the need for health services, which they have not benefited during the Covid-19 period. While 10% of them needed educational services, which did not benefit them.

Meanwhile, these needs continue to be noticed after the isolation period of Covid-19, where young people express themselves for more social life (24%). Among other things, attention is drawn to the fact that young people have a sense of apathy and passive life, as asked about the needs or ideas of engagement during this post-Covid-19 period - 20% of them say they have no idea. While a significant part of them (47%) say that they need sports and cultural activities.

363 young people aged 15-29 were surveyed online during the period June 2020, on their needs throughout and after the period of global pandemic Covid-19, related to health, education, participation and socialization services.

Diversification of young people surveyed according to their place of residence is shown on the map below.
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Gender of the surveyed

- Girls: 22%
- Boys: 78%

Age of the surveyed

- 15-19 years: 32%
- 20-24 years: 42%
- 25-29 years: 26%

Residence

- Urban: 66.6%
- Rural: 33.4%

Employment/ Study

- Bachelor student/ Student in MA and other post graduate level: 28%
- Employed: 41%
- Unemployed: 10%
- College student: 21%

Isolation period/ staying at home during the Covid-19 Pandemic period has created a number of needs for me.
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I managed to get the health services needed during the global Covid-19 pandemic period.

A- The health services I needed during this period were:

a) Medical visits

b) Consulting with the doctor for referring different health issues, family planning, pregnancy, etc.
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- Modern contraceptives
  - 86% Many
  - 3% Enough
  - 10% Somehow
  - 1% Not needed

- Health analysis and services
  - 64% Not needed
  - 23% Somehow
  - 8% Enough
  - 5% Many

I managed to get the educational services I needed during the Covid-19 period

- 55% Truth
- 35% Wrong
- 10% Not necessary needed
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B- **The educational services I needed during this period were:**

a. **Distance learning/learning/digital learning**

![Bar chart showing the distribution of needs for distance learning/learning/digital learning among youth.]

- Many: 30%
- Enough: 20%
- Somehow: 16%
- Not needed: 34%

b. **Trainings**

![Bar chart showing the distribution of needs for trainings among youth.]

- Not needed: 31%
- Somehow: 33%
- Enough: 24%
- Many: 12%

c. **Consults**

![Bar chart showing the distribution of needs for consultations among youth.]

- Not needed: 40%
- Somehow: 31%
- Enough: 18%
- Many: 11%
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d. Professional/artistic/sports courses

- Not needed
- Somehow
- Enough
- Many

e) All of the above

The period of isolation has added to my need for socialization
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C. The socialization services I needed during this period were:

a) Meeting with friends

- Many: 39%
- Enough: 22%
- Somehow: 31%
- Not needed: 8%

b. Meeting with relatives

- Not needed: 5%
- Somehow: 27%
- Enough: 19%
- Many: 49%

c. Participation in meetings/trainings for exchanges of experiences between young people on various topics

- Not needed: 0%
- Somehow: 5%
- Enough: 21%
- Many: 37%
- Many: 24%
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- Cultural/ sports activities

  - Many: 32%
  - Enough: 21%
  - Somehow: 29%
  - Not needed: 18%

e) All of the above

I worked during the pandemic period
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Comparative percentage for young people’s needs over various services (health, education, socialization and employment) during the Covid-19 period

D- What needs do you have in this post Covid-19 period?

- School/ training needs: 8%
- Keshilim psikologjik: 2%
- Freedom of movement/ opening of public transport: 9%
- Employment: 10%
- Financial support: 11%
- No special needs: 21%
- Social activities: 24%
- Cultural and sports activities: 8%
- Accurate information about the Covid-19 situation: 7%
E- What ideas do you have for engaging in activities during this post Covid-19 period?

- Training/ courses: 18%
- Employment: 6%
- No idea: 20%
- Voluntary work: 9%
- Sports/ cultural activities: 47%

F- What is the question you would like to be asked in this survey?

- Questions were enough: 39%
- How has the pandemic situation affected your economic situation?: 15%
- How has online learning progressed?: 13%
- How did you experience the period of emotional isolation?: 33%