



L'Observatoire de l'ACA

par et pour l'action communautaire autonome

The Observatoire de l'ACA is...

A large-scale action research project initiated by the Réseau québécois de l'action communautaire autonome (RQ-ACA) and the Table nationale des corporations de développement communautaire (TNCDC), seeking to **document the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on autonomous community action (ACA) groups.**

A project **BY and FOR** autonomous community action

Groups from different sectors and regions of Quebec will be called to contribute at every step of the project, from identifying its priorities to disseminating its findings.

Objectives

- 1 Document the impacts of the crisis on ACA organizations and on the populations that they serve.
- 2 Highlight the contributions of autonomous community action and the different roles played by organizations throughout the crisis.
- 3 Identify organizations' needs and measures to be implemented to support their ability to act in the context of the crisis.

The Observatoire de l'ACA is interested ...

...in the essential role played by community organizations, from the first moments of the crisis, to respond to the needs of the community, uphold its members' rights, break through isolation, inform them about public health guidelines, all while they ensured that measures that were put in place did not overlook anyone.

Services and Activities

Political Actions, Advocacy and Social Transformation

Joint Actions and Collective Mobilizations

Resources and Funding

Democratic Participation and Community Ties

Working Conditions and Atmosphere

Needs of Populations Reached

The project is conducted using a feminist and intersectional approach

...intended to account for systemic inequality and the fact that some populations were disproportionately affected by the crisis, whether in the context of health (seniors) or due to overrepresentation in the context of workers in essential services sectors (notably, women of colour, immigrants, and people with precarious status.)



Primary Phases of the Project



1

Quantitative Phase

IRIS survey

Seeks to understand and quantify impacts of the crisis on ACA groups.

It will be sent this fall to ACA organizations operating in every sector throughout Quebec.

If you have not yet received the invitation to fill out the survey,

Écrivez-vous à observatoire@rq-aca.org

2

Consultative Phase

Quick questionnaire and virtual consultation

Seeks to identify priority issues for first-hand stakeholders. First, via a quick questionnaire, then via a virtual consultation (November 24, 2020)

Interested in participating?

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3

Qualitative Phase

Discussion groups and interviews

Intended to complement findings from the IRIS survey and further develop themes identified in the consultative phase.

Discussion groups and interviews will be conducted during the winter of 2021.

4

Partnership Phase

Studies conducted with the GIREPS and the OQI

The project conducted with the Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire et interdisciplinaire sur l'emploi, la pauvreté et la protection sociale (GIREPS) will study the impacts of the crisis on working conditions, while the Observatoire québécois des inégalités (OQI) will document the effects of the crisis on social inequality.



Participate in the
RQ-ACA Forum, "Voir Grand"
from March 22 to 24, 2021 (virtual)
to learn more about
our preliminary research findings!



To learn more

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