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Introduction

Worldview Research Objectives

- The project is broken down into several parts:
 - A. **Desktop** research into what data and research already exists in relation to this topic in Ireland and abroad, and how can it feed into and inform what we are aiming to achieve through this piece of work.
 - B. Audience segmentation data and analysis which will be used to profile the Irish public. This research will be used to identify and to segment the audience into clearly defined and usable groups.
 - **C. Annual survey** to understand Irish attitudes, behavioural engagement with development cooperation, drivers of support, and the levers to change attitude and behaviour.
 - D. Focus groups(based on the segmentation survey) to discern:
 - 1. the current beliefs and motivations of the Irish public in relation to overseas development aid;
 - 2. the communication content, style and channels that are likely to enhance support for overseas development aid; and
 - 3. how these vary from one audience group to another.
 - E. It's possible to **test out various ways of engaging** with different target audiences to communicate the importance of international development cooperation and how it can have a hugely positive impact not only on people in other countries but on us as a society.
- This project will continue over a five-year period in order to build knowledge of our audience and how best to engage with them.

Journey so far



November 2020 – February 2021	Desk Research and initial segmentation build with positioning analysis
November – December 2021	First tracking study with communication analysis
Sept - November 2022	Second tracking study with deeper understanding of current climate.

Introduction of latest phase



This report presents the findings from the third phase.



Survey results are based on a sample of **2,501 adults** aged 18+, quota controlled in terms of age, gender, socio-economic class and region to reflect the profile of the adult population of the Republic of Ireland. In addition, **six focus groups** were conducted with the 'middle' segments not committed to overseas aid.



Fieldwork on the latest wave was conducted from the 4th October to 7th November, 2022.



Findings

The Segments – Overview

Aid as a humanitarian and moral imperative, underpinned by a sense of solidarity. Believe rich countries tend to exploit developing countries and support authoritarian regimes for their own interests.

Global Citizens - 17% 644.000 individuals Male, Under 44 years, ABC1, Dublin, Urban

> Community Champions - 9% 356,000 individuals Single, ABC1

Aid as a basic human right. Over-index on Global organisations being best placed to bring about social change.

Multilateralists - 20% 764,000 individuals Dublin/Urban, 65+

More highly engaged

Pragmatists - 14% 521,000 individuals C2DE, Ex-Dublin, Urban, 55+, Empty Nesters

Aid due to a sense of shared humanity, justice and solidarity. Rich countries exploitation, wealthy countries supporting regimes and legacy of colonialism are the main causes for poverty in developing countries. Over-index on special interest groups bringing about social change.

Poverty due to corruption, war and

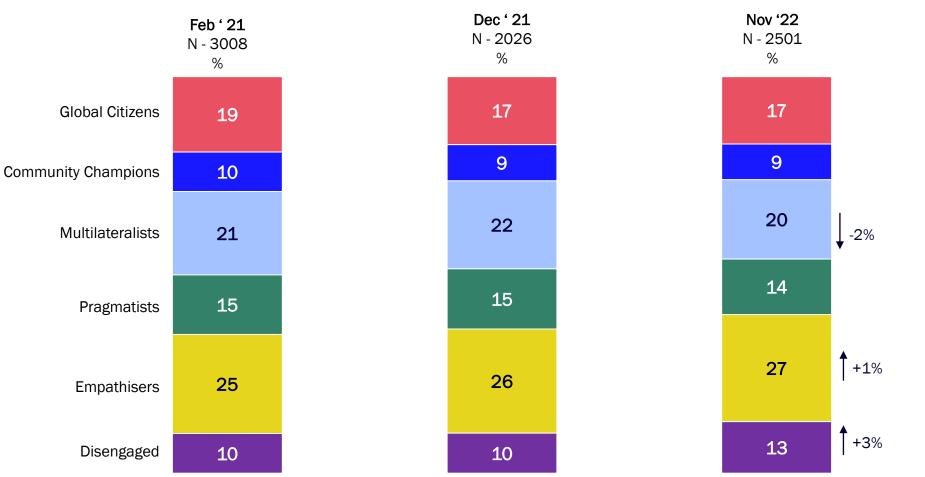
Older

Sympathetic but more likely to sit on the fence when it comes to aid. See aid as a human right, underpinned by empathy and sympathy. Poverty caused by conflict, Government inefficiencies; war and conflict seen as root cause.

conflict, inefficiency and weak **Empathisers - 27%** Governments. Aid due to sense of humanitarianism and shared 1,047,000 individuals 4 humanity. Female 18-44 54%, C2DE, **Outside Dublin** Disengaged - 13% Disenchanted with their lot. More entrenched in their views on crime, law and 481.000 individuals order and immigration. View their identity through Male 59%, C2DE 52%, 35-44 21% prism of Ireland and then local community. Unsympathetic to the notion of helping developing Less highly engaged countries. Poverty caused by Governments.

Younger

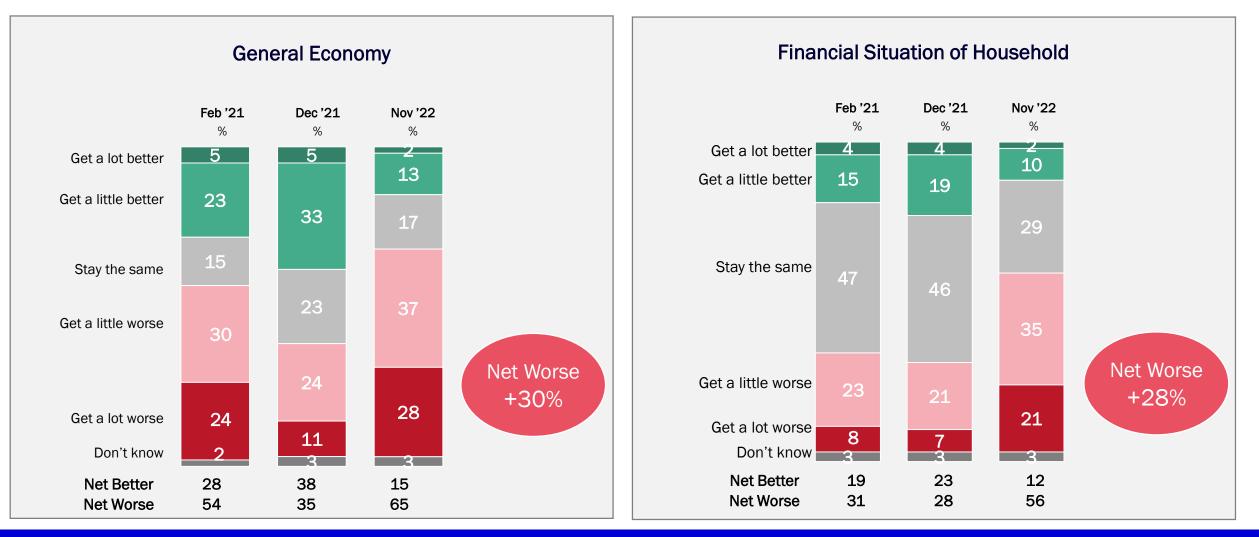
Trending the Segments



The bottom two segments (Disengaged and Empathisers) have increased at the expense of mid-tier segments (Pragmatists and Multilateralists) over the last 18 months.

General Economy/Financial Situation over next 12 months

Base: All Adults aged 18+ years- 2,501 (Dec 21 N - 2,026; Feb 21 N - 3,008)



There has been a significant increase in those predicting a worse economic situation and personal financial situation unfolding over the next 12 months.

The Top 3 Most Important Issues Facing Ireland are household bills (new), house prices (up 11%), and health services

Base: All adults aged 18+ years- 2,501 (Dec 21 N 2,026)

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	%	lloweehold bills (or food, events, etc.)		
	n/a	Household bills (e.g. food, energy, etc.)	5	
	35	House prices/Cost of Rent/ Mortgage Repayment Rates		11 %
	42	Health Services		
	25	The homeless situation/Lack of Local Authority Housing	35 ↑ Up 10%	
Getting economy back on track	17*	Management of the economy	22	
	23	Sustainability / Environmental issues / Climate change	18	
	18	Mental health	16	
	12	Crime, Law and Order	13	
	5	Immigration	8	
	9	Ageing population/Pensions	7	
	8	Rural decline	5	
	7	Unemployment/Jobs	5	
	6	Childcare	4	
Infrastructure/roads	4*	Public transport	4	
	10	Brexit	3	
Covid/Coronavirus/Pandemic	39*	Covid	3	
	6	Education	3	
	n/a	Traffic congestion	2	
	2	Racial inequality	2	
	3	Access to decent broadband	1	
	2	Overseas aid for developing countries	1	
	2	The ability to work from home	1	

Q.1 Which of the following do you feel are the 3 most important issues facing Ireland today?

Most Important Issues Facing Ireland x Segments

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Household bills (e.g. food, energy, etc.)	55	52	43	60	59	47	65	the
House prices/Cost of Rent/ Mortgage Repayment Rates	46	48	46	40	47	48	46	
Health Services	42	42	39	41	42	36	50	Co
The homeless situation/Lack of Local Authority Housing	35	30	49	25	37	37	33	Ch
Management of the economy	22	20	22	23	22	17	28	Mult
Sustainability / Environmental issues / Climate change	18	24	29	6	12	22	17	n citi
Mental health	16	15	13	14	23	18	8	i
Crime, Law and Order	13	13	9	21	10	11	17	Sus
Immigration	8	6	5	24	6	7	6	Co
Ageing population/Pensions	7	7	7	6	8	7	6	Chai
Unemployment/Jobs	5	6	5	6	4	6	2	ove hom
Rural decline	5	3	6	8	5	3	4	
Public transport	4	5	5	3	2	4	3	1
Childcare	4	4	3	3	4	6	2	Di
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Education	3	3	2	4	3	6	1	cri
Racial inequality	2	4	2	0	1	4	1	o im

Pragmatists focused on Household bills, health service and management of the economy

Community Champions, Multilateralistsa nd Global citizens over index on Sustainability. Community Champions also over index on homelessness.

Disengaged becoming even more entrenched on their views on crime, law & order and immigration

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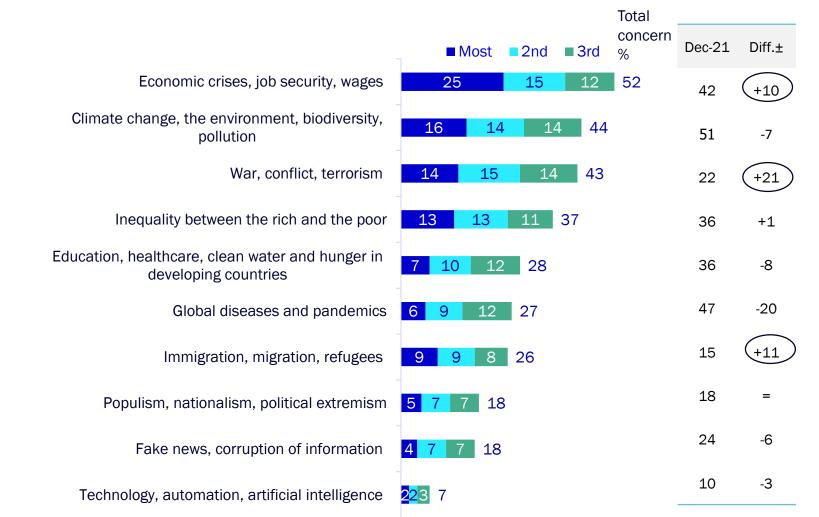


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Issues of Personal Concern

Base: All adults aged 18+ years- 2,501 (Dec 21 N 2,026; Feb 21 N - 3,008)



Q.2 Which of the following issues are you personally most concerned about?

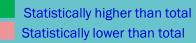
The economic crisis/job security and wages is the top issue of concern for participants in the latest survey at 52% (up 10% from 42% in December 2021). Climate change has seen a reduction of 7% resulting in a drop to No.2 position at 44%. War/conflict and terrorism occupies the No 3 spot at 43% (up 21% from Dec 2021).

The increase in the area of war, conflict, terrorism, and economic crises, has had a knock on effect on Global Diseases and pandemics (-20%) and education, healthcare and hunger in developing countries (-8%).

Issues of Personal Concern x Segments

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		Segments							
	Total	Multilateralists	Community Champions	Disengaged	Empathisers	Global Citizens	Pragmatists		
Base	2501	506	230	315	664	470	316		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
Economic crises, job security, wages	52	45	36	63	61	42	56		
Climate change, the environment, biodiversity, pollution	44	49	65	22	34	54	49		
War, conflict, terrorism	43	48	38	34	41	42	52		
Inequality between the rich and the poor	37	34	52	34	38	43	26		
Education, healthcare, clean water and hunger in developing countries	28	28	32	15	38	29	18		
Global diseases and pandemics	27	27	15	17	36	22	35		
Immigration, migration, refugees	26	22	12	54	26	18	21		
Populism, nationalism, political extremism	18	22	27	19	6	21	25		
Fake news, corruption of information	18	19	19	30	12	19	15		
Technology, automation, artificial intelligence	7	6	3	13	6	10	3		





The economic crisis/job security and wages is the top issue of concern for Disengaged and Empathisers.

Climate/Environment has become more important to Multilateralists, Community Champions and Global Citizens.

War and conflict is of higher concern for Pragmatists.

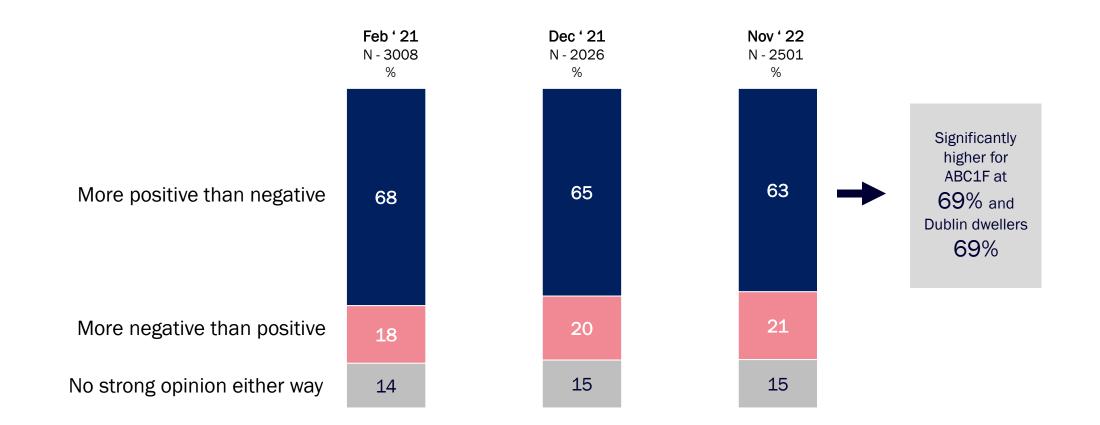
Immigration is now the second highest issue of personal concern for Disengaged.

Views on growing diversity and multi-culturalism in Ireland



Base: All adults aged 18+ years- 2,501 (Dec 21 N 2,026; Feb N - 3,008)

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Though slight, there does appear to be a growing negative view towards the changes seen in Ireland in recent times. This negativity is being driven by working classes and, to a lesser extent, rural-based cohorts.

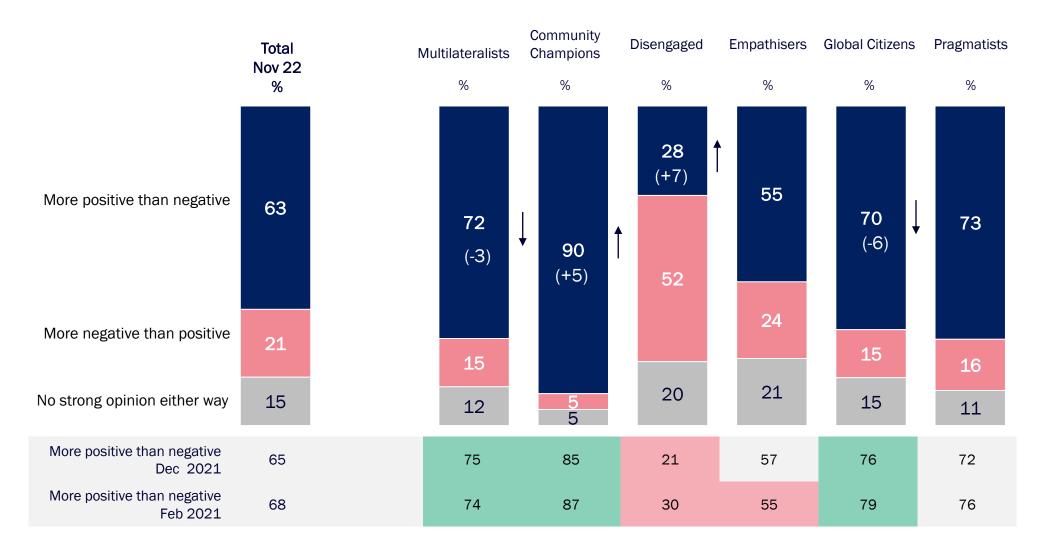
Q.5 Ireland has changed quite significantly over the last 10 to 20 years from being an historically white Catholic country to a more diverse and multi-cultural country. Would you say these changes have been more positive or more negative for Ireland?

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Views on growing diversity and multi-culturalism in Ireland x Segments

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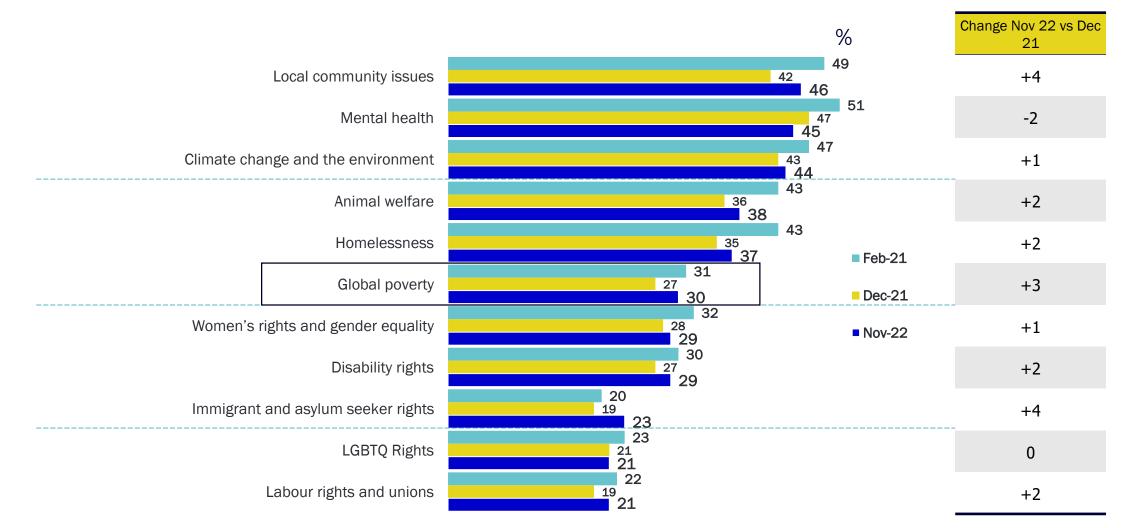
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Incidence of being active in causes over the last 12 months



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The causes that people have been active in have shifted somewhat with increased focus on local community issues. However, the top three causes remain the same as in February and December 2021.

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Who has been active and in what causes x Segments



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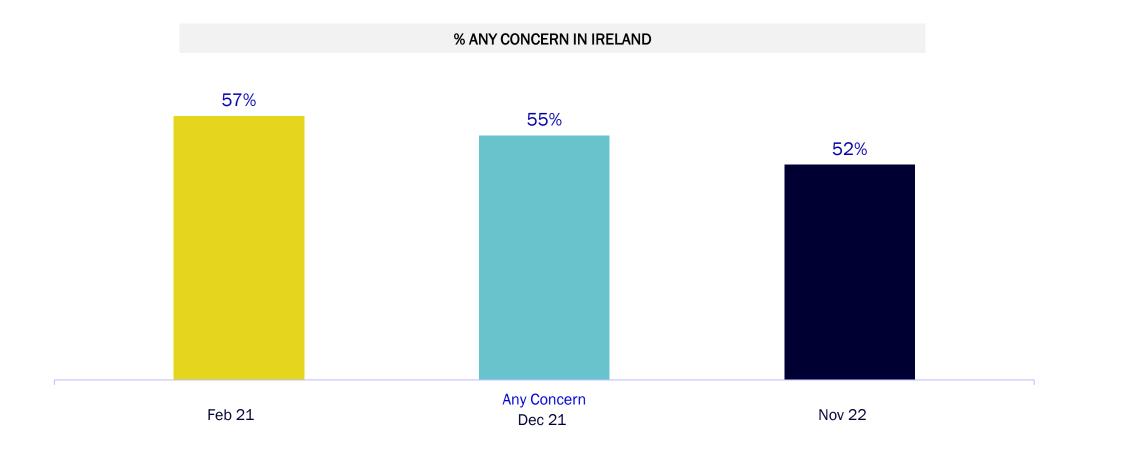
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Base	2501	506	230	315	664	470	316
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Local community issues	46	44	62	32	49	50	42
Mental health	45	44	60	27	47	57	35
Climate change and the environment	44	50	63	19	39	60	35
Animal welfare	38	41	45	26	40	46	28
Homelessness	37	38	52	19	39	47	29
Global poverty	30	35	40	8	26	45	23
Women's rights and gender equality	29	32	36	13	27	50	13
Disability rights	29	28	35	18	30	40	17
Immigrant and asylum seeker rights	23	25	28	10	20	42	10
LGBTQ Rights	21	24	29	8	21	36	6
Labour rights and unions	21	20	36	16	19	30	10

Segments are broadly in line with two previous waves however, Multilateralists now significantly more concerned with climate change and global poverty (the latter up 5 percentage points from 30% in December 2021

Level of concern around protection of human rights of minorities in Ireland **B&A**

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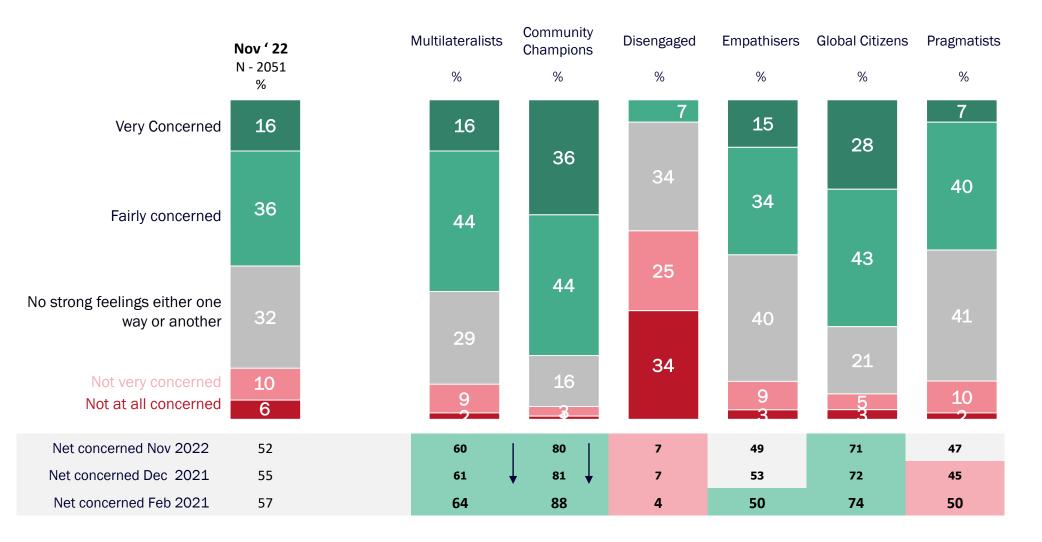
The level of concern felt has declined over the last two waves.

Q.9 How concerned are you personally about the protection of the rights of minorities (e.g. immigrants, LGBTQ, non-Irish ethnic groups, etc.) in Ireland today?

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Level of concern around protection of human rights of minorities x Demographics

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Greatest influence on views and opinions of key issues

Base: All adults aged 18+ years- 2,501 (Dec 21 N 2,026; Feb N - 3,008)

	November 22		Dec 2021		
■ Most influential	Second most influential Third most influential (Total)	influ	lost Any Jential Influential	Change ±	
TV news (either traditional or online TV)	19 16 16 51		21 51	=	
My family/family members	22 13 12 46		22 45	+1	Social media is up
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.)	15 10 9 33		12 30	+3	three percentage points this wave for
Friends	6 14 10 30		6 30	=	most influential and is
Newspapers (either traditional print or online)	8 10 12 30		8 31	-1	now positioned in the top three sources for
Radio news (either traditional or online radio)	<mark>6 10 11</mark> 28		6 26	-2	key issues. The
Special interest groups/representative organisations	6 6 8 20		7 23	-3	balance of the scores are broadly in line
Political parties/organisations	6 6 7 18		5 19	-1	with December 2021.
Schools/colleges/universities	4 5 7 16		4 16	=	
Podcasts	33310		4 10	=	
Celebrities/influencers	3 4 3 9		3 10	-1	
Religious bodies/organisations	3338		2 9	-1	

Greatest influence on views and opinions of key issues x Demographics

Base: All adults aged 18+ years- 2,501 (Dec 21 N 2,026; Feb N - 3,008)

	Total	Ge	nder	Kid	ls U17			Age		
		Male	Female	Yes	No	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	2501	1178	1320	946	1555	263	417	853	573	395
UNWTD	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TV news (either traditional or online TV)	51	52	50	47	54	26	38	51	60	66
My family/family members	46	42	50	50	44	48	48	46	48	42
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.)	33	28	38	41	29	54	42	40	24	13
Friends	30	30	30	33	29	33	38	33	28	21
Newspapers (either traditional print or online)	30	34	25	24	33	15	24	26	36	42
Radio news (either traditional or online radio)	28	27	28	24	30	12	19	24	33	43
Special interest groups/representative organisations	20	20	21	19	21	16	17	19	21	25
Political parties/organisations	18	21	15	16	19	18	16	15	20	21
Schools/colleges/universities	16	16	16	17	16	33	18	16	11	10
Podcasts	10	11	9	11	10	15	18	12	5	3
Celebrities/influencers	9	8	10	11	8	18	13	10	5	3
Religious bodies/organisations	8	9	8	8	9	11	9	6	8	10

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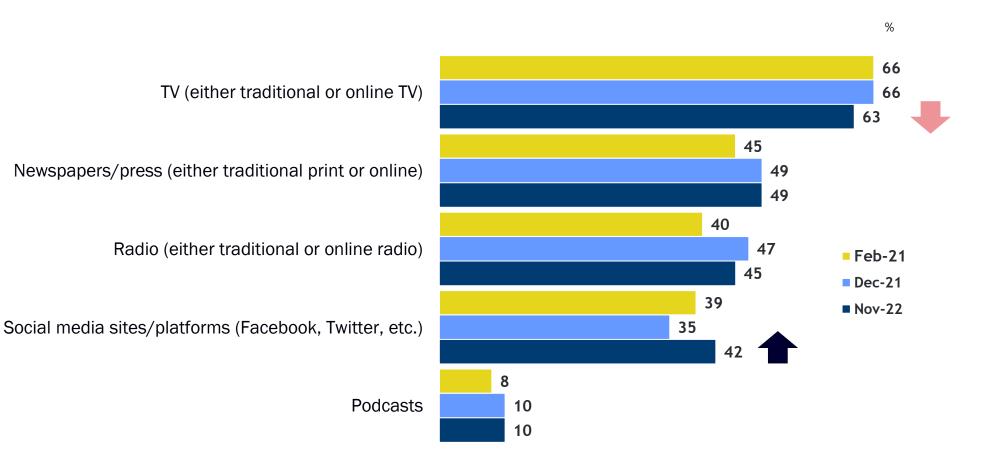
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TV news (either traditional or online TV)	51	52	44	39	45	41	91
My family/family members	46	40	49	58	60	38	24
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.)	33	31	29	28	40	43	18
Friends	30	27	29	47	41	24	7
Newspapers (either traditional print or online)	30	29	36	25	13	29	65
Radio news (either traditional or online radio)	28	25	22	26	15	21	70
Special interest groups/representative organisations	20	23	35	15	18	28	6
Political parties/organisations	18	22	20	14	18	20	13
Schools/colleges/universities	16	19	11	21	20	19	-
Podcasts	10	12	12	10	9	15	4
Celebrities/influencers	9	11	5	8	13	12	-
Religious bodies/organisations	8	10	8	9	9	11	1

Sources for news and information

Base: All adults aged 18+ years- 2,501 (Dec 21 N 2,026; Feb N – 3,008)



Social media has increased its share as a source for news and information up 7 percentage points in the latest survey, while TV and radio showing some reduction.

? Q.25 Which of the following sources do you use most frequently for news and information?

Sources for news and information x Segments

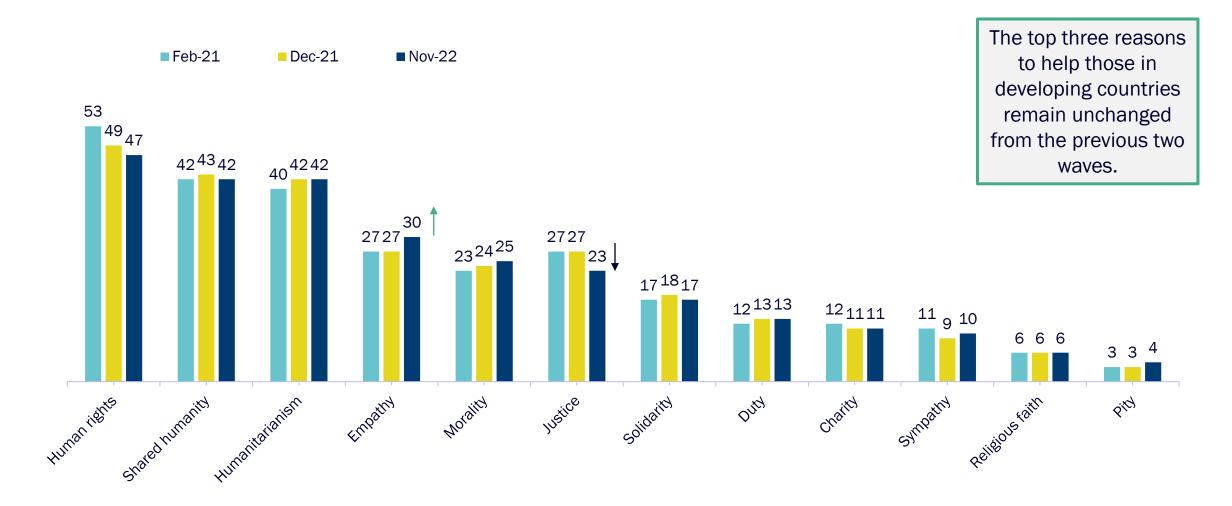


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TV (either traditional or online TV)	63	65	64	51	63	51	82
Newspapers/press (either traditional print or online)	49	46	54	42	40	53	67
Radio (either traditional or online radio)	45	44	50	39	40	37	65
Social media sites/platforms (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	42	38	42	35	53	49	25
Podcasts	10	13	18	8	8	14	4

The Top 3 Most Important Reasons to Help those in developing countries

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Though the top three reasons remain the same, there has been a steady decline in relation to human rights, with empathy and morality showing increases.

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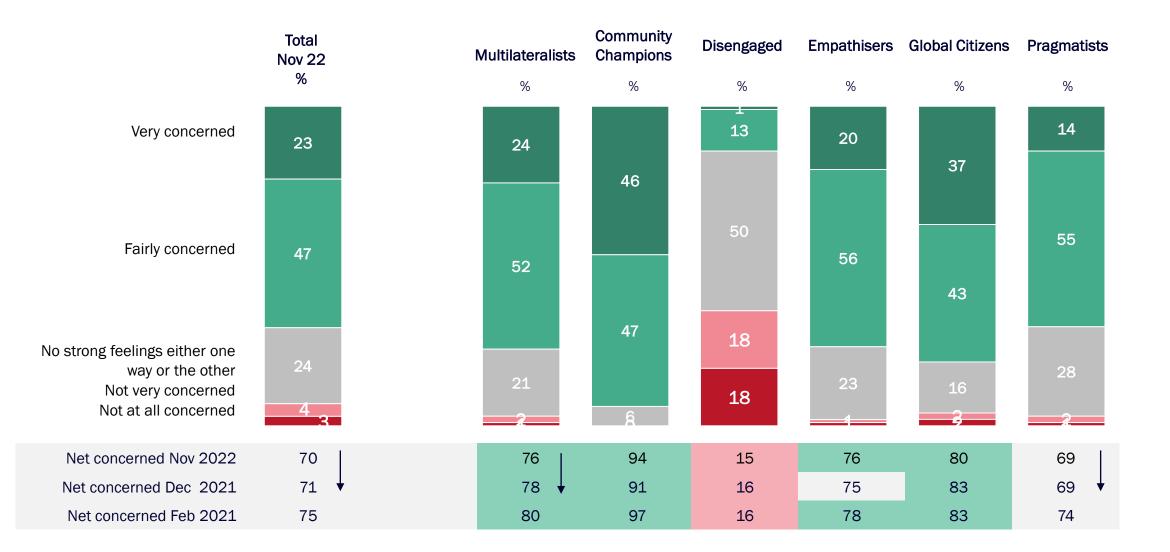
Q.6 Please select up to three words from the list below that best align with your own view of why we should help those in developing countries worse off than ourselves.

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Concern around levels of Poverty in Developing Countries x Segments

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Q.28 Have you ever travelled overseas to a developing country? Q.29 Which of the following best describes how you feel about levels of poverty in developing countries?

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Main causes of poverty in developing countries

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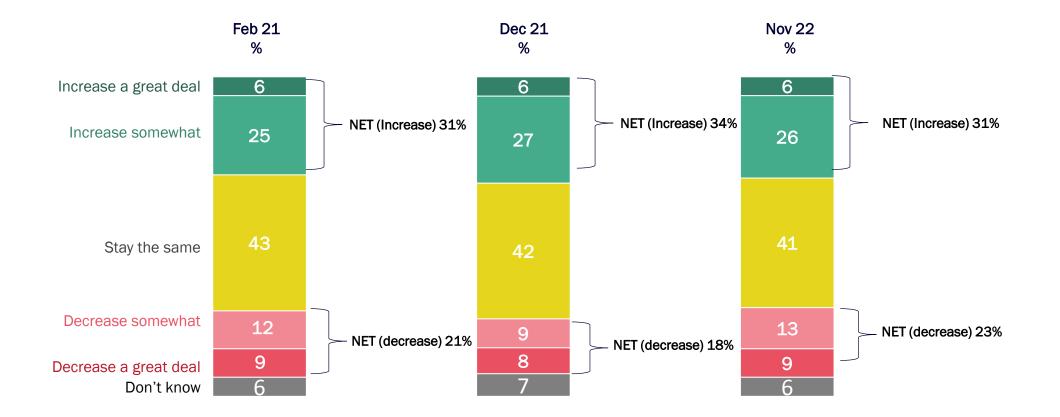
							Dec	2021
						%	Dec-21	Change ±
Government and private sector corruption in those countries						47	46	+1
War and conflict					38		40	-2
Government inefficiency or incompetence				32			33	-1
Rich countries tend to exploit developing countries			25				25	=
Weak institutions in those countries means there is little accountability			23				21	+2
Wealthy countries support authoritarian regimes for their own political		17					16	+1
The global economic system favours richer countries		16					17	-1
High debt burden for developing countries		15					15	=
Poor levels of health in general		14					13	+1
Insufficient spend on services such as health and education		13					13	=
High prevalence of disease		12					11	+1
Legacy of colonialism		11					12	-1
Land and climate isn't suitable for agriculture		11					10	1
Not enough investment by corporations who prefer to invest in more	8						10	-2
People in these countries keep having too many children	8						7	+1
Laziness and the lack of a work ethic	4						4	=

The main causes of perceived poverty in developing countries remain similar to December 21 with Government and Private Sector corruption in these countries, war and conflict, and Government inefficiency or incompetence remaining the top three perceived main causes.

Q.31 Which of the following do you think are the main causes of poverty in developing countries?

Extent the Irish Government should increase or decrease the amount of money it spends on overseas aid

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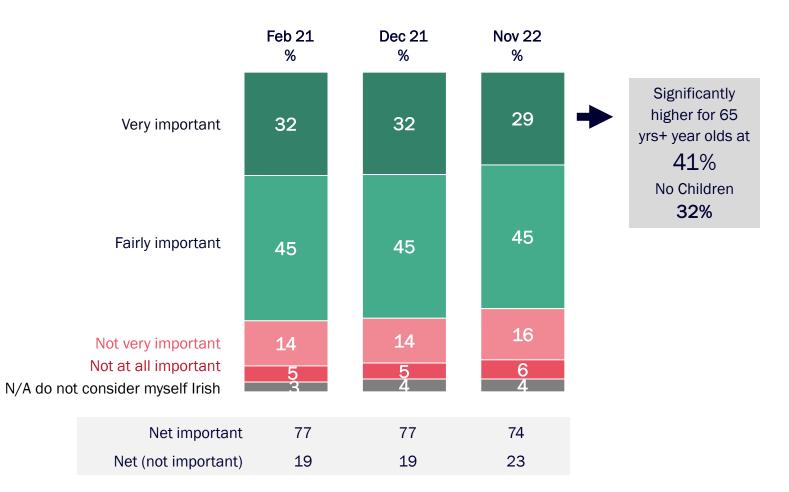
There has been a reduction in appetite to spend more paired with an increase in those believing there should be a reduction in spending. In the past year reduction in Community Champions, Empathisers call for Government to increase overseas aid spending.

Q.32 Do you think that the Irish Government should increase or decrease the amount of money that it spends on overseas aid to developing countries?

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Importance of Irish Government providing overseas aid

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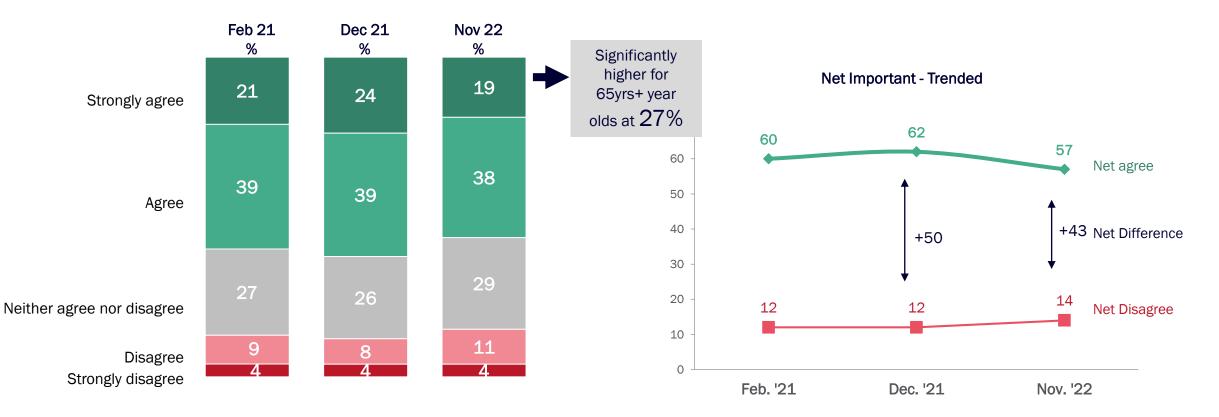
Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland

Almost three-quarters agree that it is important for the Irish Government to provide overseas aid. However, there has been a decline in the proportion agreeing in the latest survey (74% vs 77% in the previous two waves). A total of 23% believe that it is not important.

Q.33 Do you feel it is very important, fairly important, not very important or not at all important that the Irish Government provides overseas aid to help people in developing countries?

Level of agreement that Citizens of Ireland have a moral obligation to personally support overseas aid

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There has been a notable decrease in those viewing Irish citizens as having a moral obligation to support overseas aid since December 2021. However, there is still a sizable proportion of respondents agreeing at just under 3 in 5. Net agreement levels are higher for those aged 65+ at 65% and ABC1 social grade 61% vs 52% C2DE.

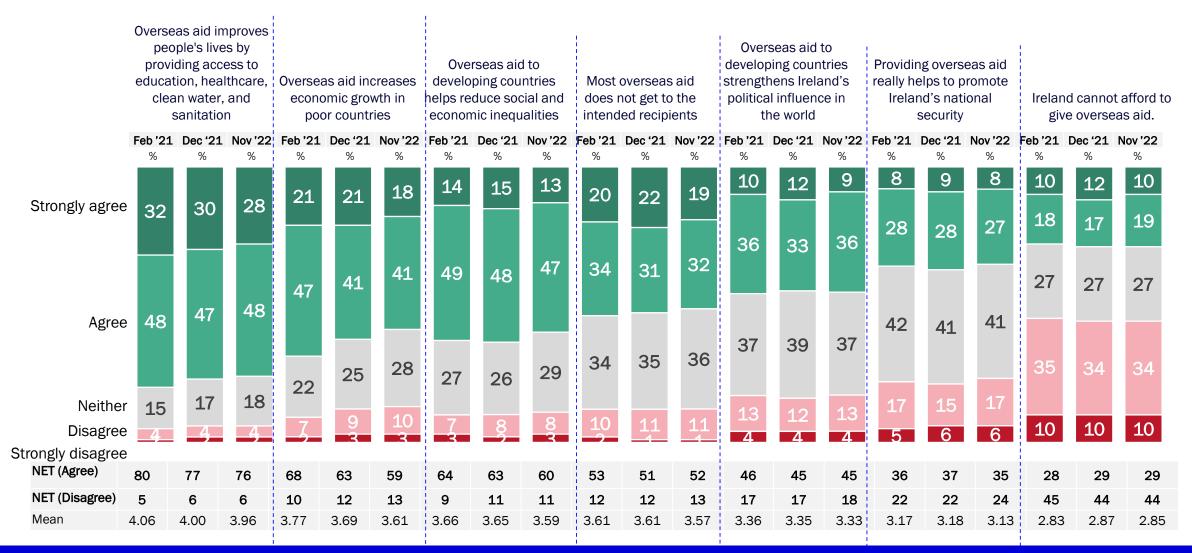
Q.34 Overseas aid focuses on longer-term goals such as poverty-alleviation and tackling inequality. To what extent do you agree or disagree that citizens of Ireland have a moral obligation to personally support overseas aid?

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Agreement levels about aid from the Irish Government



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There has been a reduction in agreement for overseas aid improves lives, increases economic growth and helps reduce social and economic inequalities..

2.40-49 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about aid from the Irish Government? -

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Most important priorities for Irish Government support on overseas aid

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	Nov 2022	Change ±
■ Most imp	ortant Second most important Third most important	Any Importance vs Dec 21
Health	17 15 12 44	-3
Education	9 12 12 32	-3
Water	12 9 9 30	-1
Governance and civil society	8 7 8 23	=
Agriculture	7 8 8 23	1
Economic growth	7 6 7 21	=
Energy	6 7 5 18	+7
Social Protection systems	5 6 6 17	=
Disaster relief	8 5 4 17	+1
Women's equality	4 6 6 16	=
Infrastructure	4 5 6 15	+1
Environmental protection	5 5 5 15	-1
Debt relief	4 4 4 12	+1
Family planning	3 2 4 9	-1
Migration and refugee flows	3 3 3 8	=

Q.58-72 The Irish government supports long term development, capacity building and provides humanitarian assistance in over eighty countries, on behalf of the Irish people. It provides financial and technical assistance to developing country governments (bilateral), international organisations such as the United Nations (multilateral) and to non-governmental organisations (civil society) to address challenges in different sectors. Which of the following do you think should be the first, second and third most important priorities for Irish Government support on overseas aid to developing countries? **B**&A

In terms of the most important priorities for the Irish Government to support on overseas aid, the areas of health, education and water remain the top three priorities for people, albeit at slightly reduced scores.

Energy/providing electricity and other energy services has increased by 7% since Dec 2021 to 18% in the latest findings.



Delving Deeper via Qualitative, overseas development aid communications

Qualitative sample



We spoke to the following segments in an online focus group setting : 6 Groups were conducted.

Respondents recruited to segments using the algorithm

Fieldwork was conducted late November, 2022

Group	Segment	Date
1	Multilateralists	10 th Nov 22
2	Multilateralists	10 th Nov 22
3	Pragmatists	14 th Nov 22
4	Pragmatists	14 th Nov 22
5	Empathisers	15 th Nov 22
6	Empathisers	15 th Nov 22
7	Empathisers	5 th April 23
8	Empathisers	5 th April 23

When it comes to charitable giving, there has been a shift away from a global focus over an extended period

Feeling that a significant percentage of donations are spent on charity running costs and management salaries High profile scandals impacting perceptions of the charities operating in this area

Decline of the influence of the Catholic church, which was a key driving force in bringing international aid to the forefront of Irish society In a world of constant information overload, its very hard to cut through and command attention. The sense that the narrative hasn't changed.. Did the years of donations not achieve anything?

Impact of Social Media, which is often set up to alert us to localised news/information.

Rising awareness of the issues being faced at home and a feeling that we should 'look after our own' first. Strong presence of these charities in our towns and communities, particularly at key times of the year (Christmas).

Feeling closer to the individuals that we're helping and problems closer to home should be easier to sort out (see an impact of donation)

The situation in Ukraine is an example of a global event that made people sit up and take action. But that was an unprecedented and highly impactful world event

This plays out across the segments we spoke to in various ways

B&A

Multilateralists

Have more faith in global cooperation and the role of large organisations to affect change, but even they find themselves prioritising issues at home. It just seems like the sensible thing to do

Empathisers

Tend to be motivated by a sense of empathy and connection with the people they're donating to. This is much easier to build when it comes to local charities and local beneficiaries

Pragmatists

Are already inclined to prioritise Irish Citizens in terms of giving. They're also the segment most sceptical about foreign aid having impact on the people who need it most

Different levers are being pulled for different groups, but the overall shift in thinking is consistent.

Recall of events/news (empathisers)

LOCAL

- Eviction ban
- Homelessness
- Housing crisis
- Cost of living/rising prices
- Energy credit shortfall
- Personal interest topics (wide and eclectic range).

INTERNATIONAL

- Ukraine war
- Climate change
- Crisis in Turkey.

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I think the eviction ban has really been a stamp on every county. I think in all the papers you are hearing stories of mothers with kids that are now homeless looking for hostels. Climate change or any environmental kind of things, I would be interested in them. I follow stuff that is going on in Ukraine, see some of the footage from there.



Perceptions of developing world – top of mind (empathisers)

- Fairly rudimentary associations from both groups:
 - Lack of money/poverty
 - Famine/lack of water
 - Substandard education/living conditions
 - Corruption of governments in these countries.

The only thing would be humanitarian relief and organisations like the UN. I know Ireland has Irish Aid that gives money overseas.

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I have a picture of Africa and the famine, the lack of water. I think of famine, poverty, hunger.

Corruption is being part of the government. They are responsible for that within these countries and I don't think they are doing their job.

'Developing world' feels like a phrase not used much any more. Associations are broad and somewhat dated overall.

Actions in response to developing world needs (empathisers)

- Again the discussion is fairly general at this point with primary focus on:
 - Whether donations make it to the destination (following vague recall of historical scandal on this issue).
 - The need for country level (government) action rather than individual action. Thus, lobbying government as a more effective tactic for Irish citizens.
 - Limited recall of charity advertising.

I think the best way we can do is lobby towards governments, putting sanctions on places where obvious human rights crises are happening.

I don't think myself that I am going to be able to change anything for anyone over there, but if our country helps, that's different.

You know with some organisations when you give 20 or 30 Euro and half of it goes on staff or whatever it is.



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Our segments report less 'headspace' for global aid issues in the last year : So what can drive engagement in overseas aid charity/activism?

MEDIA/CHANNEL

TV is still valuable, but viewers report skipping the ads if possible and even those they see can be limited in their impact. Social Media has more potential to drive engagement, but our sample report only interacting with content that they feel immediately connected to at a personal level.

NARRATIVES

Consumers feel they are familiar with the narratives of overseas aid advertising and the messages that they are likely to contain. This may not stand up to scrutiny, but points to the need to disrupt this thinking with new narratives / stories.

CONNECTION AND EMPOWERMENT

It's becoming more and more important to our target to feel a sense of connection with the people that they're helping and to understand the progress that's being made. This is more challenging to achieve with overseas aid initiatives, but certainly something for us to focus on.





More cynical opinions

We also explored some more cynical opinions that had emerged from the work Dóchas had done with the public

We were interested to understand what was behind sentiments like ...

I'm not sure sending financial donations is the way to go because I don't believe all of those financial donations filter their way down to where they are needed, be it through the charitable agencies or the government of those countries, well I don't believe, or I know 100% isn't getting to where it should be

Teach them to do the job for themselves.

Our segments feel that these views are understandable enough, even if they don't necessarily agree with them, and a lot of this comes back to the reasons for overseas aid charities becoming less top of mind for people in the last few years

Respondents see a number of underlying reasons for these kinds of opinions



Disillusionment / Frustration Guilt Pragmatism lack of trust • That the approaches In the overseas aid • It may be that these Without getting too emotional about the taken and money spent opinions are prompted agencies administering over the last decades this aid by suppressed guilt from issues, or trying to haven't resulted in the individuals declaring apportion blame, it • Driven by scandals that these thoughts. might be worth better outcomes for all. have hit certain considering the • Why is this the case? organisations and a • People often feel that potential for charities to What needs to change more general feeling they aren't giving do things differently in enough and rather than to start making a that charities may not the hope of achieving difference to the lives of always be as efficient address this, some better results. those in the developing and results driven as people might try to world? they could be. deflect more 'blame' on

to the organisations

themselves

 New approaches might shake things up and deliver more?

In addressing these types of views, the following approaches could help



- More openness and accountability from the charities themselves, at all points in the process.
- Clearer communication around what has been achieved, what benefits have been delivered and the reasons why further aid is necessary.
- Openness and consideration of new approaches and communication of this.
- Being very careful to avoid evoking guilt as an emotion among consumers. There are many reasons why giving to overseas aid organisations might not be top of mind for individuals.
- Guilt generally isn't a helpful emotion in creating good relationships.
- But equally, our respondents acknowledge that these sentiments come in waves. If cynicism
 is to the fore right now, chances are this will abate with time also.



Key Take-Outs

Key Take-Outs: Macro picture

- Shift away from a global focus on charitable giving towards a more local one.
- Key issues competing with overseas aid have shifted since 2021:
 - Household bills now dominating, followed by house prices/cost of rent, and health services.
 - The perma-crisis of the last few years has impacted the amount of headspace and emotional empathy our segments have available for the plight of those in developing countries.
- Given the immediacy of these issues, many need reassurance of a clear Government plan, with associated investment, to address these issues first and foremost, if they are to be convinced to support any increase in overseas aid Government spending.
- The most important perceived **priorities** that the Irish Government should channel overseas aid towards:
 - Health, education, and access to water, remain the top focus, with energy provision having experienced a substantial increase in perceived importance.

Key Take-Outs: Segments



- From a strategic targeting perspective, the most recent wave of research confirms that the size, profile, and general disposition towards overseas aid, of each of the six segments.
- However, the most challenging segments (Disengaged and Empathisers) have increased at the expense of mid-tier segments (Pragmatists and Multilateralists) longer term over 18 months. There is great potential amongst Empathisers – it is an open segment that requires a bespoke approach to become engaged.
- The increase in activism in local community issues is paired with an overall increase in more insular thinking. This is likely due to increased cost of living paired with the evident pressures being felt around refugees and housing.
- The majority wish to see **the impact** of 'their giving', which can be much easier to communicate in a local community environment.
- This is not to suggest that there has been a fundamental shift away from levels of concern with poverty in developing countries or the moral imperative to address such inequalities, rather we will need to work that bit harder, over the coming 12 months or so to communicate messaging to all segments:
- From a media planning perspective, **TV remains an influential channel** for most audiences, although there has been a steady **increase in those citing social media** as influential for them. However, a multi-channel approach is required.

Segments Targeting Strategy

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world view

	Global Citizens	Community Champions	Multilateralists
Bullseye Audience	Male, under 44 years, ABC1, Dublin Urban, Pre-Family/Family Pre-School life- stage	Single; ABC1, College/Post-graduate.	Urban, Dublin ABC1, 65+, empty nester
Media Channels	Over-index on social-media sites and platform as source of information. Special interest groups and podcasts also influence.	Mix of traditional channels (TV; radio; print) and over index on podcast as source of news and information. Special interest groups/ organisations are strong influence.	Full mix of traditional media touchpoints.
Socio Cultural Priorities	Global citizens; focused on climate change and concern around inequality between rich and poor. They strongly over index on the rights of minorities.	Issues of most importance for Community Champions are the homeless situation and lack of local authority housing; climate change is the issue of highest personal concern, followed by economic inequality. Community Champions most likely to agree (90%) that Ireland has changed more positively in relation to diversity and multi- culturalism.	Multilateralists over-index on sustainability and climate change. They also concerned with populism and political extremism.
Overseas Aid – Communications Messaging	Most likely to have been involved in issues or causes. Support aid on the basis of solidarity. Causes of poverty due to rich countries exploiting developing countries, wealthy supporting authoritarian regimes and colonialism.	Support aid on basis of sense of shared humanity, followed by justice and solidarity. Believe main cause of poverty is due to rich countries exploiting developing countries, wealthy countries supporting regimes for their own political interests and legacy of colonialism.	Aid for reasons of human rights, and shared humanity. J.223490 Nov 2022 Dóchas Public Engagement Survey

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	Pragmatists	Empathisers	Disengaged
Bullseye Audience	55+; C2DE skew, Empty Nesters	Over index on 18-24 yrs,(54% in 18-44 age bracket). Strongly over-index on female, young family, C2DE skew	Male (C2DE skew)
Media Channels	Strongly over-index on traditional TV, print and radio. Government and news/current affairs programmes of most influence in bringing about social change.	Family and friends are of greatest influence. Also consider education and celebrity influencers. Strongly over-index on social media sites and platforms as source of news.	Disengaged from 'mainstream;' media. Over index on family members and friends who are of greatest influence on views.
Socio Cultural Priorities	96% agree that national identity is important, pessimistic outlook on the economy. Focused on short to medium term national challenges from household bills health service and management of the economy.	Over-index on mental health as an issue (23%). Issues of concern economic crisis, but this group also over index on education/ healthcare in developing countries and global diseases.	Identity viewed through prism of country first, local community second. Grim view of Ireland's economic and social outlook. Worry about immigration and proliferation of fake news.
Overseas Aid – Communications Messaging	Aid due to a sense of humanitarianism and shared humanity. Concerns around Govt and private sector corruption, war and conflict and local Govt inefficiencies in developing countries to be addressed.	Attribute poverty to war and conflict, poor levels of health and disease and insufficient local Government investment. Empathetic to the plight of developing countries. Aid seen as a basic human right.	Attribute poverty due to Government inefficiency or incompetence. Misconceptions around root causes of poverty to be addressed. Aid on basis of sympathy, pity and charity.

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