



MENTER, the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Network for the Eastern Region is conducting a survey of its members to develop a better understanding of the trends that affect the BME sector e.g. the reduction in grant funding and the expectation that some of this may be replaced by, contracts/service level agreements. We are also updating the member survey that we undertook in 2004 to revisit what you do, your organisational needs and what you expect from MENTER. If you would like an electronic copy of this form please email office@menter.org.uk or download a copy from the MENTER website: www.menter.org.uk

As localised community groups and /organisations that serve the most disadvantaged members of the community, BME Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) members could also be feeling the impact of the present recession in different ways that need to be well documented and shared with the relevant regional strategic partners. This could cause difficulties such as the need to cut down on staff, less support for volunteers, problems with premises, increased demand on your services etc. Solutions and appropriate help need to be identified.

By taking part in this study you will ensure that the trends affecting Eastern Regional BME organisations, especially small and medium-sized ones, are well documented and you can help MENTER develop ways to support the sector as well as raise issues with relevant policy makers and funders.

We have asked you for your organisational details, this is to check against our database and make sure that it is correct.

If you are not on the database we will ask your permission for your details will be added.

For the purpose of this research no organisations will be identified. All answers will be anonymous.

1. Organisational details

2. What is your legal status?

Charity	
Company	
No legal status	
Other (please state)	

3. Where do you operate (area)

3a. How long has your organisation been in operation?

4. What services do you offer, what groups do you support

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Health | <input type="checkbox"/> | Women | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> | Criminal Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Refugee/Asylum Seekers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Men | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social Care | <input type="checkbox"/> | Training | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sports/Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Business/Economic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Capacity Building | <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| [□] Race Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transsexual

Other.....

5. Where do you get your funding from?

Local Authority		Other Charitable	
Big Lottery Fund		Sport England	
Awards For All		Grassroots Grant	
European Funding		Heritage Lottery Fund	
Community Foundation		Donations/Sponsorship	
Community Empowerment Fund		Arts	
Self Funded		Other	
		1.	
		2.	
		3.	

Your Budget	
£0 - £5000	
£5000 - £10,000	
£10,000 - £50,000	
£50,000 - £100,000	
£100,000 plus	

What is your yearly average?

5a. How well would you say you understand the way the public sector funds and supports the voluntary and community sector (Please tick one)

Very well Reasonably well Not very well Not at all well

If not well or not at all well, what would help improve your understanding?

6. Do you think that your funding will reduce/remains the same/increase in the future

Reduce	
Remain the same	
Increase	

7. How many paid staff and volunteers do you have

Paid full time	
Paid part time	
Volunteers	

Do you think that your staff and volunteers are trained to a level the organisation is satisfied with?

Yes No

If no what three areas do you think would enable your organisation to carry out it's work more effectively?

1.
2.
3.

8. How many Trustees or Management Committee Members do you have? How many members?

Trustees/Management Committee Members	
Members	

8a. How many of your trustees/management committee members are from any of the following groups? (It would help if you give a number against all that apply to your committee)

Young people under 25		People 25 -40	
People 41 - 64		People over 65	
Females		Males	

Majority Ethnic Community?.....
 (Say none if there is no significant majority)

9. What are the main issues for your organisation

10. What is the Ethnic origin of your clients/beneficiaries (Please tick all that apply)

- African Refugee/Asylum Seeker Vietnamese
 Caribbean Bangladeshi Indian
 Irish Gypsy/Traveller Chinese
 Black Mixed Heritage Pakistani
 Balkan/Eastern European

Other (Please specify).....

11. What is the main thing you do for your clients/beneficiaries

12. What are the main issues for your clients

Health	Own Language training	
Education	Literacy and Numeracy	
Employment	Religious facilities	
Cultural activities	Reducing crime	
Community Safety	Religious Education	
Transport	Drug/alcohol misuse	
Activities for young people	Mental health	
Racial Discrimination/Harassment	Other	
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

13. What are your future plans

14. Does your organisation have a business plan which lays out its future activities?

Yes No

If yes, how many years ahead does this plan cover?.....

Does your plan cover details of how you intend to communicate with your community (by this we mean how will you contact them and how will they be able to contact you?)

Yes No

Does your plan cover details of project work you intend to carry out within your community?

Yes No

15. Do you want more information on any of the following to help your organisation develop?

Access to funds	Health and Safety	
Book Keeping	Equality and Diversity	
Management Systems	Recruitment	
Community Development	Other	
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

16. Have you had information and help from another organisation?

	Was this Helpful	Fairly Helpful	Not Helpful
Local CVS			
Local Authority			
Racial Equality Council			
MENTER			
Other (Specify)			

17. Have you offered services for e.g. ESOL Training in the past? Are you able to offer this with present contracting arrangements?

18. Do you think that your grant will be reduced because of (a) Local authority shift from grants to contracts (b) Local Authority claims that funding a single ethnicity group does not help cohesion? Please comment on these or other reductions.

19. What impact do you think the recession will have on your organisation

20. How do you think you should be funded

21. Do you operate a social enterprise (sell services)

22. Are you considering becoming a social enterprise

23. Do you want to know about a Community Interest Company?

24. Do you want to know about a Charitable Company?

25. Are you considering tendering for contracts in the future?

25a. Will you need help in setting up a social enterprise or tendering for contracts and if you do, what do you want?

26. How in your opinion have government initiatives on cohesion and prevention of violent extremism affected your group and what are your thoughts on how these programs should be run?

27. Are you aware of any of the following? What level of involvement would you say you have had?

	Yes	No	None	Some	A lot
Local Area Agreement					
Local Strategic Partnerships					
Community Strategies					
Compact					
Compact Code of Good Practice for BME Groups					

28. Has your organisation been consulted, and by whom, on an issue of public service delivery in the past year (e.g. health, crime, race equality, etc...)?

Any other comments?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Please return your questionnaire to:

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A word version is also available from MENTER's website: www.mentor.org.uk.
E-mail versions of the questionnaire will be sent shortly to our database contacts and can be returned to office@mentor.org.uk

For any questions, please contact MENTER on tel. 01223 355034 or office@mentor.org.uk