

State of the ACT Community Sector Survey 2025

Participant information sheet

What is the State of the ACT Community Sector Survey?

The State of the ACT Community Sector Survey 2025 is a short survey based on the Australian Community Sector Survey, conducted by Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS). Participating in this survey will help us map the ACT community sector and its needs. Taking this survey will help inform areas of advocacy to support the community sector.

All ACT community sector employees and organisations are encouraged to participate.

Who is conducting it?

The ACT Council of Social Service Inc. (ACTCOSS) represents not-for-profit community organisations and works tirelessly for social justice in the ACT. ACTCOSS is a not-for-profit peak body, working collaboratively with organisations and individuals to create a collective voice, advocating for positive social change, and justice and self-determination for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

ACTCOSS also works closely with our colleagues in the nationwide COSS Network, made up of each of the state and territory Councils of Social Service (COSS) and the national body, the ACOSS.

What does participating involve?

The survey includes questions about your work, your experience working in the community sector, the level of need in the community sector and general demographic information. Completing the survey will take **approximately 5-10 minutes for community workers**. For **CEOs and senior managers, it will take approximately 15 minutes** and there will be extra questions about funding, contracts, staffing, financials and viability.

Most questions are general in nature and can be skipped if you prefer not to answer the question. You may withdraw from the survey at any time.

The survey will close on **Friday 7 March 2025**.

How can I participate?

To participate in the survey, please see our website: <https://actcoss.org.au/>. The participant consent and privacy form, and project description can be found at: <https://actcoss.org.au/>

For any questions about the study or survey questions, please contact Leanne Bourke at leanne.bourke@actcoss.org.au or by phoning 02 6202 7200.

This survey has been assessed by the ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee, Low-Risk Sub-Committee as a quality assurance/improvement (QAI) activity with negligible risk to participants (2025.QAI.00043).