

## re\_action

Online engagement that fosters real-life solidarity

# makesense re\_action program at a glance

## Meet our worldwide everyday heroes



Jeanne, a 21 year old medical student in Manila who alongside a group of 40 volunteers provided access to water and food for 1,200 low income families in Manila for a month.

Alice, a volunteer in the UK who organized a Zoom call between a retirement home and a local Scout troop to strengthen human connection and is seeing this model replicated nationally by the Boy Scouts and retirement homes in the UK.



These individuals represent just two of many stories makesense sees everyday.

# From 50 in week 1 to 6,500 in week 10, our everyday heroes helped people in acute crisis



## Bridging the solidarity gap to address the crisis



In a moment where the COVID-19 crisis **revealed and fostered social vulnerabilities** ...

... conventional solidarity structures and national institutions **struggled to address basic needs.** 

Many citizens were willing to help, but didn't **how to do and** where to start.

#### In re\_action

We provide citizens with **the skills, tools and collective guidance** to **organise their local actions** and **be useful together**, to **support frontliners** and **help the most vulnerable stay on their feet.** 



# Addressing key priorities identified by experts

Social distancing

**Education** 

Healthcare

Marginalized groups

**Seniors** 

Economic tsunami

challenges associated with social distancing, including mental health issues

challenges (and opportunities!) for providing effective access to education to people of all ages during this time

helping to mitigate an overwhelmed healthcare system — including support for caregivers in our communities;

particular challenges faced by certain groups who are often marginalized in our communities as a consequence of the crisis, such as the homeless, the disabled, and migrants;

challenges faced by those who are particularly vulnerable to the virus, such as seniors and those with existing preconditions;

ways to mitigate against some of the worst, likely impacts of the economic tsunami we are facing

## Listen to them!



<u>Discover</u> the re\_action program, from our volunteers perspective



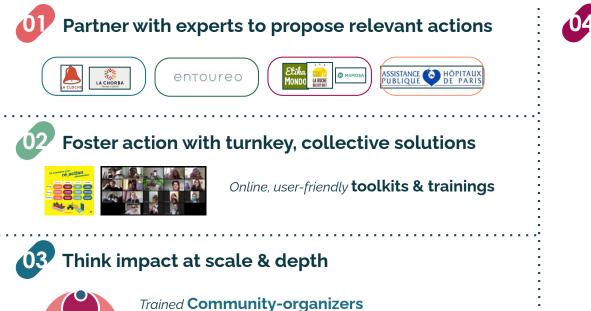
<u>Discover</u> the re\_action program, by Christian Vanizette, makesense co-founder, on Columbia University TV

How was it organised?

We made it possible by capitalizing on our ten-years of experience bringing together **engaged citizens**, **passionate community-organizers** and **forward-looking entrepreneurs and organizations** to work collectively for an inclusive, sustainable and resilient world.



## Our recipe to foster citizen mobilization



Guiding Local communities of citizens

Into Concrete solidarity action







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# Partner with experts to propose relevant actions

The crisis revealed macro-challenges:

marginalization, healthcare system weaknesses, mental health issues, food security challenges....

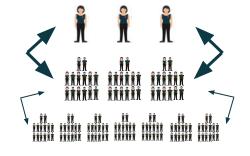
Thanks to the ground expertise of our partners, we designed key actions that citizens could take to support people in acute crisis.

Homeless and vulnerable people	Medical staff	Isolated seniors	Local farmers	Women suffering violence
<ul> <li>collect hygiene kits by mobilizing shops and neighbors</li> <li>get in touch with local NGOs for distribution</li> <li>provide food and water to vulnerable people in slums</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>help a relative who works in hospitals (flat children, food, shop,)</li> <li>trace the needs of the hospital itself and mobilize your community to respond to them: masks,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>spend time on the phone with an isolated elderly person</li> <li>help them with their daily shopping and administrative tasks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>promote a sustainable local food system</li> <li>encourage citizens to consumer local and seasonal products</li> <li>work for a local farmer on your free time</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>raise awareness on this topic around you</li> <li>support local non-profit already engaged in this issue</li> <li>volunteer for a network of psychologists that provide support to women in this situation</li> </ul>
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# Foster action with turnkey, collective solutions



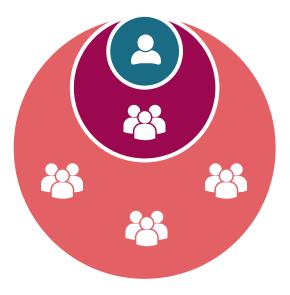




We gather volunteer in **groups** of 15, thus creating **collective** emulation, regarded by 51% of them as critical action lever They have a **step-by-step** guidance relying on toolkits, trainings and regular zoom meetings with their peers Each group is coached by a community-organizer, who also encourages participants to become community-organizers after the program, to create virtuous, organic growth.







## Community-organizers develop community-building and leadership skills.

- **51%** experience new forms of **horizontal governance**
- **40%** develop their **leadership & network**

#### Volunteer citizens take action and want to continue

- 54% learn how to take rapid, concrete action
- 51% regard collective emulation as critical action lever
- **57%** continue to take action **independently**

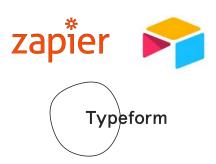
## Vulnerable people are supported to get back on their feet, especially in developing crisis

- Elderly, homeless, women, caregivers, farmers...
- Massive, direct, local & relevant support
- X3 more persons helped per volunteer in countries in acute crisis.









#### For community-organizers

- Accessing resources and trainers' trainings
- Encouraging volunteers
- **Reducing** the workload

#### For volunteers

- **Receiving** information
- Connecting themselves with each others
- Enhancing peer-to-peer support

#### For makesense's team

- **Monitoring** hundreds of groups: inscriptions, grouping, support
- **Optimizing** processes
- Tracking impact

## What's next?



*"We witness how a predictable event can completely disrupt everything in a month"* 

The covid-19 lockdown highlighted and accelerated vulnerabilities. Its aftermath remain uncertain, as well as other crises ahead.

⇒ There is an urgent need to increase solidarity on the short-term and build global resiliency structures on the long-term.

To answers those challenges, building and organising local communities will be key.

## On our way to meet the moment

#### What we have done

We've organised our covid19 rapid citizen community response program and proven its effectiveness in time of lockdown

- **1.** Mobilised our partners to define the needs from the crisis and the relevant actions and built the tools for our community to take action
- **2.** Trained our community-organisers and recruited thousand of volunteers

### What w

#### What we will do next

We now need to accelerate the **roll-out of midterm community response programs to face the crisis**, its aftermath and prepare for future crises.

- 3. Accelerate the number of community-organisers trained and volunteers engaged
- **4.** Sustain local impact and resiliency, with new actions and tools for mid-term action and coalitions with partners

#### Example:

Enable **vulnerable people** to get back on their feet

Help reduce the education gap that is increasing Create long-term **solidarity bonds** at the neighbor level

Develop local food production system

## **Our ambition**

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May 2020

XX

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50k

December

2020

Number of volunteers mobilized

Number of vulnerable persons helped

101

September

2020

#### Scale :

from 6,500 to 50,000 volunteers mobilized by makesense

#### **Depth**:

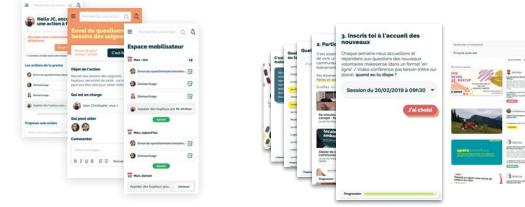
from 10 to 20 vulnerable persons helped per volunteer

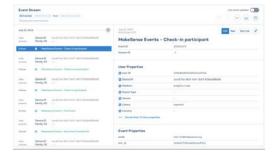
## **1 million vulnerable persons** supported by the end of 2020

# To accelerate and roll-out of mid-term community response programs, we need to



# Ex: ongoing investments to mainstream citizen mobilisation





#### For community-organizers

**A mobile app** to manage their groups of volunteers, attend training and support from makesense team.

#### For volunteers

A webapp to organise and follow their actions, connect with their peers, attend trainings, ...

#### For makesense's team

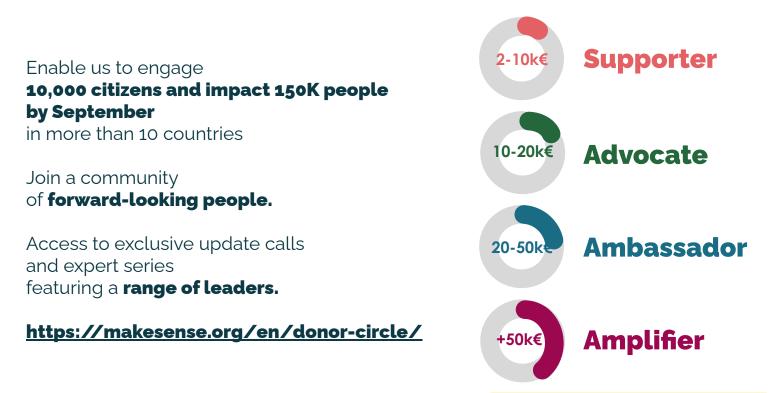
A state-of-the-art back-end dashoboard to automate mailing and whatsapp communication, support thousands of community-organisers simultaneously We are currently fundraising €200k to reach our initial 10,000 volunteers milestone and focus on exponential growth.

### Join our circle of donors to make it happen.

"Crises will go and come back... use time in between to prepare"

## You can make it happen

"How we answer now the crisis will define the future we create"



For french donor: 66% tax reduction possible.

### Let's meet!



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